

## ANTWERP CHAMBER 2022 GEM OF THE YEAR: BARRY DELONG



By: Angel Steiner

Just a Small Town guy with a musical gift and humble spirit — these are the traits of this year's Antwerp Chamber Gem of the Year. Barry De-

Long was overwhelmingly nominated by the residents of Antwerp for this Award. It both surprised and humbled him to accept the nomination  
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SCOTT ST. JOHN CRUISE IN RAISES NEARLY \$3K FOR FOOD PANTRY



On Saturday, July 23, the family of Scott St. John hosted a car show around Paulding's village square to honor the late Scott St. John. Proceeds from a 50/50 raffle, free-will offerings, and a portion of food and drink sales totaled a

\$2,840 and were donated to the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry building fund, Scott's village charity

About 90 cars were on display for many to enjoy while listening to music provided by My 102.7. BBQ was served by

Fat Pig Smokehouse from Hicksville and homemade ice cream was donated by Jaci Schlatter and served by the pantry board members and volunteers. In addition, Fuel Good Energy stayed open  
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## ROY KLOPFENSTEIN WINS AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup> PRIMARY

Roy Klopfenstein, current Paulding County Commissioner, has unofficially won

the 82nd District Primary for Ohio. Klopfenstein's opponents in this Republican primary was Defiance native, Ted Penner. County by County Klopfenstein won all counties

in the district except Defiance County - that went to Penner. This 82nd District seat will represent Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Defiance Counties at the State House in Columbus.

Klopfenstein made a post on his Facebook page following the election on August 2nd:

"I am thankful and hum-  
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### MON & WED

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

### August 8

- NAZ Game Day @ Payne NAZ, 10a-3p
- JPMS Chicken BBQ & Cruise In, 4-7pm
- Senior Saints Concert @ Emanuel Comm. Church, FW, 1pm

### August 9

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

### August 10

- WBESC Board Meeting @ Paulding office, 5:30pm

### August 11

- Heritage Lions Ice Cream @ Monroeville Park
- Game night @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6-8:30pm
- Senior Saints Concert @ Mt. Calvary Luth. Church, FW, 7pm

### August 12

- VBS Friday @ St. Paul Lutheran, 9a-12p
- Outdoor movie & camp out @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

### August 13

- Day in the Park, Antwerp's Riverside Veterans Memorial Park, 10a-3p
- The Kramers in Concert @ W Milford CoC, 5pm

### August 14

- Tehillah in Concert @ W Milford CoC, 10:30am



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**JIMINY CRICKET**

**Penny For Your Thoughts**

by: Nancy Whitaker  
When the days begin to get shorter ( I wish it was now) and the weather turns cooler, can you hear the crickets chirping?  
Now, I am definitely not fond of crickets and I usually scream when I see one, But, when I hear them chirp-



ing, I know fall is coming, school is starting and even with hot temperatures we can look ahead to winter weather.

I have not heard any singing their merry songs around my house and I hope I don't see any in my house.

I have always been interested in these insects and I did not know this, but only the male crickets chirp. I would not make a good girl cricket if I could not sing and had to be quiet.

Crickets sing by rubbing their legs together. I can't imagine!

One interesting fact is that a cricket has different types of songs Plus he don't even have to worry what key he is singing in.

One cricket song is the calling song. In this song, the boy cricket chirps really loud to coax the girls to come to him.

My question is; I wonder how many females he attracts with his calling? What if a boy cricket can't sing?

Now the girl cricket has to just be quiet and not sing back?

If I were one of the females, I would at least want to be taken out for dinner if I couldn't even answer " yes or Bug off"

The folklore and beliefs surrounding crickets is extensive Some believe that the sound of a cricket singing is a

sign of rain.  
Others believe if you see a cricket in your house, it's a sign of illness or death.  
Then others think a cricket in the house is a sign of money.  
Also in some places a cricket is a delicacy. If you ever want to try crickets here is a recipe:

**CRICKET FRITTERS**  
Makes about 20  
**Ingredients:**  
200 grams flour  
1 cup water  
1 cup crickets, chopped boiled but not roasted  
1 cup water  
1 teaspoon chili paste  
a chopped red onion  
1 red chili, thinly sliced  
3 small chives, cut into strips  
1 cup cooked corn kernels  
1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro

**Directions:**  
Mix flour, Chili paste and water and combine. The texture is to be smooth; texture should be not watery.

Throw in the onions, chives; cilantro; corn and crickets into the batter and coat well.

Heat a large pot with cooking oil. When the oil is hot, scoop a spoonful of mixture and drop in hot oil to fry.

Don't put in too many pieces in at one time; they need room to fry. When done dry on paper towel. Dip into ranch dressing and enjoy!

Do you have a lot of crickets at your house? Have you ever ate a cricket?

Let me know how it tasted and I'll give you a Penny for your thoughts!

... Hmmm it's lunch time; I think I will see if I can find me a cricket!

**INDIANA RANKS NUMBER ONE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IN CNBC'S TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS REPORT**

Indiana has been ranked No. 1 for infrastructure in CNBC's 2022 Top States for Business annual rankings. This marks the sixth consecutive year Indiana has been ranked in the top five, including No. 1 rankings in 2016 and 2019.

"Indiana continues to attract national and global attention for leading the way in providing quality infrastructure for residents and busi-

**DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL RECEIVES GRANT**



Divine Mercy Catholic School appreciates Gary and Jane Benschneider Family Farms. Their grant for America's Farmers Grow Communities application was

awarded recently, and the school received a \$5,000 grant. The money will be used to purchase materials for the school 4H program and S.T.E.M. materials.

nesses," Gov. Eric J. Holcomb said. "This No. 1 ranking affirms our approach to making strategic investments in transformative projects, our strong commitment to taking care of what we have, and our close collaboration with local communities and private partners. I'm looking forward to building on our momentum to further leverage our competitive advantage on infrastructure."

CNBC analyzed the sustainability of each state's roads and bridges, along with utilities, other travel means, and potential development. According to CNBC's analysis, Indiana had an infrastructure score of 274 out of 380 points, leading to an A+ grade.

Indiana's recent infrastructure accomplishments include:

- 20-year, fully-funded Next Level Roads plan to take care of existing roads and bridges, finish major projects, and plan for the future
- Construction of the I-69 extension from Evansville to Indianapolis, including a \$600 million investment to accelerate completion of the

(Continued from Page 1) when he was informed of the decision.

Barry is a lifelong resident of Antwerp graduating AHS in 1978. He then attended college at ITT in Fort Wayne, IN. His parents are the late Carl DeLong who was a WWII veteran, and all three of his brothers were from Antwerp as well. His mother, Jean (Potts) DeLong is 96 years old (she has a brother, Jack Potts and a sister, Carol Obenour from Antwerp). His parents are quiet and gentle people who were always ready to lend a hand, and step up to help the community of Antwerp (they were instrumental in the campaign not to consolidate the school districts and building the tennis courts in downtown Antwerp). Barry learned much from his parents.

DeLong has been married to his wife, Donna, for 40 years and they have three children — Leslie of Auburn, IN, Mindy of Cecil, and Jared of the Philippines. They also have six grandchildren whom they adore. Barry is the VP of Quality & Safety at Paragon Tempered Glass in Antwerp. He travels much for his job between here and Niles, MI.

Outside of work, Barry enjoys music as well as wood-working crafts. He has been blessed with a tremendous gift from God with writing songs. Many are local tunes like

final section by three years from 2027 to 2024

• More than \$1 billion invested in delivering the largest public transit projects in Indiana history: The West Lake extension and double tracking of the South Shore Line will connect Hoosiers, attract talent and business, and increase quality of life in Northwest Indiana

• \$100 million to bring affordable high-speed fiber optic broadband access to unserved and underserved areas of the state

• \$90 million to connect more Hoosiers to hiking, biking, and riding trails

"Thanks to forward thinking leadership from Gov. Holcomb and the General Assembly, Indiana is capitalizing on long-term, sustainable funding to make transformative investments in infrastructure," INDOT Commissioner Mike Smith said. "Building out and maintaining our highways, local roads, trails and sidewalks along with enhancing our airports, transit systems and broadband network are vital to making Indiana an even better place to live, work, play, and learn."

Squad 41, Veterans Memorial song, and Christmas in Paulding County Ohio. He sings and MC's for numerous functions and fundraisers around the county. Most recently, he MC'ed the fundraising event for the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry in Paulding. Barry's has been the voice announcing Antwerp basketball games for numerous years, and you should also recognize him as the parade announcer and MC of Antwerp Chamber's Day in the Park these past years.

DeLong is also a member of the Antwerp United Methodist Church where he became involved with the youth there and the organization of the Antwerp Community Youth Center working with their founding board of directors. His hopes with the Youth Center was to unify the churches of Antwerp. He has also served on the Paulding County 4-H board for several years and is a member of the Antwerp Rotary Club.

"There's just no place like home," stated DeLong when asked what his thoughts were of Antwerp. Since he travels a lot for his job, he can really see the benefits of living in a small community.

Barry — you are a GEM to the people of Antwerp. Congratulations on being Antwerp Chamber's 2022 Gem of the Year.

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**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**

By: Mark Holtsberry

George Keezer Bennett was an Oakwood fella who was born August 21, 1892 in Paulding County, Ohio. The son of James Buchanan and Sanorah Jane (Keezer) Bennett. James was born in Melrose, May of 1857. Sanorah or also known as Jennie, was born in Henry County, Ohio November 15, 1854.

By 1900, the Bennett family: James, Jennie and nine



children (George being the sixth child) was living in Auglaize Township. George lost his mother, Jennie, October 1, 1906 and she was buried in Sherman Cemetery.

By 1910, George, age 17, no longer in school, he had quit after eighth grade, was helping his dad on the farm, and by 1917, George went out on his own to farm. With Europe at war, George had to register for the draft. On June 5, 1917 at Auglaize precinct, this single, medium build, 5'9" tall young man with brown eyes and red hair with fair complexion, was now on the rolls.

On June 14, 1917, George traveled to Toledo and joined the National Guard. He was assigned to serve in Company G. 5th Infantry Ohio National Guard, or also known as Company G. 145th Infantry.

He served with his company until December 17, 1917. George was sent to serve with Headquarters Company 147th Infantry, which he served until May 24, 1918. May 18, 1918, George was promoted to Private 1st Class, he was sent to serve as wagoner with 156th Depot Brigade October 28, 1918.

George was Honorably Discharged, May 2, 1919. George met a gal named Elizabeth Mae Brown, born September 18, 1901, the daughter of Lewis and Lydia Brown. George and Elizabeth were married February 18, 1919 in Paulding. By 1920, George and Elizabeth were living on 12th Street in Toledo, Ohio.

A daughter Elaine was born in 1921, followed by a son, Lester, born April 23, 1922, but passed away November 30, 1922. A son, Douglas George was born August 23, 1923, William was born March 23, 1925, Oliver Eugene was born January 30, 1927, Opal Marie was born October 31, 1928. While living in Huron, Michigan, a son Edward was born September 24, 1931, he passed away August 4, 1932 of whooping cough. George was working as a carpenter.

By 1940, the family was living in Auglaize Township, Junction area, with George still working as a carpenter. George also had his in-laws living with the family. In 1942, George Keezer Bennett, at age 49, registered for the World War Two draft. On September 8, 1944, George passed away in Paulding. His wife, Elizabeth filled out the forms for George to receive his military tombstone. George is buried in Junction Cemetery. Elizabeth passed away, October 16, 1950 in Defiance and is buried in Junction Cemetery beside her George.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Upcoming John Paulding Historical Society museum events:  
 Don't forget the annual antique truck show to be held on Sunday, Sept. 18, during the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival. The Kauser family has been doing a great job for several years and I know this year will be no different.  
 After this event, we will begin getting ready for our biggest event of the year.

"Let Heaven and Nature Sing" is the theme for this year's Festival of Trees at the museum November 3-12. Yes, I know it's early but we hope to get you on board so we can have another successful year. The museum relies on this fundraiser to keep "History Alive" for everyone who comes to visit the museum.

Trees will come out of storage on September 20 and decorating will begin within the week. There will be various times for you to decorate. Please call the museum so we will know if we can count on you. We have lots of trees, so why not give it a try?

Something different this year at the Celebration of Wreaths. We hope you will support us with beautiful wreaths as in the past, but this year we plan to have an auction on the last Saturday. Don't worry - we will be all done in time for the OSU football game. The wreaths will be on display throughout the festival.

I hope I have you thinking about supporting the Festival of Trees. Last year, over 1,500 people came to view the decorations and share in the activities. Mark your calendars and get ready for the truck show and Festival of Trees.

Paulding County residents, you are the greatest, and the support from the surrounding counties is a blessing to those of us who volunteer on a weekly basis and throughout the year to keep "History Alive" for the school children, the genealogists, the travelers and those who bring in the many historical items.

The number for the mu-

seum is 419-399-8218, or stop in from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays. We hope to hear from you.

—Eileen Kochensparger, Secretary of John Paulding Historical Society

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Democrats Against Christians**

Why do Democrats prefer spending money on foreign nations rather than America? Why do they keep our border open knowing that it is destroying America? Why does Biden say he doesn't approve of abortion and do nothing to defend it, but instead finances it world wide with our tax money?

Do you Democrats realize how many of your Senators and Congressmen are satan followers? If they are not for God they must be for Satan? I don't see any other choice.

You might find my letter disturbing but I never say anything I don't believe is absolute truth. I have had a few hundred letters printed in various papers. Many have brought rebuttals, but I have never had to take back or change anything I said.

I've never heard Biden profess to being a Christian or praise the work and dedication of any Christian. He does claim to be a Catholic, but then anyone can do that. What I would like to know is, "If he is such a goody-goody, why is the leader of this bunch of anti-free America, anti-Christian, anti-God rebels." This rag-tag bunch only see power and riches for themselves.

You can't claim any of the above is false because most of America knows it's true, even if you blind Democrats can't see it. Every anti-moral, anti-God ruling in America is from Democrats.

I've said before that I don't like writing against our president, this also includes Congress, but if my God or nation is attacked by varmints, that gives me a right and duty to speak out. We can't afford to permit America to be turned over to anti-God traitors. To remain quiet only strengthens evil.

I was hoping that when we got rid of that anti-free America, anti-God Obama that we got rid of America's garbage, but I believe his foul smelling stink still holds much influence over his 2<sup>nd</sup> in command. Satan is too deeply imbedded in their party.

If you didn't like that, you may dislike what's next even

more. I don't even like it but I believe it because it's from a very reliable source.

A group of your most prominent Democrat congressional leaders (you know their names) gave Biden a 28 page document that demands his administration do the following and maybe more. The next five are from your Christian hating representatives:

1. Use government power to crack down on conservative Christians.
2. Remove Christians from public office
3. Deny free speech and religious liberty Christians
4. Remove "In God We Trust" form U.S. Currency.
5. Full fund "comprehensive" sex education to teach all as young as six years old to accept "gender transition to the gender of their choice".

It is my belief that each person behind this ignorant demand is nothing more than a God-hating, Jew-hating, America-hating Satan and communist loving idiots whose prime goal is to destroy America. They are so stupidly blind that they can't (or don't want to) comprehend that what they are requesting is exactly what conquered Russia and imprisoned them under communism these past 120 years.

Russian people have little hope. This is exactly how all of your off-spring will live. Once we fall for communism or worse, it will be almost impossible to return to being free.

Why do Democrats have a double standard? Why are Democrats so afraid of voter ID? What is their real reason for pushing so hard for abortion? Why do they insist on keeping an open door policy that invites terrorists, gangsters, drugs and drug dealers, child traffickers and who know what else in? Why do they spend our tax money to support millions of "freeloaders", many of whom know nothing about America.

We have two very important elections ahead of us in 2022 and 2024. If Democrats win either, America will suffer greatly for decades. Take time to think.

—Richard Mastin  
 Hicksville, OH

**NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP 2022 ANNUAL RECOGNITION DAY**

8/3/22 - New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) held its 2022 Annual Recognition Day on July 30, 2022. The event recognizes and celebrates volunteer impact and student success. Pamela Clark, Executive Director of NHEG, stated, "Our volunteers and students have an exceptional work ethic and positive behavior that has a direct impact on NHEG and our communities. I am thrilled to honor them on this day."

- Volunteers of the Year 2022
- Javier Cortes - Online Manager of the Year
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  - Frani Wyner - Photographer of the Year
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  - Julia Landy - Graphic Designer of the Year; New Media and Video Editing of the Year
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- Live Lessons
- Victor Rodriguez - Screenplay Writer of the Year
- Barbara Bullen - Internet Radio Host of the Year
- Ramyasree Arva - Google Classroom Course Updater of the Year
- Vy Dinh - Instructional Video Creator of the Year; Google Classroom Course Creator of the Year
- Alexandre Oliveira - Photo Editor of the Year
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  - Cecil:** 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village
  - Charloe:** Charloe Store
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  - Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid
  - Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
  - Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library
  - Hicksville:** Sailers, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center
  - Ney:** Marathon
  - Oakwood:** Oakwood 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:** Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, 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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- August 11 - Monthly Meeting @ 7pm**
  - August 14 - Trap Shoot: Registration @ 12:45pm, Shoot begins @ 1pm**
  - Sept 4 - IDPA Pistol Shoot: Registration @ 12Noon, Match begins @ 1pm**
  - Sept 8 - Monthly meeting @ 7pm**
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Patrons can also expect FREE Entertainment acts that will be at the fair throughout the week. Lined up for free music entertainment we have The Nelons, Masters Own, Trinity, The Booth Brothers, ACT 3 Band, Colt & Crew, Coby James, and Rhett Walker. There are many children's entertainment acts such as Dr. Whiz Bang, Travis Mettler-Cracker Jack, Mark's Ark Animal Show, Comedy Bob, the Jungle Island Petting Zoo, and the Circus SideShow. Additional free entertainment acts include Dueling Pianos, the WoodCarver, the Black Smith, the Monkey Grinder, David Anthony Magician/Hypnotist, and the BMX Stunt Show. These events are made possible by generous donors and sponsors who allow us to bring FREE entertainment to the community.

Additional events include a corn hole tournament, the OSU Football Bash, a Jeep Rally, Old Geezerr DJ & Karaoke and a car show. Throughout the week you will also find Children Serving Christ, St Mary's The Assumption Catholic mass, The Forge Christian Ministry church service, Zion Church and more. Patrons can also expect multiple food vendors, businesses and other vendors in addition to carnival games.

From Board President, Kathy McCollow, "The Van Wert County Fairboard works hard to put on a successful fair, that wouldn't be possible without all of the great support from our sponsors and patrons like you! We can't wait to see you at the fair!"

To learn how to become a vendor, food vendor or sponsor, call the Fairgrounds office at 419-238-9270. Stay up to date on fair scheduling and pertinent information by visiting [www.vanwertcountyfair.com](http://www.vanwertcountyfair.com) or follow on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.

The Van Wert County Agricultural Society is a non-profit organization with a board of directors that help guide the organization. The mission of the Van Wert County Agricultural Society is to educate, enhance and preserve our agricultural roots through our youth and our community. Additional information including bylaws and governing documents can be found at [www.vanwertcountyfair.com](http://www.vanwertcountyfair.com).

## OHSAA ANNOUNCES GOLF LIVE SCORING THROUGH WANAMAKER CORPORATION

The Ohio High School Athletic Association has announced a multi-year partnership with Wanamaker Corporation, creator of the OHSAA Golf app and iWanamaker golf event management software. The platform is a live scoring app and website at <https://www.iwanamaker.com/>

The OHSAA Golf app powered by iWanamaker is a robust and scalable golf event management platform designed specifically for high school golf. The partnership makes the OHSAA Golf app the official live scoring and rankings hub for OHSAA Golf beginning with the upcoming 2022 OHSAA golf season.

The OHSAA will continue to partner with Baumspage for tournament entry and data management purposes, as well.

Through its proven Golf Tournament Management Platform (iWanamaker and associated native apps), the platform will also provide athletic directors, coaches and student-athletes free access to schedules, live leaderboards, player scorecards, rankings and more. Spectators can purchase a pass to access content and a portion of the ticket revenue is shared with the OHSAA and its member schools.

"We are excited to be in a partnership with Wanamaker Corporation," OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute said. "This will ensure fans, parents, student-athletes and school officials receive real-time results as they support Ohio student-athletes during

regular and postseason golf events."

Wanamaker Corporation, the pioneer of online secure scoring for high school golf, has long served multiple high school state associations. The OHSAA joins 15 states, thousands of schools, and governing bodies already using Wanamaker Corp technologies to streamline golf tournament setup, player registration, secure scoring, rankings, and data management.

"We are excited to partner with the OHSAA to bring online secure scoring, accurate golfer rankings and increased scoring integrity to all members of the Ohio high school golf community," Wanamaker Corporation CEO Doyle Heisler said. "Ohio has a long history of producing many prominent golfers, and together with the OHSAA, we are excited to help increase awareness and grow the sport across the state."

About the OHSAA The Ohio High School Athletic Association supervises and regulates interscholastic athletic programs for high school students at member public, private and charter schools. The organization also recognizes and honors academic achievement among student-athletes at almost 300+ middle, junior and senior high schools statewide. Headquartered in Columbus, OH is the official governing body for interscholastic athletics in Ohio.

For more information about the OHSAA, follow them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat by searching for "OHSAA."

## PATRIOTS DROP SEASON OPENER

FORT WAYNE - The Heritage girls golf team opened its season on Monday against Westview at McMillen Park Golf Course in Fort Wayne where the Patriots dropped a 198-232 decision.

Raelyn Mullins led the way for the Lady Patriots with a 50 while Alexis Briemert added a 55. Chloe Grebe (63), Natalie Otte (64), Aubree Rebeck (66) and Olivia Minnich (66) completed the scores for Heritage.

## WAYNE TRACE 2022 BOYS GOLF PRESEASON PREVIEW

Wayne Trace Raiders boys golf will compete in OHSAA Division III in the 2022 season and in the Green Meadows Conference. In 2021 they finished 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The 2021 tournament season saw the WT Raiders tied for Fourth in Sectional at Pike Run Golf Course. Kyle Sutton advanced to districts as an individual where he tied for 22<sup>nd</sup> place.

WT Golf Head Coach is Chris Rosswurm. This season is his 14<sup>th</sup> year of coaching golf.

At the end of the 2021 season, the Raiders lost, then senior, Kyle Klinker, and they have returning letterman Evan Crosby, senior; Tyler Davis, senior; Nyle Stoller, senior; Kaden Clark, junior; Conner Davis, sophomore; Tyson Gerber, Sophomore; Kyle Sutton, Sophomore; Jared Varner, Sophomore. Raiders will be welcoming Freshman Carter Clemens for the 2022 season.

**Strengths for the Season:** "We have eight players back from last season so we have lots of guys with experi-

# HARSHA GUEST SPEAKER FOR KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Brad Harsha, Financial Wellness Specialist at First Financial Bank as guest speaker at the July 28, 2022

club meeting. Brad came at the invitation of Natasha Mendoza (Paulding Branch Manager of First Financial Bank).

# SHERIFF JASON LANDERS GUEST AT KIWANIS CLUB



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Sheriff Jason Landers as guest speaker at the August 4, 2022 club meeting. Jason came at the

invitation of Matt Miller (Paulding County Assistant Prosecutor). Jason spoke about the technology upgrades at the Paulding County Jail.

ence. Due to that, our depth should be a strength and we also have newcomers who are working hard and will look to challenge for positions. That competitiveness should continue to push guys to improve and keep working, which only makes our team better," commented Coach Rosswurm.

**Weaknesses for the Season:** "One concern will be how our guys adapt to the game of golf and its different challenges. While we do have a lot of experience, we also have players who need to learn about the game so that is al-

ways a key," continued Rosswurm.

**Conference Outlook:** Coach Rosswurm stated, "The league is wide open with several teams capable of challenging when it comes to time for the Green Meadows Conference tournament."

**Overall Outlook:** "We want to get better each day, each week and each match. If we do that, we feel like it will take care of the rest. Our goals are to win the GMC and get as far as we can in tournament. We are looking forward to the challenges in 2022," concluded Rosswurm.

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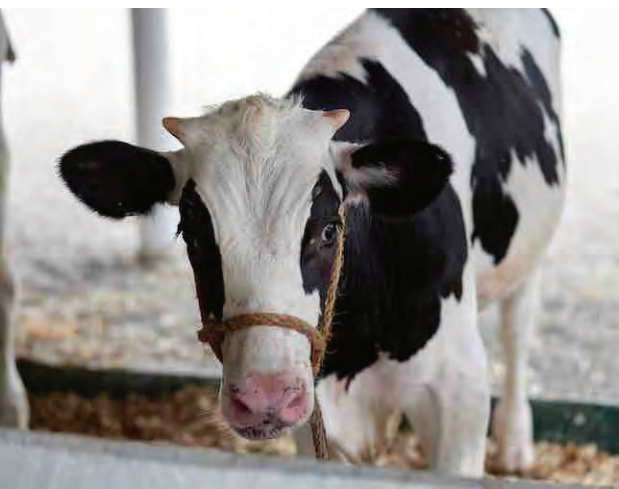
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## ANOTHER RECORD-BREAKING LIVESTOCK SALE FOR PAULDING COUNTY FAIR!



The checks are in the mail! Following a record breaking 2021 livestock sale of \$297,000, The 2022 Paulding County Fair livestock sale was also record breaking. Thanks to the generosity of buyers, the total sale was just over \$374,000! The youth participating, parents and fair board would like to thank the buyers for another incredible sale.

Tony Miller, Paulding County Fair Jr. Fair Board Advisor had this to say, "I have grown up as a part of Paulding County Fair for many years. I am amazed each year how truly blessed we are to have such a wonderful community

of supporters who believe in our youth and support our future leaders."

When buyers purchase animals at the livestock sale, they are supporting livestock raised by Paulding County 4H and FFA youth. The purchase helps support the two programs, as well as the exhibitors, through their educational endeavors and other expenses the youth experience as they participate in their years of showing.

Again, thank you supporters for your generosity and support of this year's livestock sale.

## BOYS GOLF AT PLEASANT VALLEY GOLF COURSE

Wayne Trace and Lincolnview Boys Golf teed off on August 4<sup>th</sup> at Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Payne.

Wayne Trace 162, Lincolnview 170

Wayne Trace - Kyle Sutton 37, Evan Crosby 40, Tyler Davis 41, Nyle Stoller 44, Jared Varner 45, Carter Clemens 48

Lincolnview - Evan Miller 41, Dane Ebel 42, Luke Bollenbacher 42, Aiden Hardesty 45, Grant Glossett 47, Jack Snyder 48

## CHELSI GIESIGE OF PAULDING EARNS MIAA ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

ANGOLA, IN - Individual student-athletes were recognized as part of the 2021-22 MIAA Academic Honor Roll. To be recognized, student-athletes must reach a 3.5 grade-point average for the academic year and earn a varsity letter in an MIAA-sponsored sport.

Trine garnered 235 individuals on this year's edition of the honor roll, second highest among MIAA institutions.

For a full list of Thunder student-athletes who were honored and for more information view the full MIAA release.

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Trine University, an internationally recognized, private, co-educational, residential institution, offers associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in the Allen School of Engineering & Computing, Ketner School of Business, College of Graduate and Professional Studies, College of Health Professions, Franks School of Education, Jannen School of Arts & Sciences and Rinker-Ross School of Health Sciences. Trine is a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and offers 37 intercollegiate sports, 27 of which compete in NCAA Division III. Its golf program includes the university-owned 18-hole championship Zollner Golf Course. Founded in 1884 and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools ([www.ncahigherlearning-commission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearning-commission.org)), Trine operates a 450-acre campus in Angola, Indiana, and the College

of Health Professions in Fort Wayne, with education centers in Detroit, Michigan, and Phoenix, Arizona, and programs available worldwide through TrineOnline.

## LADY PATRIOTS FINISH TENTH AT SOUTH ADAMS INVITE

GENEVA - Norwell posted a team score of 397 to win the South Adams Girls Golf Invitational at Wabash Valley Golf Club in Geneva last week.

The Lady Knights won the tournament by 22 strokes over runner-up Bellmont, which finished with a 419 overall.

Bluffton took third at 434 with Fort Wayne Bishop Luers carding a 438 and Frankton posted a 439 to complete the top five schools.

Southern Wells (440), South Adams (447), Warsaw (455), Angola (455) and Heritage (493) rounded out the top ten schools in the tournament.

Heritage was paced by Raelyn Mullins with a total score of 100 and Natalie Otte finished with a 126. Alexia Bremer carded a 132 for the Lady Patriots and Chloe Grebe recorded a 135.

## MULLINS LEADS PATRIOTS IN TRI-MATCH

GARRETT - The Heritage girls golf team traveled to the Garrett Country Club Thursday evening where the Lady Patriots finished second in a tri-match with Concordia and host Garrett.

The Cadets won the match, shooting a team score of 204, while Heritage finished second with a 247. Garrett took third in the contest by posting a team total of 252.

Raelyn Mullins was the leading golfer for the Lady Patriots with a 53 and Alexis Bremer carded a 62 for Heritage.

Natalie Otte added a 64 for the Allen County squad with Aubree Rebeck chipping in a 67 to complete the list of Patriots in the top four.

Chloe Grebe and Olivia Minnich also competed for Heritage, recording scores of 68 and 71, respectively, for the Lady Patriots.

## NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECOGNIZED AS APPRENTICESHIP AMBASSADOR

ARCHBOLD, OHIO - The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Office of Apprenticeship (OA) recently recognized Northwest State Community College as an Apprenticeship Ambassador. The DOL's Apprenticeship Ambassador Initiative seeks to create a national network of employers, labor organizations, industry associations, program sponsors, educators, workforce intermediaries, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders to serve as champions for expanding and diversifying Registered Apprenticeship.

HOW DO APPRENTICESHIP AMBASSADORS SUPPORT THE LABOR LANDSCAPE?

Apprenticeship Ambassadors partner with the U.S. Department of Labor to provide the following:

## ATHLETIC BOOSTERS DONATE RANGE FINDERS TO BOYS GOLF TEAM



The Wayne Trace Athletic Boosters continued their tremendous support of the Wayne Trace Athletic Department this season with the purchase of range finders for the Raider boys golf team. These range finders

are a huge assistance to the players as they take part in matches and tournaments at golf courses around Northwest Ohio and are much appreciated by the boys golf team. Pictured are (L-R) golfers Jared Varner, Conner

Davis, Kyle Sutton, Evan Crosby, Tyler Davis, Head Coach Chris Rosswurm, Athletic Booster Member Greg Parker, Nyle Stoller, Kaden Clark and Tyson Gerber.

- Promote and expand awareness of the benefits of Registered Apprenticeship in the U.S. for industry, employers, career seekers, educators, and communities as a whole;

- Identify and scale innovative practices and partnerships to modernize, strengthen, and accelerate the adoption of Registered Apprenticeship;

- Increase access and support for underrepresented and underserved populations in Registered Apprenticeship including women, youth, people of color, rural communities, justice-involved individuals, and people with disabilities; and

- Communicate the busi-

ness case for Registered Apprenticeship as a mainstream workforce strategy for high-demand industries and creating opportunities for good jobs for all Americans across the economy.

## REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (RAP) EXPERIENCE

One of the major accomplishments for Northwest State is the increase in RAPs across northwest Ohio. The College became a sponsor for RAP in 2019 to assist local manufacturers locate skilled employees. During that time, they have gone from 1 apprentice to 25, and NSCC continues to work tirelessly in this area.

QUOTABLES  
Tori Atkinson, Director

of Workforce Development and Innovative Learning for Northwest State, offered her gratitude to the Department of Labor. Of the designation, Atkinson noted, "Northwest State proudly uses the 'Your community's college' tagline, and this award shows how dedicated we are to working with businesses throughout the region, as well as individuals to provide needed training and education to build a stronger employee/employer pipeline to boost our region's economy now and in the future."

Additional information on the Apprenticeship Ambassador program is available at [Apprenticeship.gov/apprenticeship-ambassador-initiative](http://Apprenticeship.gov/apprenticeship-ambassador-initiative).

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# FARM SCIENCE REVIEW CELEBRATES 60 YEARS



Ohio State's Farm Science Review, which turns 60 this year, plans to highlight its decades of providing valuable information to farmers and producers, while focusing on continuing to educate for the future.

The premier agricultural education and industry exposition is set for September 20-22 at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center, 135 State Route 38, near London. Hosted by CFAES, the 60th FSR will focus on "Embracing Time and Change."

More than 100,000 people are expected to attend the event, which will feature more than 100 educational sessions including "Ask the Expert" talks, the most comprehensive field crop demonstrations in the United States, 600 exhibits, a career exploration fair, and immersive virtual reality videos of agricultural activities.

Visitors will also be able to see farming equipment from the 1960s to highlight all the advances that are available in farming today, said Nick Zachrich, FSR manager.

"The Ohio State University has been involved in the development and research of many practices — including

no-till planting and implementation of the round bale — that are widely adopted on farms today," he said. "While many attending Farm Science Review this year will not remember farming as it was 60 years ago, we hope this is a year to reflect on how much the industry has advanced so that excitement will build for the future knowing how rapid technology is shaping many areas of our industry."

Across the 100-acre exhibit area, attendees will also see new products and exhibitors, which will range in topics of interest including livestock, electric tractors, and other tractor improvements, in addition to the educational sessions and displays from OSU Extension, Zachrich said.

"For six decades, Farm Science Review has offered a gathering place for agriculture to showcase products, services, and education to the public to improve profitability, sustainability, and excitement for future possibilities," he said. "As Farm Science Review reaches this milestone year for the 60th edition of bringing the industry together, there is a lot of optimism that the next 60 years will be full of new practices

and technology that could be displayed at Farm Science Review."

FSR hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. September 20-21 and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. September 22.



## DOLLY PARTON TO VISIT COLUMBUS

United Way of Paulding County is joining with the Ohio Governor Imagination Library to welcome Dolly Parton to Columbus on August 9th, 2022 celebrate to celebrate the Imagination Library being in every county in Ohio.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library began in 1995 in Sevier County Tennessee. Dolly grew up in a low income household with an illiterate father. Having seen the struggles her father faced, Dolly made it her life's mission to ensure that every child had early access to reading. Since the program's creation in 1995, over 150 million books have been mailed to children across the United States and across the globe to 5 different countries.

Currently the United Way of Paulding County has over 630 children actively participating in the collaboration of Ohio Governor Imagination Library and Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Each month each registered child receives a book for free. In 2021 over 7,300 books were distributed in Paulding County and this is in huge part because of the Paulding County Area Foundation's support through their grants. A longtime supporter, that PC Area Foundation granted \$7,500 to United Way to support the program in 2022. United Way is hopeful to expand the program in 2022 as currently only 45% of the eligible children in Paulding County are registered.

In 2019 Governor DeWine announced the founding of the Ohio Governor Imagination Library which pledged to bring the program to every

county in Ohio. Spearheaded by Mrs. DeWine, that mission has now been completed. As part of Governor DeWine's new goals, the OGIL has found funding to cover half the cost of the books so that local organizations, such as United Way of Paulding County, can sustain the program in their county.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio mails kids one high-quality, age-appropriate book each month until their 5th birthday. All kids in Ohio are eligible to be enrolled in the program at no cost to their family. This month, 327,743 kids are enrolled in Ohio's Imagination Library, totaling to 45% of eligible kids between birth and age 5.

United Way Executive Director Lora Lyons stated, "Early childhood education is essential to successful learning in life, and the quicker these children have access to books the faster they begin to learn and comprehend. We simply cannot thank the Paulding County Area Foundation for their continued support of this program and the ongoing investment in our children's future."

To participate in the Dolly Parton/Ohio Governor Imagination Library, please visit ohioimaginationlibrary.org. Children newborn to age five are eligible to participate and it is 100% free, no matter their socioeconomic status.

## VW COUNTY FAIR ANNOUNCES THOROUGHBRED RACING UPDATE

The Van Wert County Agricultural Society Board of Directors has decided to postpone indefinitely any Thoroughbred or Quarter Horse racing during the Van Wert County Fair for the foreseeable future. Due to circumstances beyond our control such as a new safety requirement that will require us to purchase safety equipment for everyone working in the Paddock and starting gate area, rising fuel costs creating an additional challenge to get both horses and jockeys to travel here for a one day event, a disparity in purses between our event and the commercial tracks (commercial tracks are paying out 3 to 4 times minimum what we can currently offer) and an overall shortage of horses in the Thoroughbred industry has led us to this decision.

The Van Wert County Fair has hosted Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse races for 126 years of the Fair's 166 year history. It has been a staple of the Fair and one that we will continually work at to find answers as to how we can continue that tradition. For now, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the owners, trainers, jockeys, sponsors, volunteers, organizations and especially our patrons who helped to bring those 126 years to life. We look forward to the day when we can boast of the 127th year of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing at the Van Wert County Fair.

In its place, the Van Wert County Fair will have harness racing, giving our fair patrons a memorable fair experience to share with family and friends. Harness racing will take place with a post time of 12:00 PM on Monday, September 5, 2022 with pari-mutuel wagering.

# PURDUE FORT WAYNE RECEIVES \$6 MILLION IN LEAD GIFTS FOR PLANNED MUSIC TECHNOLOGY BUILDING



FORT WAYNE, Ind. — From the moment Purdue University Fort Wayne first opened the doors of its music technology center on the Sweetwater corporate campus in 2018, interest in the university's popular music and music industry programs has soared. In fact, Purdue Fort Wayne and its School of Music have quickly outgrown that building and are now planning construction of a major new facility on the university's own main campus.

Planning for this center has received a major boost thanks to commitments from a few well-known names in Fort Wayne. Chuck and Lisa Surack have contributed \$3 million toward the facility, and the Auer Foundation matched that gift with another \$3 million.

"We are so grateful to Chuck and Lisa Surack and the Auer Foundation for demonstrating their confidence in Purdue Fort Wayne and for stepping forward to support this much-needed music technology building," said Ron Elsenbaumer, chancellor of Purdue Fort Wayne. "This spectacular new facility will serve as the launchpad for the next generation of students enrolled in our music industry, popular music, and music technology programs."

Chuck Surack, CEO of Surack Enterprises and founder and chairman of Sweetwater, and his wife Lisa have been friends and proponents of the university's School of Music since its inception in 2017. The Suracks partnered with the university early on to create state-of-the-art studio and classroom space to serve Purdue Fort Wayne students on Sweetwater's corporate campus that's located at the far northwest corner of Fort Wayne. Since then, enrollment in the School of Music has almost

doubled from 170 students in its inaugural class to more than 300 who are expected for the fall semester.

"To know that interest in Purdue Fort Wayne's programming on our Sweetwater campus has created a need to build a new structure to replace the one we dedicated just four years ago is a very positive sign for the university and the region," Chuck Surack said. "We are excited to continue our involvement in the growth of the School of Music and look forward to a day in the near future when these students will receive their instruction in a larger facility located near the heart of the PFW campus."

The new, 26,000-square-foot music technology building is estimated to cost \$22 million, with approximately \$7 million expected to come from private philanthropy. The university is in the process of securing the additional private contributions needed, as well as the state funding necessary to construct the building. Current plans call for site work to begin in 2024 with an opening date projected for fall 2027.

Leaders from the university and its College of Visual and Performing Arts believe this important expansion fits squarely within the "Allen County Together" economic development action plan announced in January, which includes a call for Fort Wayne to become a "Top-10 Music City" over the next decade.

Earlier this year, the Edward D. and Ione Auer Foundation achieved its goal of donating all remaining funds — ultimately \$79 million in all — thereby fulfilling a 15-year sunset clause established by Ione.

For additional information, contact Geoff Thomas at geoff.thomas@pfw.edu or 260-437-7657 (mobile).

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# MAUMEE VALLEY STEAM AND GAS ENGINE SHOW SET AUG. 18-21, 2022



The Maumee Valley Antique Steam & Gas Engine Show 45th show will be held August 18-21 at the Jefferson Township Park, 1720 Webster Road, east of New Haven, IN between U.S 30 and U.S 24.

The show promises fun for the entire family. For more information, visit [maumeevalley.org](http://maumeevalley.org).

We are featuring Oliver & Hart Parr Tractors, The Oliver Gang's summer show and lesser know classics tractors.

All exhibitors of antique tractors, cars and trucks are also welcome and get free admission when registering at the office.

We will be threshing wheat, sawing lumber, and plowing with steam engines and tractors. Come and see the 15-ton, 125-horsepower Buckeye Oil Engine that ran the generator for the elevator in Grabill, IN and the Chuse Stationary Steam Engine from the Hicksville, Ohio, Handle Factory in operation.

There will be daily demon-

strations by the Indiana Chapter of the Maumee Valley Blacksmiths. Women can enjoy the flea market, trading post and a large quilt display. Paulding Putman Electric will give a special demonstration at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Friday on "The Dangers of Electricity".

Children can ride the barrel train, play in the sand box or take a tractor driving lesson. On Saturday a Kiddie Tractor Pull will be held at 2:00 p.m. and there will be an Exotic Animal Show at 3:00 p.m. Parades will be at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Free hayrides and demonstrations with horses and mules will be Friday and Saturday. Tractor pulls are Friday at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday at 3:00 p.m. weather permitting.

### FOOD:

11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday: fish, chicken and pork steak dinners. Same time Saturday, chicken and pork steak dinners in the pavilion. There will be other food vendors on

the grounds.

### Live Entertainment

5:00-7:00 p.m. Friday: The American Legion Band playing songs of the 60's.

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11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Saturday: The Applejack Kloggers

6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday: Bill Werling & the Breakaway Square Dance Band. (bring your lawn chairs and dancing shoes.) "Steam engine fireworks" after the entertainment.

9:00 a.m. Sunday: Church Service

For more information: 260-414-9489, President; 260-580-5416, Exhibitors; 260-223-3879, Tractor Pull; 260-580-5285, Quilt Show; 260-341-4805, Flea Markets & Camping; 260-460-0569, Trading Post; 260-705-8226, Gas Engines

### ANTWERP/PAYNE/PAULDING COUNTY CIC MEETS

The Antwerp/Payne/Paulding County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) board met recently for their July meeting.

The CIC board received updates on the major projects they are currently working on including: securing options on the land near the intersection of State Route 49 and 4-lane US24 for the purpose of development; planning for a road access on donated property from Leo Stumphy; awaiting approval from the Ohio Department of Development funding for the removal of the buildings and remedia-

# COFFEE & CONVERSATION SOCIAL FOR PAULDING COUNTY YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



The Young Professionals of Paulding County had a successful social event Thursday night July 29, 2022 at Grounded Coffee & Crumbs.

The growing group met for "Coffee & Conversation" and the coffee shop was buzzing! New connections

were made and current events and local topics were discussed. There is a lot of potential for this group as the question continues to be asked, what is it that Young Professionals want to see for the future of their Paulding County?

Anyone under the age of

40 who works, lives, or works in Paulding County is welcome to join. The group will meet again on Tuesday, August 30 location is still TBD so stay tuned. Contact Kristen Schilt with Paulding County Economic Development for more details at 419-399-8295.

tion of the old Park Station property that the group has purchased; purchase of the Mervin Street residential lot for the purpose of new construction; and negotiating with investors to market the 24/49 property.

CIC's are non-profit entities created by the State of Ohio and have the authority to invest in land and buildings, build, lease, buy and sell property, borrow money and apply for grants, all for the purpose of economically improving their communities.

The CIC has an operating balance that has been acquired over the years by practicing the above activities, primarily under the leadership of former president Randy Derck.

The CIC intends to acquire additional properties that may be in distress and help return them to tax revenue generating properties. Discussion was held recently to cooperate with the Paulding Village and Oakwood Village CIC's as well.

If you have any thoughts,

ideas, recommendations or donations for this CIC board, please reach out and contact board members: President Tom VanVlerah, Vice-President Don Oberlin, Secretary Sue Fowler, Treasurer Anita Bok, Ken Reinhart, Jan Reeb, Tony Langham, Tyson Mowery, Denise Coleman, Jennifer Zartman, Maria Kober, Randy Derck, Kevin Wanemacher or contact the Paulding County Economic Development office at 419-399-8282.



## The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce

# Day in the Park

## AUGUST 13, 2022

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### Schedule of the Day!

- 7:00am - Turtle Trot 5K Registration
- 7:30am - Turtle Trot 5K Start @ Riverside Park (finish @ UMC parking lot)
- 10:00am - Parade Begins (line-up at the school)
- 11:00am - Opening Ceremonies @ the park (main pavilion) - Mayor Jan Reeb welcome; Star Spangled Banner; Antwerp Boy Scouts #143 & VFW Post #5087 Flag Retirement; Parade winners announcement; GEM of the Year announcement
- 11:00am - Craft & Food vendors open; 50/50, 30-min drawing begins; Cutie Pie contest & Silent Auction opens; Dunk tank, Inflatables, Boy Scout swing, 4-H children's games Opens
- 11:00am - Scheumann Farms - Pony Ride & Inflatables
- 12:00-2:30pm - Island Vibe music group (main pavilion)
- 2:30pm - Silent Auction & Cutie Pie Contest Closes
- 3:00pm - 50/50 drawing, Cutie Pie contest winner, Silent Auction items announced

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