

HOOPS FOR HEART AT ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL



Winners of the high school 3on3 basketball games was "Tune Squad" - Carson Altimus, Dayne Sholl, and Ross Lee. Photo by Harlee Moore

Antwerp Local School had another successful Hoops for Heart Day with \$5,559 raised for the American Heart Association!

This event began in 1996 in memory of John & Mayor Jan Reeb's son, Jason,

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HEALTH, BUSINESS & INDUSTRY FAIR SET FOR 3/22!

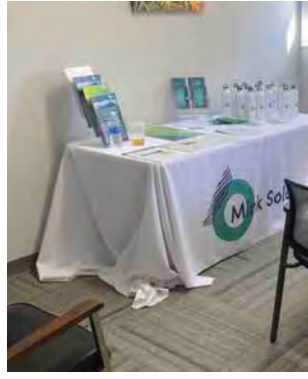


Pictured are Samantha Smith, Admin. Assistant and Marsha Yeutter, Senior Center Director.

Paulding County Senior Center is hosting their 18th annual Health, Business and Industry Fair on Wednesday,

March 22nd from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Paulding Co. Extension Building.

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Mink Solar Antwerp office is set up in the renovated building on S. Main St. In downtown Antwerp that used to house H&H Cleaners.

GEENEX/MINK SOLAR HOST OPEN HOUSE & OFFICE WARMING IN ANTWERP

This past week, the Geenex / Mink Solar companies hosted an official opening to the office space in downtown Antwerp, OH. They are now housed in the recently renovated building that used to belong to H&H Cleaners on S. Main St. (122 S. Main St., Antwerp, OH). Geenex representatives, including Antwerp liaison, Angie Freese, were hosting numerous community members who were anxious about the new proposed solar project that is planned for the area north of Antwerp at the Paulding County & DeFiance County lines. This solar project is projected to be a 140 megawatt power supplier that potentially generate enough green energy for 25,000 homes. A statement from one of Mink Solar's regional representatives, Aerin Garczyk, "Our team is pleased to have

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VANTAGE ADULT DRONE TRAINING ACADEMY NOW ENROLLING!



Vantage Drone Training Instructor Dan Joyce assists student Beau Dennis in operating the drone during a school-wide event. Drone footage can be found by following the Vantage Career Center facebook page.

Vantage Career Center's Drone Training Academy is now enrolling for FAA Part 107 classes, with the first class beginning June of 2023 and the second held at the end of July.

The introductory aviation training program will allow adult students the opportunity to gain basic hands-on UAS flight experience, following the FAA Part 107 rules and regulations. Students will learn the airspace classification system, sec-

tional chart reading, airport operations and radio communications, team management and physiological factors, weather reporting and weather in aviation, the physics of flight, maintenance, pre-flight and emergency procedures, manual and autonomous mission planning, and basic mapping and photometry.

Upon completing the training program, students will take the FAA Part 107 (Continued on Page 5)

GARDENS OF PAULDING UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Lionstone Care, an assisted living facility and skilled nursing care management company, assumed ownership of Gardens of Paulding on January 1, 2023. Advertising Director Natasha McIntire, who has been with Gardens of Paulding for two years, says the new owners want members of the community to know Gardens is no longer operating under Paragon Management, and are taking major strides to change the narrative.

Facility Administrator Deb Sawyer, who has been at Gardens since March 2022,

says she is "quite excited" about the takeover, saying that "Lionstone Care does seem to really, truly care."

Several changes have occurred in recent months at the facility. Since October 2022, the facility added 11

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

March 21

- Advantages of AirFying @ PC OSU Ext. Bldg, 11a-12p

March 22

- Health, Business & Industry Fair @ OSU Ext. Bldg, Paulding, 11a-2p
- Comm. Lenten Lunches @ 1st Pres Church, Paulding, 12pm
- Woodburn Hist. Soc. Meet @ Wood.Comm. Ctr., 7pm

March 23

- Open House @ Gardens of Paulding, 5-7pm
- Comm. Lenten Svsc @ Auglaize Chapel, 7pm

March 24-25

- PHS Spring Musical, Footloose, 7pm

March 26

- Antwerp Athletic Boosters Fundraiser, school auditoria, 11a-6p; Lunch 11a-2p
- Caring & Sharing Concert @ St. Paul Luth Ch, 4:30pm

March 28

- P.E.N. Meeting @ Pin-A-Rama, Antwerp, 6pm

March 29

- Comm. Lenten Lunches @ 1st Pres Church, Paulding, 12pm

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OBITUARIES



ANTWERP, OH: **Ola (Buddy) Naoma Hughes**, age 95, lifelong resident of Antwerp, Ohio, passed away peacefully at her home on March 11, 2023, with her family by her side. Buddy was born on 2-22-1928 to Julius and Ada Horn and lived on or near her beloved family farm all of her life. She graduated from Antwerp High School in 1946 and was the last living member of the class. She also graduated from Mrs. Lora Beauty School in Fort Wayne and was a beautician at her sister's (Mike's) Beauty Shop in Antwerp.

On May 28, 1950, Buddy married her high school sweetheart, Gene Hughes. They celebrated 62 years of marriage together and raised seven children. They were co-owners of the Oasis Bar & Grill from 1967-1988 where she was well known for her occasional luncheon special, delicious homemade potato soup with rivets.

For years, Buddy was on Mike's Beauty Shop bowling team. She and Gene enjoyed their weekly bowling leagues at Pin-O-Rama Bowling Alley in Antwerp. Buddy was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church (Divine Mercy), which was a central part of her family's life.

Buddy enjoyed tending to her "posie" beds, bird watching from her kitchen window, and feeding the neighborhood cats/animals outside her back door. She was a sweet, soft-spoken, kindhearted soul, who always put others before herself. Her greatest joy in life were her children and grandchildren. She was always there for anyone who was in need and was often thought of as the neighborhood mom.

Buddy was preceded in death by her husband Gene who passed away July 16, 2012, and sisters Lucille Seslar and Elizabeth (Mike) Horn.

She is survived by her seven children, who made up the entirety of her world: Louise (Austin White) Goll, Antwerp; Lynn (John) Garlough, Franklin, OH; Greg 'Cork' (Nancy) Hughes, Gary Hughes, Vance Hughes, Kent 'Joe' (Beth) Hughes, all of Antwerp; and Cindy (Mike) Kauser, Paulding. Fifteen grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren with one on the way, 2 great-great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Viewing was March 15, 2023, 4-6:30 PM, with the rosary recited at 6:30 pm at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

Her funeral mass was March 16, 2023, 10 am at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 203 W. Townline Street, Payne, Ohio. PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH.

She will be laid to rest in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorials are to Paulding Nurses Auxiliary, 250 Dooley Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

PAYNE, OH:
Everett Heck, 97, of Payne, Ohio passed away Sunday, March 12, 2023 at Heritage Pointe, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Arr by DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 5761 SR 500, PAYNE, OHIO.



PAULDING, OH:
Jack R. Wiswell, age 69, passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, IN.

Jack was born on October 21, 1953 in Paulding, OH to the late Loyde and Geraldine (Rosset) Wiswell. On October 18, 1980, he married the love of his life, Angela Clark, who survives. For 38 years, Jack worked in the melting department at GM Powertrain -

Defiance before his retirement in 2009. Jack loved to fish on Lake Erie, even earning the nickname, Captain Jack. He loved to build fishing rods, hunt, and being in the outdoors. He coached several sports at Paulding schools and also coached his sons in baseball and football. He loved spending time with his friends and family, especially his brother, Mike, after retirement.

Along with his loving wife, Angie, Jack is survived by his sons: Joe Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Matt Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Ben Wiswell, Paulding, OH; brothers: Michael (Jennifer) Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Tom Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Robert Wiswell, Cecil, OH; Fred Wiswell, Celina, OH; his two granddaughters, Ellie and Liah Wiswell, and his beloved cat, Tigger.

Jack is also preceded in death by his brother, Daniel Wiswell.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, March 17, 2023 at Paulding United Methodist Church with Pastor Brian Arnold officiating.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation from 10:00 A.M. until time of services on Friday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jack's memory to the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, c/o Paulding County Area Foundation, 101 E Perry St., Paulding, OH 45879 or Paulding County Dog Shelter, c/o Paulding County Sheriff's Office, 500 E Perry St., Paulding, OH 45879.

Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.com.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
How can you explain the fact that though I have prayed for many things, very few of them have turned out the way I wanted?

I have talked to many persons who even reject Christianity because certain prayers have not been answered on the spot and just the way they demanded. The fault is not with God nor with prayer, but rather with their misunderstanding of the requirements and nature of prayer.

Biblical prayer is for the believing children of God. Though God sometimes answers prayers of the unsaved, He is never obligated to except for the prayer of repentance and salvation which He has promised to all.

The primary purpose of prayer is for God's benefit and good pleasure, not ours. It is a means of setting forth His righteous purposes. It is to be engaged in for Him. We must come to Him with an effort to place ourselves in line with His will rather than attempting to persuade God to do our will. What a change would take place if we would be more concerned about serving God through prayer than having Him serve us through prayer.

God has given certain conditions which taken all together will produce effective prayer. Having one or two of these conditions does not guarantee success any more than the right grip will guarantee a home run in baseball.

Some Biblical Conditions of Prayer:

1. We must ask - James

2. We must be abiding in Him and His words in us - John 15:7
3. We must be walking in obedience with known sin confessed and forsaken - I John 3:22 and Psalms 66:18
4. We must be submitted and committed to Him - Psalms 37:4 & 5
5. We must come in the name of Jesus - John 14:14
6. We must ask according to His will - I John 5:14
7. We must ask BELIEVING (without a shadow of doubt) Mark 11:24
8. We must maintain an unselfish motive - James 4:3
9. We must first honestly forgive anyone we may have anything against - Mark 11:25-26

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

FIRST OR LAST

By: Doris Applegate
When Jesus was on earth the Pharisees and Sadducees came to Him many times with questions trying to trick Him.

Jesus always knows their thoughts and their unbelief in Him. These two groups of leaders in the religious setting were supposed to be leading the people into the truth of God but were not doing it.

Because of their unbelief, Jesus called them vipers and snakes. We read in God's word about a landowner who hired some men to work his vineyard for a penny a day. Later he also hired other men. Toward the end of the day he hired a few more. Finally he paid all the workers but paying the last ones hired a penny as well as the first ones hired. The first ones hired complained because these last ones got the same pay but didn't have to work as hard.

The landowner had every right to do what he wanted with his money. He was kind to everyone, just as our Father God is kind to all. Jesus used this example to show the religious leaders that they were the first one in the kingdom, but ended up being the last because of their unbelief.

Those who come to Jesus Christ and are born again (saved) are the last ones to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus was showing in this teaching that first will be last and last will be first. Those who are last will end up in great torment, weeping and gnashing their teeth.

Those who are first will have eternal life. Today we ask the question, which group are we in? A wise person will choose Jesus Christ who is the only way for salvation.

Jesus is waiting for you. Amen

COVID 19 UPDATE FOR PAULDING COUNTY

This week Paulding County had 15 New Cases, 0 New Hospitalizations, 0 New Deaths.

Paulding County ranking is 20th in the state of Ohio. In Paulding County the transmission level is currently High and community level Medium.

Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots. Call (419) 399-3921 to schedule your vaccination appointment. Get tested if you have symptoms.

PCHD has FREE COVID-19 Test Kits available at this time.

Scripture of the Week

"A psalm of David...
"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
"He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.
"He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake."

— Psalms 23:1-3



Geenex / Mink Solar representatives discussed the solar project & its impacts on the land and landowners at the recent Antwerp office open house.

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the opportunity to develop the Mink Solar Project. Geenex Solar looks forward to building long-lasting relationships with community members and elected officials as we develop the Mink Solar Project."

Geenex is anticipating working with the local farmers and landowners in this development stage of the project. There are some who have their reservations about green energy, and Geenex wants to help with education and clarification of the entire process.

You can learn more about this project and the development of solar power in general at minksolar.com, center4ee.org, or geenexsolar.com. To contact the Antwerp office, call 419-789-4123 or email info@minksolar.com



The old H&H Cleaners building has been renovated into office space. Owner, Matt Hormann, chose Antwerp memorabilia photos from yesteryear for the wall décor provided by West Bend Printing.

For people living in Carryall Township or Hicksville Township - if you have questions or concerns, or just want some general information about the development of this project, you can contact your township trustees or reach out to the Solar company mentioned above.

LORD.
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Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church
4412 Park Street - Woodburn

See you there!



THIS LITTLE PIGGY

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

One thing we don't ever



want to take for granted is our mobility. One such body part is our feet. Our feet enable us to run, walk, jump and dance can slow us way down if they hurt.

Now, a lot of people aren't really ones that look at feet and may just ignore them until they hurt. Known as sweaty, smelly and perhaps linty, feet are often under appreciated.

The unsung heroes of the human body, your feet deserve to be worshiped and revered for the hard work they do.

It feels so good to soak our tootsies and yes, trim the nails. Did you know the average person takes nearly 10,000 steps a day? The average woman walks 3 miles more a day than the average man. (That is something I did not know). However stop and think about it. Women usually gets groceries, takes care of kids, does laundry and a host of other household duties.

One thing that is important is wearing shoes that make you feel comfortable. I am guilty of wearing shoes that hurt my feet and I would limp all day, just because they were cute.

Ok one of the most important things people say is, "Ewww. Your feet stink". Did you know there are 250,000 sweat glands in your feet? Sweat glands in the feet produce as much as half a pint of moisture each day.

Madeline Albrecht is the lucky owner of the record for most feet sniffed. While working for a research company testing footcare products for Scholl, she sniffed around

5,000 feet per day.

Matthew McGrory holds the record for the biggest feet, wearing US size 28½ shoes. Cost of a pair of these \$22,745 Wow. Hope they were stylish.

Feet can tell all your secrets... early symptoms for diabetes, arthritis and circulatory.

It is estimated that the first shoes were created 5,000,000 years ago during the Ice Age, perhaps made from animal skins.

Well I am thankful for my feet and my legs. I will only wear shoes that feel right.

What are your thoughts about feet? (Well I have a secret). I have a tattoo on my toe. shhh don't tell!

THE WAY WE WERE IN 1935

By: Richard Mastin

(Originally printed in issue 10, 3/5/23)

The meat of this letter was written by Violet Onstott of Hicksville. My wife, Sandy, has Violet's original copy. I don't know if Violet originated all of it, but when I read it I thought we need to share it.

Sandy was born in 1935 and I in 1936. I first met Violet at my grandparents' home when I was about 10 or 12.

Sandy was luckier as she and Violet were cousins. Sandy and I both experienced most of what Violet wrote about because most everything took place during our youth.

Sandy's granddaughter, Heidi Hull, admired Violet so much that she named her first daughter Ivielle Violet. My stepson, Brian Keegan, took Violet on her first motorcycle ride when she was 86. They went around a block in Hicksville. This was a lady who only wore skirts.

Years later when she was 98, he took her for another ride. This time they took a longer outing into the country. Violet wanted the thrill of the wind in her face at a much faster speed. Still later, when Violet was 100, she climbed on the back of Brian's motorcycle for one last ride around the block. Violet was slowing down now and was 101 when she passed away.

I doubt if there was anyone who didn't like Violet. She didn't talk about people if she couldn't say something positive. She was a fixture at Mentzers 5 Cents & 10 Cents Store in Hicksville for many, many years. Violet always walked and never drove. I feel positive that you would have loved her too.

Violet loved to write and once told me that she enjoyed my letters to the editor. Back then I didn't feel my nation was being attacked from within and thus was free



Violet with her great-granddaughter, Ivielle Violet.



Step-son Brian Keegan gives Violet a motorcycle ride at 86 and again at 98!

to mention God in 70-80% of my letters. On one of our visits to Violet's house, she asked me if I could write a letter based on a specific Bible verse in Hebrews. (I did but you need to know this about me. I prefer writing about faith than about how today's democrats are destroying our America.)

And now for Violet's writing. I don't know if she came up with the following or not. I do know it is her handwriting, as I said before I know these things are true because I was here. If you have someone up in their 80's-90's, let them read this or you read it to them. Here we go!

"We were before television, before penicillin, the pill, polio shots, antibiotics and frisbees. Before frozen food, nylon, Dacron, Xerox, and Kinsey. We were before fluorescent lights, radar, credit cards and ball point pens. For us 'Time Sharing' meant togetherness. We had no computers. A chip meant a piece of wood; hardware and software wasn't even a word. In those days bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens.

"We were before Batman, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and Snoopy. Before DDT and vitamin pills, Vodka (in the U.S.) and the white wine craze, disposable diapers, Jeeps and Jefferson nickels, before Scotch tape, M&M's, automatic shift and Lincoln Continentals. Pizzas, Cheerios, frozen orange juice, instant coffee and McDonald's were unheard of. We thought fast food was what you ate before Lent.

"In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, coke was a soft drink and pot was something you cooked in. We got married first and then lived



Violet Onstott

together and then had kids. How quaint can that be?

"We were before coin vending machines, jet planes, helicopters and interstate highways. 'Made in Japan' meant junk and the term 'making out' referred to how you did on an exam.

"In our time '5 and 10 cent stores' were where you could buy things for 5 and 10 cents. For just one nickel you could ride a street car, make a phone call, buy a coke, or buy enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600.00, but who could afford that in 1935? A pity too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

"We were not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were before sex changes. We just made do with what we had.

"And so it was in 1935. This is the 'way we were' and we loved it."

I would like to add to her thoughts. We actually knew everyone on our block and many all over town. People even neighbored back then. Us kids were actually involved with physical out of doors play rather than taking drugs, with the only exercise being that of their fingers while their bodies got fatter.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

William Samuel Barnard was the son of Cyrus, born 1853 in Ohio and Catherine" Kitty" (McKevitt) Barnard, born 1851 in Ohio. This couple was married August 10, 1872 in Paulding. In this union, four sons were born. Alma Darius November 3, 1872, Edward Frank born January 19, 1874, George Earnest August 20, 1875 and William Samuel January 20, 1878. All sons were born in Charloe, Ohio. On December 13, 1878, Catherine passed away and was buried in Charloe-Blakeslee Cemetery, Charloe.

By 1880, Cyrus and son Alma was living with Cyrus' parents in Charloe. William was living with Catherine's parents, Patrick and Helen McKevitt in the Charloe area. William's brothers George and Edward were living with an aunt and uncle.

By 1898, Paulding was forming a company of men to serve in the Spanish American War. Company M. 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry was formed. William was mustered into service, June 30, 1898 and served until February 10, 1899 when the company was mustered out of service. By June of 1900, William moved to Cumming, Michi-

gan where he stayed in a housing complex and was working as a day laborer. Also in the same complex was a man named Ezra B. Holtsberry, who was my grand-father's first cousin! (O.K. I will not go down this rabbit hole).

While living in Lansing, Michigan, William met a gal named Janet Alice Blume, born January 4, 1882 in Ionia County, Michigan. Janet was married before so she had three sons from a prior marriage. Loren C. born June 27, 1901, Carl born July 1, 1903, and Neil L. born September 24, 1907.

January 19, 1912, William's father, Cyrus, passed away. He was buried with Catherine at Charloe. December 12, 1914, a son Duane was born to William and Janet. On September 12, 1918 at Lansing, Michigan drafted board, William registered for the World War draft. Short and slender build, blue eyes, brown hair and working as a painter at an automotive factory. The couple was living at 524 West Main Street in Lansing.

By 1920 William and family were still living at the same address. William's mother in law, Louise Barber, was now living with them. On October 30, 1928, stepson Loren passed away.

By 1930 William and Janet were still at the same address. On January 22, 1932, Janet suffered a fractured skull as she fell at home. She passed away February 3, 1932. She was buried in Deepdale Memorial Park Cemetery, Eaton County, Michigan.

On September 1, 1937 William entered the Michigan Soldiers Home in Lansing, Michigan. He suffered from organic heart disease. He passed away October 17, 1937. He was buried beside his wife. Son Duane served in World War Two.

The family of Arlene Billman would like to thank all of you who have reached out in some way since her passing: visits, food, messages, gifts, cards. To each of our school classes who gifted us with angels we thank you. We would especially like to thank Lou Slusher for her lifelong Friendship with Arlene and her caring watchful neighbors Spud and Cindy Herber. Thank you to the staff members at Van Crest of Hicksville for the wonderful care they gave our mother and the kindness and comfort they gave us. We thank Matthew, the Shawn, and staff of Dooley Funeral Homes for all you did to care for our family as we said good-bye to our mom. Thank you to Paul Steele who brought mom her meals and mail each day with a friendly smile. Thank you to Tommie Meyers who provided medical care and, most of all, friendly visits. Thank you to all who honored Arlene Billman and her memorable laugh. Your kindness will always be remembered.

—Arlene Billman's Family



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GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Grover Hill Elementary recently announced their February Students of the Month are: Front: L-R Jase Miller, Jude Miller, Emery LaBounty, Mason Stoller, California Nieto, Hannah Martin, Delilah Myers and Mack Sinn. Back: Tyler Baksa, Avah Farris, Drew McClure, Ryan Hicks, Drea Stephy-Baldazo, Kinlee Miller and Phoebe Miller.

PAULDING JH STUDENTS NAMED POSITIVE PANTHERS



Paulding Junior High presents their February Positive Panthers. They are the following students: Ray Hagerman, Kinzley Collard and Sam Verfaillie.



Mayor Jan Reeb and her family volunteer and attend Hoops for Heart every year. Pictured here are the Reeb's as school athletic director organizes the awards to winning teams and players. Photo by Harlee Moore

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who passed away in '95 of heart disease. In the last nearly three decades, the Antwerp School has collected \$96,311.37 for the American Heart Association through Hoops for Heart.

Top money raiser in the High School: Caleb Laker with \$355.

Top money raiser in the Middle School: Case Trabel with \$200.

HS Free Throw Champion: Hayleigh Jewell

MS Free Throw Champion: Avery Hongiford.

HS 3-Point Contest Winner: Carson Altimus.

MS 3-Point Contest Winner: Avery Hongiford.

HS 3-on-3 Champions: Carson Altimus, Ross Lee, and Dayne Sholl.

MS 3-on-3 Champions: Keegan Gray-Wyckoff, Wyatt Cline, and Zac Salas.

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The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

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

2 - CLAIMS ASSISTANCE - Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

LAWN CARE FOR YOU, THE HOMEOWNER.

Spring is officially here. It's time to start thinking about shaping up the yard, and your lawn is a big part of that. Now is a great time to start preparing your lawn with an early spring fertilizer to attain and maintain that nice green look in your lawn all season long.

Jim and I will be writing articles throughout the growing season to help you keep your lawn looking great.

In order to give your lawn an excellent boost this spring, we recommend an early treatment of lawn fertilizer for a strong green up. You may combine this with an annual weed preventative to help keep those unwanted grassy weeds (such as crabgrass) out of your lawn. We also suggest getting a PH test for the soil to determine whether your soil could be too acidic or too alkaline and to correct your PH with soil amending products.

Why fertilize in early spring? Grass and other plants are emerging from the dormant stage. Once the soil temperature reaches 55 degrees, the soil microbes will start to become active and the grass will green up. In order to maintain a lush healthy green lawn, grass needs the proper nutrients in order to grow strong and vibrant. Giving your lawn a high-quality slow release fertilizer in early spring will feed your lawn over the next 8 to 12 weeks and set up your yard nicely for the rest of the growing season.

Choosing the right fertilizer is important. The lawn lives in the soil surrounded by air, water, living things and humus, the residue of living things. In soil, the fundamental physical, chemical and biological processes necessary for lawn grass growth take place. For a lawn grass plant to be healthy it needs nutrients. These nutrients are divided into two main groups, the non-mineral and the mineral.

The non-mineral nutrients are hydrogen, oxygen and carbon. These nutrients are found in the air and water that surrounds us. In a process called photosynthesis, green plants use energy from the sun to change carbon dioxide, from the air, and hydrogen from the water, into sugars. These sugars become the means for making the carbohydrates, fats, oils, and proteins that are the building blocks of life. Since green plants get their carbon, hydrogen and oxygen from the air and water, there is little that man can do to control how much of these nutrients a green plant can make or use. We and all of life on earth are living off of the green plant for our food supply.

There are thirteen mineral nutrients, which come from the soil that are important for lawn grass plant growth. The mineral nutrients are divided into two groups: macronutrients and micronutrients. Macronutrients include nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium and sulfur. Grass plants use these macronutrients for their growth and survival and not all of these nutrients are found in lawn fertilizers. Micronutrients are essential elements for lawn grass plant growth, which are needed in smaller quantities. The micronutrients are boron, copper, iron, chloride, manganese, molybdenum and zinc. Recycling of

PAULDING JH STUDENTS PRIDE WINNERS



Paulding Junior High had 26 students in the month of February "get caught" doing something good by going above and beyond what is asked. Each student received a Paulding Pride bracelet and three were the lucky winners of a \$5 Dairy Queen gift card. #TogetherAsOne

organic material, such as grass clippings, is an excellent way to provide micronutrients. They are absorbed by lawn grass plants from the soil and water by means of their root hairs. There are not always enough of these minerals present in the soil for a lawn grass plant to produce maximum healthy growth. This is why we fertilize the lawn. We also fertilize to supply nitrogen to stimulate lawn growth; however, this as in the case of mineral nutrients, is done to supply extra nutrients for lawn growth stimulation.

High-quality lawn fertilizers feed evenly throughout an eight to twelve week period of time giving your lawn the right amount of food at the right time. Determining the amount and kind of fertilizer you need for your lawn will greatly depend upon your soil's condition and PH level to provide the nutrients your grass needs.

In early spring, you can also prevent grassy weeds from coming into your lawn later in the growing season. These are annual weeds that sprout from seeds that grow into mature plants throughout the growing season, and then drop their own seeds before dying... which provides another crop for the following year. These annual weeds include crabgrass, goosegrass, barnyardgrass, dallisgrass, quackgrass, and bermudagrass.

So how do I keep these weeds out of my yard? By using a pre-emergent weed control, you are creating a "protective barrier" on the lawn. The active ingredients are distributed throughout the lawn in late winter or early spring, before the annuals have begun to germinate. They lie in wait for the annual weed seeds to sprout. As germination begins, the young seedlings come in contact with the protective barrier and succumb to its controlling action.

However, these protective barriers also prevent any good grass seed from germinating. So if you are planning on seeding or overseeding any part of your lawn, do not use a pre-emergent control unless it is a control that specifically says you can seed.

Pre-emergent controls should be applied in late winter or early spring. However, as a guide for all areas, the application should be made before dandelions are in the puffball stage...before lilacs bloom... or before forsythia drop.

Pre-emergent controls usually last for approximately four months. When applying a pre-emergent in early spring, you may need to apply another application of pre-emergent in early summer to prevent crabgrass from coming up later in the summer.

Also, if you are planning

MINDSET MARVELS AT PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Paulding Elementary School announces its February Mindset Marvels selection. Pictured here are (l-r, front row) Wyatt Wilhelm, Aliyana Fitch, Addie Brown, Emberly VanVlerah, and Amira Morrow; (l-r, middle row) Ashlynn Vance, Levi Steffes, Phoenix Whiting, Ricky Wolpert, Brie Vogel, Isabella Gonzales, and William Ramon; (l-r, back row) Rosie Estrada, Austin Guilford, Maddy Mullins, Averie Kline, Jack Roddy, Brayden Ramirez-Corte, and Haddie Hunt. Missing from picture: Remi Rison, Da'Linnie Banks, and Harmony Finch

PAULDING JH ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding Junior High presents their February Students of the Month. They are: Braylin Barnes, Nick Baughman & Leah Manz

on thatching this spring, do not apply any pre-emergent controls before you have thatched. Thatching or raking will break the barrier that a pre-emergent control provides and makes it useless.

When purchasing your fertilizer, you may want to think about getting fertilizer for other times of the growing

season so you'll be able to enjoy your lawn the entire growing season.

Best wishes to you on a great lawn you can enjoy this year.

—Len Schrock,

Jonathan Green Lawn Care Consultant, Grabill & Woodburn Hardware

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

BIDEN'S RECIPE FOR OUR DESTRUCTION

If you believe in and support Biden's immoral, anti-God, communistic, nation destroying Democrat party, then I believe you favor the following and possibly called a Satanist.

1. Keeping our southern border open.
2. Permit millions of illegals into our nation who we know little or nothing about. Those keeping it open don't

care how many terrorists, drugs, human traffickers, rapists, violent criminals and who knows what other trash will enter.

I believe those guilty stooges feel abortion and fentanyl deaths plus attacking and over loading our police departments works to enhance their goal of communism.

I personally believe Biden and his administration is out to destroy free Christian America. Not a very good thought for one claiming he is a Catholic.

3. This administration doesn't support our police. Vice President Harris spoke against our police.

4. School's teaching "Critical Race Theory" and radical "LGBTQ" ideology.

5. Pushing hard and fast towards socialism which will then turn into communism.

6. Liberal war against free speech.

7. Ok males competing as girls in females sports.

8. The left's assault on Christian values.

9. Investigate parents as terrorists for speaking up at school board meetings.

10. Kamala Harris bailing out anti-police rioters and convicted criminals.

11. Kamala Harris saying "Our riots are not going to stop."

12. Biden frequently referring to America as racist.

13. Today's administration "leans toward pro-criminal"

14. Democrat leaders pushing to rid our military of Christians.

What do you think of your Catholic President Biden inviting a "foul mouthed drag queen" to be his guest in our White House? Do you suppose he wanted to hear some

"blue language"? In addition, what do you think of Biden appointing a transgender to our health and human services department and another who was fired for stealing women's clothing as top nuclear waste official plus a trans activist to lead our monkey pox crisis? Why do we continue to permit this mockery of our presidency and of America?

Pay close attention to what I say next because it's something you will probably never hear from your elected Democrats. You didn't hear anything about God in eight years of Obama and so far two years of Biden. It looks like only Republicans believe in God.

Read and believe what President Eisenhower said in his warning to us "Recognition of a supreme being is the first, most basic, expression of Americanism. Without God, there could be no American form of government nor an American way of life." Think about that and look back at things other great presidents have said.

In short, "You are up the creek without a paddle without God."

—Richard Mastin, Hicksville, OH

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Small UAS license exam, earning a FAA Remote Pilot License, which covers them for commercial operations of any small (under 55lb) unmanned aircraft system, and act as a springboard to licenses for operation of larger drones. "In addition to the license, the Ohio Department of Education recognizes the certification as half of the graduation requirement for our high school Criminal Justice, Construction Equipment Technology and Ag Diesel students." Joyce continues, "I am confident that as time goes on, this will be expanded to other areas of concentration within our district."

Vantage Science Instructor Dan Joyce, as well as Ag and Industrial Power Technology Instructor Mike Miller, are both FAA Part 107 drone pilots and will be teaching the course to adults and high school students who wish to pursue this license for their current and future careers. "Drone usage is a new and exciting career opportunity that is rapidly becoming an integral part of many technical and industrial careers," says Joyce.

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The training program is in partnership with Pitsco Education and is set to run two classes this summer with the capacity of 6 students each class. Interested student may enroll by going to <https://workshops.pitsco.com/> then choosing one of the available workshop dates hosted by Vantage Career Center, or for additional questions, contact Mr. Joyce directly at 419.238.5411 x2181 or email joyce.d@vantagecareercenter.com All other information can be found at the Vantage website: https://www.vantagecareercenter.com/adulteducation_home.aspx

WAYNE TRACE GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY 3RD 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2022/23

3RD GRADE

All A's: Carson DeVenney, Evan Heier, Jase Miller, Alirah Ricker, Chandler Sinn, Jayde Sinn, Austin Stoller, and Lyla Stoller

A/B: Bentlee Bidlack, Allison Donaldson, Mia Kamphaus, Brianna McClure, Jude Miller, Jaxon Porter, Gaberial Spangler, Gentry Tucker, and Ellie Wilt

4TH GRADE

All A's: Paisley Greear, Emma Hartwig, Abrie Hurd, Beckett Jay, Grayson LaBounty, Brynlee Maenle, Sawyer Schlatter, Emberlee Sinn, Aylan Stoller, and Shawna Stoller

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All A's: Brenna Beining, Avah Farris, Katelynn Hurd, Connie Landwehr, Kenzie Manz, and Carter Noffsinger

A/B: Jocelyn Adkins, Jaxon Gabrio, Carter Ludwig, Jocelyn Mabis, Drew McClure, Gracelyn Miller, Griffin Miller, and Kolson Stoller

All B's: Gracelyn Elkins & Tylan Sinn

6TH GRADE

All A's: Easton Jay, Kinlee Miller, Brayden Sinn, Brooke Stoller, Corbin Stoller, and Olivia Stoller

A/B: Braylin Sinn, Jonah Sinn, Abigail Tarlton, Olivia Tarlton, Abbie Williams, and Jacob Wobler

All B's: Camden Kimmel & Carlen Ludwig

4-H CAMP PALMER ALL CAMP CLEAN UP MARCH 25



To open and prepare the grounds at 4-H Camp Palmer, we need volunteer help. Does your club or organization need a service project? An adult must accompany youth ages 8-15 years of age. Please be prepared to bring your own rakes, and work gloves.

The clean-up morning is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Please check in at the covered bridge entrance for work assignments.

Some of our main projects will include leaf raking, picking up sticks, mulching trails, cabin cleaning, and removing pool cover at 10:00 a.m.

The camp is located at 26450 County Road MN, Fayette, Ohio right next to Harrison Lake State Park. For more information about the cleanup call Bill Goodson at 419-237-2247 or goodson.34@osu.edu

We can do your wedding, graduation, anniversary, birthday or any other announcement that you may need! Come in and browse our great selection!!
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ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: FIVE STAR DECK BUILDING & FENCING



The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce spotlight for March is Five Star Deck Building and Fencing based in Antwerp, Ohio.

Bob Bragg is the owner of Five Star Deck Building and

into a thriving business which employs 8 people today.

Bob's company can do a variety of construction jobs. Their main focus is building decks and running fencing.



Fencing. He and his wife and children reside in Antwerp. In 2019 as Covid was ramping up he was managing a family business which everyone knows was a very difficult time for small businesses. Bob felt compelled to strike out on his own and pursue something for himself. He began doing a few projects here and there for people that he knew. What began as a side gig with just himself and an extra pair of hands here and there turned

They have also built pergolas, gazebo, and poured concrete and built pole barns. In the winter they do interior remodeling jobs. They create functional, appealing outdoor spaces where you can enjoy the beauty of nature comfortably.

Bob is an entrepreneur. He has that type of personality that thrives in the customer service industry. He has always enjoyed talking to people and people enjoy discussions with him. This has



been a great adventure so far and Bob and his crew hope to continue down the same path for years to come.

What sets them aside from others in this type of business is the fact that his crew, the job site foreman, himself and the person they are doing the work for are all



close to being involved in the project. Bob and his crew sincerely care about the work that they are doing. They treat their customers like family and in return they use that energy to put out the highest quality of product available. They strive to be the best and Bob will vouch for each and every one of them.

When a customer chooses Five Star they are making an investment in a long term and typically expensive project. Bob wants them to get the best out of the products and services they are

providing. You can hire someone for less money and get an average job done. That is not who Five Star Deck Building and Fencing is. They want to build something that is going to last and exhibit the quality of materials and workmanship that they are known for.

Customers will often call Bob after a job to ask him to complete another project for them. They know who he is and know that they are getting the best people in the area. They know that the customer service will always be there for them long after the job is completed.

Bob and his crew serve a geographic region roughly around a 50-55 mile radius of Antwerp. When asked about a funny or strange anecdote about his business, he declined to elaborate but did say that it is nice that people can joke and have a good time about what they do but still keep it on a professional level.

Bob started his business from the ground up. He had an idea and he turned that into the thriving business he has today. He is proud that he did it on his own and takes responsibility for that. The business relies on him to do his job day in and day out and he is beholden to no one. People have helped him along the way and he appreciates the support of his family and friends.

Customer service and quality are the two main things that a customer can expect from Bob and the unique thing about his business is that while it is a small business they are competing in a big world. Their quality, customer service and building relationships make them stand out in a crowd of similar businesses.

Bob has worked many jobs in his young life. He has worked in a factory, construction, worked in a family business, worked retail and several jobs doing outside work. Each one of those jobs taught him things about how to structure my workplace. He values each of his employees and when they need a day off, they get the day off. Their families and lives come before work. That was something he hated about the factory life, being treated like a number in a system, being penalized for things out of your control, no vacation time until you have been there for awhile. Bob prides himself that he does not treat anyone on his crew like a number. They have health insurance, retirement options, vacation, and time off work when they need it. They know that they are valued and that their job will be there tomorrow. Thankfully he was able to work in places that taught him what he didn't want to do with his

PAULDING COUNTY SENDS TWO WRESTLERS TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT



WT Senior Sam Moore. Photo by Carrie Kimmel.



Antwerp Senior Eli Reinhart. Photo by Carrie Kimmel.

Sam Moore of Wayne Trace and Eli Reinhart of Antwerp both traveled to the Schottenstein Center in Columbus to compete at the State level March 10-12. Both Moore and Reinhart are seniors at their high schools and this elite level of competition is the perfect way to complete their high school wrestling careers.

In the 157-pound weight class, Eli Reinhart exited the tunnel first and stepped onto the mat to face his opponent. Reinhart faced Ayden King of Barnesville in the first match of the day. King ultimately defeated Reinhart with a score of 10-2, sending Reinhart to the consolation bracket. In the second round, Reinhart wrestled against Jacob Starkey of South Range, losing 8-2. With a second loss, Reinhart was eliminated from the bracket. A large supporting crowd of Archers was on hand to share in the excitement of Eli's accomplishments on the biggest platform of a high school

wrestler's career.

In the 165-pound weight class, Sam Moore exited the tunnel with his brother and coach for his first match against Hayden Buhro of Oak Harbor. Moore competed well with his opponent but lost 9-5 in the end. This sent Moore to the consolations immediately. For the second match, Moore faced Gabe Bissenbach of Sal. Southern. Sam lost to Bissenbach with a score of 4-0 in the match, ending his chance at placing at state. Sam's family and friends were happy to support Sam at the Schott and witness his ultimate goal of qualifying for state become a reality.

Milestones have been set by both Sam and Eli in qualifying for state. Younger wrestlers have something to set their eyes on and strive to work towards. Congratulations to Sam and Eli in their accomplishments and good luck on all of your future endeavors!

own business and that is why he is able to keep such a great group of people around him.

One tip he would give to a prospective customer is to do a little research on the project that they are wanting completed. While some people may not know what something is going to cost, it is beneficial to check out online prices and get a rough idea of costs. Bob hates to disappoint people that thought their job would cost \$5,000 and the quote ends up being quite a bit more.

If you are interested in talking to Bob about a project, you can reach him at (260) 444-7678 or by email at bob@fivestardecksandfencing.com. Check out the website at <https://fivestardecksandfencing.com/> The company is now partnering

with Hearth to offer financing for your project up to \$250,000.

Bob is proud to employ local people and he wants to remind everyone to SHOP LOCAL.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is excited to partner with Five Star Deck Building and Fencing in the growth of Antwerp and the surrounding community.

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ROYAL ADDS OHIO MR. BASKETBALL TO LIST OF ACCOLADES



By: Dave Purpura

Devin Royal appeared to have entered this season as the envy of every high school basketball player in the state.

The 6-foot-6, 210-pound forward from Pickerington Central was rated the state's top recruit, led his team to the Division I state championship as a junior and signed with Ohio State two weeks before the first game of his senior season.

But he still saw one glaring omission on his resume.

Royal came up short in Ohio Mr. Basketball voting last March to Centerville's Gabe Cupps, whose team the Tigers defeated 55-48 in the state final.

"Once he got it (last year), I wanted to get it this year even more," Royal said.

In the final week of his high school career, mission accomplished.

Royal was named Ohio Mr. Basketball by a statewide media panel Wednesday afternoon. He edged Cupps by three points in the voting, 90-87.

"It means a lot. I'm happy," Royal said. "I wish I'd have gotten it last year, too, but it's good to have it. It was one of my goals for sure."

"I am really just focused on state right now, but this was a big goal for me. The biggest goal for me walking into this year was to win state back-to-back. I will celebrate this, though. It's an award I think I earned for all the work I put in."

Royal is averaging 19.6 points and 7.6 rebounds and shooting 64.9% from the field for the Tigers (23-5), who play Centerville (25-3)

in a Division I state semifinal at 5:15 p.m. Saturday at University of Dayton Arena.

Now in its 36th year, the prestigious Mr. Basketball award was first given by the Associated Press in 1988. It has been voted on by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association since 2017.

Cuyahoga Falls Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy's Darryn Peterson was third, followed by Dailyn Swain of Columbus Africentric, Jerry Easter II of Toledo Emmanuel Christian, Bede Lori of Caldwell and Luke Skaljac of Brecksville-Broadview Heights.

In the voting, three points were awarded for first place, two for second and one for third.

Royal is Pickerington Central's first Mr. Basketball winner. He is the ninth winner from central Ohio and first since Walnut Ridge's VonCameron Davis in 2020.

"I'm excited for (Royal) and proud of the season he's had," Central coach Eric Krueger said. "You never know what will happen, but he was definitely deserving."

A three-year starter, Royal averaged 19.1 points, 8.2 rebounds and 1.6 assists during last year's state title run. He committed to Ohio State on Aug. 2 and scored a career-high 40 points Jan. 13 in a win at Reynoldsburg.

Royal became Central's all-time leading scorer Thursday, amassing 28 points in a 59-51 regional semifinal win over Westerville South. He had 29 Saturday, including the game-winning basket in the final minute, to power the Tigers

to a comeback 57-53 win over Lewis Center Olen-tangy Orange in the regional final at Ohio University.

Royal has 1,504 career points, 43 more than 2014 graduate Jae'Sean Tate. Tate went on to play at Ohio State and currently is with the NBA's Houston Rockets.

"(Royal) has become more versatile offensively," Krueger said. "He's become an all-around wing. He is just a tough matchup. He can play on the perimeter, he can play down low and he can play between. He has a strong mid-range game. He's diversified his game offensively and become better defensively, and he's sharing the ball too. He has a lot of trust in his teammates."

"It's been key for us and for him."

Ohio Mr. Basketball Winners

2023 - Devin Royal, Pickerington Central

2022 - Gabe Cupps, Centerville

2021 - Malaki Branham, Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary

2020 - VonCameron Davis, Columbus Walnut Ridge

2019 - Samari Curtis, Xenia

2018 - Dane Goodwin, Upper Arlington

2017 - Kaleb Wesson, Westerville South

2016 - Xavier Simpson, Lima Senior

2015 - Luke Kennard, Franklin High School

2014 - Luke Kennard, Franklin High School

2013 - Marc Loving, Toledo St. John's Jesuit

2012 - Justin Fritts, Mentor

2011 - Trey Burke, Columbus Northland

2010 - Jared Sullinger, Columbus Northland

2009 - Jared Sullinger, Columbus Northland

2008 - William Buford, Toledo Libbey

2007 - Jon Diebler, Upper Sandusky

2006 - O.J. Mayo, North College Hill

2005 - O.J. Mayo, North College Hill

2004 - Jamar Butler, Lima Shawnee

2003 - LeBron James, Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary

2002 - LeBron James, Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary

2001 - LeBron James, Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary

2000 - (tie) Tony Stockman, Medina; Chester Mason, Cleveland South

1999 - Isaac Jefferson, Columbus West

1998 - William "Sonny" Johnson, Garfield Heights

1997 - Kenny Gregory, Independence

1996 - Jason Collier, Springfield Catholic

1995 - Damon Stringer, Cleveland Heights

1994 - Aaron Hutchins, Lima Central Catholic

1993 - Geno Ford, Cambridge

1992 - Greg Simpson, Lima Senior

1991 - Greg Simpson, Lima Senior

1990 - Bob Patton Jr., Youngstown Liberty

1989 - Jimmy Jackson, Toledo Macomber

1988 - Jimmy Jackson, Toledo Macomber

NO. 1 RANKED OG SLIP PAST RAIDERS IN DOUBLE OT



Wayne Trace freshman Tanner Laukhuf is nearly run over by his OG guard catching up, yet Laukhuf is able to score for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

In what many thought would be a gigantic mismatch in favor of Ottawa-Glandorf the favored Titans had to hang on till the final buzzer to breath a sigh of relief. The state ranked number one team in Division III eliminated a very gutsy Wayne Trace Raiders team 62-55 in double overtime to win the Regional and secure a spot in

the state finals at Dayton.

The Raiders were not fazed by the Titans lofty record(24-3), their ranking or their size and managed to stay close throughout the contest. The Titans were down after one quarter of play 16-12 but managed to bounce back to secure a one-point halftime lead 26-25. It looked as though the Raiders were allowing their efforts slip away when OG went up 37-29 at

the end of third quarter.

In the overtime Wayne Trace looked dead-in-the-water with 90-seconds showing on the clock and still trailing 47-40. However, the red, white, and blue continued to play hard, chipping away at the deficit. With seven-seconds remaining in regulation the lone senior on the Raiders ball club, Tyler Davis, delivered a three-pointer to knot the score at 47 a piece and forcing overtime number one. In overtime the Raiders managed to take a three-point lead 51-48 but OG would flex their muscles and deliver a 5-1 run to regain the lead 53-52. In the closing seconds would connect on a free throw to even the score at 53-53 to force double overtime.

OG would prove their state ranking and why they are one of the best in Division III scoring the first seven points to take control. The Raiders would end up being outscored 9-2 in the four-minute session but not after playing their best game of the season and leaving it all on the court. The Raiders bow out of the tournament 21-7 and Regional runners-up.

Wayne Trace was paced by Kyle Stoller's 21 points with Brooks Laukhuf adding 14. The Raiders received point contributions from Hudson Myers and Tanner Laukhuf each with seven, Davis adding five and Cale Winans one.

Ottawa-Glandorf was led by Colin White with 17 (15 in the second half), Caden Erford 16 and Theo Maag 14. Grant Schroeder added seven with Levi Unterbrink four, and two-points each for Dave Westrick and Hunter Stechschulte.

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THE LEFT TURN



Ottoville's Abby Hohlbein after a feature win in her USAC Midwest D2 Thunder Midget Photo Credit: Hohlbein Racing.

By: Ron Burt

While we wait on local tracks to open, let me introduce you to maybe the fastest girl in N.W. Ohio. Ottoville's Abby Hohlbein is getting ready to start her 8th year of racing. Currently Abby sits behind the wheel of a D2 Midget, powered by a Honda motor on a Hawk Chassis. She doesn't have a home track. She races in the Midwest Thunder Series and occasionally the IMRA D2 Series in Illinois. This means at every track her car has a different set up. Two of her favorite tracks are Ohio's Atomic Speedway, and Kokomo Speedway in Indiana but Spoon River and Macon Speedway in Illinois are also a couple of tracks at the top of her list. When it comes down to it, this teenager likes whatever track her car is on. What most people don't realize is this young lady mainly races against adult men.

Abby's love for racing started by watching her father race his modified. She knew from an early age that's what she wanted to do. This teen has raced Snowmobiles, Quarter Midgets, Go-Karts, Thunder Stocks, Dirt Track Trucks, 600 Micro Sprints (winged and non-winged) and her D2 Midget. She has several impressive wins in her young career, but I think her biggest accomplishment is being a good role model for young women and youth that follow her, proving it's not just an adult man's sport. She already has a large fan follow-

ing. From the list of wins, I think her most impressive was the 2021 USAC Regional Midget Kokomo Clash XV Feature Winner (9th woman to ever win a USAC Regional Midget Race). This summer watch for Abby when the D2 Midgets race at Limaland, Fremont, Eldora, Gas City, Kokomo, and other area tracks. I will update you throughout the season on her accomplishments and you can follow her on social media and the USAC Midwest Thunder Midgets Facebook page.

Fremont Speedway and Attica Raceway Park announced all 410 AFCS Sprint Series events will pay at least \$4000.00 to win, with the season championship night paying at least \$5000.00 to win. All 305 AFCS Sprint Series events will pay at least \$1000.00 to win, with 4, \$1200.00 to win events booked already. Getting all these events to pay at least 4k for the 410s and 1k for the 305s was a collaboration between the AFCS Sprints Series and both tracks, Fremont, and Attica Raceway Park where the cars run Friday nights.

Keeping with the 305-Winged Sprints that race both tracks. After talks with suppliers and the tracks, and only being days away from Attica opening and a few weeks until Fremont opens, it has been determined wing sliders won't be allowed for 305s once again in 2023. The tracks both investigated it during the off season. Being close to the start

of the season, a rule change can't be fairly made at this time. The tracks will look deeper into and discuss it more but a rule change to be made fairly for everyone involved would need to happen as the season ends, going into the following year. With the ever-rising cost of tires, near \$365 a tire now, and other essential parts rising in cost significantly again this season, it absolutely makes zero sense to add additional expenses to the 305s this season. This is a smart move by both tracks to help race teams with expenses. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron Out! ohioSPORTSBLITZ@yahoo.com



ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

March 2 A resident reported a junk violation at a resident on Daggett. Police department issued a junk violation notice to the resident then checked residence 3 days later and found it cleaned up and in compliance

March 4 Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to a two yr old child who possibly ingested an oxycodone pill. The officer responded and assisted until EMS could arrive

March 4 Antwerp Police Department contact in reference to an apartment fire at 511 N. Main. An officer responded and assisted in clearing out the apartment complex and stood by to assist fire and EMS

March 6 An officer was called to Canal St. for an adult female that had possibly overdosed. The officer arrived to find the individual not breathing. The officer administered CPR until EMS arrived

March 6 A resident contacted police in reference to light poles near Main and Woodcox that appeared not to be working. The police department contacted village administrator and AEP.

March 6 A resident to Harrmann Rd someone in a black pickup truck going to resident on Harrmann Rd and asking if they would like their driveway worked on. The incident was reported after the fact and the officer was unable to locate the truck.

March 7 A resident of Daggett St. reported a silver Nissan car driving up and down the road that seemed to be speeding. An officer sat stationary, but did not see the car

March 7 An officer was requested near the train tracks on Main St. for an elderly man who had fallen along the tracks. An officer responded and determined the individual had no injuries but was intoxicated. The officer contacted a family member to come and take the man home.

March 9 Antwerp Police Department assisted Antwerp EMS with a resident that had fallen and injured their head

March 11 A resident reported a group of juveniles

standing along Erie St. and they would yell at people passing by in their vehicles, and few times they ran into the roadway. An officer responded, spoke with juveniles and told them not to do it anymore.

March 11 An employee of Dollar General reported that someone who was told not to come in the store, but was in the store. The individual was gone when officer arrived. The case was investigated, a report was prepared for trespassing charges.

March 11 An officer was called to a resident on Washington St. The homeowners stated they woke to find someone sleeping on their couch. The officer investigated and determined that the individual had gotten intoxicated and instead of driving walked home but went to wrong the wrong house.

March 12 a suspicious vehicle was reported on Maumee Lane. The description given was a black chevy pick up truck with extended cab. Officers responded but was unable to locate vehicle.

March 12 Antwerp Police Department assisted with an escort of Antwerp's wrestling state qualifier Eli Reinhart welcoming him back to the village from the tournament.

March 12 Criminal damaging was reported on Daggett. It was apparent that rocks were thrown through windows of a home. An officer investigated and was able to locate two juveniles who were responsible. A report was prepared.

March 15 Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to an individual suffering from mental illness. Officers responded and spoke with individual and the individual agreed to go to the coping center in Defiance. The police department provided transportation there for the individual

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

OHSAA ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP EXTENSION WITH RAWLINGS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association has announced an extension of its partnership with Rawlings to continue to serve as the official basketball, baseball and softball of the OHSAA.

The five-year agreement extends the partnership through the 2027-28 school year.

"We place a high value on the long-term relationship we have built with Rawlings," said OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute. "Rawlings products are well-regarded amongst our coaches and student-athletes across the state, and we are pleased to continue to work together into the future."

Rawlings has been the OHSAA's official tournament basketball since 1999.

"The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association is excited to continue our partnership with the OHSAA and having Rawlings be the official basketball of the OHSBCA and OHSAA," said OHSBCA Executive Director Joe Balogh. "We have enjoyed a

LOCAL AGENCY HOSTS VOLUNTEER EXPO



Volunteer Center will host its annual "Get Connected Volunteer Expo" on Thursday, April 27th from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Glenbrook Square Mall, 4201 Coldwater Road, in the lower level near the food court.

The Volunteer Expo offers an excellent opportunity for current volunteers or those interested in learning more about volunteering in the Fort Wayne community, to meet with area non-profits and civic based organizations. Attendees will speak directly with agency representatives, learn about their missions, goals and current volunteer needs all in one convenient location. Prospects for volunteering from home will also be available. As of this date, 40 organizations plan to be in attendance.

Attendees are encouraged to register at the event to re-

ceive a treat bag and be entered for a chance to win gift cards from local restaurants.

Executive Director Ani Etter states "Volunteering offers many benefits, opening the doors to meeting new people, learning new skills and creating social connections, all while having fun and helping others. There is a perfect volunteer opportunity waiting for you. Don't be left out! Come and find your perfect match at the Expo!"

Volunteer Center is a non-profit agency that connects volunteers with local community organizations that are in need of help. Their Signature Programs such as Coats for Kids, VITA Tax Assistance and the I CAN Service Team address critical disparities affecting low to moderate income households and the most vulnerable in our community.

great partnership with Rawlings and are excited to continue that relationship for the next five years. Rawlings basketballs are the preferred choice of our basketball coaches in Ohio."

The official OHSAA tournament basketballs will continue to be the COMPO-HIOCB (boys) and the COMPOHIO285CB (girls). The official ball of the basketball tournament will be the R100-OHIO, and softball will use the C12RYL-OH.

"We are thrilled to extend our partnership as the official baseball, softball and basketball supplier of the Ohio High School Athletic Association," Rawlings said in a statement. "Our commitment to providing high-quality and competitively-priced Rawlings products to OHSAA schools is unwavering, and we look forward to continuing to provide the athletes with the best performance products available on the market."

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New Schedule For Large Villages
1st Weekend- Paulding, Fair Grounds
2nd Weekend- Grover Hill, VFW
3rd Weekend- Payne, (Paved lot east of Homier's)
4th Weekend- Antwerp, (13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

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

For Questions Call: 419-399-3630 or Visit: www.pauldingcountywmea.com

(Continued from Page 1)

nurses to its staff. Sawyer spoke highly of her staff and of the recruiting process saying, "If we need assistance, they [Lionstone] will help in the recruiting, but right now it's basically at the facility level. We are extremely lucky in the fact that we have done some major recruiting ourselves."

Another change implemented by Lionstone, that facility employees appreciate and benefit from, is taking the admission processes out of the hands of facility employees. This has allowed the staff to focus on the needs and preparations of incoming residents. "That seems to be a thing with this company; they don't want us to have to be on conference calls or doing tons of paperwork. Let's be out. Let's be with the residents."

Sawyer is committed to her work and to the lives of her residents and has lived in Paulding her whole life. "This building is very special to me, I want to see it succeed. I want us to be the place that, if needed, it's somewhere you want to come, especially if you're from Paulding. I want them to feel like, 'I'm going to my hometown nursing home because I'm treated like family and they do care.'"

A couple of residents recently moved from a sister facility owned by the previous company and expressed to Sawyer how much they like the "home atmosphere," saying her staff was "so nice and so sweet and caring," which Sawyer attributes to living small-town life in Paulding.

Residents are also "very excited" now that they're out of some of the covid restrictions. Eating out in the dining room, encouraging visitation and group activities has all returned. Volunteer programs also took a hit during covid, and Sawyer is pleased to report that they're finally able to start bringing volunteers back.

"It's a gorgeous building, very active with multiple activities," says McIntire, who wants the Gardens to get more integrated into the community to increase their presence.

There will be an Open House with light refreshments at the Gardens of Paulding on Thursday, March 23 from 5 - 7 p.m. The management team will be there to meet, introduce, give tours and answer any questions.

The Gardens of Paulding is located at 199 Rd 103, Paulding, OH. For more information, call (419) 399-4940.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT SMALLWOOD ET.AL.

DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-22-052
Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEE, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SPOUSES AND ASSIGNS, AND THE UNKNOWN GUARDIANS OF MINOR AND OR INCOMPETENT HEIRS OF ROBERT SMALLWOOD A/K/A ROBERT C. SMALLWOOD SR.; TONYA SMALLWOOD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TONYA SMALLWOOD;

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

Each Defendant will take notice that on March 28, 2022, Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Foreclosure in the Paulding County Court of Common Pleas, 115 N. Williams Street, Room 104, Paulding, OH 45879, being CI 22 052 alleging that there is due to Plaintiff the sum of \$49,959.17 plus interest at 5.50000% per annum from October 1, 2019, plus late charges, pre-payment penalties, title charges, court costs and expenses as applicable to the terms of the Promissory Note secured by a mortgage on the real property, which has a street address of 715 W Perry St, Paulding, OH 45879 and being permanent parcel number 3030S00800.

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Plaintiff further alleged that by a reason of default in payment of said Promissory Note, the conditions of said Mortgage have been broken and the same has become absolute.

The Defendant(s) named above are required to answer and assert any interest in said property or be forever barred from asserting any interest therein, and to raise any defense of foreclosure of said mortgage, the marshaling of liens, the sale of said real property. Said Defendant(s) are required to file an Answer within twenty-eight days after last date of publication, which shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, or they might be denied a hearing in this case.

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A. is deemed to be a debt collector and any information obtained may be used for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,


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ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

JENNIFER A. CARR, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 22 011

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

101 East Perry Street, Grover Hill
Parcel Number: 26-07S-009-00

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

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 April 20, 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 May 4, 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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Douglas A. Haessig, Attorney for Plaintiff

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Defiance County Commissioners will hold three public hearings on a request from Defiance County Landfill Manager to increase a portion of the rates charged at the Defiance County Landfill. The Public Hearings will be:

- at the Defiance County Commissioners' Office, 500 Court Street, Suite A, Defiance, Ohio 43512
 - Monday, April 3, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. and
 - Monday, April 3, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.
- at the Village of Hicksville Council Room located at 108 North Main Street in Hicksville, Ohio 43526
 - Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

The proposed rate changes are only for tires accepted at the Defiance County as follows:

- Addition of a classification for if the delivering vehicle utilizes the Landfill Scale - \$0.15 per pound;
- Car and Pickup Truck Tire off rim - from \$2.00 per tire to \$4.00 per tire;
- Car and Pickup Truck Tire on rim - from \$3.00 per tire to \$5.00 per tire;
- Semi Tire >22" off rim - from \$7.50 per tire to \$10.00 per tire.

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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.

LEO P. SWALLOW, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 22 171

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

Cleveland Street, Grover Hill
Parcel Number: 26-02S-014-00 and 26-02S-015-00

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 Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty and 00/100 (\$5,660.00) 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, April 20, 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 May 4, 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.

Purchaser(s) 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX LIEN THAT MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE SALE, AND PURCHASERS OF ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY ARE URGED TO SEARCH THE FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX THAT IS KEPT BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TO DETERMINE IF NOTICE OF A FEDERAL TAX LIEN HAS BEEN FILED WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Financial Report for the Antwerp Cemetery Association, Antwerp, OH, for the year ended or the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 is complete and available for public inspection, at the clerk's office, by appointment. A copy of the report can be provided upon request.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Paulding County unaudited 2022 Annual Financial Report is now complete and available for inspection at the office of the County Auditor, Paulding County Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, OH 45879.

Claudia J. Fickel,
Paulding County Auditor

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.

RUSSELL L. BAKER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 22 190

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

214 Maple Street, Payne
Parcel Number: 19-09S-073-00

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 Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-four and 85/100 (\$8,894.85) 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, April 20, 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.**

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PARKWAY 2nd GRADERS ROCK THE NISWONGER



Over 70 Rockstars-In-Training made the Niswonger stage their destination for learning and lively fun on Wednesday, March 8. The Van Wert Live Team presented a Niswonger Behind The Scenes Experience that transformed the students into Rockstars for the day. Tour Guides, Gary Taylor, Bill Clifton, Greg Blackmore, and Amy Lyons led the students to four stations (Box Office - Amy McGovern and Jerry Beard, Marketing + Creatives - Quincy Thompson and Weston Thompson, Greenroom (Michelle Agler), and Stage - Hugh Saunier and Matt Saunier) that provided insights on how artists are selected, contracted, and marketed before the big show takes place.

Parkway 2nd Grade Teacher Zachary Bates shares, "Students got a taste of all the different pieces that make a production successful. This hands-on behind-the-scenes

experience was awesome for our students and really excited them about what The Niswonger has to offer to our community. The Van Wert Live team is top-notch!"

The two-hour experience is an opportunity for the Van Wert Live Team to introduce The Niswonger as a resource for young leaders to experience cultural events. The facility has enabled the arts to flourish for families throughout the region with the average Niswonger customer traveling from 32 miles for a show.

Van Wert Live events are presented by The Van Wert Areas Performing Arts Foundation, a supporting 501c3 of The Van Wert County Foundation. The organization's vision is to make Van Wert an entertainment destination by providing experiences that are so good they demand a return. The Behind The Scenes Experience aligns with that mission and supports cultivat-

ing arts enthusiasts. The enthusiasm was evident from Parkway 2nd Grade student, Lily Caffee. "It was really fun. It was my favorite field trip that I have ever been on," shared Lilly.

More information about Van Wert Live events can be found at vanwertlive.com or by contacting the Box Office at 419-238-6722.

CAST ANNOUNCED FOR SPRING COMEDY



The cast members are: Front row (left to right) Alea Rex, Dolores Foreman, Emily Smith. Back row Stephanie Wagner, Amy McConnell, Mary Weisman, Daniel Sanderson.

Van Wert, OH Off Stage Productions Inc. is pleased to announce the cast and crew for our Spring 2023 Dinner Theatre production of "Showtime at First Baptist" by Ron Osborn. This all female cast of six includes five veteran actresses from previous shows as well as one making her debut performance. We are very happy to welcome Alea Rea to our stage!

DIRECTOR: Daniel Sanderson
 EDITH: Emily Smith
 VERA: Stephanie Wagner
 MAE ELLEN: Mary Weisman
 OLENE: Amy McConnell
 LUCILLE: Dolores Foreman
 ANNIE: Alea Rex
 COSTUMER: Julie Lang

"Showtime at First Baptist" takes place in the fictional town of Ivy Gap located somewhere in east Tennessee. First Baptist of Ivy Gap's 100th anniversary picnic was a smashing success, except for one little thing: the bolt of lightning that struck the church's steeple, igniting a fire that destroyed the sanctuary and so much more. In the wake of the disaster, key women of the church - led by Edith, the pastor's take-charge wife - gather in what's left (the fellowship hall) to commiserate and try to put things back together. To raise spirits and funds for rebuilding, the women plan an evening of entertainment designed to showcase the con-

gregation's talent. Could it be that some of Edith's gang plan a song and dance number that may shock the congregation? If so, how will they circumvent the authority of the all-male conservative board of deacons, not to mention, one of their own? Change is in the air as these six diverse women challenge institutions as well as each other. Along the way, there are laughs to be shared, battles to be fought, love to be won, relationships to be mended, and losses to be grieved.

Performances will once again be held in the commons area at Vantage Career Center. Enter door 13 off the back parking lot where plenty of parking is available. Show dates are April 21, 22, 23 and 28, 29 & 30, 2023. Friday shows are "Popcorn Nights" Saturday evening and Sunday Matinee shows are Dinner Theatre.

Reservations for Members open Monday, April 3, 2023
 Reservations for the General Public open Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Call the box office number 419-605-6708 during business hours to reserve your tables or seats!

"Showtime at First Baptist" by Ron Osborn will be produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. First Produced by the Barter Theatre, Abingdon, Virginia by Richard Rose, Producing Artistic Director.

HAPPENINGS FOR HERITAGE LIONS CLUB



On Tuesday, Past District Governor Al Arnold spoke to the Heritage Lions about the Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing programs. In 1925 Helen Keller spoke before the International Lions Convention and implored the Lions organization to help those who cannot see, speak or hear. "I appeal to you Lion, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind." From that point forward, the Lions organization dedicated itself to making Ms. Keller's dream a reality. Lions all over the world would become her Knights of the Blind, the Deaf and the Mute.

The Indiana Lions established a 501(c)(3) organization in 1981. From their website: "Their mission is to assist those with speech and hearing impairments in the State of Indiana who are unable to obtain help elsewhere. To this end, they make funds available for charitable, educational, and scientific research. The main goal is to eliminate communication barriers for those with speech and hearing disorders. This is done by providing loaner hearing aids for children of needy families and low-cost hearing aids for those adults who qualify. Working in conjunction with Riley Hospital for Children and audiologists around the

state, ILSH has made thousands of aids available."

The Indiana Lions provided over \$52,000 to four universities last year for S&H research: Indiana University, Purdue University, Indiana State, and Ball State. Scholarships are available for certain students in their speech and hearing studies. ILSH provides funds for five campers a year to attend a "deaf camp" in Oregon, where they befriend other deaf children.

They also collect used hearing aids throughout the state. These aids are repaired and offered to the hearing-impaired at no charge. It is estimated that one third of all those over the age of 70 need some help with their hearing. Hearing aids can be very expensive. Medicare only provides financial help for hearing tests. Medicaid offers free tests and one aid, and the VA offers free tests and both aids.

In the past 30 years the Indiana Lions have donated over 6,500 hearing aids at no charge, saving taxpayers literally millions of dollars. Mr. Arnold concluded his talk by thanking local audiologists for their help and he implored the Lions to step up their efforts to collect used hearing aids through their eyeglass donation boxes.

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OHIO MEANS JOBS INTRODUCES, PROMOTES TO PC BUSINESSES

The Paulding/Defiance County Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ) office hosted a recent business workshop for Paulding County businesses. The event was facilitated by the Paulding County Economic Development

(PCED) at the Paulding Eagles community room.

The event was intended to educate business owners on services, tax credits and reimbursement programs available to employers through OMJ and Job & Family Services offices.

Tiffany Goings, Workforce Supervisor for Ohio Means Jobs, opened the meeting and presented OMJ's Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) and On-The-Job (OTJ) Training reimbursement programs.

The IWT program is for employers interested in upskilling or training an employee for a different skill. OMJ will provide reimbursement for 50% of the training cost. To be eligible, the employee must be full-time and employed for at least six months.

The OTJ program is for potential candidates an employee would want to bring onto their workforce. Before an employee goes through the onboarding process, they'll meet with the OMJ career coach team to determine their eligibility, and if they are eligible, they can receive 50% of their hourly wage, up to \$13,000 or six months, whichever comes first; meaning an employer

can put \$13,000 back into their business to train and bring on a new hire.

OMJ also offers pre-hire assessments, drug screens, background checks, job postings on their ohiojobs.com website, and services to post to social media. All of these services are available at no cost to businesses.

Greg Warren, Ohio Means Jobs Program Administrator, demonstrated how to navigate the OMJ website, i.e. employers posting their job listings, establishing metrics and guidelines for resume mining to find the ideal candidate, and managing their online accounts.

Presenter B.J. Knutson, Program Administrator for the Office of Workforce Development, presented the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC), a federal tax program for employers who hire eligible individuals from defined targeted groups, many of which have barriers to employment. "There is no cap on the amount of dollars that the IRS is offering," explains Knutson. This program can also be used in conjunction with OTJ training and apprenticeship programs."

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DR. MORELL & ADOLF HITLER



Dr. Morell was a prominent doctor in Germany, in the 1930s and 40s. He was a doctor to Berlin's elite. I would like to explain his modis apperandi. Remember in those days doctors made house calls on occasion, as did my doctor, when I was a lad.

Dr. Morell is invited to the residence of a rich family. His host complains of stomach problems. "How long has this been going on?" "Off and on for some time." Without hesitation, Dr. Morell offers his diagnosis and treatment. The patient is amazed. No one has ever told him what was wrong, let alone offered a cure. He was such a convincing doctor, and the cure so logical.

His prescriptions include; exotic bacteria, hormones, dextrose, and strychnine. The patient notices an improvement. What luck I have had to meet Dr. Morell. He saved my life. By the doctor's admission, the patient was never sick, but now he is. Addicted to drugs.

Now the slightest complaint requires either pills or an injection. The patient is be-

coming a human wreck, but still has confidence in Doctor Morell. He is addicted to speed, and uppers and downers.

During this time he has married a wealthy woman, and with her money has started factory manufacturing his drugs. At this time Germany was producing most of the drugs for the world, with inventions like aspirin and amphetamines.

But what about our patient? The man was taking 28 different kinds of drugs, plus injections. He was addicted to speed. In months he had aged years. Our patient had been warned not to follow Dr. Morell by his personal physician and others. However, his "lady friend," was also a patient.

Dr Morell was giving Hitler injections everyday. Hitler was experiencing hell on earth. He spent the last decade of his life addicted to speed. His life shattered, shaking, and his brains in a basket. Hitler was "high."

I can't believe that in my entire life, I never heard of Dr Morell, or he was never mentioned in school. He played a big part, in one of the most important events in history. Mrs Google says that he was never convicted of any war crimes. His personal secretary wrote a biography about him, and there are a couple of books about him, but at this point we will let the good doctor rest.

PS. I can't believe that I have lived eight and a half decades, gone to college, and no one ever mentioned this gentleman, or the part he played in WW 2.

—James Neuhouser

Tech Cred was then presented and explained by Tori Atkinson, Executive Director of Workforce Development Client Services for Northwest State Community College. TechCred, a workforce training program, provides reimbursement dollars to Ohio companies that have W2 employees. Reimbursement is provided for qualified businesses when they train and upskill their workforce in short-term, technology-focused, industry-recognized credentials.

Atkinson describes the program as "a win-win. Ohio is winning because your companies are winning as you train your individuals and upskill them."

Since the start of the program in October 2018 and through 2022, over 2100 employers have applied for TechCred, equaling \$24.3 million. 57,000 plus credentials have been awarded and funded through the program. "We have companies in our area that have applied [every round] since October of 2018. The application portal is currently open. The window opened on March 1, 2023, and closes at 3 p.m. on March 31, 2023. The next round will begin in May.

There are currently over 2000 credentials that are pre-approved on the list. "When the program launched, there were just over 400, and the only way to have credentials added to the pre-approval list is by employers. Training providers, universities, community colleges, don't have the ability to request to have something added. This is completely an employer-

driven system." Participants were guided through a sign-up form for the Ohio program. For more information, to begin the application process, visit www.techcred.ohio.gov.

The meeting closed out with quick presentations from Ivy Tech, Ft. Wayne; Northwest State and Rhodes State Community Colleges as the shared how each could assist businesses in using the Tech Cred office.

ODOT KICKS OFF CONSTRUCTION SEASON IN NORTHWEST OHIO

The Ohio Department of Transportation announced today that it expects to invest a record \$2.5 billion into more than 1,000 projects during this year's construction season to improve transportation and make Ohio's roads safer across the state.

"There is no better place to be than right here in Ohio, and these new projects will help us keep our infrastructure in a good state of repair," said Governor Mike DeWine. "Everyone in our state benefits from safe roads, and I am looking forward to seeing the end results of this year's roadway improvement projects."

This year's statewide construction program includes 31 new projects that are considered "major" with a value above \$10 million. There are 190 safety projects aimed directly at reducing serious or deadly crashes. More than 5,700 miles of pavement will be improved, and 823 bridges will be repaired or

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replaced. "These investments are made possible by hard-working Ohioans who use these roads and bridges every day to get to work, school, medical appointments, and family vacations. It is our duty to ensure the resources entrusted to us are used wisely," said ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks.

This construction season isn't all about building new roads. About 95 cents of every dollar is being invested back into preserving existing roads and bridges.

In northwest Ohio, three projects were highlighted at kickoff events held today in Findlay and Port Clinton.

Chris Hughes, ODOT District 1 deputy director, said construction of two bridges in Hancock County to carry traffic over State Route 15 and eliminate the at-grade intersections at County Road 180 and County Road 169 displays the importance of partner-

Employees Retirement System (OPERS). The primary objective of this position, under the direction of the Defiance Co. Sen. Svcs. Director, is growing the DCSS brand and building relationships within the community to develop and implement outreach programs that align with the DCSS mission. Responsible for oversight of Activities Coordinator and Transportation & Safety Coordinator. Completion of high school diploma or equivalent plus substantial related experience is required. Proficiency in using office productivity software/computers is required. Must possess a valid State of Ohio Motor Vehicle Driver's License and an acceptable driving record. Starting pay is \$18-\$20/hour. Application forms are available at the Senior Center, 140 E. Broadway, Defiance, OH 43512 from 7a-3p, Mon-Fri and at www.defiance-county.com. Applications will be accepted until 2:30pm on Fri, Mar 24, 2023. Submit completed application and resume to: Nick Wichman, Director, Defiance Co. Sen. Svcs., 140 E. Broadway, Defiance, OH 43512. An Equal Opportunity Employer 11-12

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11 million visitors that come to Lake Erie every year," said Pat McColley, ODOT District 2 deputy director. In addition, the project will begin after Labor Day to avoid peak summer travel, he said.

Other notable projects in northwest Ohio:

- The replacement of a bridge on U.S. 127 in Defiance County over the Maumee River. ODOT and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources have partnered to provide a new canoe launch at this bridge to provide public access to this scenic section of the Maumee River.
- A project on State Route 117 in the village of Westminster, Allen County, will resurface, and add sidewalks, lighting, and curb and gutter.
- Construction of a roundabout at State Route 108 and U.S. 24 in Henry County.
- Resurfacing and safety improvement project on U.S. Route 24/Anthony Wayne Trail, between Monclova Road and Detroit Avenue, Lucas County.
- Replacement of a bridge on Central Avenue (State Route 120) between Reynolds Road and Corey Road, Toledo/Ottawa Hills, over the Ottawa River.

It is important for motorists to pay extra attention when driving through work zones. According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, there were 4,628 work zone-related crashes in Ohio last year, 21 were deadly resulting in 23 deaths, and 85 involved serious injuries. Summit County recorded the most in the state with

814 work zone crashes. June is the top month for work zone crashes (585) with Wednesday being the top day (833). Most occur between 3-5 p.m.

In 2022, there were 133 ODOT crews (workers, vehicles, and equipment) struck while working along Ohio roadways.

"These workers are out there ensuring that your travels are as safe as possible. They just ask for your attention and patience in return," said Marchbanks.

Ohio's Move Over law requires drivers to move over a lane for vehicles with flashing lights. If drivers cannot safely move over, they are required to slow down.

For a complete listing of 2023 highway projects in northwest Ohio:

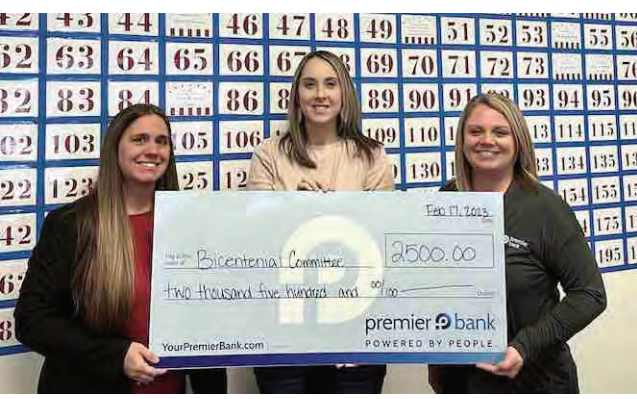
ODOT District 1 construction guide (Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Wyandot counties).

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DEFIANCE DEVELOPMENT & VISITORS BUREAU RECEIVES DONATION



Pictured left to right: Angie Ankney, Branch Manager, Premier Bank Defiance Main office; Kirstie Mack, Bicentennial Committee Co-Chair, Defiance Development and Visitors Bureau and Kristie DeSota Branch Manager, Premier Bank Defiance North office

Premier Bank recently donated a check to the Defiance Development and Visitors Bureau for \$2,500. The funds will be used to sponsor the City of Defiance's bicentennial celebration.

"The City of Defiance is celebrating a major milestone in 2023 - its Bicentennial! This year will be spent remembering our history, honoring our present and envisioning our future. The Bicentennial committee has been discussing ideas on events, activities and projects to promote and embrace the 200th Anniversary of the City of Defiance," explained Kirstie Mack, Bicentennial Committee Co-Chair, Defiance Development and Visitors Bureau. "Because of the generosity of our community partners like Premier Bank, the community will have opportunities to attend community events and festivals, recall historical events and more throughout all of 2023!"

"We're very proud to be able to support the Defiance Development and Visitors Bureau and the City of Defiance's bicentennial celebration to showcase the City of Defiance and educate residents and others on the unique history of the city," said Trish Gelsomino, Foundation Giving Coordinator, Premier Bank. "Together we can spread kindness and make the Defiance community stronger!"

For more information regarding the Defiance Development and Visitors Bureau please visit VisitDefianceOhio.com* or call 419-782-0739.

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and First Insurance Group is Premier Financial Corp. (Nasdaq: PFC), headquartered in Defiance, Ohio. First Insurance Group is a full-service

insurance agency with nine offices in Ohio. For more information, visit the company's website at YourPremierBank.com.

SIERRA SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Megan Sierra (Executive Director, PC Workshop, Inc.) as the guest speaker at the March 16, 2023, club meeting. Megan came at the invitation of Erin

Webb (Teen Client Advocate, Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services). Megan spoke to the Kiwanians about PC Workshop's services, clients and funding. She then shared about Limitless and the future.

PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & BANQUET

By: Erica Noggle

The Paulding County Area Foundation will be hosting their Annual Business Meeting & Dinner at Grant's Catering on Tuesday, April 4th, 2023. There will be a time for socializing beginning at 5:30pm with dinner being served at 6:00pm. Since 1985, the Foundation has helped put charitable dollars to work addressing issues that are important to the communities of

Paulding County. Lisa McClure, Executive Director, will be discussing the projects and initiatives that the Foundation supported throughout 2022, as well as the vision for the future of the Foundation. If you would like to attend please submit your RSVP to pauldingfoundation@gmail.com by Friday, March 31st.

WOODBURN COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SET REGULAR MEETING

The Woodburn Community Historical Society will meet on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Woodburn Community Center at the corner of Main Street and Fahlsing Rd. (101 corner). Hope to see you there.

CINEMA CENTER UNVEILS CREATOR SPACE ON MARCH 25

Fort Wayne Cinema Center, TopShere Media, and Disruptur have announced the formation of Creator Space, a free social networking event to be held at Cinema Center, 437 E. Berry St. The first gathering will take place on Saturday, March 25, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

The free monthly get-togethers will provide a space for creators of all types to make connections, share their work, and enjoy food courtesy of Banh Mi Pho Shop / Banh Mi Barista. Drinks will also be available at the bar.

In addition to offering networking opportunities, Creator Space will allow time for viewing and discussion of each other's work. Those who have a music video, short film, or fun personal project are invited to participate by filling out a Google form link at <https://forms.gle/FAuQ2ojDweP-pjZeh7>

Information about Creator Space is available at <https://solo.to/creatorspace>

ARTISTS INVITED TO APPLY FOR 'FLAIR ON THE SQUARE' JURIED ART SHOW

Flair on the Square is accepting applications for the juried art fair portion of its first-ever event. Artists have until April 7 to apply. The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 29 in downtown Bryan, Ohio.

ANTWERP MANOR HAPPENINGS



Al and Donna Daeger were named Valentine King and Queen 2023.

Welcome to Antwerp Manor. We are located at 204 Archer Dr. in Antwerp, Ohio. We are welcoming new residents.

Apparently February and now March have been very busy months for us. We apologize to our Valentine King and Queen for just now recognizing them in the newspaper. Al and Donna Daeger won the honor for 2023. We are thrilled to have them living with us at Antwerp Manor and were not at all surprised that the residents voted for them as our King and Queen. Congratulations to both Al and Donna!

We also want to say thank you our many friends in the community who contributed to our beautiful Valentine bouquets. Flowers and surprises always brighten our day!

So far this month we have

attended the VFW Luncheon/Bingo event we enjoyed a nice lunch. Most of our table came home with quite a few winning nickels in our pockets after winning bingo games. We will also be attending the AHS Musical, Freaky Friday. Antwerp School is always so kind to us and we enjoy attending events held at the school.

March is a big birthday celebration month for us at Antwerp Manor. We celebrate eight resident birthdays in March. We have quite a few balloon deliveries from Petals and Vines and we eat LOTS of birthday cake!

If you are in need of Assisted Living please do not hesitate to call us at 419-258-1500. We have apartments available for long term as well as short term respite care.

Applications are welcome in ceramics, fiber & leather, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography & digital art, printmaking & drawing, sculpture and wood mediums. Participating artists will have the opportunity to display and sell their art at the event. Those wanting to apply can access the application by visiting flaironthesquare.com and clicking the "call for entries" link.

In addition to the art fair, Flair on the Square includes free live music, food trucks, a fresh food market, make & take art activities, and more. The event was created as a way to cultivate, encourage and develop public appreciation

and support of the arts. It will take place around Bryan's downtown courthouse square and is expected to draw attendees from throughout Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. To learn more, visit flaironthesquare.com.

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