

## APARTMENT FIRE IN PAULDING



The Paulding Fire Department and EMS were paged out to a possible apartment fire above the old Three Brothers Restaurant, at 10:03 pm. Monday, February 20, 2023. Paulding Police arrived on scene to smoke coming from the second floor. Residents in other apartments were evacuated from the two-story structure. Automatic aid from Antwerp and Payne Fire Departments assisted at the

scene. The fire was contained to the one apartment, but smoke and water damage occurred in some of the other apartments. One of the residents was transported to the Paulding County Hospital for smoke inhalation. The person's name is not being released at this time. The other displaced residents are either being cared for by the Red Cross or staying with friends.

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## GOODBYE STEVE



By: Bryce Steiner  
I can't believe that it's been nearly 20 years since the idea behind West Bend News and

West Bend Printing came about. I think it was about early to mid 2004 on a warm Sunday evening at the Antwerp Church of Christ (Now Riverside Christian) when a conversation came up about being convicted to live and work in the same community where we went to church. Steve and Sue Knapp said we should move over to Antwerp and start up a business. Our kids were still quite young so we began to entertain the idea. With each passing visit, Steve and Sue would mention that a building might be available, or that they

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## FACTUAL INFORMATION ON TRAIN DERAILMENTS

The Paulding County EMA, Emergency Management Agency, would like to clarify the information or the misinformation the public is receiving from media and especially social media. With the recent train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, the media has jumped at any and every angle of the derailment and have stretched the truth about railroad transportation of hazardous commodities and the impact to the residents along the railroads across America.

Each year the seven "Class 1" railroad companies on average have just over 1,000 derailments. That includes the rail car coming off the tracks, not over turned or product spilled. But, that is the definition of a train derailment, the rail car leaving the tracks. The real number of derailments involving the release of hazardous materials, are 149 in the last decade. The United States has the largest rail transport network size of any country in the world, at a total of approximately 160,000 miles of train tracks. Of the over 2.2 million rails cars each year of Hazardous Materials Commodities transported each year, more than 99.9% of all hazardous materials moved by rail, reaches its destination without a release caused by a train accident.

Norfolk Southern Railroad has the rail line running through Paulding County, from Ft. Wayne Indiana's rail yard to Bellevue, Ohio's rail yard. Each year Norfolk Southern, provides the Paulding County EMA with the top 25 hazardous commodities transported, through the county. With that information, the Paulding County EMA and the Paulding County LEPC, Local Emergency Planning Committee, review and update the county's hazardous materials plan, that is required by each of the 88 counties in Ohio to have and be approved by the state SERC, State Emergency Response Commission. Norfolk Southern Railroad provides training to first responders on a yearly basis. Norfolk Southern Railroad has invested in building a "safety train" as part of its Norfolk Southern's Operation Awareness and Response Program. They trans-

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## SCHLEGEL RELEASES NEW SINGLE/VIDEO "GLASSES"



Pictured with Pete Schlegel (right) is Cledus T. Judd. Judd appears in Schegel's new music video "Glasses" premiering on March 1, 2023!

Pete Schlegel, the country music sensation from Paulding County, Ohio, is set to release a brand new single and music video titled "Glasses". The single will be released on March 1st and the music

video will be available for streaming on CMT / CMT.com on March 3rd, along with all other streaming outlets.

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## GROVER HILL FIRE FIGHTER SCHAFFNER RETIRES



The Grover Hill Fire Department would like to extend We would like to recognize

and offer our sincerest gratitude to Owen Schaffner on his

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## Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p
- February 27**
- Community Revival @ Antwerp Global Meth Ch., 5p meal, 6:30p service
- February 28**
- Community Revival @ Antwerp Global Meth. Ch., 5p meal, 6:30p service
- March 1**
- OPERS meeting @ PC Senior Center, 10am
  - Comm. Lenten Lunches @ 1st Pres Church, Paulding, 12pm
  - Community Revival @ Antwerp Global Meth. Ch., 5p meal, 6:30p service
- March 2**
- Antwerp PTO Bingo Night @ auditeria, 6pm
- March 3**
- Hicksville KofC, Fish Fry @ St. Michaels, 4:30pm
- March 3-4**
- Arsenic & Old Lace @ Studio 211, Antwerp
- March 3-5**
- Into The Woods by Hicksville HS @ Huber, 7:30p; 3/5,2p
- March 8**
- TechCred Workshop @ Paulding Eagles, 8:30-10:30a
  - Comm. Lenten Lunches @ 1st Pres Church, Paulding, 12pm
- March 10-12**
- The Spongebob Musical @ Wayne Trace HS

## OBITUARIES



ANTWERP, OH:

**Stephen E. Knapp**, 75, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, February 23, 2023 peacefully at his home with his family around him.

Steve was born in Harlan, Indiana on January 30, 1948, a son of the late Mary (Sunday) & Ross Knapp. Steve was the youngest of 8 siblings.

He was always loyal to his work at Dana Weatherhead, Defiance Precision Products, Cooper Tools, and most recently, The West Bend News. Most of all he dedicated his life to Christ and his family.

In the last handful of years, Steve got a lot of his enjoyment "solving the world's problems" with his buddies, sitting around having coffee at the Sunoco in Antwerp.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Sue, to whom he was married to July 22, 1967; children, Mike (Lisa) of Antwerp, Michelle (Russ) Grant of Hicksville, Shawn (Amy) of Salt Lake City, Utah, & Troy (Eshell) of Knoxville, Tennessee; sister, Donna (Max) Timbrook of Mitchell, Indiana; 18 grandchildren; & 8 great grandchildren with one on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ross and Mary; brothers, Bill, Larry, & John "Butch" Knapp; & sisters Betty Hissong, Lou Payne, & Judy Gray.

Viewing is Tuesday, February 28, 2023, from 4-7 PM, at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W River St, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

Service is Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 10:30 AM, with viewing one hour prior at the funeral home.

He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Paulding County Nurses Auxillary.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.

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ANTWERP HOLDS MVPO  
COMMUNITY SUMMIT

On February 23 the Village of Antwerp with the Paulding County Economic Development hosted a Community Summit at the Antwerp VFW with the Maumee Valley Planning Organization's, Estee Miller. The event brought in 33 people from the community who voiced their opinions on the Strengths Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) of the Antwerp Village and immedi-

ate surroundings. The data expressed will be used to report back to the community on what grants and help may be available with a plan to make some of these goals achievable. Meanwhile, the Antwerp Village Council and the Economic Development are working with the local groups to making the village better and more enticing for people live and work in the commu-

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would love us to move to Antwerp. Steve had just retired and wanted something different. Little did he know what he was getting into!

I've known Sue for almost as long as I can remember, probably a pre-teen when I first met her kids and was friends from then on. It took a few years, but she soon brought her husband Steve to church and I have known him ever since. It was there that our relationship really grew with them and Antwerp.

It was in May of 2005 when I left my job at Courier Printing in Grabill and with Angel, my wife, and children, sold our home and moved to Ohio to start a new venture called West Bend Printing and Publishing Inc. with Steve and Sue. We opened the doors in June 2005 for business with Steve and Sue after a few weeks of renovations to the old Noah Yoder building. Everyone worked hard, and for months, with little to no pay. Steve had purchased the old "Noah Yoder" building where WB is still headquartered.

Steve was always early to work in his red truck with the cab. He was a simple guy who was honest with himself and others. He didn't care for computers at all even though he would take care of some of the accounts receivables. Every week he would get up extra early and pick up the newspapers at KPC in Kendallville so we could get them in the mail! The newspaper was a bigger part of the business then. Postage was quite a bit less for mailing the newspaper out and it grew quickly and is still very much the same with the motto "Good News for Good Communities".

The Knapps and the Steiners set a goal that West Bend News would be free like the East Allen Courier, and that it would be local news and community driven with an emphasis on the achievements of young people. We knew that a 4 lane US 24 was going to be a reality in the near future for Paulding County and wanted to be able to remove the state-line economic barrier that seemed to stop business in our local communities. Antwerp

and Woodburn were just too close to not be connected. Area communities also began asking if they could get the newspaper too.

I don't believe it was even a year after we opened before Steve introduced us to Stan and Pauline Jordan. Stan had been mowing the cemetery in town and was ready to give that up at the young age of 82. It wasn't long before Stan's silver Dodge Ram truck was parked out front of the office (later it was red) and everyone knew that if Stan was here they could come in and talk about history and Stan would give them the answer they didn't know, or he would make one up!

Steve generally stayed in the office while Sue would go out, write articles, and get ads. It was a job for retirement for sure! Sue is certainly a people person and anyone who knows her knows she would do anything for you!

One time there was an outstanding debt that a restaurant had ignored. It had now been going on a year and Steve was very frustrated with this business owner who had not paid his bill. Steve got it in his mind one day that he was going to collect that bill. He drove out there, got lunch and then handed the owner the bill saying, "I'll pay for my lunch when you pay for your bill." The owner paid the debt and gave Steve a free lunch! I guess that was the interest.

Steve would talk about the family restaurants that we used to have in the county such as Cabbage Patch and Uncle Fudd's, where he would get frog legs. He also loved the gizzards that he would get going to our local restaurants.

Every day Steve would want the type for the newspaper ready for him to proof-read, and the day before the paper was put together all the type would be cut out in column strips and taped together in long columns and then cut out by article. He did this all with his red handled left-handed scissors. Steve would be tape each one, measure them and identify what kind of article it was for placement in the layout. We would then put all these with the ads on the pages and Steve would be right there helping put the

## Scripture of the Week

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

— Jeremiah 29:11-13



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The damage to the one apartment was substantial, but a dollar amount or cause of the fire is unknown at this time, it remains under investigation. A total of 22 firefighters from the three fire departments were on scene for over 2 ½ hours. Traffic was detoured around the courthouse square due to 5" supply hose laid from the hydrant at the corner of Williams and Perry St. Paulding EMS had both squads on scene following the transport of the resident to the ER. The Van Wert CERT assisted at the scene, as did the Paulding County EMA. This was the first fire for the Paul-



ding Firefighters to use their replacement aerial ladder truck. Ironically, the firefighters were training on the aerial ladder truck earlier in the evening.

puzzle together. It was good times and none of this would have ever happened without Steve.

As technology changed, more tasks were developed on computer that previously were handled on paper and that didn't work so well for Steve. After five years of putting up with me, he decided it was time to go home and enjoy life. In August 2010 Steve said his farewell to the business he co-founded. Sue followed in June of 2012. Stan continued to come in everyday and loved every minute of it.

Relationships like these don't come along every day.

They are built with years of working together through the highs and lows. No matter what — God was there guiding us in the right direction to serve each other and our community.

Steve passed away Thursday, February 23 after a bout of cancer that was found in 2022. We love Steve and Sue. Many people have no idea of the impact they had upon me, my family, this business and this community.

In the words of Stan, "See Ya" Steve ... from all your friends here at the West Bend News.



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**FRANKLY MY DEAR, I DON'T "GIVE A GRIT."**

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

Bring on the grits, black-eyed peas, cornbread, ham hocks and beans and fried chicken, chess pie for dessert and you've got a meal.

Southern cooking has become more popular with the recent cooking show hosts and the idea of good home-style comfort food. I know my grandma was from the south and no one could cook like her. She could take a can of beans and make them taste delicious. Her dandelion greens, wilted lettuce, juicy pork chops, ham with redevye gravy and biscuits were a treat everyone looked forward to when they ate at grandma's house. When thinking of great tasting comfort foods, many are reminded of southern home cooking which is exactly what it is.

The same basic foods in the south exist as they did three centuries ago when the settlers arrived in the 1700s. The land was fertile and the opportunity to grow plentiful crops was there. Corn became the staple. The Native Americans taught early settlers how to prepare, grow, store and cook corn. Since most everything from bread to whiskey was made from the corn crops. People thrived with gardens full of vegetables of all types and their hunting skills.

Much of the food eaten in the south came from the Native American culture and from slave and sharecropping days. The settlers relied on the wild game in the area for food at least until they cleared land, planted corn and vegetables and learned how to prepare and eat certain foods, such as squash, peppers and cowpeas. Tomatoes were discovered and produced by the Native Americans; however, most southerners would not touch the unique red vegetable, due to the fact, they felt it was poisonous up until the 20th century.

The Indians also taught settlers cooking techniques. They taught them how to dry meats and vegetables of various types. They learned how to make preserves and jerky. Women soon became good at processing corn to create breads and cornbread. With an ash hopper, they could soak the dry grains to produce "hominy" or "hominy grits." Grits became a popular staple of southerners during this time and even today it is tradi-

tionally set on a southern table, at least for a breakfast food.

Now I have heard folks from the south pronounce grits in two syllables which is different than how we pronounce it. They say, "Gri yats." Personally, I am not a grit or a "grit yat" eater, so my experience with them is very limited. I saw in the grocery store you could buy packages of instant grits and also grits with



cheese. Now even though grandma didn't fix a lot of grits, she did cook hominy. This was a southern staple and was usually cooked in with scrambled eggs. I remember one time when we were vacationing in Tennessee, my one little girl was ordering from a breakfast menu and said, "I want some of those grits." We let her try them and she tried to eat them; however, I saw her spit some in her napkin. I bet my grandchildren have never heard tell of southern cooking and foods like grits, hominy, mush, and the ever popular beverage of the south, "sweet tea."

I remember one Thanksgiving my grandpa went hunting with a slingshot. He had got lucky and bagged a pheasant. Even though grandma cleaned and cooked it beautifully, I just could not eat it. I guess I would not have made a good southern settler, because wild game is just not in my repertoire of favorite southern food.

People all like to eat and most of us like the old fashioned southern comfort foods. I know in the winter, when the cold winds blow and the snow starts falling down, my thoughts go to soups, stews and belly warming food. If you were to travel south, you would probably get to try all the home cooked southern cooking and things like "gri yats" corn pone, think slices of salt pork, grease gravy, light fluffy biscuits and oh yes, "a glass of sweet tea."

Each area of our country eats different depending on availability of certain foods. Where you live and where you visit will bring all kinds of area cuisine for your palates. As for me, I like it all, but maybe not pheasant.

Do you like southern cooking and foods such as: ham hocks, sauerkraut, corn pone and oh yes, "gri-yats" Let me know and I will give you a Penny for your Thoughts.

**NH LION BILL HART RECEIVES MELVIN JONES AWARD**



At our February 13, 2023 meeting at Coney Dog Cafe in New Haven, Past District Governor Don Cooper presented a Melvin Jones Award to New Haven Lion, Bill Hart. Bill has been a member for 45 years and has served the club well during his years of service.

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On Thursday, March 9, 2023, is the day to enroll kindergarteners for the 2023-24 school year at East Allen County Schools.

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Pete Schlegel is known for his authentic and raw style of country music, which has won the hearts of fans worldwide. "Glasses" is no exception, with its upbeat and catchy melody that is sure to get people dancing.

The music video was shot in East Tennessee, and features a cameo by the legendary Cledus T Judd. The video also stars Pete's wife, Kathy Schlegel, and his sons, Cody and Alex Schlegel. Fans can expect a fun and entertaining visual experience that perfectly complements the upbeat nature of the song.

As a native of Paulding County, Ohio, Pete Schlegel is proud to bring his country roots to the world stage. He now resides in near Knoxville, TN, where he continues to produce some of the most authentic country music in the industry.

In addition to his new single and music video, Pete Schlegel will be on tour this

year, so fans will have plenty of opportunities to see him perform live. As a testament to his talent, in January 2022, he had a #1 hit on the Southern Gospel / Positive Country charts with his song "My God".

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Schlegel is ready to hit the road with his 2023 tour. Pete will be playing acoustic and full band shows throughout the country. He will be in concert on June 11 at 8:00 p.m. at the Paulding County Fair; July 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Edgerton, OH, and July 13 at 8:00 p.m. in Antwerp, OH. For a full listing of his upcoming tour dates visit his website.

"Glasses" is the perfect follow-up to Pete Schlegel's previous hits, and is sure to be a fan favorite. Fans can visit <http://peteschlegel.com/> to get their hands on the new single, and can tune in to CMT / CMT.com on March 3rd to watch the music video. Don't miss out on this exciting new release from one of country music's rising stars.

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**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**



**By: Mark Holtsberry**

"As the world turns" (part 2) of the story of Andrew C. Jackson

As the Jackson brothers, Jesse and Coe, return home in 1899, Andrew was still working as a printer at the local newspaper in Paulding. Son, Jesse, became a consul in the Middle East and Coe went into the newspaper business.

By 1900, Andrew and Lucy were divorced. She lived with her son Coe on Emerald Pike, (Emerald Road) in Paulding. On August 2, 1902, Andrew's father, Benjamin, passed away. He is buried in Forder Cemetery, outside Cecil, Ohio.

August 25, 1912, Elizabeth filed for Benjamin's pension. Between that timeframe and 1910, Andrew married a gal named, Eliza P. Tilley, born August 20, 1859 in Ohio. They lived on West Perry Street and Andrew continued in the newspaper business.

October 4, 1913, Andrew's mother, Elizabeth, passed away. She, also, is buried at Forder Cemetery. By 1920, Andrew and Eliza were living 827 West Perry Street in Paulding. Still a printer at the newspaper.

On May 9, 1923, Andrew's first wife, Lucy Ann Jackson, passed away. Crowell Funeral Home handled the burial. She

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recent retirement from the Grover Hill Fire Department. Owen served the GH community for over 31 years on the

is buried in Live Oak Cemetery. I have not been able to locate a grave. Health Department was very helpful in trying to resolve this issue but to no avail.

On July 12, 1923, Andrew passed away and buried in Hedges Cemetery, in East side section, Lot 6, Grave 1. Eliza filed for his pension, August 27, 1923. Now, you, the reader, would think that this is the end of the story, right? Wrong! The military stone that is in Hedges Cemetery, reads Andrew Jackson, 8th Indiana Cavalry, also known as Company C. 10th Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

Now if you have read part one of this story, Andrew C. Jackson served with Company G. 14th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for 3 years and 10 months. What we have here, a military stone placed in the wrong cemetery. The Andrew Jackson that this tombstone represents, was born May 1, 1841 in Mercer County, Ohio.

He passed away January 1, 1919 in Kansas. He is buried in Downs Cemetery, Kansas. Original Cemetery layout, Block 42, Lot 1, Site 8. The back of his headstone is engraved Company C. 8th Indiana Cavalry.

I believe I just uncovered a Government mistake! The sad part is I remember an elderly lady, who came from Michigan about the time of Memorial Day. She would place flowers on the grave of Andrew C. Jackson. I believe I will try and get the correct Military stone for the correct Andrew C. Jackson.

Oh, by the way, Andrew's second wife, Eliza, passed away, July 1, 1941 in Franklin County, Ohio, she is buried there. I hope, you the reader, has gotten all of this the first time, right? If not read this again.

*...Until Next Time!*

fire department and will greatly be missed. Recognizing this accomplishment are: L-David Volk, Owen Schaffner, R-Chief Daron Showalter.

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#### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of March is a very busy time period for our students and staff. Winter sports are either moving into their tournament opportunities or are winding down. Our student athletes are also gearing up for their participation in a spring sport season. A sizeable number of our students have also been busy in preparation for the High School musical entitled *Freaky Friday*. Performances will take place March 17 and 18 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m. All performances will take place in our Auditoria.

From an academic standpoint, the third nine-week grading period ends Friday, March 17. As we work our way through the last half of the school year, our seniors are busy planning for their future after graduation by finalizing plans for college, work, or the military. Similarly, during the last quarter of the school year, students in grades 3-11 will also engage in state assessments. Please visit <http://education.ohio.gov/> for additional information from the Ohio Department of Education regarding state assessments.

The effort to assure that educational needs and requirements are met for all the children in our school district is a challenge, especially when you consider that several of our school age children are receiving their education outside of the traditional school setting of our school building. On any given school day, 664 students in grades Pk - 12 attend school in the school building. 23 high school students are enrolled in at least one College Credit Plus (CCP) course that may involve traveling to the college or completing the course online. 37 students in grades 11-12 attend the Vantage Vocational school in Van Wert. Six students attend the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Opportunity School located in Paulding, Ohio. We have two students who are transported and attend the Bryan Autism Center. There is also one student currently at home receiving their education through our NOVA online program. While technically not Antwerp students, we have 29 school age children receiving their education in a "home school" environment.

We are thrilled to let you know that Antwerp Local Schools has been awarded a \$100,000 School Safety Grant from the State of Ohio. Grant funds will be utilized to initiate three projects. One project is the installation of a lighting system along a walkway that will run from the west side of the school building along the south side of Archer Way and end at Water Plant Drive. Another project is the installation of a GPS tracking system for our bus fleet, school vehicles, and riders. The third project associated with the grant funding is the installation of a security entrance system for the doors in the proposed Wellness and Recreation Center.

We also are excited to let you know that schematic design and development documents are being completed by an architectural firm for our Board of Education to consider for potential construction of a Wellness and Recreation Center to be located just west of the baseball and softball complex. The BOE will review the finalized documents this summer and if approved, will go out for bid in July. The BOE will review the submitted bids in August, and if approved, construction will begin in late August and conclude in March 2024. A significant portion of the project will be funded through ARP ESSR federal funds. Major aspects of the Center include a recreation area, classroom, restrooms, concession and patio area, press box and storage areas. Specifically, the Center will provide additional space for preschool programs, a home base for our wrestling program, and space for community members to utilize for meetings or exercise.

Go Archers!  
Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

#### MR. LICHTY- HS/MS

All Juniors recently completed the ACT at school. Thank you to our teachers for engaging our students in ACT preparatory activities. We look forward to seeing the results.

The third grading period ends March 17. Please continue to monitor student academics on ProgressBook.

Summer School is tentatively scheduled to begin Tuesday, May 30. The program will be in-person again this year. High school students who fail a course for at least 1 semester will be required to attend. Middle School students will attend if they fail a class for the year. Mrs. Hammer will begin contacting families during the 4th quarter.

Spring Testing will take place during the mornings on April 18-19, April 25-26, and May 2-3. Please avoid scheduling appointments during those times.

Many Archer teams and student-athletes enjoyed/are enjoying successful winter campaigns. In boys basketball, Junior Landon Brewer was name First Team All-District and District Player of the Year. Landon also reached the 1,000 career point mark earlier in the season. Junior Carson Altimus was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-District selection. Junior Reid Lichty and Senior Parker Moore earned Honorable Mention All-District recognition. The boys team is coached by Doug Billman. In girls basketball, Junior Aewyn McMichael earned First Team All-District honors. Sophomore Caroline Rohrs and Senior Hayleigh Jewell were both name Honorable Mention All-District. Scott McMichael is our girls basketball coach. Wrestling and Gymnastics honors will be in next month's newsletter.

~ Mr. Travis Lichty, MS/HS Principal

#### HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Students taking the AP exams can submit final payment of \$55 per exam to Mrs. Diana Hammer anytime during the months of March and April. Visit the guidance website for the 2023 AP exam administration schedule or go to <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/exam-dates>.

Juniors will be attending the Northwest State Community College Fair on Tuesday, March 7.

Any student planning to take a College Credit Plus (CCP) class for next school year needs to complete the Intent to Participate Form and return it to the guidance office by April 1.

A detailed scholarship list can be found on the guidance website at <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsghsguidance/scholarships?authuser=0>. There are numerous local scholarships due in the months of March and April.

#### SNEAK PEEK AT 2023-2024

Aug 15	Open house
Aug 17	First day of classes
Sept 4	Labor day - No school
Sept 22	Inservice - No school
Nov 22	P/T tradeoff - No school
Nov 23-27	Thanksgiving break
Dec 25-Jan 5	Christmas/New Years break
Jan 15	M.L.K. Jr. Day - No school
Feb 19	Presidents Day - No school
Mar 28-Apr 2	Easter/Spring break
May 16	Seniors last day
May 19	Graduation
May 21	Last day of school (K-11)

#### MRS. STOKES - ELEMENTARY

**SPRING STATE TESTING**  
Grades 3-5 will have English Language Arts and Math tests. Fifth grade will also have Science testing. Tests are two days each per subject. We will be testing ELA on April 18-19, Math on April 25-26, and Science on May 2-3. Please make every effort for students to be at school and on time always, but especially for these dates.

**2023-2024 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**  
Antwerp Elementary is now scheduling appointments for 2023-24 Kindergarten screening and registration. Screening dates are April 3, 4, and 5. If you are planning to attend, please call the elementary office as soon as possible at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200 to schedule your appointment. All children must complete kindergarten prior to entering first grade and all children age 6 must be enrolled in school. NOTE: There will be no kindergarten classes held April 3-5, 2023.

**PRESCHOOL SCREENING**  
Preschool screenings will be held on March 23-24 and April 21. Screenings are available for Antwerp school district children ages 3-5 years by appointment only. Call 419/258-5421 ext. 2103 to schedule an appointment. If you plan to send your child to our preschool next year, s/he must go through our screening. NOTE: There will be no preschool classes on Thursday, March 23, 2023.

**JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**  
The following students were selected by their teachers as Students of the Month for January: KA-Adalind Muir, KB-Ezekiel Laker, KC-Jett Johnson, 1A-Grace Dunderman, 1B-Nash Zartman, 2A-Carter Taylor, 2B-Leni Johnson, 3A-Adele Cline, 3B-Lauren Overman, 3C-Gannon Sheehan, 4A-Kennedy Zuber, 4B-Braxton Fidler, 4C-Adrian Hogans, 5A-Brooklynn Addis, 5B-Brooklin Baum.

**FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT**  
Family Literacy Night will be held on Thursday, March 23 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The theme for this year's event is "Superheroes."

**SPRING BOOK FAIR**  
The Scholastic Book Fair will be open during Family Literacy Night on March 23 and will continue through Friday, March 31. Students can shop during school and library time (not before or after school). Parents attending preschool screening on March 24 will be able to shop at the fair as well.

~ Mrs. Tracey Stokes, Elementary Principal

#### ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month in classroom guidance, Mrs. Lichty and the kindergarten classes talked about stranger danger. Mrs. Lichty read students a book about strangers. They also talked about trusted adults. First and second grade also talked about stranger danger and drug safety.

Grades three through five focused on internet safety. Students watched a video and then discussed how to stay safe while using various devices.

As always, Mrs. Lichty is always available to meet all students' individual needs as well. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please call Mrs. Lichty at 419-258-5421, extension 2204, or email [lichty\\_e@antwerpschools.org](mailto:lichty_e@antwerpschools.org).

#### MUSIC BOOSTERS

The music booster flower sale is February 28 through March 14. See any band or choir student to purchase flowers.

#### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

**VARSITY BASEBALL**  
Mar 27 5:00 @ Edon  
Mar 28 5:00 @ Eastside  
Mar 31 5:00 Home vs. Delphos St. John's  
Apr 1 11:00 Home vs. Lincolnview  
Apr 3 5:00 @ Wauseon

**VARSITY SOFTBALL**  
Mar 27 5:00 Home vs. Edon  
Mar 28 5:00 Home vs. Hicksville  
Mar 30 5:00 @ Continental  
Mar 31 5:00 Home vs. Holgate  
Apr 1 11:00 @ Miller City  
Apr 3 5:00 @ Parkway

**VARSITY TRACK & FIELD**  
Mar 28 4:30 @ Hilltop/Edgerton  
Mar 30 4:30 @ Tinora

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 1 Vantage Apps. Due for 23/24  
Mar 12 Daylight Savings Time Change  
Mar 17 2 HOUR DELAY - Teacher Inservice  
Mar 17 End of 3rd Quarter  
Mar 17-19 Spring Musical  
Mar 23-24 Preschool Screenings  
Mar 23 Family Literacy Night  
Mar 23-31 Spring Book Fair  
Mar 26 Athletic Booster Mattress Sale  
Apr 3-5 Kindergarten Registration  
Apr 6-10 NO SCHOOL - Easter/Spring Break

#### CAFETERIA MENU

Mar 1 Fish on bun, green beans, pears, & milk  
Mar 2 Pizzaburger on bun, sweet potato fries, apples, & milk  
Mar 3 Cheese quesadilla, salad, applesauce cup, & milk  
Mar 6 Mini corn dogs, carrots, peaches, & milk  
Mar 7 Breaded chicken on bun, baked beans, mixed fruit, & milk  
Mar 8 Hotdog on bun, vegetable soup, blueberries, & milk  
Mar 9 Chicken fajitas, french fries, pears, & milk  
Mar 10 Cheese pizza, carrots w/ dip, applesauce cup, & milk

*Our menus are subject to change without notice.*

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Per adopted board policy 5517.01 (Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior), schools are required to semi-annually provide a written summary of all reported incidents of bullying/harassment/intimidation.

Ohio law requires school policies to use the definition of bullying found in R.C. 3313.666, which defines "harassment, intimidation, or bullying" as: Any intentional written, verbal, or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than once and the behavior both: (a) causes mental or physical harm to the other student; (b) is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student.

In accordance with these laws of the State of Ohio, it is reported that the administrators of Antwerp Local Schools dealt with the following number of incidences of bullying during the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester:

Gr. PK-5: For the 1st semester of the 2022-2023 school year, there were 0 cases of bullying.  
Gr. 6-12: For the 1st semester of the 2022-2023 school year, there were 0 cases of bullying.

# PAULDING FFA GETS A TRIPLE CROWN ON OFFICER BOOKS



Pictured here left to right is **Jamy Hunt, Secretary**, **Caydence Rue, Reporter** and **Jalyn Klopfenstein** with their officer books that received a Gold Rating at evaluation.

**By: Caydence Rue,**

**Paulding FFA Reporter**

At the end of January, the Paulding FFA secretary, treasurer, and reporter's books were evaluated and graded.

The chapter received not only a gold rating on all three books but they all also got a perfect score! The chapter is so proud of Jamy Hunt, Jalyn Klopfenstein, and Caydence Rue for all of their hard work in earning a triple crown for their chapter.

For the secretary book, Jamy had to collect all of the meeting minutes and agendas for the year. She also had to write programs of the activities, keep attendance records, and collect correspondence from this school year.

For the treasurer book, Jalyn had to take month by month reports, balance the account based on what came in, and what is left in the account. She had to figure out each individual student's financial records, and she kept records of the receipts and

disbursements. Jalyn also had to keep reports of the beginning and ending balance for each meeting.

For the reporter book, Caydence Rue had to write and then collect newspaper articles and pictures throughout the whole year to use in the scrapbook. She had to put captions under all the pictures that she used as well as making sure that every page was full of colors and decorative stickers. These girls did an amazing job and our chapter is very proud of all of the hard work that they put into their books. They will each get to walk across the stage at the Ohio FFA State Convention in May for their Gold Ratings.

### MAN OR ANGEL?

**By: Doris Applegate**

While living in Michigan my parents struggled quite sometime after the great depression. Just having enough money for food was a blessing.

On one particular day my father was working outside our house when a well dressed man came walking up to my father and asked him where he could find a restaurant. Even though we were very poor, my father invited him into our home for a supper of bean soup and corn bread.

When my sister and I cleared the table we found, under his plate, one dollar in change. This was more than enough to buy groceries for a whole week. Was he a man or angel?

Many times angels look like regular people. This is why we are told to welcome strangers because we may be entertaining angels unaware.

On another occasion, my son, Alan was backpacking in Israel and only one apple to eat. Another person along and Alan gave him his apple, which was all he had. My son looked up to Heaven and reminded God that "It is more blessed to give than receive." He no more said this then a man drove up in a car and offered to buy Alan a meal in a fancy restaurant. Was this a man or angel?

Angels are sent by God to minister to those of us who are heirs of salvation. Even though we don't always see them, it does not mean that they are not around us to keep us all in our ways.

Amen

### MERCY HEALTH RENAMES AND EXPANDS WALK-IN LOCATION

Mercy Health is pleased to announce the relocation of Mercy Health - Defiance Walk-In Care to a newer, more spacious location. Known previously as Mercy Health - Defiance Urgent Care, this new walk-in location is still conveniently located within the Mercy Health - Defiance Clinic building and will offer the same great care with additional treatment rooms available.

The new Walk-In Care location will continue to serve residents seeking care for a variety of illness and injuries, including:

- Colds and flu
- Ear, throat and sinus infections
- Rashes and poison ivy
- Nausea and vomiting
- Bronchitis, pneumonia and asthma
- Urinary tract infections
- Sports injuries
- Sprains and strains
- Simple laceration repair and minor injuries
- Among other primary

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# PAULDING FFA QUALIFIES FOR STATE AG SALES COMPETITION



Pictured here are the Paulding FFA Ag Sales team who is heading to state in March. left to right **Mason Schlatter**, **Maci Kauser**, **Jamy Hunt** and **Brooke Kilgore**.

**By: Caydence Rue,**  
**Reporter**

On Tuesday, February 10th, the Ag Sales team competed at the district contest at Spencerville High School. The team consisted of Jamy Hunt, Maci Kauser, Brooke Kilgore, and Mason Schlatter.

The agricultural sales competition consists of four different parts.

The first is an online test

to determine who will be on the team, but these scores are also factored into the team score. Then they have a 15 minute preparation session, where they are graded on their teamwork and ability to develop effective selling strategies together.

During this session is where they make a plan for their sale, and then they go to the third part where they are asked questions by the judges about their plan and

teamwork. Finally, each student had to go individually and try to sell their product to the judges. This year the product the team marketed was diesel heaters.

At the district contest, the team placed 2nd overall qualifying the team to move on to the state contest in March. Great job to the Ag sales team and good luck at the state competition!

care services.

The addition of new treatment rooms means easier access and less potential for wait times. Also, lab and imaging services are available if needed. Primary care providers at the Defiance location include Dr. Gary Okuley, Dr. Tricia Vandehey, Dr. Rita Rohrs, Dr. Laura Kamcz, Dr. Johnathan Spitnale, Jenny Yeager NP, Kim Bazen NP, Lindsay Hoops NP, Billy Eisenman NP and Lindsey Spitnale-Slattman NP.

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**Bryan:** Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General  
**Cecil:** 127 Maramart  
**Charloe:** Charloe Store  
**Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware  
**Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid  
**Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)  
**Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library  
**Hicksville:** Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center  
**Ney:** Marathon  
**Oakwood:** 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 House, 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  
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# LADY RAIDERS END SEASON IN SECTIONAL FINAL



Wayne Trace senior Gracie Shepherd drives under the basket and puts up a clean shot for two more points! More pictures at westbednews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

MIDDLE POINT - The Lady Raiders ended their state tournament run falling to fifth seed Allen East 43-36 in the sectional final played at Lincolnview High School. With the loss the Raiders finish their season at 13-11. For the 17-6 Lady Mustangs, they move on to play in the district semi-final round, going up against second seed Delphos Jefferson at the Elida Fieldhouse.

Wayne Trace took an early lead over the Mustangs and after the initial quarter of play held a slim 7-4 lead. The scoring picked up in the second period with Allen East scoring 14 points and the Raiders adding 11 to end the first half knotted at 18 a piece. The third quarter was critical for the red, white, and blue putting just two-points on the board while AE managed eight to take a 26-20 advantage into the final eight minutes of play.

Both teams turned up the offense in the fourth period but the Raiders could never get the momentum. The Mustangs poured in 17 fourth quarter points to the Raiders 16 to settle the seven-point Mustang win.

For the winners, Rilynn Jones led all scorers with 16, making 10-14 from the free throw line. Also in double digits was Savanna Brooks with 12 followed by Elle Richardson (seven), Kennedy Truex (four) and Taylor Nickles (four).

For the Raiders sophomore Harper Myers led the scoring with nine points followed by Lexi Moore with eight points and a team high nine rebounds. Gracie Shepherd added seven followed by Carreen Winans with five, Abby Moore with four, Elise Miller two and Caroline Winans with one to round out the Raiders scoring.

Wayne Trace shot 40 percent from the field on 10-25 while the Mustangs connected

on 12-35 for 34 percent. Both teams combined for 47 free throws with Wayne Trace connecting on 15 and AE with 17. Turnovers and steals was the difference in the contest with Allen East picking up 17 steals to just five for the Raiders. In the turnover department the Mustangs collected just 11

miscues while the Raiders struggled taking care of the ball—turning it over 23 times.

Wayne Trace is a young team and will return a solid nucleus next season. The Raiders will graduate two players including leading scorer Gracie Shepherd and Abby Moore.

## PAULDING COUNTY JH WRESTLING DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS



Stroker Etter (left) goes head to head with his opponent. Photo by Carrie Kimmel

The districts were held at Oregon Clay on February 19th. Stroker Etter is a State Qualifier and there are two State Alternates. Stroker (and potentially the alternates) will compete at the OAC Junior High State Tournament in Youngstown, Ohio March 18-19, 2023.

**Paulding:**  
JH 84: Braydon Jacobs  
Champ Round 1 - Bye  
Champ Round 2 - Liam Polk won by fall over Braydon Jacobs (pin 2:24)

Cons Round 2 - Noah Huston won by fall over Braydon Jacobs (pin 2:27)

JH 90: Monico Moreno

STATE ALTERNATE  
Champ Round 1 - Bye  
Champ Round 2 - Ben Takats won by fall over Monico Moreno (pin 1:54)

Cons Round 2 - bye  
Cons Round 3 - Monico Moreno won by fall over Jackson Masters (pin 1:40)

Cons Round 4 - Monico Moreno won by fall over Jagger Farrow (pin 2:53)

Cons Round 5 - Connor Medjesky won by fall over Monico Moreno (pin 0:51)

7th place match - Preston Spurlock won by decision over Monico Moreno (Dec 6-3)

JH 108: Matthew Carpenter

Champ Round 1 - Matthew Carpenter won in sudden victory - 1 over Ostap Korpan (SV-1 5-3)

Champ Round 2 - Amir Garrett won by decision over Matthew Carpenter (Dec 7-3)

Cons Round 2 - Kaidence Brubaker won by fall over Matthew Carpenter (pin 0:28)

JH 120: Stroker Etter

STATE QUALIFIER

Champ Round 1 - bye  
Champ Round 2 - Stroker Etter won by fall over Mathias Hill (pin 0:26)

Quarterfinal - Stroker Etter won by fall over Aydan Chartier (pin 1:20)

Semifinal - Law Davlin won by decision over Stroker Etter (Dec 7-3)

Cons Semi - Stroker Etter won by decision over Gage Older (Dec 8-6)

3rd place match - Stroker Etter won by decision over Joel Greenslade (Dec 9-7)

JH 138: Bolu Omonayin

STATE ALTERNATE  
Champ Round 1 - bye  
Champ Round 2 - Messiah Geiselman won by decision over Bolu Omonayin (Dec 5-2)

Cons Round 2 - bye  
Cons Round 3 - Bolu Omonayin won by decision over Dillon Welling (Dec 2-1)

Cons Round 4 - Bolu Omonayin won by fall over Canon Danger Erman (pin 0:46)

Cons Round 5 - Ayden Hudson-Brown won by fall over Bolu Omonayin (pin 2:40)

7th place match - Matthew Janieszewski won by decision over Bolu Omonayin (Dec 3-2)

**Wayne Trace:**

JH 108: Colton Kimmel  
Champ Round 1 - Logan McBride won by fall over Colton Kimmel (pin 1:59)

Cons Round 1 - bye  
Cons Round 2 - Joshua Bishop won by decision over Colton Kimmel (Dec 7-2)

## WAYNE TRACE BIDDY CLUB COMPETES @ AYERSVILLE

On 02-12-2023 the Wayne Trace Biddy Wrestling Club Competed in the Ayersville Wrestling Tournament. Placing first was Lucas Allison, Placing Second was Emersyn Showalter Elisha Buehrer and Blaize Karoff. Placing third was Kohen Fore and Joey Schnipke.

On 02-19-2023 the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club competed in the Fairview Wrestling Club Tournament, placing first was Zoey Schnipke and Jerrick Johnson. Placing second was Myles Tumblin, Chase  
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# WOODLAN SQUEAKS PAST PRAIRIE HEIGHTS



This game was a nail biter! It was a good thing that Braden Smith was able to get this shot in the hoop with a minute left to take the lead! Final score for this Tuesday night (February 21st) match-up: Woodlan 68, Prairie Height 66. More pictures at westbendnews.net

## THIRD QUARTER BLITZ PROPELS PILOTS OVER ARCHERS



Antwerp senior Katryna Fish was fouled on the shot under the basket and sent to the line where she scores for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

A big third quarter broke open a close game and the Ayersville Lady Pilots went on to a 44-24 win over Antwerp in Division IV girls basketball sectional final action at Bryan High School Saturday night.

With the victory, the Lady Pilots (17-6) move on to play Stryker (18-6) at 6:00 p.m. at Defiance High School in a district semifinal.

Aewyn McMichael topped the Lady Archers with 11 points in the contest while Hayleigh Jewell chipping in six points. Caroline Rohrs also had four points for the blue and white followed by Emma Townley (two) and Katryna Fish (one).

Ayersville was paced by Kaylee Dockery and Ally Schindler with 16 points apiece while Neva Sheets recorded five and Kendra

Waldron posted four. Kiersten Manon provided the final points for the Lady Pilots with a three-point field goal.

After one quarter, it was the Lady Pilots who held a slim 8-6 advantage before Ayersville picked up six points in the second quarter compared to Antwerp's five as the Pilots took a 14-11 lead at the midway point.

Ayersville then broke the game wide open in the third quarter, bucketing 21 points compared to Antwerp's ten as the Pilots seized a 35-21 lead entering the final stanza.

In the fourth quarter, the Defiance County squad picked up nine markers while the Lady Archers had three to set Pilot 44-24 victory.

Antwerp ends its season with an overall record of 14-10.

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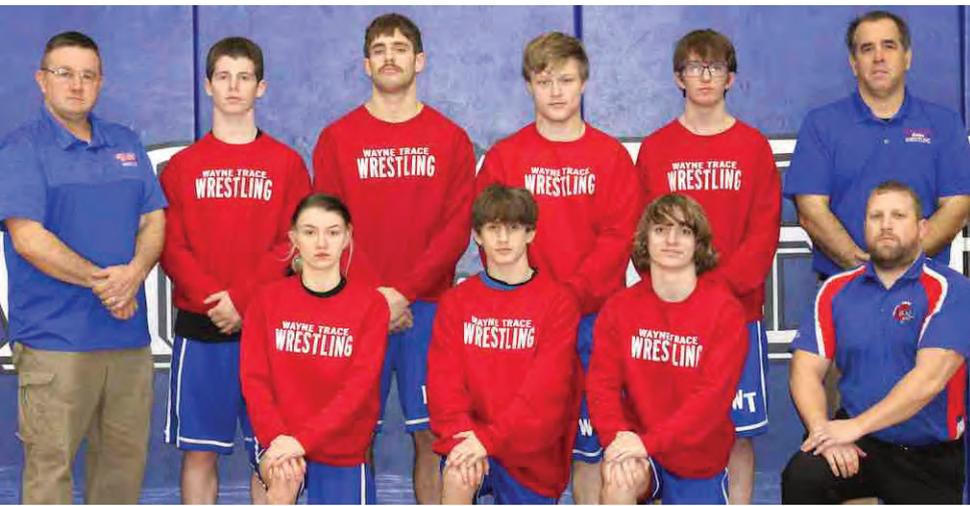
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## RAIDER WRESTLING EXPERIENCES SUCCESS AT TRI-MEET



The Wayne Trace Raiders travelled to Antwerp for a tri-meet with Antwerp and Edgerton on February 16th. The Raiders swept the competition in the first dual meet

## RAMS RALLY TO POST OT WIN OVER PANTHERS



Paulding senior Nick Manz did well in Wednesday nights tournament. Here is grabs the turnover and runs down to the home side of the court and scores two points and kept the Panthers in the lead the first half. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Both Tinora and Paulding made the long trip to Springfield High School Wednesday evening for a Division III boys basketball sectional contest.

However, the two squads needed an extra period before Tinora rallied from five points down in the final minute to post a 49-46 win over the Panthers.

Trailing 46-41 with under 40 seconds remaining, Tinora picked up a three-point play by Luke Harris to cut the deficit to 46-44.

After a Paulding turnover, Owen Ackerman converted an old-fashioned three-point play to put the Rams on top 47-46 with 10.7 seconds left on the clock.

The Panthers were unable to score on the ensuing possession before the Rams added two more foul shots with 0.7 seconds remaining to seal the 49-46 victory.

Paulding held a slim 12-10 advantage at the end of one quarter before the maroon and white added a dozen markers in the second quarter

in expanding the margin to 24-18 at the end of two periods.

Quarter number three saw both teams picked up 11 points as the Raiders still led 35-29 entering the final stanza.

However, Tinora rallied to send the game into the extra session as the green and white picked up a dozen markers in the final period compared to six for Paulding as the squads were knotted at 41-41 at the end of regulation.

Ethan Foltz led the way for Paulding with 13 markers while Nick Manz added a dozen points and Casey Agler chipped in 11. Luke Zartman also had seven for the Panthers with Peyton Adams bucketing three.

Luke Harris topped all scorers for Tinora with 17 points and Owen Ackerman posted ten markers. Eli Plassman (nine), Cole Anders (eight) and Alex Homier (five) were the remaining Tinora point scorers.

against the Archers with a score of 35-12. Sam Moore started the scoring with six points for the team with his forfeiture win. Nate Osborn followed up with another six points, securing a pin over his opponent Landon Orozco. Arin James then worked to score a takedown into a pin over Cami McAlexander. To keep the momentum going, Corbin Kimmel wrestled Andre Byrd with a pin as well. Jared Pierce finished a quick 18 second pin over opponent Miles Doster. Graiden Troth was victorious with a tech fall of 17-2 over Griffin Kosch. For the last match for the Raiders, Connor Sensibaugh was defeated in a close match of 4-2 against John Bailey.

After winning the first dual, the Raiders prepared for the next set of match-ups. Sam Moore claimed victory in the first match with a score of 11-4 over his opponent. Nate Osborn was able to clinch another pin in his match. Arin James put six points on the Raiders board with a forfeiture win. Corbin Kimmel was able to follow that up with a quick pin as well. In a tough match that went to overtime, Jared Pierce experienced defeat with a score of 9-7. Graiden Troth was able to pin his opponent in his last match of the night and Connor Sensibaugh saw a win by forfeiture to score another six points for the Raiders. The Raiders won the dual with a score of 33-21.

The Wayne Trace Raiders are now preparing for Sectionals at Lima Central Catholic on February 25th. Good luck to the Raiders on their journey towards Columbus.

## STRYKER POST NON-LEAGUE WIN OVER PAULDING

In a battle of the Panthers, host Stryker held off visiting Paulding for a 62-53 double-overtime victory Friday night in a non-league contest.

It was Paulding who jumped in front first as the maroon and white took a 17-14 advantage at the end of the first quarter before Stryker answered in the second stanza.

The Williams County Panthers picked up 13 points and limited Paulding to eight to give Stryker a 27-25 halftime advantage. Paulding controlled the third quarter, totaling 13 points while Stryker scored six in putting the visitors in front 38-33 going to the final period.

In the fourth quarter, the Williams County squad bucketed 11 points and held the Paulding County Panthers in knotting the game at 44-44 at the end of regulation.

After both teams scored six points in the first overtime, the second extra session was dominated by Stryker in scoring a dozen markers compared to Paulding's three to set the final at 62-53.

Elijah Julliard topped Stryker with 16 points with Daniel Donovan adding 14 and Michael Donovan chipped in 11. Levi Barnum also had ten for Stryker, which improves to 13-9 overall on the season.

Jacob Caldwell totaled six points for Stryker and Mateo Villanueva posted five markers.

Ethan Foltz paced Paulding with 18 points and Casey Agler added 14 for the maroon and white. Peyton Adams (nine), Luke Zartman (seven), Blake Rhonehouse (three) and Isaac Reeb (two) also scored for Paulding, which falls to 13-9 overall on the season.

The junior varsity squad from Paulding posted a 38-33 win over Stryker.

## WARRIORS FALL AT EASTSIDE

Host Eastside won for the eighth time in 20 games this season as the Blazers posted a 50-48 win over visiting Woodlan Tuesday night in non-league boys basketball play.

Braden Smith led the way for the Warriors with 15 points, two rebounds and two steals while Trey Yoder

## RAIDERS OPEN TOURNAMENT WITH CONVINCING WIN



Wayne Trace junior Kyle Stoller is not intimidated by his Ottawa Hills opponent as he jumps and scores this shot! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

WAUSEON - Wayne Trace, seeded number 4 soundly defeated ninth seed Ottawa Hills 59-32 to open the OHSAA Division III state basketball tournament. A solid second half that saw the Raiders outscore Ottawa Hills 33-14 was enough to move them on to the next game of the sectional tournament played at Wauseon.

Wayne Trace opened the contest ready to play scoring the first nine points. The quarter ended with the Raiders in control 19-10. Scoring settled down in the second frame with the Green Bears outscoring the red, white, and blue by a single point 8-7. Wayne Trace continued to hold its lead throughout the third period and entered the final eight minutes of play on top 40-28. However, the fourth quarter belonged to Wayne Trace who scored the

first 12 points to take control 52-28. The Raiders outscored Ottawa Hills in the fourth frame 19-4 to secure the 27-point win and giving Head Coach Jim Linder his 250th. career win.

The 17-6 Raiders were led in scoring by junior Brooks Laukhuf who poured in 24 points with team mate Kyle Stoller finishing with a double-double including 18 points and 15 rebounds along with a team high four assists. Rounding out the scoring was Hudson Myers with nine, Tyler Davis five, and Lance Maenle hitting his only three-point attempt for three points.

The Green Bears placed Samuel McCaffery in double-digits with 14 followed by Jackson Snyder with nine, Chase Miller adding six and Chance Coy with three. Ottawa Hill bows out of the sectional tournament with a 10-13 record.

chipped in 11 markers and eight boards.

DeJay Gerig also posted nine points and eight rebounds for Woodlan, which falls to 17-5 overall on the season.

Alex Miller totaled seven

points to aid the Warrior cause with Dawson Lichty adding six points, five rebounds and two assists.

Lincoln Sparks also dished out a pair of assists and Drew Fleek finished with two rebounds and an assist.

## PAULDING FRESHMAN WIN GMC TITLE



The Paulding freshman boys basketball team won the Green Meadows Conference tournament recently. Pictured are (front, L-R) managers Joey Griffiths and Sawyer Hunt. In the middle row are (L-R) Jackson Griffith, Xander Kuckuck, Colten Hunt and Thad Schneider. Pictured in the back row (L-R) Coach Blake McGarvey, Blake Rhonehouse, Grady Barton, Clayton Manz and Coach Corbin Edwards.

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# THE LEFT TURN



The Midwest Modified Tour is coming to Toledo Speedway Saturday, June 17th. Photo Credit: Cj Photography.

By: Ron Burt

Barry Marlow of the Great Lakes Sprints passed along information about Sprints on Ice. The weekend of March 4th, all the Great Lakes Super Sprints Champions will be heading to Sault Ste Marie to attend the River Roar on the St Mary's River at the Cozy Restaurant across from Neebish Island. The Great Lakes Lightning Sprints will be racing on the ice along with Dustin Daggett in his family owned 85 car. Hopefully the ice will be safe enough, but if it's not, we'll turn it into a car show and block party! Past Champions that will attend include, Chase Ridenour 11R - 2016, Jared Horstman 17 - 2017, Dustin Daggett 85 - 2018, Phil Grossman 7c - 2019, Jared Horstman 17 - 2020, Ryan Ruhl 71H - 2021, and Max Stambaugh 71H - 2022.

How did Ricky Stenhouse, this year's Daytona 500 winner celebrate his win? He and a couple of crew members showed up with the huge trophy at the local Waffle House. The shocked restaurant staff and customers gave the champion a round of applause as he set the trophy down.

Do you miss the Midwest drivers you grew up watching and cheering for? I stumbled upon a great Facebook page, FishersPictorial (all one word) has pictures of Sprints, Modifieds, and all kinds of Stock Cars that raced on area tri-

state tracks including Bryan Motor Speedway and Avilla when the tracks were paved and then later dirt. If you miss those two tracks, you can relive memories in pictures. Other track pictures include Butler, Millstream, Crystal, Owosso, Winchester, Angola and many more. The site is a who's who of top area Late Model stars including Moose Myers, Bill Younkin, Little Joe Bennett, Fred Elkins along with many others. It has a great collection of Sprint and Modified drivers including a young Jeff Gordon racing a sprint car on our local tracks, before and during his NASCAR days.

Waynesfield Raceway Park, southeast of Lima announced they will be open in 2023 with many events but not weekly.

Wheeler Trucking will be the new sponsor for the Midwest Modified Tour. These are UMP style asphalt Mods. The tour started in 1989 as the E-Mod Series and grew and changed names a few times over the years. In 2015 and 2016 the series had two divisions. This year the series will celebrate their 35th anniversary, with 10 events on 9 different tracks in 5 states, including Toledo Motor Speedway on Saturday, June 17th. The MMT season kicks off April 21-22nd at the historic Ona Speedway near Huntington WV for the 4th Annual Cabin Fever Bash. This is a fun series to follow, and I will provide updates all summer.

Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

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## RUDIS NAMED FIRST TITLE SPONSOR OF OHSAA WRESTLING STATE TOURNAMENT

The Ohio High School Athletic Association has announced that RUDIS is the first title sponsor of the OHSAA wrestling state tournament. Based in Marysville, Ohio, RUDIS is the leading provider of men's and women's wrestling shoes, custom team uniforms and gear in the country.

The partnership with RUDIS also coincides with the inclusion of the inaugural OHSAA girls wrestling state tournament, which will be held alongside the boys state tournament. In celebration, RUDIS will release an exclusive gear and apparel collection available for purchase at the Schottenstein Center during the state tournament.

Featuring 10 new custom RUDIS mats on the arena floor, media spotlights and RUDIS booths on the con-



course, the OHSAA wrestling state tournament will be held March 10-12 at the Schottenstein Center at The Ohio State University.

"RUDIS and the OHSAA have formed a powerful partnership that is a testament to our shared commitment to making wrestling accessible to everyone," said Jesse Leng, co-founder and CEO of RUDIS. "At RUDIS, we recognize the state tournament's significance and its integral role in state's heritage and roots of wrestling. While we sponsor multiple Olympic champions and medalists, we know that some of the most meaningful victories occur by winning a state title. Together, we will ensure that wrestling continues to flourish in Ohio and aim to highlight the greatness of our beloved sport."

## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

### Criminal/Traffic

#### Disposition Report

**Bobby L. Jones**, Edinburg, TX; Menacing by stalking; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Warrant on Municipal Court case recalled

**Keenan M. Noel**, Columbus, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Christina S. Burk**, Cecil, OH; Breaking and entering; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over; Warrant from the Municipal Court case recalled

**Haden A. Dunakin**, Paulding, OH; Traffic device/signs; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Nathaniel F. Jenkins IV**, Toledo, OH; Drug paraphernalia, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Possession, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/under influence, Pled no contest, found guilty, ALS vacated, Warrant and warrant

block shall be removed from the court management system; Display plates, Case dismissed

**Adel S. Alkhalaki**, Fort Wayne, IN; Traffic device/signs; Case dismissed

**Christina Perez**, Antwerp, OH; No operator license, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Failure to control, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Phillip M. Vogelsong Sr.**, Hicksville, OH; High beams; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Tyler J. Crom**, Toledo, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Caleb D. Tracy**, Paulding, OH; Aggravated menacing, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, Placed on standard probation, No contact with victim, No unlawful contact with 2nd victim, Mental health evaluation; Disorderly conduct, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; Littering, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; Menacing, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all costs, Shall have no contact with victims, Placed on standard probation, Addition to rules; Menacing, Count B dismissed, Costs to defendant; Assault, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, Submit an evaluation, Placed on standard probation, Addition to rules, No contact with victim

**Abdirahman H. Hajideer**, Columbus, OH; Unsafe vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Tiffany A. Scott**, Holgate, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Rylee N. Barnett**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Christopher J. Fellers**, Haviland, OH; Driving under suspension; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

## BROWN BETTY'S AND BUSTER BROWN'S 4-H MEETING

On Sunday, February 12th the Brown Betty's and Buster Browns 4-h club met.

Some of the business covered was that chicken orders are due on March 10th. Quality assurance is offered in person and online it is required to do if you are taking an animal to the fair.

April 1st will be livestock tagging for market animals from 9-11 a.m. 4-H camp scholarships are due on April 14th. Rabbit and Poultry clinics will be held to assist anyone interested. Rabbit tattooing will be held on May 17th. Skill-a-thon will be held on May 31st. These members gave demonstrations:

Allison Donaldson gave a demonstration on goats.

Sophie Donaldson gave a demonstration on cows.

Emma McCray presented cow parts.

Avery Cooper helped us learn about turkeys.

Nicole Gerschutz presented to us about rabbit cooling.

Abby Elkins gave a presentation on rabbits body parts.

Joe Estle gave a demonstration about different rabbit breads. The next meeting will be held on March 5th at 4:00 in the Oakwood Library Community Room.

# PAULDING PRESCHOOLERS GET SPECIAL VISITORS



The Preschoolers at Paulding Elementary had some special visitors! Preschool Mom and Dental Hygienist, Melinda Rhonehouse brought Mr. Bear to talk to the preschoolers about her job and how they can keep their teeth healthy. She also gave each child a new toothbrush!

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

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 23, 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.

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.

Warren Schlatter, Defiance County Engineer, met with the Commissioners for the bid opening for the Evansport Bridge Replacement Project. The pre-bid estimate for the project was \$1,450,000.00. The following bids were received: G Zachrich Construction Inc - \$1,426,559.10; Miller Bros. Construction Inc - \$1,479,857.28; Vernon Nagel Inc - \$1,447,182.38. The bids were taken under advisement and will be awarded after review.

Erika Willitzer, Defiance County Economic Development Director, met with the Commissioners to present and Enterprise Zone Agreement for their approval. Fort Winchester Investment Partners, LLC and DECKED, LLC are desirous of making investment in an expansion of a manufacturing building at 25401 Elliott Road, Defiance, Ohio, and the creation of employment, provided the appropriate development incentives

are available to support the economic viability of said Project.

The Board approved the agreement for the following:

1. Fort Winchester Investment Partners, LLC shall construct a building owned by the enterprise at 25401 Elliott Road, Defiance, Ohio. The investment by Fort Winchester Investment Partners, LLC in the building improvements shall be approximately \$4,500,000.00. DECKED, LLC shall invest approximately \$2,747,000.00 in construction costs.

DECKED, LLC to invest \$3,471,000.00 in utility and infrastructure upgrades, and \$15,823,000.00 in equipment and machinery. The total investment for this Project by the Enterprises will be \$26,500,000.00, plus or minus 20%. Only the investment of \$7,240,000.00 in the building improvements are covered in this Enterprise Zone Agreement. No tax exemption is requested or granted on the machinery and equipment investment. Project will begin no later than February 28th, and all aspects of the project will be concluded by December 2023.

2. DECKED, LLC will create 36 permanent, full-time jobs over the course of the project, with 13 full-time jobs created in 2023, another 5 jobs in 2024, 11 more positions in 2025, and 7 more full-time positions in 2026 with a total of 36 jobs, which will result in the creation of approximately \$2,183,514.17 in annual payroll for the Enterprise. If DECKED, LLC fails to maintain at least 75% of the number of employee positions estimated to be created under this agreement for each year during three consecutive years after the project completion date, DECKED LLC is required to repay the amount of forgone property taxes abated during the period of time of which em-

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employment was less than 75% of the promised retention amount. DECKED LLC shall give preference to residents of the zone within which the agreement applies relative to residents of the state who do not reside in the zone when hiring new employees under this agreement.

3. The agreement is for an abatement of 60% of the real estate taxes for the improvement on real property and affixed improvements as part of the Project, for a period of ten years.

Brad Fritch, Defiance County Wastewater Operations' Director, met with the Commissioners to provide a monthly update.

### AMERICAN PICKERS TO FILM IN OHIO

The American Pickers are excited to return to Ohio! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in April 2023.

AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them. As they hit the back roads

from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

We at American Pickers continue to take the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming outlined by the state and CDC. Nevertheless, we are excited to continue reaching the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking and are eager to hear their memorable stories!

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or

someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through we would love to hear from you! Please note, the Pickers DO NOT pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, muse-

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

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:

CLICK N' CLOSE, Plaintiff,

vs.

AMANDA RENEE CARNER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 22 172

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

**218 West Merrin Street, Payne Parcel Number: 19-14S-007-00**

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 Ninety Thousand and No/100 (\$90,000.00) 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 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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

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

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on April 13, 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.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio  
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Daniel C. Wolters, Attorney for Plaintiff

### NOTICE OF ON-LINE SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER

PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,

vs.

GREGORY L. KUTZLI, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 22 150

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

**203-205 Stone Street, Antwerp**

**Parcel Number: 12-11S-008-00 and 12-11S-009-00**

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office located in the Courthouse.

The opening bid is Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-four and 30/100 (\$4,824.30) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel on Thursday, March 30, 2023 by on-line bidding at:

(RealAuction) <https://paulding.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov>. **Registration and a Ten and No/100 (\$10.00) deposit must be completed at least one week before the date of the sale.**

If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale on April 13, 2023 for the same minimum bid.

Bidding begins on scheduled Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. An auction will be conducted for each individual property/court case. After a property is sold, the next scheduled sale will begin.

The purchaser will be required to pay recording costs and transfer fee with the balance of the purchase price after the sale has been confirmed.

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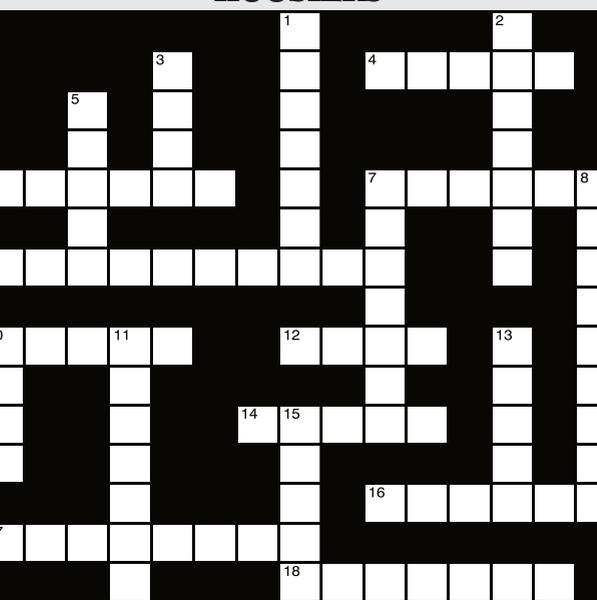
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## WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle "HOOSIERS"



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|---|--|
| <b>Across</b>   | <b>Down</b>  |
| 4. Player played by Steve Hollar                            | 1. State where the story takes place                     |
| 6. Lead assistant coach played by Sheb Wooley               | 2. Name of the high school                               |
| 7. Rival team in the semi-finals                            | 3. Assistant coach played by Dennis Hopper               |
| 9. Sport the movie is centered around                       | 5. Famous State game announcer for Indiana HS Basketball |
| 10. Main character played by Gene Hackman                   | 7. Bar owner and love interest of Coach Hicks            |
| 12. Referee who makes a controversial call                  | 8. Setting of the story                                  |
| 14. Emotion felt by the town and team throughout the story. | 10. Radio announcer                                      |
| 16. Player played by James Gammon                           | 11. Name of the opposing team                            |
| 17. Coach of the opposing team                              | 13. Star player played by Maris Valainis                 |
| 18. Player who hits the game-winning shot                   | 15. Something Coach Hicks struggles with following       |

*The movie Hoosiers came out in 1986 starring Gene Hackman, Barbara Hershey and Dennis Hopper. It is a true story of a small town Indiana basketball team that made it all the way to the state finals and won!* **solution on page 11**

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

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff

vs.

ALVIN R. SIMONIN, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 18 103

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

**209 North Main Street, Grover Hill Parcel Number: 24-23S-014-00**

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 Forty-five Thousand and No/100 (\$45,000.00) 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 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio  
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Daniel C. Wolters, Attorney for Plaintiff

### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Village of Hicksville is accepting sealed bids for 2 large square steel containers. Measurements are H-118" x W-140" x D-124" approximately 1/4" steel.

These containers can be seen at 500 South Bryan St Hicksville Ohio from 8am-3pm. Please direct all questions to the Village Administrator 419-542-8095, viladmin@defnet.com.

Bids will be opened March 17 @ 10am in the Municipal Building.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

Village of Cecil regular council meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Cecil Firehouse community room.

If you would like to be added to the agenda please contact the village of Cecil Clerk at 419-399-0520 or via email [villageofcecil@yahoo.com](mailto:villageofcecil@yahoo.com)

The unaudited financial records for 2022 have been completed and are available for inspection by contacting Carlene Turner clerk for the village of Cecil at 419-399-0520 or via the village email [villageofcecil@yahoo.com](mailto:villageofcecil@yahoo.com)

### 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

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vs.

ZACHARY NEIL LITZENBERG, ET AL., Defendants,

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:

**4801 Road 72, Payne 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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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.

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

# ANTWERP ELEMENTARY JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Antwerp Elementary January student of the month are: Back Row: Carter Taylor, Adele Cline, Brooklin Baum, Brooklynn Addis, Braxton Fidler, Adrian Hogans, Kennedy Zuber, Nash Zartman. Front Row: Gannon Sheehan, Leni Johnson, Jett Johnson, Ezekiel Laker, Grace Dunderman-Hutchinson, Lauren Overman, Adalind Muir

## TRAC APPROVES DRAFT LIST OF MAJOR-NEW PROJECTS



COLUMBUS - The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) has approved the annual draft list of projects to receive funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation's Major New Capacity Program over the next four years. It includes more than \$390 million in new funding commitments.

The public can comment on the draft list by emailing [trac@dot.ohio.gov](mailto:trac@dot.ohio.gov) until March 23. TRAC will vote on the final list at their March 29 meeting.

"Ohio is on the move," said ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks. "These investments will help ensure that transportation isn't a barrier to prosperity across the state."

TRAC operates on an annual application cycle. At the completion of the application process TRAC members vote on the approval of the Major New Construction Program List of funding commitments for preliminary engineering, detailed design, right-of-way and project construction. Projects receiving funding commitments are placed into three "tiers" based upon the level of project development:

- Tier I - The group of projects recommended for construction during the upcoming four-year construction period.
- Tier II - The group of projects recommended for additional environmental, design or right-of-

way development activities necessary before the projects would be available for construction.

- Tier III - The group of projects with previous phases funded for construction in Tier I. Projects placed in Tier III status are part of a long-range funding plan to advance multiple phase projects.

There were 31 new applications submitted this year.

About TRAC: The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) was established by Ohio Revised Code in 1997 to help the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) develop and modify a project selection process which approves funding for the development and construction of the Major New Capacity Program.

The TRAC has nine members and is chaired by the Director of ODOT. Six members are appointed by the Governor and one each by the speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives and the president of the Ohio Senate. Members have overlapping terms. The Director provides funds for new construction only after assuring that system preservation needs have been met. The use of the new construction funds is the responsibility of the TRAC, but the TRAC does not have authority over other aspects of the Department of Transportation.

den Fore and Tatum Sheets. Placing Third was Emersyn Showalter, Peyton Osburn, Weslyn Tucker, Henry

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Wright, Kphen Fore, Lucas Allison, Wyatt Gilbert, Kam-

Childs, Sam Schabbing, Blaize Karoff, and Waylon McCord. Placing fourth was, Hyde Mullins, Locklyn Yencer, Hank Mullins, Bryn Wassermann, Elisha Buehrer, and Brock Knowles.

## HOT SHOOTING RAIDERS SNEAK PAST OTTOVILLE

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

On senior night the Wayne Trace Raiders closed out their 2022-23 regular season with a hard fought 62-58 win over Ottoville. The Raiders closed out the regular season winners of their last three ball games and after defeating a very good Ottoville squad will enter tournament action on a high note. With the win the red, white and blue finished the regular season at 16-6 while the Big Green settle for a 17-5 mark.

The game was close throughout with neither team managing to gain much of a lead. After eight minutes of play both teams were knotted at 18 a piece. Wayne Trace managed a half time advantage of two-points with a lead of 32-30 at the break. Again, both squads played to a draw in the third frame with both scoring 13-points. Wayne Trace hung on down the stretch to secure the four-point win with solid free throw shooting coming from leading scorer Kyle Stoller.

Stoller finished the night with 26 points, hitting 7-11 of his two-point shots and hitting his only three-point attempt. At the foul line the junior connected on 9-10 to go along with eight rebounds. Brooks Laukhuf chipped in 18 with the Raider's lone senior, Tyle Davis adding 10 points in his final home game appearance. The Raiders got five points from Hudson Myers, two from Tanner Laukhuf and a point from Cale Winans to round out the Raiders scoring.

For the Big Green, Carter Horstman poured in 20 followed by team mate Keaton Schnipke with 11. Kellen Schlagbaum added nine, Jack Langhals (seven), Michael Turnwald (six), Alex Suever (three), and Landon Horstman (two).

The Raiders shot the ball very well hitting 25-34 for 74 percent while Ottoville connected on 22-47 for 47 percent. Rebounds and

turnovers were even but free throw shooting was in the Raiders favor. The red, white and blue connected on 19-28 with Ottovillu going to the line just nine times and hitting six.

## BRAVES PULL AWAY LATE FOR WIN OVER ARCHERS

Josh Furst scored 22 points and host Fort Wayne Blackhawk pulled away from visiting Antwerp for a 63-48 win in non-league boys basketball action Friday evening.

The host Braves posted a 16-13 advantage at the end of eight minutes of action before Antwerp trimmed the deficit to 33-32 at the intermission.

In the third quarter, Fort Wayne Blackhawk added 11 markers while limiting the Archers to nine in pushing the margin to 44-41 at the end of three periods.

The final stanza was controlled by the Braves, who limited Antwerp to seven points as Blackhawk sealed the 63-48 victory.

Gage Sefton bucketed 20 points and Kellen Pickett added 14 markers for Fort Wayne Blackhawk, which improved to 18-3 on the season.

Jimmy Davidson (four) and Isaac Smith (three) provided the remaining Braves points.

Landon Brewer paced the Archers with 20 points and Carson Altimus also reached double digits with 15 markers.

Other scorers for the blue and white were Reid Lichty (five), Zaine McMichael (four), Parker Moore (two) and Camden Fuller (two).

The Braves also captured the junior varsity contest, defeating the Archers 48-35.

## CECIL STUDENT PERFORMED WITH TRINE WIND ENSEMBLE

The Trine University Wind Ensemble celebrated 20 years of Disney's "Pirates of the Caribbean" with its "Sailing the High Seas" concert, which began at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, in the T. Furth Center for the Performing Arts.

Alayna Willitzer of Cecil, majoring in Biomedical Engineering at Trine University, performed on flute with the wind ensemble.

The wind ensemble, under the direction of Mark Kays, head of Trine's Department of Music, performed the following works:

- "A Cricket Sang and Set the Sun" by Blake Tyson (Marimba solo by Nate Siders, a senior from Angola, Indiana, majoring in mathematics)
- "Parade of the Tall Ships" by Jay Chattaway
- "Curse of the Black Pearl" by Klaus Badelt, including "The Medallion Calls," "The Black Pearl," "To the Pirate's Cave," "One Last Shot" and "He's A Pirate"
- "Dead Man's Chest" by Hans Zimmer, including "Jack Sparrow," "The Kraken," "Davy Jones," "I've Got My Eye On You" and "Wheel Of Fortune"
- "The World's End" by Hans Zimmer, including "Hoist the Colors," "Up Is Down," "One Day" and "Drink Up Me Hearties"

## THINK SPRING



I love spring. It is my favorite season. I think of the years that we made maple syrup during this time of year. Planting time would begin, when it froze at night and thawed in a daytime, we would walk broadcasting clover and alfalfa seed on the winter wheat. Plant peas on St Patty's Day. Many early vegetables, like cabbage family, lettuce, even beets can go in early. I've never known peas to freeze.

I've always been amazed how the days get longer, then turn around and get shorter. According to my calculations, the shortest day, December 21st, is 9 hours and 12 minutes. The longest day, June 21st is 15 hours and 9 minutes. Nearly 6 hours more daylight. Make hay while the sun shines. March 29th is 12 and 34 minutes long. Nearly half daylight and half dark.

We look forward to nature coming to life, leaves are coming on the trees, and sap will begin to flow. The days become warmer, and you can feel the sun getting warm. Which brings up the question, how do all the flavors, and the colors, and even the smell of the roses, come out of the soil? Especially the heat from the peppers. No one has ever explained this to me.

There was an interesting phenomenon, in the years that we had the garden club. In our first meeting in April, there was always a big crowd. Everyone was excited and couldn't wait to get out in the garden. In our last meeting in September, it was time to clean up the garden, and everyone was sick of it. It just seemed to work that way.

Many miss one of the best times of gardening. If you plant spring crops in July, especially turnips, cabbage and many other crops, they do well in that fall. Most get sweeter with a couple of hard frosts and can be harvested until Christmas.

Spring is the time when the hormone juices begin to flow in young folks. In my senior year of college, I dated a little

sophomore girl most of the year. Our dates were mostly walking. In the evening every street and alley on campus. On weekends the 2 mile walk downtown to the theater or the ice cream shop or about a mile to the big Brethren Church, back through the athletic fields to the Kenopocomco River.

The walk I remember best was to the gas station about a mile from campus. It was a gorgeous spring day, and the gas station was kind of a hang-out for students, sort of like a convenience store today. We must have had a hankering for a candy bar and soda. Halfway there was a creek coming out of the woods, and through a cement bridge. The creek was beautiful and running quite fast. To the left was a narrow path around the edge of the bridge, down to the creek, and a bare spot under the bridge.

We were fascinated by the polliwogs, schools of minnows, and life streaming under the bridge. The pollywogs were green and about the size of a 50-cent piece. I had never seen big pollywogs before. Some had lost their tail and were growing back feet. As a lad I had spent many Sunday afternoons fishing for crawdads and tadpoles under the railroad bridge on Notestine Road, but those were small black tadpoles only about 3/8 inch in diameter.

Now before your imagination runs amok, no one remembers any details of that time in our life. What made it funny, was that the girl was what I would call "the serious type," and I somewhat of "a free wheeler." We probably skipped the candy bar.

My favorite months are April, May, and June. After that it is all downhill and anti-climatic. If you don't have some wilted dandelions, you are to be pitied. My favorite flowers are tulips and roses, but I haven't been to the Holland Tulip Festival for several years. I miss it but probably will never go again.

—James Neuhausen

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port it all over to their railyards in their network of states, including Ft. Wayne, Indiana, twice, since it has been built.

The derailment in East Palestine, Ohio is a tremendous impact on that community and the surrounding area. Norfolk Southern, the state of Ohio and the federal government is doing their utmost to resolve the issues facing the residents. The clean up efforts include placing absorbing materials such as booms and pads in the waterways. Damned up streams down from the derailment sight. Removing contaminated soil from the derailment site. Monitoring

and testing the air as well as the water, for residue from the hazardous materials released. All of this takes time, months and months, perhaps over a year to return it to its normal state. If it were to happen here in Paulding County, God forbid, but this is what everyone needs to expect. For more information on Ohio's Railroads, contact:

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# GHOST

THE MUSICAL

## VAN WERT CIVIC THEATRE SET TO HOLD ADDITIONS FOR GHOST THE MUSICAL

Auditions for "Ghost, the Musical" will be held on Sunday, February 26 and Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at 118 South Race Street in Van Wert, Ohio. Director Chad Kraner, Music Director Dee Fisher, and Choreographer Kim Pollock need a large cast with ages ranging from high school to beyond.

Adapted from the hit film by its Academy Award-winning screenwriter, Bruce Joel Rubin, "Ghost, the Musical" follows Sam and Molly, a young couple whose connection takes a shocking turn after Sam's untimely death. The bond of love transcends the boundaries of life itself to grow stronger and more fully realized. Trapped between two worlds, Sam refuses to leave Molly when he learns she is in grave danger. Desperate to communicate with her, he turns to a storefront psychic, Oda Mae Brown, who helps him protect Molly and avenge his death. "Ghost, the Musical" is a poignant romance that builds comedy, suspense, and deeply felt emotion to an ethereal climax that audiences will never forget. Character information and snippets of the songs can be found at <https://www.theatricalrights.com/show/ghost-the-musical/>

Those auditioning should bring a short (90 second) prepared song that showcases your vocal range and abilities. Piano accompaniment will be provided. Come dressed to

move as you will be asked to do a few dance moves during auditions. Performances are May 4, 5, 6, 7\*, 11, 12, 13, 14\*, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. (\* 2:00 p.m.) Email Chad Kraner at [chad@vwct.org](mailto:chad@vwct.org) for more information. Presented by special arrangement with Theatrical Rights Worldwide

Be entertained close to home for a price you will not believe. You can see "Ghost, the Musical" live in Van Wert. Adapted from the hit film by its Academy Award-winning screenwriter, Bruce Joel Rubin, "Ghost, the Musical" follows Sam and Molly, a young couple whose connection takes a shocking turn after Sam's untimely death. The bond of love transcends the boundaries of life itself to grow stronger and more fully realized. Trapped between two worlds, Sam refuses to leave Molly when he learns she is in grave danger. Desperate to communicate with her, he turns to a storefront psychic, Oda Mae Brown, who helps him protect Molly and avenge his death. "Ghost, the Musical" is a poignant romance that builds comedy, suspense, and deeply felt emotion to an ethereal climax that audiences will never forget. This show is brought to you by the same creative team who did Mamma Mia in 2022: Director Chad Kraner, Music Director Dee Fisher, and Choreographer Kim Pollock.

For more information, call 419-238-9689 and leave a message. A volunteer will return your call within 24 hours.

Certain times are 8:00 p.m. on May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 and at 2:00 p.m. on May 7 and 14.

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There will be 30 different mattress styles on display in all sizes for customers to try. Adjustable power bases, premium pillows, bed frames, and mattress protectors will be available as well. The brands including Simmons Beautyrest, Therapedic, Southland, Intellibed, Innomax & Wellsville, come with full factory warranties, and are made to order. Mattresses are available 2-3 weeks after the Fundraiser. Delivery is available. Best of all, the Antwerp Athletic Program benefits from every purchase.

The company, Custom Fundraising Solutions (CFS) first introduced The Mattress Fundraiser to the Cleveland, Ohio market in 2005. The company now has nearly 100 locations and works with more than 3,000 schools nationwide. The unique business model helps schools raise thousands of dollars in just one day, and to date, the company has given back over \$50 million.

**The 1st Annual Antwerp Athletic Program Mattress Fundraiser will be held at Antwerp Main Gym on Sunday, March 26th, from 11am-6pm**

Contact [david.barnwell@cfsbeds.com](mailto:david.barnwell@cfsbeds.com) or call 765-413-4664 for more information.

### FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

#### Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Brian Motsinger, assigned to Union County, recently issued a citation to an individual who purchased a deer permit after harvesting a white-tailed deer. About a week after the individual's court date, Officer

Motsinger received a phone call from the same individual, a landowner. The individual harvested a deer that ran onto a neighboring property and was concerned about committing a violation, since the deer died on the neighbor's property and the hunter did not have a deer permit. Officer Motsinger explained that a permit was not needed if the deer was shot on the landowner's property and died on another property. Officer Motsinger reminded the hunter to get permission from the landowner before tracking the deer.

State Wildlife Officer Jade Heizer, assigned to Fairfield County, received a complaint about white-tailed deer carcass parts that were dumped in a creek. Officer Heizer contacted a suspect and determined the deer had been legally obtained, but carcass parts had been illegally dumped in the stream after processing. The suspect was issued one misdemeanor summons for illegal dumping in waters of the state.

#### Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In June 2022, State Wildlife Investigator Jason Hadsell contacted anglers who were returning from Lake Erie to the Fairport Port Authority boat launch. He contacted one vessel with five occupants who claimed to have reached their daily limit of six walleye per person. Officer Hadsell found that all five of the men had valid fishing licenses but counted 32 walleye in their cooler. He issued a summons to the boat's owner for possessing more than the daily limit of walleye. The fisherman paid \$165 for the violation and the two extra fish were forfeited.

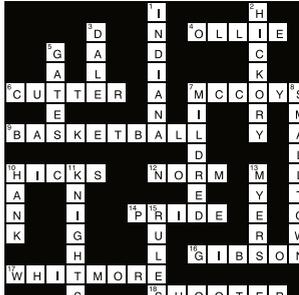
In late March 2022, State Wildlife Officer Nathan Cass, assigned to Crawford County, was patrolling near Fremont. Officer Cass noticed a male wild turkey strutting in the front yard of a residence. Officer Cass pulled over for a closer look because he had received complaints of an aggressive wild turkey in the area. The wild turkey sprinted toward his truck and began pecking at it. Officer Cass exited the truck to scare the turkey away, and the bird attacked the officer. He determined this turkey would fare better in a less urban area

where it would have fewer interactions with people. Officer Cass captured the turkey and transported it to a wooded rural area, where it was released with permission from the landowner.

#### Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

In November 2022, State Wildlife Officer Evan Huegel, assigned to Ashland County, received a call from the Turn-In-A-Poacher (TIP) hotline about a Tennessee resident guiding other nonresident hunters in Ohio. The group was accused of hunting white-tailed deer without hunting licenses or deer permits. Wildlife Law Operations Manager Jeremy Carter and Wildlife Officer Supervisor Brennan Earick conducted surveillance. The guide was found to have hunted deer without a license or permit. The other hunters had obtained the proper licenses and permits. A compound bow was seized as evidence and the individual was issued citations for hunting deer without a valid nonresident hunting license or deer permit. The individual paid \$337 in fines and court costs. Reports of wildlife violations can be submitted anonymously via the TIP hotline at 1-800-P O A C H E R (1-800-762-2437).

In October 2022, State Wildlife Officers Zach Hillman and Matt Madgar, assigned to Cuyahoga and Geauga counties, respectively, received a complaint that an individual had committed several white-tailed deer hunting and tagging violations. The officers contacted the individual, who had just served a three-year hunting license revocation, and discovered several violations. The officers seized the rack and venison of an eight-point buck. The suspect was issued three misdemeanor summonses for the violations, was found guilty, and was ordered



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to pay \$1,243 in fines and costs. Additionally, his hunting privileges were revoked for an additional three years.

#### Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Brad Buening, assigned to Mercer County, investigated a report of white-tailed deer baiting at Prairie Creek Wildlife Area. It is illegal to bait deer on lands owned by the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Officer Buening located a person hunting near the reported bait site. Upon further investigation, Officer Buening found the suspect had killed more than the allowed number of antlerless deer on public hunting lands. In addition, the suspect left trash at one of the locations where a deer was harvested. The individual was charged with two violations and subsequently found guilty in Celina Municipal Court. A total of \$650 in fines and costs was paid to the court.

Law Enforcement Operations Manager Eric Lamb and Field Supervisor Matt Hunt recently attended the annual Conservation Club Competitive Partnership Grant meeting at Spring Valley Wildlife Area Shooting Range. This program is designed to encourage participation in wildlife-related recreation activities by providing funding through a competitive grant program. The officers answered questions and spoke with local conservation club members about upcoming events and outreach.

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# JPHS HOSTING ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 5



Paulding County Park District volunteers cleared out some brush at New Rochester Park to allow visitors to better view the Maumee River below. New Rochester was the county's first county seat. The park district will be the program topic at the John Paulding Historical Society's annual membership meeting March 5. The public is invited.

The John Paulding Historical Society will hold its annual membership meeting and election of officers and directors at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5. The program and meeting are free and open to the public.

The program will feature Paulding County Park District. The park district is dedicated to acquiring, developing and preserving parks and recreational areas for the use and enjoyment of Paulding County residents. Spokesman Glenn Troth will share how the organization was formed and acquisition and improvements of their six park areas. He also will unveil some of their ambitious future plans.

Most of the sites have historical importance, including New Rochester Park near Cecil, Fort Brown Park, Canal Park historical marker and Five Span Park. Troth will discuss some of the background and significance of these sites.

The park district is a separate, independent entity. Troth credits the public's "generous support" for their success so far. Work has been accomplished through volunteers, financial support and in-kind donations.

A nonprofit, 501c3 Friends of the Paulding Park District Inc. promotes and supports the park district through fundraising and other activities.

The historical society is pleased to have the park district as its annual meeting program. Area residents are urged to attend and learn more about the park district as well as the historical society. Learn more about Paulding County's fascinating history and what great things the county has to offer.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive in Paulding, across from the fair-

grounds. In case of bad weather, check the historical society's

Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum for cancellation notices.

## NEXT PCBW GUEST: DIANA SAVAGE



Our next guest on Paulding County Business Weekly is, Diana Savage, Business Development Director for Beilharz Architects. Although Beilharz is not located in Paulding County, they help us fill a gap in the county as an architectural firm and have been an outstanding partner for projects in Paulding County! Diana also represents Rotary International for the NW Ohio District. She shares with us in this episode about how her years in education have helped her under-

stand students and workforce. Diana's expertise in all of these areas make her a great fit in representing Rotary International for the NW Ohio District.

We would like to thank Tiffany Goings with OhioMeansJobs for making this program possible. Listen in on MY102.7 Tuesday and Thursday at 8 am and 5 pm, or listen online at my1027.org/paulding-county-business-weekly/. PCBW is also available on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, and Spotify.

## EVALUATION CONTINUES ON PAULDING COUNTY BROWNFIELD SITES

The Paulding County Land Reutilization Committee (Land Bank) recently met for their February meeting. In addition to committee members, guests included the Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program EPA consultant Matt Wagner, with Tetra Tech, and

Estee Miller, with Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO).

Miller started the meeting updating the committee on many of the Ohio Blight program properties and introducing several agenda items that required decision and further discussion. In addition, some of the projects needed some legal counsel with county prosecutor Joe Burkard.

The group was then updated by Wagner on the Brownfield clean-up projects in the county. The project updates included: the Paulding Theatre and adjoining Neman building, the 30-acre former Grizzley Asbestos Brake manufacturing facility, the 30-acre former Stokely Manufacturing facility, the Antwerp Park Station Bar building demolition; the Antwerp Sunoco gas station on West River Street, and the Grover Hill Depot building. Many of these properties are awaiting final approvals from Ohio EPA testing, although the Grizzley property has been

# HOLLY BEACH SPLASH PAD SILVER DONOR SPOTLIGHT!



Mink Solar/ Geonex Solar recently made an additional \$1000 (on top of your already \$4000) donation to Holly Beach Splash Pad recently. "We are overwhelmed with your continued support!" stated the committee, "We know this project will bring an unmeasurable amount of joy to our kids in the community. It is exciting!"

## RHONDA SMALLEY SPEAKS TO THE KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Rhonda Smalley (President, Bargain Bin of Paulding County) as the guest speaker at the February 23, 2023, club meeting. Rhonda came at the invitation of Pastor Ian Ferguson (Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Paulding). Rhonda spoke to the Kiwanians about the history of the Bargain Bin, the building, volunteers, and the 'Circle of Giving'.

approved. The EPA testing determined the required soil cap over all buried contaminants is solid and in place. The group now awaits Army Corp of engineer approval to level ponds on the site.

New business included updates from both Tetra Tech and MVPO in regard to communication from Columbus about the potential of remaining brownfield funds being made available per county, and if a new round of funding will be issued with the next

state budget. Conversation then noted a recent downtown Paulding apartment fire. The discussion then carried over into several potential properties around the county to review for remediation in the future.

For more information about Paulding County Land Reutilization committee or donating available properties, please reach out to the Paulding County Treasurer office 419-399-8281.

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