

## UNION BANK RIBBON CUTTING IN PAULDING



Union Bank, located at 103 S Main St, Paulding is officially open to service the village of Paulding and surrounding areas. After a year of renovating the old Masonic building at the southern cor-

ner of the square in downtown Paulding, Union Bank was ready to open in February. They held an Open House this past week with an official Ribbon Cutting ceremony by the Paulding Area Chamber

of Commerce on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Below is a link to the video. Be sure to subscribe to the West Bend News Youtube channel.

<https://youtu.be/edy7XJU9DEs>

## GET NOTIFIED ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE EVENTS WITH NEW COMMUNITY CALENDAR



A new community calendar has been released for Paulding County! Yodel is a one-stop shop for all events, including sports, entertainment and more. Yodel will work with all personal calendars and saves time on searching for events. With a few simple clicks, favorite events can be selected and then automatically placed onto your calendar. This technology also notifies if anything changes about the event.

The best part is that is free! Yodel is sponsored by the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce and the Paulding County Vision Board to help community members easily find local events. This technology will allow a personalized selection of sports, entertainment, special events and more.

Yodel is set to launch on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Business and organizations are continuing to set up their accounts and add their events.

To sign up, visit <https://events.yodel.today/paulding-county>

For more information, please contact Erica Noggle, Executive Director, Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce at [pauldingchamber@gmail.com](mailto:pauldingchamber@gmail.com).

## PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Tues-

day, February 21, 2023. This will be in the conference room of the Library in Paulding, Ohio.

## OHIO MEANS JOBS PRESENTS TO PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ) representatives visited Paulding County to share information and answer questions here.

During some recent business retention and expansion (BR&E) visits in the county, HR Managers at manufacturing business sites shared some concerns and frustrations for their employees. This was in regard to the current unemployment system and payments. The concerns were noted by county Commissioner Mike Weible. This

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## VANTAGE OPEN HOUSE & "TASTE OF VANTAGE"



Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative lineman apprentice, Mike Taylor (Vantage Electricity/ Antwerp graduate) is leading a demonstration to potential students and parents during the 2022 Vantage Open House. Vantage once again would like to invite interested students and parents to visit our high school and adult education programs at the 2023 Vantage Open House, February 27, from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Vantage Career Center will be offering an opportunity for local community members, interested adult and high school students, parents, alumni, and associate school district staff to explore Vantage programs at the annual Open House and "Taste of

Vantage" set for Monday, February 27, 2023 from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

The Open House is a celebration of Career and Technical Education, recognized nationally throughout the month of February, and will

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## ANTWERP MAYOR ANNOUNCES NEW FISCAL OFFICER



The Village of Antwerp expedited the hiring process of a new Fiscal Officer with the vacancy left by Aimee Lichty when she submitted her letter of resignation to Council on February 6, 2023. After Mayor Jan Reeb accepted the resignation she moved forward with the Personnel Committee in

hiring a replacement. The mayor, along with Bryan Smith and Brian Davis, interviewed Kevin Hornish of Oakwood to fill the vacancy for the interim until the position can be seated permanently. The mayor submitted her recommendation to Council stating that Hornish is a very qualified candidate for this position. At Wednesday's Village Council meeting, Council voted to hire Hornish for the interim position. Welcome to Antwerp, Kevin!

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## Community Calendar

### MON & WED

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

### February 20

• Clue @ Huber Theater, 2:30p  
• Peaceful Parenting, virtual, 5pm

### February 21

• Making Meals Meatless, OSU Ext. Virtual, 10am  
• PC Library board meeting, conference rm, 5:30pm  
• FW Comm. Band @ Rhinehart Music Ctr, 7:30pm

### February 22

• Comm. Lenten Lunches @ 1<sup>st</sup> Pres Church, Paulding, 12pm  
• Cooking w/Instant Pot @ OSU Ext office, 4pm  
• Living Free Group @ Cecil Comm Church, 6-7:30pm

### February 23

• Planning & Zoning Commission Community Summit @ Antwerp VFW, 6p.

### February 24-26

• Arsenic & Old Lace @ Studio 211, Antwerp

### February 25

• Wine & Cheese Tasting @ JPHS, 7pm

### February 26

• Music Night @ Cecil Comm Church, 6pm - Talent Show  
• Community Revival @ Antwerp Global Meth. Ch., 5p meal, 6:30p service

### February 27

• Community Revival @ Antwerp Global Meth. Ch., 5p meal, 6:30p service



Add your event to the calendar [info@westbendnews.net](mailto:info@westbendnews.net)

ANTWERP GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH HOSTS

# COMMUNITY RENEWAL

4 Nights  
Feb 26, 27, 28  
March 1

Non-Denominational Family Event

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**OBITUARIES**



Products but was much more comfortable pick'n & grin'n with his band. He loved the bands, Josh Berridge, Color the Void and Cross Canadian Ragweed. Those who knew him best would say that he was the epitome of the phrase by Lynyrd Skynrd "A Simple Kind of Man". Bobby also loved to fish and coach the Pittsburgh Steelers from his couch.

Bobby will be sadly missed by his son, Michael (Andrea) Elders; parents, Mary Ellen (Higgins) and Charles Elders; sisters, Coni (the late Dean) Gaisford, Pam (Steve) Hellemeyer and JoEllen (Todd) Bodine. He loved to be a grandpa to his 5 grandchildren and "Poppy" to David, Brandon, Josh and their children.

His family will celebrate his life at a later date.

AFTCTTG, LYMTICS  
Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

ANTWERP, OH:

**Ruth Mary York**, 89, of Antwerp, Ohio passed away at home on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. Arr by DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 202 W. RIVER STREET, ANTWERP, OHIO.

ANTWERP, OH:

**Russell Johnson**, 64, of Antwerp, passed away at home on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Arr by DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 202 W. RIVER STREET, ANTWERP, OHIO.

**LENTEN SERIES ANNOUNCED FOR ST. JOHN LUTHERAN**

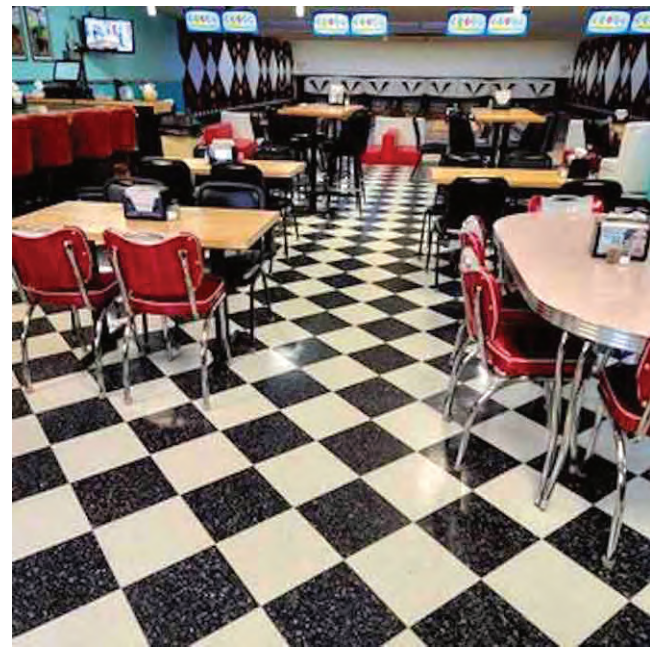
St. John Lutheran Church, 812 East High Street, Hicksville would like to announce their Lenten Series and times.

In honor of the 250th anniversary of the writing of "Amazing Grace", the church will be using this Lenten Series by theologian Michael Hoy. It ties the words of the beloved song to our lives today as Christ's disciples. Those in the Bible who experienced the amazing Grace of God help us each week to realize that though we once were lost in sin, we now have been found by Jesus, and though we once were blind to God's mercy, we now can see his love at work in us through our Savior's death and resurrection.

The series will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22 with David, March 1 with Isaiah of Babylon, March 8 with The Prodigal Son, March 15 with The Blind Man, March 22 with The Woman at the Well and March 29 with Paul. On Ash Wednesday we will be offering only one service at 6:30pm but the other mid-week we will be offering the service at 11 am or 6:30 p.m.

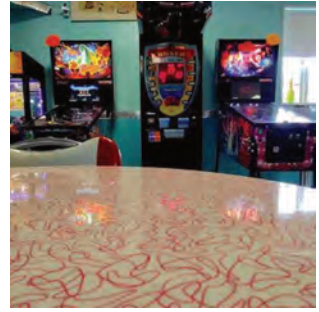
On the Wednesdays during Lent we will offer our Bible Study at 10am. On the Sundays we offer Adult Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and Children's Church and Worship at 10:15 a.m. Join us for this exciting Lenten Series. Questions can be directed to 419-542-6269. JESUS REMEMBER ME... ALL ARE WELCOME!

**ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: PIN-A-RAMA**



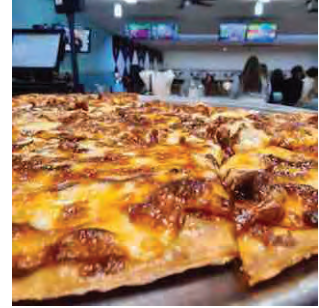
The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce spotlight for February is Pin-A-Rama bowling alley, located in downtown Antwerp, Ohio.

The owners of this newly purchased and remodeled business are Reggie and



Brandi Clem. Regan and Lindsay Clem. If you want to take a step back in time, visit this uniquely renovated bowling alley/diner/pizza establishment. Pinball machines, 50's retro dining look, craft bottled sodas, milk shakes, hamburgers and hot bologna sandwiches made on Bob and Virg's magical grill, Ruth's famous cole slaw and a variety of pizza make this place a must go to for friends and family events.

When the Hogan family



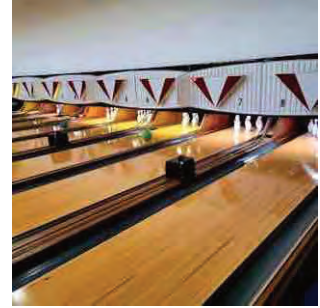
decided to sell the bowling alley, Reggie and Regan and their father Rollie Clem, hated to see the bowling alley disappear. Without the bowling alley, there really wasn't a place outside of church, bars and school activities for people to get to know one another and have a good time. There wasn't a place for a family to have a fun night out in our little town. The Clems wanted to continue to make that happen, so they took a chance and are bringing the place back to life like we all remembered about it from our childhoods growing up.

The Pin-a-Rama was built in 1957 by Bob Johnson and Virgil Meyers. Many Antwerpians remember time spent at the bowling alley. Friday night bowling when there were no ballgames, birthday parties with friends, bowling in leagues both in high school gym classes and then later as adults. The famous fried bologna sandwiches. Bob and Virg sold the business in the

90's and it has changed many hands and business names as well. The Clems are determined to bring back the wonderful burgers and fun that Bob and Virg had created.

The bowling alley is the only one in Ohio west of Defiance. It is a great place to have parties and the benefits is you don't have to clean up the mess. One of the best things they love to hear is about how the burgers bring back memories of when they were growing up and spending time at the bowling alley.

Reggie and Regan are most proud of the support the business has received from the community. While this has been a huge learning curve for



them, the community has been awesome and supportive through it all. They are looking forward to serving the community for years to come. Pin-a-Rama is more than just a bowling alley. It is a place to grab a good burger, shake or malt. It's a place to get a pizza and share with friends. It's a place to play pinball and have a good time. It's a place to have a party with friends. It's a place where friendships are made and grow. In fact, they have already had several couples who have had their first date at the bowling alley.

When you walk into their business you can expect to travel back in time to a place where the burgers are fresh, the shakes are great and friendships are made. What makes them unique is the taste of the burgers, the large variety of craft sodas and just a fun 50's diner feel.

Reggie has several bowling leagues organized including one during the daytime and a kid's league on Saturdays. Monday evenings there is unlimited bowling and a free craft soda for \$5.

Regan and Reggie commented "Here is our commitment to all of you though. We will strive to get better and better. We will be better next time than we are this time. We want Pin-A-Rama to be one of your favorite places in the whole world, just like it was for us when we were growing up. We want to be a place where people build friend-

**Scripture of the Week**

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

— Romans 8:35,37

**HERITAGE LIONS 25B PROJECT LINUS**



Deb Heath, Northeast Indiana Chapter Coordinator for Project Linus, gave a very interesting talk before the Heritage Lions last night. She explained how her non-profit group supplies blankets to hospitals, surgical centers, crisis centers, sleep clinics, the foster care program, and for Adoption Day at the Allen County Courthouse every November. Volunteers all over our area contribute new, handmade, washable, and kid-friendly blankets for this effort. Project Linus volunteers inspect each blanket to insure they are free from smoke, chemical odors or pet hair to prevent harm to the child who is given the blanket.

From the Project Linus website (project.linus.org), their mission is to "Provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

Ms. Heath told how the children, and their new siblings, are allowed to choose their own blankets during the annual Adoption Day at the Allen County Courthouse. Each year some 100-135 blankets are given to the adoptees.

At the Grabill Food Bank during Christmas, a blanket is included in each box of food for the children. Parkview Hospital's Pediatric Care section is another frequent recipient of these blankets. And hospitals in Auburn, Huntington and Angola have received blankets for their young patients.

Last year over 2200 Project Linus blankets were distributed throughout our area, and already over 330 have been placed so far this year. Since the local chapter's beginning, some 56,000 blankets have helped comfort children in Northern Indiana. Nationwide the 275+ Project Linus chapters have distributed over nine million blankets in the past 20 years. Drop off bins for new blankets are located at JOANN Fabric and Craft on Coldwater Road, Edwards Sewing Center on Rothman Road, and the New Haven City Hall.

After her talk, the Heritage Lions voted to donate \$200 to Project Linus to help them gather and distribute these blankets for children needing comfort and love. The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion.

ships and our community is made better."

Pin-A-Rama has new hours: M-TH 11am-1:30pm, 5-8; Fri. 11am-1:30pm, 5-10; Sat. 11am-10pm; Sun. 11am-8pm.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is excited to partner with Pin-A-Rama in the growth of Antwerp and the surrounding community.

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## JUST ONE TOMATO PLEASE

**Penny For Your Thoughts**  
By: Nancy Whitaker

There is just not anything better tasting than a big red tomato and bread and butter sandwich. If there is anything I look forward to in summers garden, it is tomatoes.

I have never been a gar-



dener or had a so called green thumb. My grandma could grow big juicy tomatoes and Kentucky Wonder Beans which were about 6 inches long. Many an afternoon was spent sitting on the porch and snapping those beans. After our work was done, we would be treated to a big glass of grandmas sweet iced tea.

A few weeks ago I acquired a small wooden wheelbarrow. My friend, Denny tightened it up and I had to make the decision of where to put it. The white old looking wheelbarrow found a home right outside of my front door. It looked pretty good in its new home, but something was missing. I really did not want to put any dirt or potting soil in it because of the cats and squirrels around. So I decided a potted plant or two would fit just fine. Denny and I made a trip to a local farm store and looked at the flowers to see what was available.

It didn't take too long before I spotted these big potted tomato plants, complete with pot and a plastic cage. I

was so excited because one of the plants already had small green cherry tomatoes on it and the other one was big, tall and healthy looking. These two tomato plants turned out to be my Mothers Day present. Just think, maybe I could grow some tomatoes and not kill them.

The plants fit perfectly in the wheelbarrow and I was very careful with them. When it gets windy I bring them in so they don't get their vines broken.

I said a few prayers over these plants and hoped that God was listening. The next step I did was to put Miracle Grow on them. (Maybe I felt like God needed a bit of help.)

I wonder how long it takes for tomatoes to ripen? The little cherry tomatoes are to be yellow and the other plant should provide me with at least one big tomato.

A lot of people like fried green tomatoes, but I have always fried the red ones. That is good eating too.

Usually everything I have ever tried to grow dies because I water it too much or not enough. Does anyone know if there is any type of gadget to put in a plant which will tell you it needs watered?

I waited patiently for a little ripe tomato, I prayed that I have an abundance of the red, juicy fruit. Yum

Well, those tomato plants had quite a story. First of all I went outside one morning and every little tomato was gone. The squirrels had ate every last one. I moved plants inside but they needed more sunshine. Finally Denny took them to his house and replanted them? He said they produced a few tomatoes, but..... guess what.... he ate them.

Now I think, I'll go to a farmers market or the store and buy them. Easier that way!

Do you like tomato sandwiches? Do you have a green thumb? Dp you grow tomatoes? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

## SEATS GOING FAST FOR MUSEUM'S WINE & CHEESE TASTING FEB. 25



The John Paulding Historical Society in Paulding will host its annual wine and cheese tasting fundraiser Saturday, February 25. Above, guests at last year's event enjoyed a luau theme. This year the museum will be ready for a Vegas casino night.

Time is running to get your spot for the John Paulding Historical Society Wine Tasting fundraiser on Saturday, February 25.

Doors open for the Vegas-themed event at 6 p.m. The fun gets under way at 7 p.m. with a delicious variety of carefully selected wines and cheeses. Scott Strahley and Jay Dachenhaus return as emcees.

The evening also includes door prizes, silent and Chinese auction, 50/50 drawing and more. A limited amount of tickets remain. This is one of the museum's most popular events.

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highlight both high school and adult education programs. "We welcome this opportunity to open our doors to our community members so they can experience what our student's experiences and training opportunities look like every day," says Community Relations Coordinator Miriam Owens. "This is a fantastic event for anyone eager to know more about Vantage adult and high school programs, advanced training, skills and equipment, certifications and licenses, and what opportunities are available to students upon graduation, whether they are college or career bound."

Vantage's 18 high school career technical labs will be open, and students will be leading demonstrations of their skills while sharing the opportunities available to them throughout the two years as a Vantage student. Guests will be able to speak with instructors and connect with local employers stationed throughout the building. An informational meeting will be held in the Community Room at 6:00 p.m. for any interested parent and student.

Vantage Adult Education staff will be available to showcase their full-time and short-term programs, including customized training options for local employers. Current enrollment opportunities include Police Academy, Practical Nursing, LPN to RN Transition, Phlebotomy, EMT, Firefighter, and STNA programs. Scholarships and financial aid is available for each program. Interested high school seniors, adults wanting to gain advanced skills, and employers interested in an up-skilled workforce should come to the Open House.

"A Taste of Vantage" will again be held in the Commons Area during Open House. Seven area restaurants

Contact Kauser Trucking in Paulding (419-399-4856) and at the museum from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 21. Or call Lois Beamer at 419-769-0661, Melinda Krick at 419-769-3993, or leave a message at the museum at 419-399-3667.

The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive, across from the fairgrounds in Paulding.

The wine and cheese tasting is a major fundraiser for the historical society, which is a 501c3, all-volunteer organization.

will be offering a delicious sampling of some of their most popular cuisine. All proceeds support the Vantage school-wide student activity fund. Guests will be able to enjoy both sweet and savory treats from Black Angus of Van Wert/Ottoville, The Moose Landing Country Club of Ottawa, Millie's Cafe of Ottoville, The Creamery of Delphos, Puckerbrush Pizza of Payne/Antwerp, Canal Side Burgers and Brew of Ottoville, and our very own Vantage Culinary Arts program. All food vendors will have their own vendor station, offering menus and other great items for the guests.

The amazing DJ Ron Burt of Magic Moment Entertainment will be the emcee for the evening and will announce special demonstrations and activities going on throughout the building. The Vantage Open House would not be able to take place without our food vendors, emcee or sponsors; including, Dark Horse Productions, Lange Photographics, Straley Realty and Auctioneers, Carey Insurance and Financial Services, Van Wert Health, B-K Tool, VTF Excavating, Kenn-Feld Group, Lee Kinstle GM Sales and Services, Central Mutual Insurance, and Alexander and Bebout. To learn more about Open House, visit [vantagecareercenter.com](http://vantagecareercenter.com) or the Vantage Career Center Facebook page. Looking forward to seeing you Monday night, February 27 from 5:00-7:30 p.m.!

### PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman  
Dear Parson,  
I have run across a couple of lists of the apostles' names in the Bible and there seems to be some discrepancy. Why?

I used to get tripped up on the same thing. Actually, there are four lists: Matthew 10:2-4, Mark 3:16-18; Luke 6:14-16 and Acts 1:13.

The deadline for the West Bend News is THURSDAYS at 5pm for the following issue.

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### MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry  
"As the World Turns", the story of Andrew Carle Jackson

(Part 1)

This was supposed to be a simple article about a man who served in the Civil War. After going down numerous rabbit holes, which turned into uncovering mines, I believe that I have uncovered a very serious oversight. So here it goes.

Andrew Carle Jackson was born October 14, 1842 in Crane, Warren County, Ohio. The son of Benjamin Basil, born February 21, 1821 and Elizabeth Jane "Lizzie" (Champion) Jackson, born in 1823. Eleven children were born with this union, so I am unclear as to what numerical order where Andrew fell. By 1850, the Jackson couple along with daughter Martha and son Andrew were living in Crane Township in Paulding County. Benjamin was a farmer and Andrew helped on the farm.

By 1860, the Jackson couple had added a daughter, Sarah and two sons, Stephan O. and Robert W. As Civil War broke out, the call for Ohio to

provide troops became the calling card for men to enlist. On August 26, 1861, Benjamin and Andrew both answered the call to serve with Company G. 14th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The 14th Regiment trained in Toledo and was shipped off to war. Benjamin was a private and Andrew was a musician.

On December 15, 1863, Benjamin was promoted to Sergeant. As a father/son duo, they survived fourteen major battles. On May 1, 1865, Andrew was promoted to Principal Musician. On July 11, 1865, both Benjamin and Andrew mustered out of service.

By 1870, Andrew was living in Paulding, working as a printer for a local printing company. He met a gal named, Lucy A. Brown, born October 21, 1847, Marysville, Union County, Ohio. On February 5, 1870, they married in Paulding. On November 19, 1871, a son Jesse Benjamin Jackson was born. Another son, Coe Griffin Jackson was born January 2, 1875. Both were born in Paulding.

By 1880, Andrew, Lucy and the boys were living on Perry Street in Paulding. Andrew still worked as a printer. By 1890, nothing had changed, but the boys were off to college. By 1898, as America was being drawn into war with Spain, Paulding was trying to form a company of men to serve representing Paulding County. Andrew's sons, Jesse and Coe, enlisted in Company M. 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Spanish American War. They followed the military path of their father and grandfather.

Stay tuned for the remaining story of Andrew's path in life, it will get very interesting.

The following apostles appear the same in all four lists: Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew and James (the son of Alphaeus). The following are different: Simon (who is called Peter) is just called Peter in Acts 1:13; James the son of Zebedee is just called James in Luke 6:14 and Acts 1:13. John the son of Zebedee is surnamed Boanerges in Mark 3:17 and just called John in Luke 6:15 and Acts 1:13. Lebbeaus is called

Thaddaeus in Mark 3:18 and Judas the brother of James in Luke 6:16 and Acts 1:13. Judas Iscariot is mentioned in the first three lists but is missing from Acts 1:13 because he had since taken his own life.

It may be helpful for you to write down the additional names given to each person in a given list. It has helped me in future reference.

Send questions and comments to: [jamesbachman@juno.com](mailto:jamesbachman@juno.com)

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group would like to recognize all those who came out to help celebrate local Veterans.

Attendance was great with this being the 5th year, Paulding County never disappoints!

This year six cemeteries were covered with the 999 wreaths placed by the volunteers in surrounding areas.

Recognition to the following for their support: Paul-

ding VFW 587, Paulding Sheriff's Department, Paulding High School FFA, Flat Rock Junior Farmers 4-H, Boy Scout Troop 315, and Heather & Bob Miller.

Kudos to all who donate to make this possible and to all that ordered wreaths to be placed for your Veteran.

Wreath Across America committee are making plans for 2023 in December.

# PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

## Criminal/Traffic

### Disposition Report

**Gabriel Sanchez**, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jordan J. Thompson**, Antwerp, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

**Julie M. McGough**, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**John B. Rickels III**, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Austin R. Hamrick**, Delphos, OH; OVI/under influence, Guilty, ALS vacated, May petition court after 6 months for IID removal, Firearm may be returned to the defendant, 30 days jail, suspended, Operator license suspension 12/4/22 to 12/4/23; OVI/breath (Low), Dismissed; Left of center, Dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Dismissed

**Brianna N. Diaz**, Cecil, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Bryce W. Krill**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Alan P. Weidenhamer**, Paulding, OH; Felonious assault; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived; SCRAM unit shall be removed

**Cory L. Knuth**, Haviland, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jackie M. Alspaugh**, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Ivan Rivas**, Paulding, OH; No operator license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Mark Rager**, Paulding, OH; Violation being pass.; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Stephen Platter**, Columbia City, IN; Open container; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jonathan D. Pedro**, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**David J. Nash**, Prescott, AZ; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Mikhail Bagdasarov**, Philadelphia, PA; Over length; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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meeting came at the request of Commissioner Mike Weible to county economic development Director Tim Copsy to see if there might be some local OMJ support members to see how they might help.

The meeting was attended by Rocky Rockhold, Greater Ohio Workforce Board; Jamie Stemen, Program Delivery Supervisor, Office of Workforce Development, Ohio Department of Jobs & Family Services (OJFS); Michael Burkholder, Workforce Specialist, Office of Workforce Development OJFS; Nathan Strange, Program Delivery Manager, Office of Workforce Development, OJFS; local contact Tiffany Goings, OhioMeansJobs Defiance/Paulding Counties, Workforce Supervisor; PC commissioners Mark Holsberry, Lisa McClure, Weible, Copsy and Kristen Schilt with the PC Economic Development office.

Copsy introduced Burkholder who in turn introduced the team and shared how the offices work closely with the county through the communication and collaboration of Goings and Copsy at the local level, and how other branches and higher levels are pulled in as necessary. This led to the sharing of questions and concerns from commissioners.

Rockhold stepped in and started from the top and shared how the "chain of command" works with the Ohio Means Jobs hierarchy, including all that is involved

from the federal level, all the way down through the state to the local level. In sharing the information, it was emphasized that despite their many roles and divisions, the team really was there to help and get questions answered or requests guided in the right direction. It was then realized that the unemployment questions and issues are not even covered in these branches of OhioMeansJobs, but actually from the Ohio unemployment side. This is an entirely different division of offices in Ohio. However, the representatives present could get the commissioners in touch with a contact from the unemployment division of the office at any time.

Once the unemployment information was understood, the conversation of all the additional pieces of help and collaboration that could take place with these representatives, was promoted. The current programs funded by the group, and new opportunities that could be beneficial were all noted for future projects and discussion.

Copsy pointed out that Goings is an outstanding county resource and that on many visits to area businesses she is invited and attends. This helps employers with workforce questions get answers both quickly and accurately and that the collaboration between offices remains strong.

All parties involved noted this was a very good meeting for learning and understanding and that a follow up meeting should be scheduled.

# LADY RAIDERS BOUNCE 3RD SEED PARKWAY FROM TOURNAMENT

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Division III girls basketball sectional got underway last Wednesday at Lincolnview. It didn't take long to see one of the top teams in the state to go down. Wayne Trace took on the challenge of opening up against #10 state ranked Parkway and the Lady Raiders prevailed 55-42. The ninth seed Raiders overcame a slow start to surprise the third seed Lady Panthers to advance to the next round.

Parkway, who entered the tournament with a glistening 20-2 record were recently crowned Midwest Athletic Conference champs and led the conference in many team statistics in the MAC. However, all the success the Panthers had experienced didn't seem to faze the red, white and blue who took a 21-20 lead to the locker room at the break. Wayne Trace continued to put the pressure on the highly favored Panthers in the third quarter -- outscoring Parkway 11-4 to enter the fourth period on top 32-24. Wayne Trace exploded with 23 points in the final eight-minutes while holding the Panthers to 18.

Parkway entered the contest averaging 51 points while allowing just 30. The Raiders responded offensively with 25-points more while holding Parkway nine-points under their average. It was a solid effort for the raiders on both ends of the court.

The 13-10 Raiders placed five in the score book led by senior Gracie Shepherd who was the game's leading scorer with 21. Shepherd shot well from the floor hitting 4-8 of her two-pointers, 3-5 behind the arc and a perfect 4-4 at the foul line. Harper Myers and Caroline Winans each added 11 points a piece. Rounding out the Raiders scoring was Careen Winans with seven and Lexi Moore chipping in five and seven rebounds.

The highly regarded Panthers also placed five in the scoring column led by Paige Williamson with 14 followed by Gabrielle Stober with 13, six below her average. Stober was the leading scorer in the MAC averaging 19 points per contest. Rounding out the scoring for the Panthers, who bow out of the tournament at 20-3, was Allison Hughes and Emiree Knittle with six points each and Brittlyn Burns adding three.

# PREMIER BANK AWARDS AMY DAEGER 6TH ANNUAL JEFF VEREECKE COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD



Pictured left to right: Jim Williams, Northern Market President, Premier Bank; Amy Daeger, SVP, Director of Product Management, Premier Bank and Gary Small, President and CEO, Premier Bank

Premier Bank has awarded Amy Daeger, Senior Vice President, Director of Product Management, the sixth annual Jeff Vereecke Community Impact Award. The award is designed to honor one individual who shares in the Bank's dedication and passion for spreading kindness, doing good deeds and making our communities stronger by demonstrating superior service to the community in which they work and/or live.

Daeger was selected as the recipient of the award by Premier Bank's executive management team and by Karen Vereecke, widow of Jeff Vereecke, former Executive Vice President and Northern Market Area President for Premier Bank, who lost his battle with cancer in 2014. "I'm truly honored to receive this award. Jeff Vereecke was an amazing mentor, leader and friend. I've been very blessed and feel called to share my time, talent and treasure with others. I'm very thankful that Premier Bank honors Jeff's memory with the award and encourages employees to give back to the community," said Daeger.

Daeger's nomination highlighted her community involvement throughout the Defiance community, which ranged from serving on the St. Mary School Development Fund, Women's Giving Circle Advisory Board, Defiance College Alumni Executive Board, Giving Tree Commit-

tee, St. Mary's Finance Council and the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce. She has also been involved with Junior Achievement of Northwestern Ohio, YMCA Capital Campaign, Zonta, The Exchange Club, BNI Networking Group, Defiance College Mentor and fundraising committees for United Way, Relay for Life and various Defiance High School committees.

"When I think of a person who is authentic, caring, faithful, kind, inspirational and committed, Amy Daeger is that person that has these qualities that Jeff Vereecke lived in his life every day," said Dawn Bales, Vice President, Retail Consumer Development Manager, in her nomination. "Jeff was a mentor to Amy, as well as myself and I saw how he not only demonstrated to everyone but inspired Amy to live that life in which she continues on to honor his legacy. Throughout Amy's career she has led by example and has taught people to celebrate their successes and to be there for a person when they need encouragement," she added.

As part of the award, Daeger received \$2,500 to donate to non-profit organizations of her choice. She chose to donate to \$1,000 The Women's Giving Circle of Defiance County, \$1,000 to One Step at a Time and \$500 to Kaitlyn's Cottage to benefit the backyard/playground project.

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- 3rd Wednesday of each month
- Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)
- Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)
- Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)
- Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Dark Cloud Over America**

I thought you might think it is our incompetent President Biden. No other person in our nation today measures so far off the charts going down as he does. His actions just don't warrant me giving him higher status. He is a disgrace to the office. I once considered Obama our biggest threat to survival. Then came China but today I give Biden full honors. He first displayed his incompe-

tent decision making in his un-precedented withdrawal from Afghanistan and donated untold weapons to the terrorist enemies. He proved right then the story that claims he was never correct on foreign policy decisions in 45+ years.

And now he told China and the rest of the world's bad guys just how weak and slow he is when faced with possible danger. He deliberately permitted two huge Chinese spy balloons to travel across America and many of our military installations before giving an order to shoot them down. Was he afraid the Chinese might tell the world of the Biden families' ties to communist China?

Maybe his decisions took so long just because he isn't up to it. Biden doesn't answer reporters questions because I believe he is incapable. I also believe someone else is pulling the strings because they are afraid he might blabber something nonsensical.

His state of The Union address was another disaster and full of lies. His answer to everything is spend, spend, spend. He has no real answer other than destroy, destroy, destroy. Biden's "cost of living" brought on by excessive spending is the highest and most dangerous in your history. I have to believe those controlling Biden want it high so they can convert America to communism.

You so-called dedicated Democrats dislike us conservative Christian Republicans mostly because of lies your elected representatives and their liberal partners in major media spout. Take for example Biden telling millions that Republicans are trying to destroy Social Security and

Medicare. In truth it's the radicals in the democrat party that are doing it with their spending.

What do you think of Biden's FBI memo that instructs them to investigate Catholics as terrorist? What does that make Biden who claims being Catholic?

I feel Democrats have a major hurdle to overcome that's probably going to accomplish two things. It's going to hurt your pride a whole lot. Second, I believe, it will stop America from turning to communism in our near future.

The Bible says many will be blind to the truth and right in the end times. I believe we are approaching the end of the end times. We must get back to faith in God that we had from our beginning until Democrats censored pastors, forbid God in schools and later started eliminating Christians from our military. If that isn't communism, please tell me what it is.

Democrats must realize your party has been hijacked by radical socialists, communists and others who just plain hate America for what we have stood for. AOC and the squad are totally anti-God and anti-America.

America has free speech, that is unless you say God or Jesus or pray in the wrong place according to atheistic Democrats. Just realize that when you remove God, Satan moves in. Satan is plain Hell like Russia, China and others. You have no freedoms and own nothing. You had best give your choices some serious thought.

—Richard Mastin  
Hicksville, OH

**LATTA LEADS HOUSE EFFORT TO INCREASE U.S. NUCLEAR FUEL SECURITY**

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) introduced the bicameral Nuclear Fuel Security Act to establish and expand critical U.S. nuclear fuel programs to boost domestic uranium mining, production, enrichment, and conversion capacity.

Latta's bill is the House companion to legislation introduced in the Senate earlier this week by Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), John Barrasso (R-WY), and Jim Risch (R-ID).

"After leading the world for decades in the development of nuclear energy, the United States has fallen behind its allies and rivals and has seen its competitive edge dimin-

ish," Latta said. "This lack of investment has forced the U.S. to import 90 percent of the nuclear fuel used in our nuclear reactors from foreign countries. Overreliance on other nations for nuclear fuel is a threat to our national security and our energy independence. To avoid threats to our nuclear supply chain, we must build up our domestic uranium mining and conversion, enrichment and conversion, and support nuclear innovation right here at home. The Nuclear Fuel Security Act will set us on the right path to strengthen our nuclear energy capabilities, lower carbon emissions, create new job, spur economic growth, and provide for a safer America."

"It's time for America to ramp up uranium production so we can eliminate our dependence on Russia," Barrasso said. "We are stronger and safer as a nation when our nuclear fuel supply chain starts at home. Our bipartisan legislation will strengthen American energy security. It will ensure our existing reactors and advanced reactors – like TerraPower's Natrium reactor – have access to American uranium."

Background on the Nuclear Fuel Security Act:

This legislation would authorize the Secretary of Energy to:

- establish the Nuclear Fuel Security Program to increase the quantity of low-enriched uranium (LEU) and high-assay, low-enriched uranium (HALEU) produced by U.S. nuclear energy companies,
- expand the American Assured Fuel Supply Program to ensure the availability of domestically produced, converted, and enriched uranium in the event of a supply disruption, and
- establish the HALEU for Advanced Nuclear Reactor Demonstration Projects Program to maximize the potential for DOE to meet the needs and schedules of advanced nuclear reactor developers until such time that commercial enrichment and deconversion capability for HALEU exists in the U.S. at a scale sufficient to meet future needs and, where practicable, partner with countries that are allies or partners of the U.S. to meet those needs and schedules until that time.

**TC'S WIDE WORLD OF WASHERS SUPERB BOWL II**



Pictured with their trophies are Kyle Proxmire and Nate Gerenscer (Trent Clemens, middle).

On Saturday Feb 11, twenty two teams came out for Superb Bowl II of Washers. Hosted by Antwerp VFW Post 5087! A grand time was had by everyone.

When all the dust had settled, for the 2nd time in less than a week, a TC's Wide World of Washers tournament was won with the a crowd wowing double dip out of the losers bracket!

Tournament winners Kyle Proxmire and Nate Gerenscer hit a hot zone after losing the first game in a best of 3 set against Matt Hormann and Sam Williamson in the first championship game winning that set 2 out of 3 and forcing Sam and Matt into the losers bracket and a 1 game showdown for the grand prize of

\$600. Taking 3rd in Superb Bowl II was Jason Hormann and Bob Bragg! John Peffley and Carl Kortokra finished 4th. 5th and 6th place finishes went to Dominick and Dakota Harvey and newcomers Joe Reinhart and Jim Murlin!

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- Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
- Milan Center:** Milan Center Feed & Grain
- Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General
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# PAULDING SEVENTH GRADE BOYS WINS GMC TOURNAMENT



The Paulding seventh grade boys basketball team won the Green Meadows Conference tournament championship recently with a 33-19 victory over Fairview at Ayersville High School. Members of the squad are Jack Daeger, Max Burns, Kalan Burns, Ridge Hunt, Tyler Goyings, Zayden Pier, Tyson Manz, Jarrett Griffith, Javvon Stiltner and Zach Barton. Managers for the squad were Parker Egnor, Wesley Grindstaff and Declan Pittman while Brian Daeger and Nick Pittman were the squad's coaches.

# HICKSVILLE SEASON ENDS AT SECTIONAL OPENER



Division IV sectionals opener for Hicksville took place on February 16<sup>th</sup> at Bryan. Hicksville couldn't pull through to a win, ending their season with a score of 43-24. Hicksville senior Leah Seitz goes up for a layup and scores for the Aces in the first quarter! More pictures westbendnews.net

Antwerp was led by Aewyn McMichael with 19 points and Caroline Rohrs totaled six markers while Katryna Fish chipped in five and Lydia Krouse had one basket.

Libbie Baker topped Hilltop with 22 points and was followed by Mia Hancock (eight), Jayma Bailey (eight), Molly Dickinson (five) and Shealyn Brown (four).

# ARCHERS TIE FOR SECOND IN GMC

The Antwerp Archers made it a clean sweep for Paulding County at the top of the Green Meadows Conference as the blue and white tied for second place with a 61-43 victory over host Tinora Friday night.

With the Archers victory and Wayne Trace's win over Paulding, the Panthers still claimed an outright GMC title while the Raiders and Archers tied for second place.

The blue and white led at every stop, grabbing an 11-8 advantage after one quarter before opening the game up with a 22-point second stanza to seize a 33-17 halftime lead.

Antwerp then extended the margin with a 17-point third quarter, holding the host Rams to ten as the Archers widened the gap to 50-27 entering the final stanza.

Landon Brewer poured in 27 points to lead the way for Antwerp, which improves to 16-3 overall and 5-2 in the league.

Parker Moore chipped in 13 points for the Archers followed by Zaine McMichael (nine), Carson Altimus (four), Camden Fuller (four), Ben Savina (two) and Reid Lichty (two).

Luke Harris topped Tinora with 26 points and Eli Plassman added a dozen for the Rams, who fall to 8-11 overall and 4-3 in the conference.

Owen Ackerman chipped in three and Gavin Eckert picked up a basket for Tinora as well.

Antwerp's junior varsity also claimed a win over the Rams, defeating Tinora 28-22.

# RAIDERS DEFEAT SHAWNEE BY 15

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

After dropping 33-points on Friday night against Paulding, Brooks Laukhuf, Wayne Trace starting guard tallied 29-points in the Raiders 58-43 win over visiting Lima Shawnee. With the win the Raiders improve their overall mark to 15-6.

Laukhuf continued the hot hand, hitting 5-7 of his two-pointers as well as 5-7 behind the arc. At the charity stripe the junior was a perfect 4-4. Along with a solid performance on the offensive end, Laukhuf made his presence known defensively with nine steals. Rounding out the Raiders scoring with 13 points was Kyle Stoller followed by Tyler Davis with six, Hudson Myers chipping in four and three-points from Tanner Laukhuf.

As a team the Raiders shot 22-49 from the field for 45 percent. Shawnee won the rebound battle 33-21 but the Indians were guilty of 22 turnovers to just six for the red, white and blue. Shawnee shot 39 percent from the floor hitting 14-36. Wayne Trace picked up 19 steals while the Indians managed only three.

Scoring for Shawnee who falls to 9-11 on the season: Austin Miller 11, Brady Gabes nine, Will McBride seven, Beckett Bertke five, Nick Pasion five, and Dominic Lynch four.

# ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB RESULTS

The Antwerp wrestling club recently competed in the 4th leg of the GMC tournament series at Ayersville High School on Sunday, February 12, 2023.

After a very tough day, 12 young Archer wrestlers were

able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 4th on the day were Blade Ruffing, Olivia Kosch, Oliver McCague, and Auston Fish. Placing 3rd were Carl Kosch, Ulrik Zijlstra, and Carson Sutton. Earning 2nd place finishes for the day were Sawyer Parisot, Brevyn Eicher, Graysyn Hermiller, and Edwin White.

Finishing as the lone Archer in 1st place at the tournament was Jameson Graham. Graham was undefeated at 3-0 for the day with 2 pins along the way. Congratulations to all of the young archers for their hard work so far this season. Good luck as you prepare for Fairview next weekend. Good luck and GO ARCHERS!!

# ANTWERP WRESTLING COMPETES AT GMC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Antwerp junior high and high school wrestling squads recently competed in the annual GMC tournament at Fairview High School on Saturday, February 11, 2023. With 8 wrestlers competing between both teams, 6 of them were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes.

Placing 2nd on the junior high side was 8th grader Maddi Doster at 172 pounds. Doster earned 3 wins by pin to only 1 loss on the day. Earning a hard-fought 4th place finish with 1 pin on the day was freshman Griffin Kosch at 144 pounds. Finishing 3rd on the day were freshman Cami McAlexander at 113 pounds, sophomore Skyler Octaviano at 132 pounds, and sophomore Miles Doster at 138 pounds. Octaviano finished his day with a 2-1 record with 1 major decision and 1 pin while Doster ended his day 3-1 with 2 pins and 1 major decision.

Earning 2nd place in his final GMC tournament in what was without a doubt the toughest weight class was senior Eli Reinhart at 157 pounds. Reinhart ended his day with a 1-1 record with his 1 win avenging a loss from earlier in the season. Congratulations to all of the Archer wrestlers for their accomplishments at GMC's. Be sure to catch Antwerp at their one and only home meet of the season on Thursday, February 16 when they wrestle Edgerton and Delphos Jefferson. Good luck and GO ARCHERS!!

# LADY ARCHERS ADVANCE TO SECTIONAL FINAL



The Archers won the game over the Bombers in the first round of sectionals through scoring on foul shots! Shown here is Aewyn McMichael making one several shots along with her other teammates! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Hayleigh Jewell scored 15 points and Caroline Rohrs chipped in ten to lead the Antwerp Lady Archers to a 39-32 win over Edon in Division IV girls sectional basketball action at Bryan High School Thursday evening.

Aewyn McMichael added nine points for the blue and white with Emma Townley recording three and Lydia Krouse picked up two.

The Lady Archers, now 14-9 on the season, advance to take on Ayersville (16-6) in the sectional championship Saturday evening.

Emma Hickman paced Edon with nine points while

Maddie Gearig and Addison Griner both aided the Bombers cause with six.

Other scorers for the Williams County squad were Natalie Wofford (five), Grace Ripke (four) and Jaycee Craven (two).

Edon closes its season with a record of 7-16 overall.

The Bombers held a slim 8-6 lead at the end of one period before Antwerp rallied in the second stanza to take a 20-17 halftime advantage.

Both teams bucketed eight points in the third quarter as the Lady Archers still held a 28-25 lead going to the final period.

# SEMI STATE HELD AT COLISEUM



Easton Doster takes down his opponent. Photo by Melissa Amstutz.

The Semi State was held at the coliseum the weekend of February 11. New Haven had one wrestler, Easton Doster, (132) and he took 1st place and advanced on to state for the weekend of February 18 in Indy. New Haven had 3 other wrestlers that wrestled hard but came up short to advance onto the ticket round for state.



Easton Doster. Photo by Melissa Amstutz

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#29 Cap Henry and #7bc Tyler Courtney at Fremont last summer. Photo Credit: Action Photo

**By: Ron Burt**

Barry Marlow shared a couple of things with me this week. Great Lakes Traditional Sprints will have a solid presence in NW Ohio in 2023, with 8 non wing races between Fremont, Waynesfield and Limaland! Those races added to the 9 races in Southern Michigan at Butler, Harford and I-96 Speedways will give Ohio and Indiana teams more choices and a solid slate of closer races. The other bonus is the increased GLTS purse at these races to \$9,295, which will pay \$1,500 to win, \$1,000 for 2nd and \$750 for 3rd. We're looking forward to some great non wing racing in the tri-state region!

The blending of Great Lakes Super Sprints and the NRA Sprint Invaders is still a work in progress! Having 39, 360 Winged races in Ohio and Michigan gives full sized wing sprints a significant schedule and be able to stay closer to home. The Ohio races will fall into the South Region and the Michigan races will fall into the North Region, giving us 2 Regional Champions. The team that finishes the highest in combined points of both Regions will be crowned the overall Great Lakes Super Sprints Champion for 2023.

At the monthly Racing Promotion Workshop in Daytona, Rex LeJeune of Attica Raceway Park was selected the 47th Annual Auto Racing Promoter of the Year for Region 3. Locally everyone agrees Rex is very deserving of this award after years of dedication to Attica Raceway Park.

The defending Little 500 winner Tyler Roahrig could make history this spring in the sprint car classic at Anderson Speedway (asphalt track). A first-place finish would give him three in a row, joining Bob Frey and Eric Gordon. It also places Roahrig in a five-way tie for fourth most wins in the Little 500's prestigious history. In 2021 and 2022 he

joined eight other drivers on a distinguished list of back-to-back winners. Tyler lead a race-high 254mlaps in the 2021 Little 500, in 2022 he came back to the speedway with momentum and confidence on his side. He qualified on the pole position for the 2022 Little 500 for the first time in his Little 500 career. His pole position run was also a record-breaking run, setting the one-lap record at 10.799 seconds and the four-lap record at 43.477 seconds. He went on to lead 230 laps in route to another dominating performance. Tickets for the 75th Annual Lucas Oil Little 500 presented by UAW are on sale now. Tickets can be obtained by calling the Anderson Speedway ticket office.

The new promoter at Montpelier Motor Speedway (Indiana) wants to bring in some new events to the ¼ mile dirt oval in 2023. The track is planning to run weekly shows, with regular shows containing Modifieds, Super Streets, Street Stocks, and Front Wheel Drives. The track is currently looking at rules for a "pure stock" class, but the class isn't set in stone yet. All rules will remain the same as last year at this time with the exception of the front wheel drives. Montpelier's working on bringing in Late Model shows. The Dirt Trucks will return this summer. The BOSS Sprints will make an appearance. The FAST-Wing Sprint show has been booked. The track is hosting the steel block Sprint Nationals, and they're trying to get the summer nationals back for a show.

Drivers, pit crews and fans are getting excited for racing as the weather is unseasonable. No reports this week on our area drivers racing in Florida and South Georgia. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohioportsblitz@yahoo.com

# GOLDEN BEARS NIP PANTHERS

The Bryan Golden Bears rallied to tie the game in the fourth quarter before the Williams County squad doubled up visiting Paulding in overtime for a 52-49 victory Saturday evening.

The Panthers took the lead early in the contest, outscoring the Golden Bears for a 14-8 lead at the end of eight minutes of action.

Quarter number two was again won by Paulding as the maroon and white scored 17 points in the period while limiting Bryan to 14 in giving the Panthers a 31-22 halftime advantage.

Bryan, though, controlled the third period with a 16-point stanza while holding Paulding to nine as the Williams County squad trimmed the deficit to 40-38 at the end of three periods.

The Golden Bears also won the fourth quarter as Bryan scored eight markers and kept the Panthers to six in tying the contest at 46-46 at the end of regulation.

In the extra session, the Golden Bears bucketed six markers and limited the Panthers to three as Bryan went on to post the 52-49 victory.

Joe Watson paced Bryan with 19 points while Karter Brown and Sam Herald recorded eight markers apiece. Evan Cox and Jase Kepler chipped in six points each for the Golden Bears, who improve to 5-16 on the season.

Dylan Koenig and Carter Dominique finished with three and two points, respectively, for the Golden Bears.

Paulding was led by Ethan Foltz with 20 points and Casey Agler added nine markers for the maroon and white. Nick Manz chipped in seven points for the Panthers followed by Luke Zartman (four), Isaac Reeb (four), Peyton Adams (three) and Kane Jones (two).

The Panther junior varsity claimed a 59-25 victory over the Golden Bears.

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# STUDENTS CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY IN GROVER HILL



Mrs. Allyssa Alvarez's third grade class held a Valentine's Day party. Pictured here is the class with the card boxes they made for the party.

# GROVER HILL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



GH January student of the month are: Front L-R: Emma Kremer, Efrain Melo Posada, Collin Miller, Jordan Jackson, Ellie Baksa, Joyce Unger, Sophia Rhodes Varner and Brookelyn Plummer. Back: Olivia Tarlton, Gabby Lowe, GaBbie Walters, Griffin Miller, Chandler Sinn, Kolson Stoller and Brooke Stoller.

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Ann C. Kaverman, Raymond A. Kaverman to Ann C. Kaverman Trustee, Raymond A. Kaverman Trustee; Maumee LN, Antwerp, OH

Timothy P. Reid to Anthony Reid, Derek Reid; 203 Washington St E, Antwerp, OH; Washington St E, Antwerp, OH

James Rodriguez ETAL to Hector Rodriguez; 116 Buffalo St W, Antwerp, OH

Duane E. Schwab Life Est@3) to Bonnie J. Schwab LE; 11504 RD 192, Cecil, OH Potter Land Company LLC to Potter Land Company LLC; RD 105; RD 105; 5077 RD 94, Payne, OH

Mark Feasby, Pamela Sue Feasby to Pamela Sue Feasby; 3419 RD 144, Antwerp, OH

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Roger D. McClure, Rosalie A. McClure ETAL to Roger D. McClure, Rosalie A. McClure ETAL; RD 131

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# PAULDING FFA OFFICERS TRAVEL TO HUNTINGTON LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



Pictured L-R Paulding FFA Officers who attended Huntington Leadership Conference: Jalyn Klopfenstein, Brooke Kilgore, Caydence Rue, Jamy Hunt, Kobe Foor, Tyler Schlatter, and Mason Schlatter.

By: Caydence Rue, Paulding FFA Reporter

Recently, seven Paulding FFA officers and their Ag teacher Mrs. Staci Miller traveled to Huntington Indiana for the 9th Annual FFA Leadership Summit held at Huntington University.

At this conference, the officers toured Huntington's campus. The tour was given by Paulding FFA Alumni Sydney Reineck who is majoring in Ag Business at Huntington.

The officers got to listen to

a panel discussion of current and alumni students sharing their experiences and opportunities that Huntington has to offer. They also heard from the President of the college in a short address.

The FFA officers were able to participate in many leadership activities and gather with other FFA officers and the Indiana's State officers to enjoy team building games. They had a nice lunch together then heard from the keynote speaker of the day.

Mitch Frazier the Presi-

dent and CEO of AgriNovus Indiana spoke to the students about the many different areas of agriculture and the career options available to them and gave them words of inspiration as young FFA members.

The Paulding FFA have gone to this event for the past 9 years and look forward to it each year. It was a wonderful day spent gaining more knowledge about FFA and learning vital leadership skills to help the officer team continue to grow stronger!

vided. The complaint was forwarded to human services in addition to the officer investigating.

February 10, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to a resident of North Garden Apartments being abusive to her cats. The officer contacted the individuals and spoke to them about not being mean to their cats.

February 11, an officer was contacted in reference to open burning on Buffalo and Erie. The officer responded and spoke with them and they put the fire out.

February 11, an officer was called to 102 Shaffer Rd in reference to unlocking a vehicle.

February 12, an officer was contacted and requested to do a welfare check on a child who was with the mother at North Garden Apartment. Officer responded and found the child to be okay.

February 14, the mayor received a call about open burning on Buffalo St. Officer responded and found there was no open burning.

February 14, an officer was called to Garcha Mart south of town in reference to two people arguing. The officer spoke with the female and she stated her boyfriend got out of the vehicle and started walking and she was going to Ft. Wayne. The officer located the boyfriend and provided transportation to Loves.

February 14, officers were called to a residence on W Canal St in reference to a domestic dispute. Officer arrived and spoke with both individuals and found nothing physical had occurred. One of the individuals agreed to leave for the night.

February 14, a resident of River St reported they were receiving threats from a family member. The officer spoke with both individuals and prepared a report.

February 14, the manager of Mercer Landmark reported there was a 4 wheeler in parking lot doing damage. The officer responded and located the juvenile at home. The officer spoke with the juvenile and parent. A report was prepared.

February 14, an officer assisted an employee at human services in reference to going to a residence on alleged child neglect.

February 14, an officer was asked to go to the Antwerp Post Office in reference to a customer that had been in there and was being belligerent. The officer spoke with employees and a report was made.

If you would like to report any suspicious activity or if you have any questions, please contact the Antwerp Police Department, 419-258-2627. They are always ready to serve the residents of the Village of Antwerp!

February 5, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to a 7 month old baby that had been physically assaulted by an adult male. The baby was referred to the hospital for evaluation. An investigation was conducted and as a result the male was arrested and transported to jail.

February 6, an officer observed a vehicle failed to stop at the traffic light in the center of town. The driver was cited for a red light violation and driving without a license.

February 8, a resident of Woodland complained of a person going door to door selling roofs. The officer was unable to locate anyone.

February 9, Antwerp Police Department assisted Antwerp EMS at Park Avenue Villas in reference to a person who had fallen.

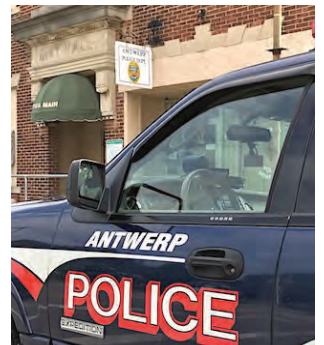
February 10, an officer was requested to do a welfare check on someone on Mervin St. The officer responded and found everything okay.

February 10, an officer was called in reference to juveniles going door to door attempting to collect money. The officer located the juveniles and parents were contacted.

February 10, an officer was contacted in reference to a complaint alleging a mother of 3 children has car seats in vehicle, but they are not strapped in, photos were pro-

## ANTWERP POLICE DEPT REPORTS

On February 1, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to a case that had occurred in 1936. Allegedly, there was a man by the name of Ralph Brattain that had been run over in an alley in the Village of Antwerp. That individual



later died at a hospital as a result. The caller was requesting if the department had any details in reference to that situation.

February 2, officers were called to North Garden Apartment in reference to a domestic dispute. Office responded and determined nothing physical had occurred. A report was prepared for the prosecutor's office.

February 2, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to a vehicle left in a parking lot adjacent to 102 W. River for several weeks. The vehicle was deemed inoperable, no valid registration and the vehicle was towed.

February 2, Antwerp Police Department received an alarm on S. Main. An officer arrived and found everything was secured.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Financial Report for Carryall Township is complete and available at the office of the Fiscal Officer. Please call 419-506-1816 for an appointment. Regular monthly meetings are held the second Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at 3408 Road 192, Antwerp, OH.

—Deb Wyckoff,  
Carryall Township  
Fiscal Officer

## PUBLIC NOTICE

2022 Annual Financial Reports are completed for Hicksville Township. For 2023, Township Trustee Meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6PM. Any changes in the scheduled meeting time or any special meeting times will be posted at the Township Building at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

—Stephanie Metz,  
Hicksville Township  
Fiscal Officer

## LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5126.027, the Defiance County Commissioners, under authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 5126.022, are seeking an individual interested in an appointment to an unexpired term on the Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The volunteer, unpaid position is currently open, and the term expires December 31, 2025. Interested individuals must be Defiance County residents and, to the maximum extent possible, have professional training and experience in business management, finance, law, health care practice, personnel administration, or government service.

Application forms available at the Commissioners' Office, 500 Court Street, Suite A, Defiance, OH from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday and at [www.defiancecounty.com](http://www.defiancecounty.com). Applications accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Submit completed application to:

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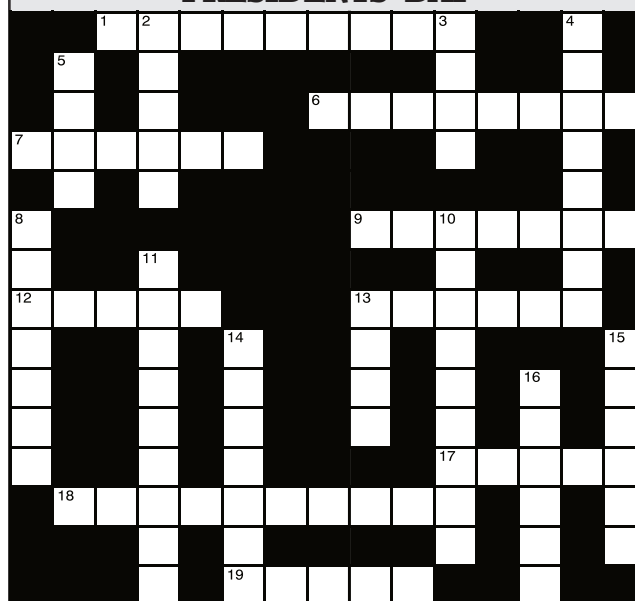
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# WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle "PRESIDENTS' DAY"



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  - 20th president of USA & assassinated months into presidency.
  - 33rd president of USA & led the country through the end of WW II.
  - 7th president of the USA & known for his role in expansion of the country.
  - 19th president of USA & oversaw the end of Reconstruction.
  - 14th president of USA & is known for support of Kansas-Nebraska Act.
  - 2nd president of USA & played key role in American Revolution.
  - 1st president of USA & served two terms from 1789-1797.
  - 18th president of USA & was key Union general during the Civil War.
  - 27th president of USA & served as chief justice of Supreme Court.
  - 13th president of USA & oversaw the Compromise of 1850.
  - 38th president of USA & is only person to serve as both VP & president without being elected to either office.
  - 17th president of USA & was first president to be impeached.
  - 22nd & 24th president of USA & is the only president to serve two non-consecutive terms.
  - 3rd president of USA & known for writing Declaration of Independence.
  - 11th president of USA & oversaw the Mexican-American War.
  - 29th president of USA & is known for the Teapot Dome scandal.
  - 28th president of USA & led the country through World War I.
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Case No. CI 22 195

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

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Parcel Number: 03-03S-022-01

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office located in 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 March 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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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 March 30, 2023 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.

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Matthew I. McKelvey, Attorney for Plaintiff



# ARCHERS NIP BLUE JAYS ; BREWER HITS 1,000 POINTS!



Landon Brewer hits his 1000 points of his high school basketball career at Saturday night's game, February 11, 2023! Pictured here is Luke Brewer (brother), Shawn Brewer (father), Landon Brewer, Cindy Brewer (mother), and Lydia Brewer (sister).

Antwerp hit the road to Allen County Saturday afternoon where the visiting Archers held on for a 43-41 victory over Delphos St. John's in non-league action.

The Blue Jays seized a 14-11 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before the Archers rallied to seize a 22-21 halftime advantage, outscoring Delphos St. John's 11-7 in the period.

Antwerp then extended the margin in the third quarter, racking up 14 points in the

stanza while Delphos St. John's scored eight as the Archers widened the gap to 36-29 entering the final quarter.

The visiting Archers scored just enough in the final period, bucketing seven markers compared to the Blue Jays' dozen as Antwerp held on for the 43-41 victory.

Landon Brewer topped the blue and white with 16 points (and reached his 1000th point! Congratulations Landon!) and Reid Lichty chipped



Archer Landon Brewer adds points to his collection with shots like this one at Saturday's game against the Blue Jays of Delphos St. John. Photo by Harlee Moore

in 13 markers as Antwerp improved to 17-3 on the season. Carson Altimus also had eight points for Antwerp followed by Parker Moore (three) and Camden Fuller (three).

Cameron Elwer paced Delphos St. John's with 16 points and Jack Gerker chipped in nine markers for the Blue Jays, who fall to 15-6

overall. Also finding the scoring column for the Blue Jays were Lunden Grothaus (seven), Austin Moenter (five), Nolan Schwinnen (two) and Aaron Moenter (two).

The Blue Jay junior varsity recorded a 40-34 over the Archers.

# WOODLAN TAKES WIN FROM RAIDERS



Woodlan senior Dejay Gerig picks up the rebound and launches the ball back in the basket for two points! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Woodlan boys basketball hosted the Southern Wells Raiders in a late season match up on February 10th. Woodlan used their home court ad-

vantage combined with superb offensive ball handling to top the score board and take a win. Final Score was 79-56.

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Elaine M. Gill, Ruben T. Gill to Ruben T. Gill; 215 Williams St S

## BODY NEUTRALITY: IT'S MORE THAN A FEELING

(NAPSI)—For years, people have been told by brands and influencers to be “body positive” and embrace the way their bodies look—no matter the shape or size. Sounds good, right?

Well, the term body positivity focuses on outward ap-

pearance and doesn't account for overall health. For example, someone may be focused on feeling body positive and implement a gym routine that simultaneously neglects other important aspects of their wellness, such as nutrition.

Body neutrality, which has been championed by singer Lizzo and actor Jameela Jamil, has many definitions. Tom Holland, exercise physiologist and Bowflex fitness advisor, explains that the core concept is to take pressure off your appearance and to focus on how your body feels. He adds that when you realize the way you look is not necessarily indicative of your health or happiness, you can prioritize your holistic wellness instead of your appearance.

Although June is “Beautiful in Your Skin” month, any time is a good time to start being body neutral.

How To Establish a Body Neutral Workout Routine

- Feel good in your genes—Everyone has a different body type, genetic makeup, lifestyle and goals—meaning there is no one-size-fits-all health and fitness routine. Instead of following a generalized routine, you need to create custom workout experiences that fit your individual needs.

Fortunately, the JRNY digital fitness platform (<https://www.bowflex.com/jrny.html>) offers personalized, trainer-led workouts on Bowflex cardio equipment based on your fitness abilities and mood—removing any guesswork from achieving a quality, meaningful workout at home or on the go. Check out JRNY for full-body workouts, including

# PAULDING POSITIVE PANTHERS



Paulding Junior High January Positive Panthers include: Chloe Coombs, Taelynn Parrett and Madalyn Dierksheide.

# PAULDING JH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding Junior High January Students of the month are the following: Audrey Trejo, Alivia Kingen and Vivi Myers.

yoga, Pilates, core, stretching and more.

- Pay attention to the numbers that matter—While the number on the scale can be an easy fixation point, it should not be the goal. Instead, focus on implementing workout goals that are achievable and controllable.

Holland says, “A key concept in creating a body neutral workout routine is to control what you can, such as making healthy eating choices, moving more, and adopting a positive mindset. When you make these small adjustments over time, good things will happen.”

For example, encourage yourself to better your mile time or increase your reps. At-home fitness equipment such as the Bowflex Select-Tech 552 dumbbells (<https://www.bowflex.com/select-tech/552/100131.html>) make this process simple by giving you the ability to adjust the weight from 5 to 52.5 lbs. with the click of a dial, replacing 15 weight sets. Similarly, the Bowflex Max Total 16 (<https://www.bowflex.com/max-trainer/mt16/100915.html>) is ideal for those who want high-in-

tensity interval training, and JRNY gives you access to your fitness journal so you can see your personal bests and improvements over time. Equipment such as this helps you to focus on the numbers that matter rather than the ones that don't.

- Consistency is always key—The age-old saying still rings true: The more consistent you are with working out, the better the outcome. Aiming to work out a certain number of times a week is an achievable goal that is in your control.

“There are numerous benefits from each exercise session—whether that's 5 or 60 minutes—including both physical and psychological impacts that you may or may not see in the mirror, such as a significantly decreased risk of many diseases, numerous cognitive benefits, increased energy, improved sleep and more,” Holland explains.

So, there's no need to pick sides: Stay body neutral and embrace your fitness journey. You'll feel successful knowing that you met or exceeded your goals.



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# THE UNIQUE WAR



What causes wars? I have often wanted to make a list of all the wars that have taken place, but it probably would be impossible. It might even be an infinite list because there would be no end. Looking at history there are several wars that lasted hundreds of years, and there were some that were short. The problem with a long war, might be the fact that you forget what you were fighting about.

The war I wish to talk about is called, "The 100 hours War." It took place in 1969 between Honduras and El Salvador, and lasted just a matter of days, but left over 2,000 dead, and the countries devastated. But wait, I am getting ahead of myself. For decades the countries seemed to have a strange relationship, but they got along.

Honduras has a much thicker population than El Salvador, and El Salvador is mostly farms. For decades Honduras had gone to El Salvador to farm, and it seemed to benefit both countries. That is until one day in June, of 1969, when they went to war. What caused the war? Honduras had "dishonored," El Salvador. It was simply a matter of national pride, and was caused by a national official.

The farmers went home, and told stories of atrocities inflicted on them by El Salvador. The country's broke

diplomatic relations, and within a month war was declared. 5 days later 2000 had been killed. Each country had an army of approximately 5,000 soldiers. Honduran planes had damaged El Salvador's industry and Salvadorian troops were 25 miles inside Honduras.

What was this mysterious event, the national dishonor suffered by El Salvador. El Salvador is seriously overpopulated with 485 people per square mile and Honduras has only 70 people per square mile. Honduras is the poorest Central American country, and the land in El Salvador is quite rich, so the arrangement for farming had worked out for decades. Everything was great until June of 1969.

Then who was the official that caused the War. It was not a government official, it was an athletic official. Two Nations that had lived in peace were suddenly killing each other, over a game. Two Nations that had had an open border, were suddenly at War. The cause of the war was an athletic event, a football game. (Soccer.) A disputed score in a soccer game.

We sympathize with the people of Ukraine that are losing their country. It's hard to imagine living without electricity, in the cold winter. The thing that wears on you is that you don't know how long the war is going to last. We know that war finally ends, we just don't know when. The only thing we can do is pray but that doesn't seem to help. God is in control and he will take care of the situation.

Mark 13:18 Pray that your flight be not in winter.

—James Neuhouser

## PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

**Paulding County Prosecutor Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (7) persons Thursday, February 9, 2023.**

**Matthew Joseph Brubaker** (7/19/71), Defiance, OH; Trespass in a habitation when a person is present or likely to be present, F4; Criminal damaging or endangering, M2

**Danielle Renee Varner** (7/7/84), Oakwood, OH; Theft, F4; Telecommunications fraud, F3; Falsification in a theft offense, F4

**Eathen G. Reed** (3/2/04), Bluff City, TN; Failure to comply with an order or signal of a police officer, F3; Receiving stolen property, F5

**Eligha Billingsley** (11/2/83), Fort Wayne, IN;

Possession of a fentanyl-related compound, F5; Possession of cocaine, F5

**Louis Patton** (2/4/85), Fort Wayne, IN; Possession of marijuana, F3

**Kevin Francis** (6/26/88), Lewisburg, TN; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

**Christina Sue Burk** (1/6/90), Cecil, OH; Breaking and entering, F5; Theft, F5

## LATTY VILLAGE COUNCIL FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES 2/7/23

The meeting started with a moment of silence to honor and remember Elmer Groves who passed away January 27 at his residence. Elmer was currently serving on the council up until his death.

Kirk Stoller was elected president of the council to replace Shawn Gerber who is now mayor.

Amy Hoffman from Palmer Energy was an invited guest at the council meeting. She explained that Latty placed electric aggregation on the ballot in 2017 and it passed. Along with Payne, Latty has had electric aggregation in place since 2018. The current aggregation is a fixed rate of

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The council continued a discussion of the Easter egg hunt within the Village. The Easter Egg hunt will take place this spring and will be for village residents and their grandchildren. The specifics will be finalized at the next council meeting.

The council will accept a bid for a new mower to replace the old zero turn at the next meeting.

The old mower will be sold. It will be sold as is and needs work. It will be open for inspection on February 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 and by appointment. Sealed bids will be accepted by the village clerk and opened at the March 14th meeting.

The council is in the process of establishing a policy of what the village employees will be responsible for mowing and maintaining. Shawn Gerber will work on drawing up the policy and revisions will be made at the next meeting.

Mayor Gerber made the council aware that Sheriff Landers has a new mobile app that will allow the sheriff's office to connect with individuals quickly and efficiently to anyone with a smartphone. The app is available for free download in the App Store and Google Play by searching "Paulding Sheriff's Office." The mayor also made council aware that the next time the village is without power for an extended period of time, they are to contact Paulding County Emergency Management Director Ed Bohn and he will direct them in what to do and what services his office can provide.

Jo Anna Taylor informed the council that she is resigning as clerk and that her last day at the Village of Latty will be March 31st. If interested, please contact the mayor.

The village currently has vacant positions on the council. If interested, please contact a council member and attend the next scheduled council meeting. The vacancy is filled by the remaining council members for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The Paulding County Engineer's Office will continue with sign maintenance in the village. They will be replacing traffic signs and adding signs to ensure safety within the town.

Beth Stoller informed the council that she attended a meeting to learn about the new community calendar that is being launched in Paulding County by the Vision Board. Latty will be able to post events happening in our community on it. The council is looking at ways to create more of a social media presence.

The second Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for February 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Latty Town Hall Building.

The next council meeting will be March 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

## DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/16/23

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2023, in the Commissioners' Session Room. President David S. Kern called the meeting to order.

Also present were Commissioners Dana Phipps and Mick Pocratsky; Sherry Carnahan, Finance Manager/Administrator; Stephanie Metz, Clerk; and Emily Meyer, Administrative Assistant.

Kris Fields and Melissa Ferruso, Center for Energy Education, met with the Commissioners to provide an update.

The Commissioners met in General Session to approve and sign various resolutions, contracts, and documents. The Commissioners also reviewed the calendar of events and discussed upcoming meetings.

On February 7, 2023, a Resolution to Vacate Abandoned, Unused Township Roads and Alleys was received from the Delaware Township Trustees, pursuant to Section 5553.045 of the Ohio Revised Code. The petition requests for the vacation of the following: Ashwood Road from CR 424 south to the southern right

of way line of CSX Railroad, and Tittle Road from CR 424 north to the northern right of way line of the CSX Railroad. Said roadways will be viewed by the Board of Defiance County Commissioners on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., beginning with the intersection of Tittle Road and CR 424. A Public Hearing for this matter will be held Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Commissioners' Office.

The meeting with Nick Wichman, Defiance County Senior Services' Director, for a monthly update was cancelled due to telephone and computer outages at the Defiance Center.

The bid opening scheduled with Warren Schlatter, Defiance County Engineer, for the Evansport Bridge Replacement Project was delayed until Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. due to a need to increase the pre-bid engineer's estimate.

## PANTHERS WIN FINALE AT JUNGLE

The Paulding Panther boys basketball team closed out its home schedule with a 57-41 win over visiting Miller City Thursday night.

The victory was the final one at the 'Jungle' for seven Panther seniors that combined to score 47 of the maroon and white points on the night.

Playing in the last home game of their careers were Peyton Adams, Vincente Cantu, Ethan Foltz, Nick Manz, Jacob Martinez, Isaac Reeb and Luke Zartman.

Paulding held a 14-10 lead at the end of eight minutes and the Panthers pushed the margin to 26-20 at the halfway point of the contest.

The Panthers again widened the gap in the third quarter, expanding the advantage to 43-34 entering the final stanza.

Luke Zartman led the way for the maroon and white with 16 points with Adams and Manz adding nine markers apiece. Foltz chipped in seven points for Paulding while Blake Rhonehouse contributed six markers.

Kane Jones and Reeb both totaled four points for the Panthers and Jacob Martinez scored a bucket as well for Paulding, which improved to 13-8 on the season.

Brendan Barlage topped Miller City with 15 points and Silas Niese contributed 14 for the Wildcats, who fall to 12-9.

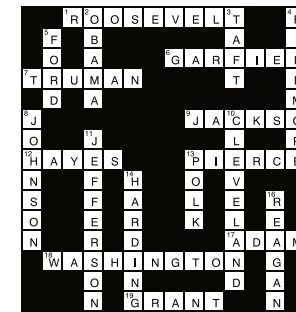
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Applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Office and have excellent public relations, customer service skills and some kitchen experience. Considerable knowledge of senior issues, gerontology and the application of supervisory techniques is preferred. Must possess a valid State of Ohio Vehicle Driver's License and have an acceptable driving record and insurability. Starting salary range is \$41,600 - \$45,760.00, based on qualifications and experience. Completion of a high school diploma or equivalent plus substantial related work experience and/or specialized or technical is required.

Please submit resumes to the Paulding County Commissioners' office located at 451 McDonald Pike, Suite E, Paulding, OH 45879. Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. You may also submit resumes by email to [pccommissioners@pauldingcountyoh.com](mailto:pccommissioners@pauldingcountyoh.com). Resumes must be submitted by Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. to:

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