

## PAULDING FFA MEMBERS LIVING TO SERVE OTHERS



Pictured here are members who helped tear down the shed for a community member. Left to Right: Front Row: Christiana Martinez, Anna Clemens Back Row: Piper Kochel, Teagan Manz, Gracelyn Klopfenstein, Johnny Lipps, Matt Bail and Conner Coutts.

By: Staci Miller, Paulding FFA Advisor

On Tuesday, March 21st the Paulding FFA had eight members volunteer their time after school to help a local resident take down his shed and remove the metal after it was damaged in a windstorm.

The members spent around 2 hours helping to re-

move the siding and metal and then finish tearing down the shed to be burnt. This local resident is battling cancer and he and his wife were in need of assistance.

The Paulding FFA members were happy to assist them. We strive for our chapter members to give back to our local community as the last line of the FFA motto

states that our members should Live to Serve!

The members were Anna Clemens, Conner Coutts, Johnny Lipps, Teagan Manz, Gracelyn Klopfenstein, Piper Kochel, Matt Bail and Christiana Martinez. The community members were so appreciative of their help and our members enjoyed helping serve others!



## PAYNE FIRE DEPT. HOSTS PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

The Payne Fire Department announces that it will be hosting its annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on April 8, 2023. The breakfast will take place at the Payne Elementary cafeteria from 6:00 - 11:00 a.m. during the PASS basketball marathon. Carry-out and local delivery available. For more information, contact Joe Schmidt, 419-406-0162.

## PCED HOSTS COLLEGE, BUSINESS & INDUSTRY SHOWCASE: TUESDAY!

The Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) office will host a College, Business and Industry Showcase event on April 4 at the Extension Building on the Paulding County Fairgrounds. The event will bring junior and senior students from all three Paulding County high schools to learn about, meet and discuss future opportunities with area colleges and businesses.

"This event is an opportunity for students to become familiarized with local business and what they do, gain awareness of various careers, get leads on summer employment, see what colleges in the region have to offer, and much more. We understand that each student is in a different place with job and future education decisions. Our hope with this event is to meet students where they are in that decision process and help provide them with numerous options to consider for their future," stated Economic

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## OHIO TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE MEETING IN PAULDING



The Paulding County Emergency Management Agency hosted last Tuesday, the Ohio EMA's presentation on the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse. Mr. Collin Campbell and Ms. Christen Swayer-Cunningham of the Planning Branch of Ohio EMA discussed the importance of planning now for the Total Solar Eclipse occurring on April 8th, 2024. Paulding County's Solar Eclipse Committee was joined by Defiance County government leaders.

The presentation discussed many facets of the anticipated event. Paulding County is one of 55 counties in the state of Ohio, to be in the path of the Total Solar Eclipse. The last recorded total solar eclipse that was observed in Ohio was back in 1809 and the next one will not be until 2444. The state of Ohio is the site of the most

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## Community Calendar

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

**April 4**  
• PCED Career/College Expo @ PC Fairgrounds  
• PCAF Annual Banquet @ Grant's, 5:30pm

**April 6**  
• Maundy Thursday @ St. John Luth. Ch, Hicksville, 6:30pm

**April 7**  
• Fish Fry @ Antwerp 1st Pres. Church, 12-6pm  
• Community Good Friday Svc @ Riverside Christian Church, 6:30pm

**April 7-8**  
• P.A.S.S. Basketball Marathon @ Payne Elementary

**April 8**  
• Easter Egg Hunt @ Woodburn Shelter House, 10am  
• Pancake & Sausage Breakfast @ Payne Elem., 6-11am

**April 11**  
• Railroad safety workshop @ Convoy Opera House, 7pm

**April 13**  
• Be the Story Banquet @ Calvary Ev. Church, VW, 6p

**April 14-16**  
• NO COMPROMISE Mystery Dinner Theater @ Antwerp GMC, 7pm (4/16, 2pm)

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The hunt will have three categories, 0-3 years old, 4-6 years old, and 7-10 years old. Sweet treats and cash prizes. It will be Saturday, April 8th, 10 am, Woodburn Shelter House.  
This event is sponsored by East Central Fire and EMS, The Woodburn Lions Club, and Woodlan Service Club.

**EXCITED FOR THE EGG-STRAVAGANZA!**  
There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 8 from 1:00 until 2:30 in the afternoon the EGG-stravaganza will take place at the  
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**OBITUARIES**



ANTWERP, OH:

**Larry Gene Copsey**, 81, of Antwerp, Ohio passed away Monday, March 27, 2023 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Larry was born in Paulding, Ohio on July 5, 1941, son of the late Dorothy Mae (Ream) and Earl "Pete" Copsey.

Larry learned to play drums at Payne High School. As a young man he continued playing drums, bowling, golfing, and dancing, earning the nickname, "Crazy Legs." On February 12, 1988, Larry married Joyce (Messman). For years they traveled the NASCAR circuit together. Larry's love for automobiles brought him to develop and grow the Big Boy's Toy car show for many years in Antwerp. Larry went on to work 16 years for the Ft Wayne Auto Auction after retirement from Dana Weatherhead in Antwerp. In his free time, he could be found rooting on the Ohio State Buckeyes and the Antwerp Archers.

Larry will be sadly missed by his wife, Joyce; children, Tim (Brenda) Copsey and Larry "Joe" Copsey; stepdaughter, Kris Williamson; siblings, Duane (Vivian) Copsey & Linda (Steve) Holt; 11 grandchildren; & 10 great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Richard "Dick" (Pat) Copsey & stepdaughter, Robin Eagleson.

Viewing is Friday March 31, 2023, from 4-7 PM at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W River St, Antwerp Ohio 45813.

Service is Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 10:30 AM with viewing one hour prior.

Larry will be laid to rest in Wilsie Cemetery, Payne.

Memorials are to the Antwerp EMS or the K-9 Fund for the Paulding County Sheriff Dept.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

**PARSON TO PERSON**

By: **Dr. James Bachman**

*Dear Parson,  
Does the Bible ever permit divorce?*

The Pharisees in Matthew 19:3 wanted Christ to list the causes for divorce. Jesus responded in verses four through six, "And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female. And said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Matthew 19:3-9 makes it clear there should be no divorce.

They asked why Moses permitted divorce in Deuteronomy 24. Christ said it was because of the hardness of their hearts. The context of Deuteronomy 24 was if a man should take a wife who declared, or her father declared her to be a virgin, and it was discovered she was not; he could divorce her for her fraud. Though that was permissible, it was better to forgive her and go on, but the hard, unforgiving hearts of man usually would remain bitter. Matthew 19:9 says, "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." I Corinthians 7:10-11 states: "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away (divorce) his wife." God hates divorce.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

**PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC AWARDS \$5,400 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO 7 LOCAL SENIORS**

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) knows career preparation can be expensive. That's why one of PPEC's cooperative principles, "Education, Training, and Information," aims to uplift the next generation of leaders and help them succeed through the co-op's Children of Members Scholarship Program.



**KAYLA NARTKER  
1ST PLACE**

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

Local senior Kayla Nartker of Kalida High School received top honors in the 2023 PPEC scholarship competition. She will represent PPEC in Ohio's Electric Cooperatives' statewide scholarship competition, where she will compete for up to \$4,100 in additional funds. Additionally, first-place winner Marissa Beckett of Ottawa-Glandorf High School will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Kayla is the daughter of Keith Nartker and Beth Kortkrax of Ottawa, Ohio. She is very active in her community and high school while still maintaining a 4.0 GPA and becoming her class valedictorian. Kayla is a member of Kalida's chapter of National Honor Society and the president of Kalida's Foreign Language Club, and she volunteered as a teacher's aide at Kalida Elementary School. Kayla has been accepted to Bluffton University and plans to major in adolescent/young adult education, grades 7-12, history and social studies.



**MARISSA BECKETT  
1ST PLACE**

Marissa is the daughter of Craig and Caren Beckett of Ottawa, Ohio. Marissa is the founder and president of her school newspaper, The Titan Times. Marissa will be focusing on molecular genetics an-

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Antwerp Global Methodist Church on East River Street.

Parents and grandparents are invited to bring those precious children; pre-school through age 12 to this special Easter event. You are invited to enter the building through the east doors. We will be gathering in Fellowship Hall. Adults are encouraged to stay while the children participate in the activities.

Our time together will be

d/or political science at either the Ohio State University or Bowling Green State University. She participates in cross county, swim team, and National Honor Society.



**ELLIE KEEHN  
2ND PLACE**



**HAYDEN MULLEN  
2ND PLACE**

**Second place: \$800**

Second-place winners Ellie Keehn (Columbus Grove High School, Ohio) and Hayden Mullen (Paulding High School, Ohio) will each receive \$800 scholarships. Ellie lives in Columbus Grove and is the daughter of Mike and Beth Keehn. She will be attending the Ohio State University, majoring in English. Hayden resides in Oakwood with his parents, Chad and Heather Mullen. He wants to major in neuroscience or biology at either the Ohio State University or Miami University (Oxford).



**KAYLA GERDING  
3RD PLACE**

**Third place: \$600**

Third-place winner Kayla Gerding (Ottawa-Glandorf High School, Ohio) and Brooke Erhart (Kalida High School, Ohio) won \$600 scholarships. Kayla is the daughter of Jeffrey and Tracy Gerding of Ottawa, Ohio. She has been accepted to the University of Findlay, the University of Toledo and Trine University and plans to major in exercise science/pre-physical therapy. Brooke is the daughter of Joseph and Gina Erhart, who reside in Ottawa, Ohio.

**Scripture of the Week**

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

— Isaiah 56:5-6



**BROOKE ERHART  
3RD PLACE**

She will be majoring in pharmacy at the University of Toledo.



**JAYLA UTRUP  
AT-LARGE WINNER**

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

Ottawa-Glandorf High School senior Jayla Utrup is the at-large winner of a \$600 scholarship. She is the daughter of Jason and Joyce Utrup of Ottawa, Ohio. She will be attending either the University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, or Owens Community College and will be majoring in inclusive early childhood education.

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all students who applied. Their hard work has not gone unnoticed, and PPEC wishes them the best in their future endeavors.

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

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**KLOPFENSTEIN VOTES IN FAVOR OF HISTORIC TRANSPORTATION BUDGET**

The Ohio House of Representatives yesterday passed House Bill 23, the historic state transportation budget for fiscal years 2024-25, announced State Rep. Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland).

One of the biggest wins was an amendment to raise the statutory limits on force accounts, which creates significant financial challenges for maintaining local roads and bridges.

"Over the past decade, the costs of construction, labor, material, and equipment have greatly increased, but force account limits stay the same," Klopfenstein said. "Combine this issue with rising inflation costs, and the amount of work counties can perform to upkeep their infrastructure drastically decreases. It was vital for the limits on force accounts to be raised in this budget."

Other key components of the bill include:

- Investing \$2.2 billion for pavement, \$717 million for bridges, \$360 million for dedicated safety upgrades, and \$1.5 billion for large, capacity adding projects like those that are reconfiguring our urban interstates.
- Committing \$15 million to establish the Ohio Workforce Mobility Partnership Program, which allows one or more regional transit authorities (RTA) to work together to provide service for the workforce between the territories and support

the employment needs of economically significant employment centers.

The legislation now heads to Governor DeWine for his signature.

**ANNOUNCING IMPROV COMEDY THEATER AT THE NISWONGER**

Just Announced! Broadway's Next Hit Musical, a night of pure improv comes to The Niswonger on Saturday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. This Van Wert Live Fall feature is presented by Laing Family Dentistry: Drs. Kevin and Robert Laing. Broadway's Next Hit Musical is New York City's Award-Winning All-Improv Comedy Show. Every song is fresh. Every scene is



new. Every night is different. It's all improvised and it's all funny.

The New York Times calls Broadway's Next Hit Musical "Hilarious!" Time Out NY says "At last! A musical of, for, and by the people."

Broadway's Next Hit Musical performs "The Phony Awards", the original improvised awards show. Master improvisers gather made-up, hit song suggestions from the audience and create a spontaneous evening of music, comedy, and a ton of laughs! The audience then votes for their favorite song and watches as the cast turns this Phony Award-winning song into a full-blown, improvised musical — complete with memorable characters, witty dialogue, plot twists galore, and songs that you will be humming for days!

Broadway's Next Hit Musical has toured extensively throughout the United States and internationally. When the group is not on the road, the show can be seen at their home in NYC, the 2022 Tony Award-winning cabaret club "54 Below".

Under the direction of improv veterans Rob Schiff-

mann and Deb Rabbai, TheaterWeek hailed the show as "brilliant" and The New York Post called Broadway's Next Hit Musical "remarkable."

The following commonly asked questions, answered direct by the Director, provide an understanding of what unexpected the audience should expect.

**Q. What is the musical about?**

A. We don't know yet.

**Q. How do you not know yet?**

A. We're going to make up a whole musical right in front of you.

**Q. How is that possible?**

A. We are some of New York City's best improv comedians and musicians. We've been perfecting our ability to create a whole musical from a single audience suggestion for over 15 years.

**Q. How does the audience suggest the show?**

A. When you arrive at the theater, you will see slips of paper and a giant fishbowl. Think of the title of a song you want to hear us make up, write it down, and put it in the bowl. If we pick it, we'll make up a song based on your title, and that song might inspire our musical for the night!

We can't use a song that already exists. Write down a fake song title so that we can improvise it from scratch. Like, "Mr. Wert Drives A Van" or "Cougars, Knights, Lancers, Oh My!"

**Q. So what exactly happens in the show?**

A. The first half of the show is a glamorous awards show, hosted by our hilarious emcee extraordinaire. Four master thespians take turns coming to the stage and drawing song titles from the bowl. They take those titles and turn them into full-blown improvised songs, fighting tooth and nail against each other to win the grand prize of the evening -- the Phony Award. It's like the Tony Award but, you know, not real.

**Q. Where does the musical come in?**

A. After we do four songs, there's a vote, and the winning song gets turned into a full-on made-up musical in the second half.

**Q. Can I bring my children?**

A. Yes! Our show is 100% family-friendly. No cursing

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Development Office Manager Kristen Schilt.

The event will run from 8am-12noon with students arriving at the top of each hour. All Vantage Career Center students from Antwerp, Paulding and Wayne Trace schools are invited to attend the opening hour on their way to the career center. Each school will then bus their students to the event on the hour for forty-five minutes. Home-school students and the general public are invited to attend at any time.

Students will be provided a "passport" upon arrival. The passports suggest a variety of questions to ask participating

and nothing foul. There may be fowl, but no guarantees. It's 90 minutes of laughter.

**Q. You're just kidding about not knowing the titles. You surely look through them first or have something prepared. Are you for real?**

A. We really, truly, might pick your title. And if we don't, we might pick your friend's. Or your husband's. Or your kid's. Or a good-looking stranger's. We don't see those song titles until we are pulling them out in front of you onstage. Risky, right? We promise every single word is made up on the spot right before your very eyes! If you come see us more than once, we guarantee you'll never hear the same song twice.

**Q. What about the piano player? Does he play from stock melodies?**

A. Nope again. The piano player is also making everything up. Crazy, right? Piano Player Gary served as the musical director for Broadway's Avenue Q for its entire six-and-a-half-year run. Other NYC conducting credits include The Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Kinky Boots, The Fantasticks, and Next to Normal. He co-wrote the long-running Off-Broadway musical Altar Boyz, for which he received Drama Desk nominations for both his music and lyrics. Gary also wrote and arranged for Disney Channel's "Johnny And The Sprites" starring John Tartaglia. He has been playing improv piano for longer than he would care to admit.

The entire show is improvised from the moment the curtain rises until the final bow. One has to come and be part of the audience to witness just how.

For information go to vanwertlive.com or call the Box Office Mon-Fri from 10A to 3P / 419-238-6722.

The Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation presenting VWLive events is powered by the Van Wert County Foundation. 2023 Annual sponsors helping keep ticket prices low are Central Insurance, Statewide Ford, and First Federal Bank of Van Wert. The Box Office is located within the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, 10700 SR 118 S, Van Wert.

entities to help create conversation. Each student is encouraged to talk to a minimum of five businesses and have the business sign their passport. Completed passports will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift gas card, one winner per school will be drawn. The gift cards were sponsored by National Oil & Gas, Inc. They provide fuel to Marathon gas stations all over the county.

This event has grown over the years. This year there are a new record of 52 entities that have sent an RSVP for the event, including the new Rhodes State Mobile RV laboratory. For questions about the event contact the PCED office at 419-399-8295.

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**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**



By: Mark Holtsberry

Guy Fleming Heazlet was born November 30, 1890 in Omaha, Nebraska. Son of Perry, born March of 1851 in Ohio and Mary Eliza (White) Heazlet, born 1856 in Ohio. This couple was married October 25, 1881 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. The Heazlet family moved to Paulding County in 1892.

By 1900, the Heazlet couple, plus children, Edith J., Guy F. and Elsie M. were living in Crane Township. Perry was engaged in farming. On June 11, 1908, daughter Edith married a fella named William J. Gordan in Paulding.

Born in 1909. By 1910, the Heazlet family, Perry, Mary and Elsie were still living in Crane Township. Guy had moved on his own, but unclear of where he went, but he was working for his father.

By 1917, war was looming in Europe. On June 5, 1917, Guy registered for the draft at the Crane Township precinct. He was single, short in height, medium build, gray eyes and sandy hair. He joined the National army out of Paulding.

On April 28, 1918 he was assigned to 11th Company, 3rd Training Battalion, 158th Depot Brigade and served until May 3, 1918. Then he was assigned to Company F, 329th Infantry, 83rd Division and shipped out to France June 12, 1918. The ship's name was the "Anchises". Shipped out from Hoboken, New Jersey. He was assigned to Company L., 101st Infantry and served as a Private seeing action at St. Mihiel, and Muese-Argonne defensive sector, and was wounded in action, October 24, 1918.

He served until December 9, 1918. He was Honorably Discharged January 27, 1919 with a claim of 20% disability.

Guy met and married a gal named, Eva J. Stuart July 26, 1919 in Paulding.

By 1920, Guy and Eva J. were living in Crane Township and engaged in farming and Guy became a school teacher.

On May 22, 1921 a daughter, Edith Celestia, was born. A son, Robert F., was born July 10, 1923, (he served in World War Two). A daughter, Ruby, was born November 27, 1927.

This household employed a housekeeper, Mytle F. Miller. By 1930, the Heazlet family was living in Crane Township. Guy was working as a farmer. By 1940, the Heazlet family had moved to Main Street in Cecil, Ohio. Guy still teaching at school. In 1942, Guy, at the age of 51, had to register for the World War Two draft.

By 1950, Guy and Eva were empty nesters and still living on Main Street, Cecil. Guy was a Junior High teacher at Paulding High School. In 1951, Guy discovered that he had cancer. And in February of 1952, Guy went to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Ft. Wayne and on March 28, 1952, at the age of 62 he passed away from Lymphatic Leukemia.

Guy taught school for more than 40 years. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church in Cecil and burial in Rochester Cemetery in Section 3, Row 4. His wife passed away in 1986 and was buried alongside Guy.

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April 29 – Harlan Park Athletic Association – Opening Day, Harlan Park Shelter House, 7:00-11:00 am  
 May 6 – Woodburn Youth League Opening Day & Mothers Day Scholarship Fund Raiser, Woodburn Community Park, 7:00-11:00 am  
 May 13 – Woodburn City Wide Garage Sale, Chop Shop/Hardware Parking Lot, 7:00-11:00 am  
 June 17 – Father's Day Weekend Chop Shop/Hardware Parking Lot, 7:00-11:00 am  
 July 29 – Crime Stoppers Car Show, Ft Wayne, 8:00am-1:00pm  
 August 3, 4 & 5 – Harlan Days – Harlan Park; Thursday, 4:00-10:00 pm; Friday, 4:00-10:00 pm; Saturday, 7:00 am - 10:00 pm  
 Aug – October – Home Football Games – Friday Nights, Etzler Field – Woodlan High School  
 September 9 – Payne Celebration @ Payne Legion, Payne, Ohio, 7:00-11:00 am  
 September 16 – Woodburn Fall Garage Sale, Chop Shop/Hardware Parking Lot, 7:00-11:00 am  
 October 7 – Woodlan Scholarship Fund Raising Donuts Chop Shop/Hardware Parking Lot, 7:00-11:00 am  
 October 28 – Woodburn Business Appreciation, Chop Shop/Hardware Parking Lot, 7:00-11:00 am  
 Halloween Party – Woodburn Community Center, Costume Contest – Cider – Donuts, 7:30 p.m.

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# ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS

## Home of the Archers

### April 2023



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE	MR. LICHTY- HS/MS	MRS. STOKES - ELEMENTARY	ATHLETIC CALENDAR
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I hope you were able to attend the music department's production of *Freaky Friday* that took place in the middle of March. The dedication and hard work of the (22) member cast was evident and the production was outstanding! A special thanks to Director Mrs. Mary Smith, her crew, and our music boosters for a job well done. A big thanks also to our community for your attendance and support of our musical.

The annual Hoops for Heart day was held March 15. Our students took advantage of this opportunity to participate in friendly competition for a good cause and raised funds (\$5729.00) for the American Heart Association. This amount was one of the larger amounts in the twenty-seven-year period of the event and elevates the total amount raised to nearly \$97,000. Thank you to all who participated and helped with the event.

The month of April is the last full month of school, and as such, a very busy month. The busy month will get started with our annual Kindergarten Screening taking place April 3-5. School will not be in session Thursday, April 6, Friday, April 7, and Monday, April 10 in recognition of the Easter Holiday and similarly, a mini spring break. If your schedule permits, please plan to visit our Spring Fine Arts program scheduled for Saturday, April 15. The program runs from 4:00-9:15 p.m. From a core academic standpoint, our staff and students have been preparing for the annual state assessments that will be given to students in grades 3-12 throughout several days of the month and into early May. Our spring athletic teams have also been busy preparing for an onslaught of baseball and softball games and track & field meets that will take place throughout the month.

School officials and Garmann/Miller architects & engineers met recently to finalize plans for the possible construction of a community Wellness and Recreation Center to be located on the west side of the baseball/softball complex. The Board of Education will consider the proposed plan and whether to seek bids on the project during the upcoming April or May Board meeting. If accepted, a tentative construction start date is late August and completed project in March 2024.

Congratulations goes out to senior Rayni Rister for her selection as the Franklin B. Walters All-Scholastic Award winner for Paulding County. The Award was established in 1990 by the Ohio Educational Service Center Association to recognize an outstanding senior student from each county within the State of Ohio. Congratulations also goes out to our middle/high school teacher Mrs. Harla Long. Mrs. Long was recognized by Rayni Rister as the teacher who made the greatest impact on her educational endeavors. On the athletic side, we want to congratulate and recognize senior Eli Reinhart for his accomplishment of competing at the state wrestling meet, and junior Hannah Molitor for her 14<sup>th</sup> place finish at the state gymnastics competition.

Looking ahead to the month of May, Prom preparations will be underway for the May 6<sup>th</sup> event at Grant's Reception Hall, which begins with walk-ins at approximately 5:00 p.m. Our seniors are set to graduate Sunday, May 21. Students in grades K-11 last day of classes will be Wednesday, May 24. School staff will have a teacher work day, Thursday, May 25.

As always, thanks for your support of our school district.

Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

The Archers are once again coming off of a very successful Winter Sports Campaign.

Congratulations to Senior Wrestler Eli Reinhart. Eli wrapped up a historic wrestling career by advancing to the State Wrestling Tournament. Great job, Eli!

Congratulations to Junior Gymnast Hannah Molitor. She competed in the all-around at state after winning our district. Hannah placed 14<sup>th</sup> at state competition.

On the basketball court, two Archer players were recently recognized for their outstanding seasons. Junior Landon Brewer was named 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Ohio and Junior Aewyn McMichael earned Honorable Mention, All-Ohio. Congratulations on a great seasons!

The Archer Pep Band entertained crowds at home basketball contests all season long. Shout out to all of the members of our Pep Band.

The cast and crew of this year's Spring Musical *Freaky Friday* put on three fantastic performances last month. Congratulations on a job well done.

Spring Sports are underway. Come out to our first-class facilities and support our Spring athletes.

The Annual Springs Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, April 15 beginning at 4:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to come out and support our students in the Arts.

Reminder that we will be taking state assessments on April 18-19, April 25-26, and May 2-3. Juniors and Seniors will enjoy 2-hour delays on the days they are not testing.

~ Mr. Travis Lichty, MS/HS Principal

#### HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

The AP Exam Schedule for 2023 is available at <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsguidance/advanced-placement-ap?authuser=0>. AP exam fee balances are due to Mrs. Hammer by April 14, 2023.

Juniors and Seniors will be participating in the Paulding County Economic Development Career Day on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

The following local scholarships are due in April: Bruckhart; Paulding County Area Foundation; JP Crain; Jessica Thornell Memorial Scholarship; Antwerp Education Association; Paulding County Retired Teachers; InSource Technologies; Rotary Essay; Roger Brown Memorial; Antwerp Conservation Club; Jean Detmon; Jacob's Trust; Ross Family Foundation; Conservation Club. Additional information can be found by visiting <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsguidance/scholarships?authuser=0>

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 3-5 Kindergarten Registration (NO KINDERGARTEN CLASSES)
- Apr 6-10 NO SCHOOL - Easter/Spring Break
- Apr 15 Spring Arts Festival
- Apr 19 Board of Education Meeting
- May 6 Prom
- May 19 Seniors Last Day of School
- May 21 Graduation
- May 24 Last Day of School (K-11)

#### FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

KA-Ethan Taylor, KB-Evelyn Yenser, KC-Maxx Reith, 1A-Kimber Weible, 1B-Jaxton Schilt, 2A-Madilyn Hogans, 2B-Duke Dangler, 3A-Wesley Hostettler, 3B-Greyson Smith, 3C-Oliver McCague, 4A- Keigan Custer, 4B-Devin Smith, 4C-Julian Rivera, 5A-Liam Burelison, 5B-Kyler Johnson

#### SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL

The Spring Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, April 15 from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Band and choir members, as well as kindergarten and fourth grade students, will perform onstage in the auditoria. Student artwork will be displayed in the auxiliary gym. There will be raffle items being raffled off with donations going to the Antwerp Band program. The public is invited to attend this great event.

#### SPRING STATE TESTING: GRADES 3-5

We will hold Math and Reading state testing in third, fourth, and fifth grade on April 18, 19, 25, and 26. Fifth grade will also have state science testing on May 2 and 3. We ask that you make every effort to not schedule appointments on these days as much as possible. Having students at school on these testing days will help them do their best.

#### 2023-2024 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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

#### PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Our final preschool screening this school year will take place on Friday, April 21. Screenings are available for Antwerp school district children ages 3-5 years by appointment only. Contact Mrs. Carnes at 419/258-5421 to schedule an appointment. If you plan to send your child to our preschool next year, s/he must go through our screening.

~ Mrs. Tracey Stokes, Elementary Principal

#### ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

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

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

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

#### VARSITY BASEBALL

- Apr 1 11:00 Home vs. Lincolnview
- Apr 3 5:00 @ Wauseon
- Apr 6 5:00 Home vs. Wayne Trace
- Apr 8 11:00 @ Liberty Center
- Apr 10 5:00 Home vs. Parkway
- Apr 11 5:00 Home vs. Fairview
- Apr 13 5:00 Home vs. Edgerton
- Apr 14 5:00 Home vs. Ottoville
- Apr 15 11:00 @ Miller City
- Apr 17 5:00 Home vs. Ft. Jennings
- Apr 18 5:00 @ Hicksville
- Apr 20 5:00 @ Ayersville
- Apr 21 5:00 Home vs. Hilltop
- Apr 22 TBA @ Patrick Henry
- Apr 24 5:00 @ Continental
- Apr 25 5:00 Home vs. Paulding
- Apr 27 5:00 @ Tinora
- Apr 28 5:00 @ Fayette

#### VARSITY SOFTBALL

- Apr 1 11:00 @ Miller City
- Apr 3 5:00 @ Parkway
- Apr 4 5:00 @ Delphos Jefferson
- Apr 6 5:00 Home vs. Wayne Trace
- Apr 10 5:00 Home vs. Kalida
- Apr 11 5:00 Home vs. Fairview
- Apr 13 5:00 Home vs. Edgerton
- Apr 17 5:00 @ Van Wert
- Apr 18 5:00 @ Hicksville
- Apr 20 5:00 @ Ayersville
- Apr 22 11:00 Home vs. Crestview (DH)
- Apr 24 5:00 @ Montpelier
- Apr 25 5:00 Home vs. Paulding
- Apr 27 5:00 @ Tinora
- Apr 28 5:00 @ Hilltop

#### VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

- Apr 4 4:30 @ Holgate/Fairview
- Apr 11 4:30 @ Ayersville/Ottoville
- Apr 14 4:30 @ Wayne Trace Invitational
- Apr 18 4:30 Home vs. CV/Continental/HV
- Apr 22 9:00 @ Hicksville Invitational
- Apr 25 4:30 @ Holgate/Montpelier

#### JV SOFTBALL

- Apr 3 5:00 Home vs. Parkway
- Apr 4 5:00 Home vs. Wayne Trace
- Apr 6 5:00 @ Wayne Trace
- Apr 14 5:00 @ Delphos Jefferson
- Apr 18 5:00 Home vs. Hicksville
- Apr 20 5:00 Home vs. Ayersville
- Apr 25 5:00 @ Paulding
- Apr 27 5:00 Home vs. Tinora

#### JH TRACK

- Apr 6 4:30 Home vs. Edon/Hilltop
- Apr 10 4:30 @ Fayette/Hol/WT
- Apr 13 4:30 @ Edon/HV/NC
- Apr 17 4:30 @ Paulding/Ayers/Edg
- Apr 20 5:00 Home vs. Crestview/Jeff
- Apr 24 4:30 @ Edg/WT/HV
- Apr 28 4:30 Antwerp Invite

#### CAFETERIA MENU

- Apr 3 Sloppy joe on bun, warm applesauce, sweet potato fries, & milk
- Apr 4 Breaded chicken on bun, mixed fruit, peas, & milk
- Apr 5 BBQ pork on bun, French fries, pineapple crisp, & milk
- Apr 11 Grilled chicken on bun, green beans, pears, & milk
- Apr 12 Hot dog on bun, French fries, orange smiles, & milk
- Apr 13 Cheeseburger on bun, baked beans, peaches, & milk
- Apr 14 Pizza, carrots, applesauce cup, & milk

*Our menus are subject to change without notice.*

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**STILL TIME TO ENJOY SOME BASKETBALL IN PAULDING COUNTY**

Dear Editor,  
This Friday and Saturday, April 7 and April 8, (Easter weekend), the Paulding County community will have one last opportunity this season to enjoy some very good basketball!!! The 43rd 24 Hour Paulding Area Support Society Charity Basketball Marathon will

take place at the Payne Elementary School gymnasium, with opening ceremonies commencing at 4:55 p.m. You, your staff and your readers are all invited to be a part of this long-standing County charity sports extravaganza!

Ninety (90)!!! teams of all ages will compete to score the most points in a 24 minute continuous period of time...in each of the five divisions (mini-tots, tots, youth, co-ed and men). Teams like 'Wolf Pack', 'Baum Squad', 'Rubber Ducks', 'Heathens' and the 'Poverty Knob Ballers' will all battle it out on the hard court as enthusiastic spectators cheer their favorite teams. The games start (every 30 minutes) at the top and bottom of each hour with the awards/closing ceremonies taking place at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

A nominal, one-time entry fee will be charged to enter the gym and tasty refreshments will be served throughout the 24HR event. On Saturday morning, in the School cafeteria just east of the gymnasium, a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast will be served from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. by the Payne Fire & EMS.

This is the Society's biggest annual fund raiser, having netted upwards of \$275,000 to date and all of the proceeds from the Marathon go to the 'P.A.S.S.' for later distribution throughout the year to those who apply to the Organization for help. The Marathon Committee and the P.A.S.S. express their sincere gratitude to you, your staff, your

readers and of course, all of the many, many volunteers who help.

And speaking of help, last minute volunteers are always welcomed so if you wish to donate a little of your time to help with the scoreboard and clock, contact Rylee Hormann by texting or calling her at 419/406-0213 and for those willing to help with refereeing the games, Ben Winans at 419/508-6017 would be glad to hear or receive a text from you. For other volunteer opportunities, reach out to Marathon Chairman Chad Benschneider at 419/769-4708.

Sincerely,  
—Jim Hooker for the BB Marathon Committee  
Mesa, Arizona

**OPERATION LIFESAVER RAIL SAFETY EDUCATION**

The Village of Convoy Historical Society will offer an event that will educate the public of railroad safety. The speaker will be Ellen Gatrell of the Fostoria Rail Preservation Society. She has been

darkness the earth will be covered by the eclipse, with Hardin County, being the location in the state, for it lasting over 4 minutes. Now that does not sound like much at all, but to the astronomers not only in the United States but around the world, it is the reason most of them will be coming to Ohio, next April. It is estimated that between 6 to 12 million people will be coming to view this amazing astronomy event.

Groups like colleges & universities professors, scientists, & students, NASA, Elon Musk's Space X company, and to people just interested in saying they saw the earth go to total darkness during the day. It is estimated that nearly 70% of the United States population can drive to Ohio in one days' time. So, what does that mean for Paulding County? Well, it is expected with our county being the flattest county in the region and one of the counties on the western side of the state, it will give those people the opportunity to view this in creditable event. Edward Bohn, Director for the Paulding County Emergency Management Agency, stated that we will see perhaps between 10,000 to 15,000 additional people occupying our county from 1:30pm to 4:30pm, on Monday, the 8th, of April, of next year. This is why the

**PAYNE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



Payne Elementary is pleased to announce their February Students of the Month. They are (front row): Kameron Sunday, Paisley Schabbing, Ayla Praul, and Evelyn Pierce; (second row): Andrew Stoller, Kierston Ross, Sam Wilson, Sam Schabbing, Peyton Osburn, Faith Christener, and Caden Richardson; (third row): Jennifer Treece, Carson Blair, Zailee Johnson, Audrey Reuille, Kennedy Childs, and Cobain Rittenhouse.

a volunteer of that organization since 2006. She states that Ohio is the fourth busiest rail state in the nation. Forty-seven different railroads operate in our state with over 5,180 miles of railroad tracks throughout. She will speak on vehicle-train

collisions and pedestrian-trespasser incidents which could possibly have been avoided with proper education. She will also include the historical aspect of the importance of out railroads which changed the means of transportation in our

county. This event will be held April 11 at 7pm in the Convoy Opera House at 111 South Main Street in Convoy Ohio. The public is encouraged to bring their children too. Free admission, donations accepted.

state of Ohio and Paulding County are planning now for the Total Solar Eclipse and the issues that we will be facing with the increased number of people, and the eclipse itself.

Paulding County officials have been holding meetings since November of last year to get key people onboard and discuss the problems that existed from the 2017 Eclipse in Kentucky counties and elsewhere. Director Bohn was first apprised of this event taking place, back in 2019 prior to the Pandemic and the state of Ohio has been in the planning stages, since the fall of 2021. The 55 counties in totality of the eclipse are being expected to have an Emergency Operation Plan in place by October and exercise that plan in a Tabletop manner.

Director Bohn has reached out to 16 county leaders, to form a committee to address the issues that will be facing Paulding County, leading up to the April 8th, event of next year. Some of those issues are; establishing locations for viewing, the safety of those visiting as well

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as our residents, the needed resources to deal with the increased population that weekend and the day of, traffic following the eclipse being over, merchandising, vendors and so much more. The committee will be meeting on a

regular basis from now until the eclipse is over. The sub-committees and committee as a whole will be focused on the preparation, planning and being ready for this once in a life time event to occur in Paulding County, the state of Ohio and the United States as a whole.

**READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

- OHIO LOCATIONS**  
**Antwerp:** Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows  
**Bryan:** Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General  
**Cecil:** 127 Maramart  
**Charloe:** Maramart Store  
**Chantrel:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware  
**Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid  
**Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)  
**Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library  
**Hicksville:** Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices  
**Key:** Marathon  
**Oakwood:** Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip  
**Paulding:** Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library  
**Pavne:** Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library  
**Sherwood:** Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank  
**Scott:** Scott Post Office  
**Van Wert:** CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree  
**INDIANA LOCATIONS**  
**Fort Wayne:** Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living  
**Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales  
**Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank  
**Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub  
**Milan Center:** Milan Center Feed & Grain  
**Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General  
**New Haven:** ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, McDonalds, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's  
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# LICHTY LEADS ARCHERS PAST BOMBERS



Archer Reid Lichty strikes out another batter which takes Antwerp to the win. Photo by Harlee Moore.

Reid Lichty struck out a dozen batters and limited Edon to two hits and three walks in five innings of work as the Antwerp Archers posted a 9-0 win over the Bombers in the high school baseball season opener.

Ethan Lichty chipped in a double along with two singles while driving in four runs and scoring another to pace the Antwerp offense. Camden Fuller chipped in a single and double while scoring once and driving in a run as well for the Archers.

## PANTHERS WIN SEASON OPENER

Ethan Foltz allowed just two hits and one run in five innings of work in pitching the Paulding Panthers to a 4-2 victory over host Ottoville

Aiden Lichty scored three times and added two singles with Carson Altimus posting a single and two runs scored. Parker Moore scored twice and singled with Reid Lichty, Eli Reinhart and Jaxon Jones all recording a single as well for Antwerp.

Garrett Skiles had a pair of singles for Edon and Wade Parrish picked up a single.

Teeghun Marlin pitched two innings in relief for Antwerp, giving up one hit and two walks while striking out two.

in the high school baseball season opener Monday night.

Foltz struck out nine Big Green hitters while allowing just one walk to pick up the win on the mound for the maroon and white. Peyton

Adams pitched the last two frames, giving up two hits and one run while striking out a pair of Ottoville batters.

Paulding scored one run each in the first and second innings to jump in front 2-0 before adding two more in the fourth for a 4-0 advantage.

Ottoville plated single runs in the fifth and sixth innings to set the final margin at 4-2.

Kane Jones paced the Panther offense with three singles, two runs scored and two runs batted in while Isaac Reeb added a single, double and two runs batted in. Nick Manz also had three singles for the maroon and white.

Greyson Harder, Larkin Yates, Casey Agler and Foltz also had singles for Paulding while Harder and Yates both scored a run as well.

Brandon Calvelage took the loss for Ottoville, pitching five innings giving up four runs and a walk. Jackson Ricker threw the final two frames for the Big Green.

Grant Leis topped the Big Green offense with two singles with Jackson Ricker and Landon Horstman also singling. Trey Landwehr and Horstman each had a run batted in for the Putnam County squad with Leis and Ricker scoring a run each.

## SOFTBALL IN REVIEW

### Softball at Antwerp

Winning Pitcher - Lydia Krouse (7 innings, 9 hits, 11 runs, 11 strikeouts, 4 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Natalie Wofford (6 innings, 17 hits, 19 runs, 1 strikeout, 5 walks)

Antwerp Hitters - Caroline Rohrs (double, two singles, four runs); Emma Townley (double, triple, two runs, RBI), Elle Clem (four singles, four runs, two RBI), Caydence Shull (double, two RBI, run), Jillian Treece (single, double, run, RBI), Kearstyn Pierce (double, three runs, two RBI), Lydia Krouse (two singles, run, RBI), Madison Berenyi (single, RBI), Maddy Peters (single, two runs), Maylynn Carnahan (run)

Edon Hitters - MacKenzie Spangler (two singles, two runs), Natalie Wofford (two singles, two runs),

Allyson Derck (single, two runs), Meghan Derck (single), Emma Howard (single), Addison Warner (single, two runs), Emma Hickman (single, two runs)

### Softball at Ottoville

Score by Innings:

Wayne Trace 4 0 8 0 0 = 12 runs, 11 hits, 0 errors  
Ottoville 0 0 0 0 0 = 0 runs, 1 hit, 4 errors

Winning Pitcher - Logen Bland (2 innings, 0 hits, 0 runs, 0 earned runs, 3 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Raegan McGarvey (3 innings, 1 hit, 0 runs, 3 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Hannah Wenzlick (5 innings, 11 hits, 12 runs, 6 earned runs, 4 strikeouts, 4 walks)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Macy Doster (single, two runs), Ava Zartman (single, two runs, RBI), Kaitlin Slade (single, home run, two runs, three RBI), Paige Alber (two singles, two runs, RBI), Logen Bland (double, home run, run, two RBI), Raegan McGarvey (run), Katie Anna Baumle (run), Allison Schilt (double, single, RBI), Laura Thornell (single, run)

Ottoville Hitters - Bryleigh Napoa (single)

### 3/30... Antwerp vs Continental

Antwerp 11, Continental 5

Winning Pitcher: Lydia Krouse (7 IP, 6 H, 1 W, 5Ks)

Losing Pitcher: Gracie Homier (7 IP, 16 H, 0 W, 7Ks)

Antwerp Offensive Stats  
Caroline Rohrs: 1 HR, 2 singles, 3 RBIs, 2R

Kearstyn Pierce: 1 triple, 1 single, 1 RBI, 1R

Elle Clem: 2 singles, 2 RBIs, and 2R

Madison Berenyi: 2 doubles, 2 RBIs, 1R

Caydence Shull: 1 single  
Lydia Krouse: 2 singles  
Maddy Peters: 2R

Taylor Shull: 2 singles, 1 RBI, 3R

Emma Townley and Jillian Treece each had 1 single, 1 RBI

Continental Offensive Stats

Alli Scott: 2 singles, 2R

Gracie Homier: 1 triple, 2 RBI, 1R

Raegen Clemens: 1 single, 1 RBI

Lauren Williams: 2 double, 1 RBI

Tori Searfoss: 1R

Aislynn Noffsinger: 1 single, 1 RBI, 1R

## BASEBALL IN REVIEW

### Baseball at Continental

Score by Innings:

Wayne Trace 0 0 8 2 2 = 12 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors  
Continental 0 0 0 0 0 = 0 runs, 0 hits, 3 errors

Winning Pitcher - Evan Crosby (5 innings, 0 hits, 0 runs, 9 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Jayden Pitney (3-1/3 innings, 3 hits, 10 runs, 6 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 7 walks)

Other Continental Pitcher - Bain Stegbauer (1-2/3 innings, 1 hit, 2 runs, 1 earned run, 0 strikeouts, 2 walks)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Tucker Antoine (single, run, two RBI), Breven Anderson (two runs), Cale Winans (two runs), Cooper Wenzlick (double, two runs, two RBI), Kyle Slade (single, two runs, RBI), Evan Crosby (RBI), Tyler Davis (double, run, two RBI), Tyler Head (run), Jordan Lotz (run)

# CRITES SPEAKS TO THE KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Katie Crites 'Flo' (Thru-Hiker) as the guest speaker at the March 30, 2023, club meeting. Katie came at the invitation of Chris Johnson (Investment

Advisor Representative, FSC Securities Corporation). Katie spoke to the Kiwanians about her adventures as a thru-hiker on the Application Trail, Continental Divide Trail and in India.

## Baseball at Ottoville

Score by Innings:

Paulding 1 1 0 2 0 0 = 4 runs, 12 hits, 2 errors  
Ottoville 0 0 0 0 1 0 = 2 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors

Winning Pitcher - Ethan Foltz (5 innings, 2 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 9 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Other Paulding Pitcher - Peyton Adams (2 innings, 2 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 2 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Brandon Calvelage (5 innings, 10 hits, 4 runs, 4 earned runs, 0 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Other Ottoville Pitcher - Jackson Ricker (2 innings, 2 hits, 0 runs, 2 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Paulding Hitters - Kane Jones (three singles, two runs, two RBI), Ethan Foltz (single), Isaac Reeb (single, double, two RBI), Casey Agler (single), Greyson Harder (single, run), Nick Manz (three singles), Larkin Yates (single, run)

Ottoville Hitters - Trey Landwehr (RBI), Grant Leis (two singles, run), Landon Horstman (single, RBI), Jackson Ricker (single, run)

## Baseball at Wayne Trace

Wayne Trace 8, Lima Bath 0

Score by Innings:

Lima Bath - 0 0 0 0 0 0 = 0 runs, 3 hits, 2 errors

Wayne Trace - 4 4 0 0 0 0 x = 8 runs, 5 hits, 0 errors

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Winning Pitcher - Cooper Wenzlick (5 innings, 2 hits, 0 runs, 7 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Tyler Davis (1 inning, 0 hits, 0 runs, 2 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Kyle Forrer (1 inning, 1 hit, 0 runs, 1 strikeout, 0 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Ricky Deppe (1 inning, 2 hits, 5 runs, 4 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 4 walks)

Other Lima Bath Pitcher - Clay Boedicker (5 innings, 3 hits, 3 runs, 3 earned runs, 6 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Tucker Antoine (run), Breven Anderson (run), Cale Winans (single, two runs), Cooper Wenzlick (single, run, two RBI), Kyle Slade (single, double, two runs, RBI), Evan Crosby (single, two RBI), Brady Miller (run)

Lima Bath Hitters - Joel Rasor (single), Tyson McGee (single), Gabe Butler (single)

SEVENTH INNING BURST SENDS LANCERS PAST PANTHERS

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# PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

## 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)

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# OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES SOME PAWSOME STUDENTS!



Oakwood Elementary Kindergarten, First and Second Grade February Pawesome Students are (first row): Bentley Pack, Jayden Schlatter, and Evan Blockberger; (2nd row): Aleesy Hernandez, Harper Knapp, Grace Snyder, and Macklen Osting; (third row): Owen Aguilar, Lily Miller, Hunter Booth, Ka'Leah Allison, and Kash Foor.



Oakwood Elementary Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade February Pawesome Students are (first row): Kirsten Blockberger, Carter Sheaks, Emma Feeny, and Wyatt Leatherman; (2nd row): Ryland Ashbaugh, Olivia Schlatter, Aryah Loop, and Lucy Riethman; (3rd row): Xavier Nunez, Addi Mason, Bristol Biliti, Baylor Kilgore, Kinlee Sherry, and Chase Bowers.

night. The blue and gold scored its first run in the opening inning of the night before Paulding tied the game at 1-1 with a single run in the home half of the fourth. However, the Lancers

then opened up the contest with a four-run seventh to post a 5-1 victory.

Luke Bollenbacher tossed two innings in relief to get the win on the mound, striking out three Panther hitters. Dane Ebel pitched the first

five frames for Lincolnview, allowing two hits, one earned run and one walk while fanning a dozen Paulding batters.

Jacob Martinez took the tough luck loss for Paulding, pitching 6-1/3 innings giving up six hits, three runs (two earned) and one walk with three strikeouts. Peyton Adams recorded the final two outs, surrendering three hits and two earned runs.

Martinez and Casey Agler had the lone hits for the maroon and white as each singled. Ethan Foltz scored the lone Paulding run and Martinez picked up the run batted in.

Ebel paced the Lancers with two singles, two runs scored and a run batted in while Austin Bockrath also had a pair of singles. Caden Hanf, Evan Miller, Jack Dunlap, Myles Moody and Chayse Overholt picked up a single apiece.

Hanf, Moody and Holden Price each scored a run for Lincolnview with Miller driving in two runs and Hanf picked up one run batted in.

## 2023 BOB CENE MEMORIAL 18U METAL BAT TOURNAMENT

Looking for 18u baseball teams from Ohio to play in the 2023 Bob Cene Memorial 18u Metal Bat Tournament June 29 thru July 2 at the Cene Park Baseball Complex in Struthers Ohio. Contact Ken Quinn 330 719-0581 for information.

## STATEN SHUTS DOWN PANTHERS

Bryan's Thea Staten scattered one hit and two walks over six innings of work to pitch the Lady Golden Bears to a 10-0 win over visiting Paulding Tuesday afternoon in high school softball action.

Staten struck out eight Paulding batters to record the win for Bryan, which broke the game open with a seven run fourth inning.

The Williams County squad scored a single run in the third before taking control with the seven-run fourth to post an 8-0 advantage. Bryan then finished off the night with two runs in the sixth for the 10-0 victory.

Ella Voigt had two singles, scored three times and drove in two to lead the way for the Golden Bears with Staten adding three singles, two runs batted in and a run scored. Kailee Thiel also recorded three runs batted in and a single for Bryan while Marlee Yoder totaled two singles and a run scored.

Josey Arnold and Mackenzie Blevins each added a single to go along with a run scored and a run batted in with Reese Grothaus scoring once and picking up a run batted in. Clare Stever and Mylie

Vollmer also scored a run apiece for the Golden Bears.

Tia Mendez took the loss on the mound for Paulding, giving up seven hits, eight runs (six earned) and four walks while striking out three in three innings of work. Jalyn Klopfenstein pitched 2-1/3 frames, allowing three hits, two earned runs and two walks with one strikeout.

Klopfenstein had the lone hit for Paulding, a single.

## HORN TOSSES PERFECT GAME AT BISHOP LUERS

The Woodlan Lady Warriors got off to a great start for the 2023 high school softball season with an 11-0 five-inning blanking of Bishop Luers Thursday evening.

Woodlan scored three times in the first to jump in front 3-0 and expanded the lead with a six-run second to make it 9-0.

The Lady Warriors then closed out the contest with two runs in the fifth to finish off the 11-0 victory.

Avah Smith had a triple and a double for Woodlan with Mya Jones recording a pair of singles for the Lady Warriors. Alyssa Harvey, Olivia Roney, Lexi Metzger and Austin Gaff all had doubles as well for Woodlan with Jade Lichty recording a single.

Harvey and Jones both scored twice for Woodlan with Lilly Gerig, Lichty, Lillian Riley, Smith, Roney, Gabi Koos and Gaff all touching home plate once.

Smith topped Woodlan with three runs batted in while Harvey and Gaff recorded two apiece. Jones and Metzger picked up the remaining RBI's for the Lady Warriors.

Abby Horn recorded the win on the mound for Woodlan, striking out 13 Bishop Luers hitters in tossing a five-inning perfect game.

## BLUE STREAKS RALLY TO BEAT PANTHERS

Archbold scored four runs in the top of the seventh to post an 11-10 victory over Paulding Thursday night in high school baseball action.

The Blue Streaks struck first, scoring single runs in the first and third innings before adding three more in the fourth to post a 5-0 advantage.

Paulding rallied with seven runs in the home half of the fourth to seize a 7-5 lead and the Panthers added three more runs in the fifth to extend the margin to 10-5.

However, it was all Blue Streaks from there.

The Fulton County squad scored twice in the sixth to slice the deficit to 10-7 before plating four more runs in the seventh to walk off with the 11-10 victory.

Zach Short got the win for Archbold in relief, throwing the final 2-2/3 frames giving up one hit and striking out seven. Brian Burrowes, Masen Towns and Cade Miller also saw time on the mound for the Blue Streaks.

Greyson Harder took the loss for Paulding, giving up seven hits, six earned runs and two walks in 3-1/3 innings with four strikeouts. Kane Jones pitched the first 3-2/3 innings, allowing seven hits, five runs (four earned) and three walks while fanning eight.

Krayton Kern singled twice and doubled for Arch-

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# THE LEFT TURN



Brothers Kenyon and Ryan Zitzka will take turns this year in their Supermodified. Photo Credit: Zitzka Racing.

By: Ron Burt

People from all walks of life watch racing and participate in the sport. It seems natural that a mechanical engineer would take interest in racing and car designs, and, think of ways to make a car go faster but when you have two brothers, both in the same field of work, you have double the ideas. It sounds like a great formula for speed. If you follow my Facebook blog, Ohio Sports Blitz, you've seen a couple of posts from Zitzka Racing. I've reposted pictures of their new Supermodified that they will share driving duties in this season.

Kenyon and Ryan Zitzka both raced Three-Quarter (TQ) Midgets from 2000 to 2006 near their home at Lancaster Speedway and Kenyon has recently returned to the TQs racing in 2021 and 2022. During the off-season the brothers purchased the former McVetta #29 Rocket Chassis Supermodified. Mike McVetta built it around 2014 or 2015 and he had made some iterative improvements over the years. The engine is a 467 CI big block Chevy that was originally built by Brad Malcuit. Once Kenyon and Ryan get the Supermodified finished they intend to run the ISMA/MSS series plus a couple of Oswego non-wing races this year. They grew up

attending races at Oswego and now they will be racing their own car at this famous racing shrine. Racing fans know this one of the top asphalt tracks in the country. The series will also bring them near us at Lorain and Sandusky Speedways this summer.

They both have open wheel experience, but a Super is a lot different than a TQ Midget. These cars are more arrow dynamic and set low to the track like Indy cars. Some of the events they can run wings to hold the car down for better grip and other races will be non-wing. Fans have a big misconception about wings on Supermodifieds. When the cars run the top wing people think the driver controls the wing angle. Some don't realize it's all automatic with the air pressure in the pneumatic cylinders. These two enjoy designing and building cars. Their goal is to build a Supermodified of their own design in the coming years. I like their enthusiasm and after they get some track time the sky will be the limit. I will check in on them this season and next fall see what personal goals they reached in 2023.

Waynesfield Raceway Park will open April 8th with a great open wheel show featuring the Great Lakes Traditional (non-

wing) Sprints, \$3000.00 to win, the winged NRA 360 Sprint Invaders and the UMP Modifieds, \$1000.00 to win. Opening night will be a twilight show with racing starting at 4:00PM.

Limaland Motor Sports Park has added a June 16th Family Fun Night to the show that will now include the USAC Midwest D2 Thunder Midgets. They will join UMP Mods, Thunder Stocks and Dirt Trucks.

Indiana race fans, Anderson Motor Speedway will open April 8th and will feature the 23rd running of the Glenn Niebel Classic featuring the 500 Sprint Car Tour, and the USSA Midgets. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohioportsblitz@yahoo.com

## COVID 19 UPDATE FOR PAULDING COUNTY

This week Paulding County had 7 New Cases; 0 New Hospitalizations; 0 New Deaths.

Paulding County ranking is 68th in the state of Ohio, the transmission level is currently High and community level Low.

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.

## PCRTA MEETING

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will meet at 11:30 on Monday, April 10 at the Cooper Community Room located next to the Oakwood Library at 206 N. First Street, Oakwood, Ohio. Lunch will be served by Karen Walker, Sandy, Mohley, Bev Bertwell, and Ann Furrow.

## NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

National Public Health Week is observed during the first week of April and takes place from April 3 to 9 this week. That's seven days to champion the health of all. It's a week to recognize that everyone should lead healthier lives, irrespective of where they live, work, or come from. Since its founding in 1955, the initiative has become an important movement to highlight issues that can improve the health and happiness of a nation. You could choose to crush a workout or any workout challenge today. It's a great week to start eating healthy and stick to it. Whatever you do, remember to involve

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bold with four runs scored and one run batted in. Devon Morris added two singles and a home run to go along with three runs batted in and two runs scored. Carson Dominique also chipped in a double and a home run while scoring twice and driving in one.

Cade Miller singled twice, scored once and drove in one run as well for the Blue Streaks. Brian Burrows, Jayden Seiler, Mason Siegel and Stephen Diller also had hits for Archbold with Diller and Josiah Gomez both scoring a run for the blue and gold. Bur-

your friends, family, and the larger community. It's also a week when we campaign for health policies that are fair, inclusive, and accessible to all communities.

The first national public health week took place in April 1955. Since then, the initiative has received tremendous support from civil societies and administrations. The week recognizes the long history and achievements in public health. It also serves to highlight critical issues to help people lead healthier and happier lives.

In attempting to reach these goals, National Public Health Week seeks to address the root causes of poor health, disease, and lifestyles. It starts with recognizing that healthcare is still a privilege many cannot afford. Where people are born, their neighborhoods, places of work, different lives, and backgrounds determine the quality of healthcare access.

A child who goes to school hungry will not be an engaged student. People working for minimum wages sacrifice health for the sake of an income. It's thousands of families who have no access to nutritious food in their communities. Or those without the means to travel to access quality healthcare, often located far away.

National Public Health Week is committed to making health inclusive and equitable. It hopes to foster decision-making that considers the health of all communities-irrespective of income, race, or gender. Each year, the first full week in April celebrates the power of the community in realizing this vision. It's seven days of committing to health.

## LIONS DONUTS 2023

The Woodburn Lions Club Donut season is just around the corner. We open on April 29th at the Harlan Park and will run through the end of October.

Look for our ad in this issue of the West Bend News. By purchasing our Lions donuts you make it possible for the club to provide funds to many organizations that include: Woodburn Food Bank, Ronald McDonald House, Rescue Mission, Shepherd's House, Woodburn Children's Home, Scholarships at Woodlan and many others.

We appreciate your continued support. Also remember the Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday at 10 am in the Woodburn Park.

rowes and Seiler each picked up a run batted in as well.

Kane Jones singled and doubled for the maroon and white while driving in four runs and scoring once. Ethan Foltz doubled, scored once and picked up two runs batted in with Isaac Reeb singling, scoring once and recording two runs batted in.

Jacob Martinez added two singles and Casey Agler singled twice and scored twice. Nick Manz and Larkin Yates both singled, scored twice and drove in one run. Peyton Adams was the other Panther runner to touch home plate and Hunter Coutts recorded a single.

# ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS



3/27 - Antwerp Police Department responded to a car fire at Antwerp School and assisted the school resource officer and the Antwerp Fire Department and EMS were called.

3/15 - An individual reported that her father had killed over 200 people and encased them inside of a capsule inside of a shed on their property. She was nine years old and he would put a pill on their body that would eat up their bones so there was no trace of them to be found. She further went on and named two individuals and said they had killed her 17 year old brother back in 1980 and her father covered up his death by paying off several people, such as an attorney in Paulding, a judge in Paulding and even the President of the United States at the time. She further went on to say that her mother was best friends with the president's wife. She also stated there were two bodies buried in the basement of the old Paulding jail and finished by stating that there are radio frequencies and lights all around and transmitting signals to her. The individual was questioned as to her drug use and the officer was further able to determine that she appeared to be a threat to herself and others and asked if she was willing to be taken to the Defiance Coping Center, which she agreed. The officer transported her to the Defiance Coping Center and turned her over. Approximately 40 minutes after dropping her off, the officer check with the Coping Center as to her condition and the Coping Center said she had been released and would be on her way back to Antwerp.

3/16 - Possible alleged child abuse was reported on Canal St. It was stated both parents are alleged alcoholics, both lost their jobs and are not taking care of the children. An officer investigated and determined the house was in disarray, there were empty beer cans throughout the home and the fridge only contained a gallon of milk and package of hotdogs. The police department prepared a report and notified human services.

3/19 - Antwerp Police Department responded to call for an individual choking on Diamond Dr. The officer arrived and assisted until EMS arrived.

3/22 - A welfare check was requested on Canal St. An officer responded and able to locate the individual and determined everything was okay.

3/24 - Antwerp Police Department was notified of a 911 hangup on W Daggett St. Officer responded and unable to locate any issues.

3/24 - It was reported there was a dog running loose near railroad tracks on S. Main St. An officer located the dog and took it to the Paulding County Dog Kennel.

3/25 - Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to individual that lives in the 100 block of S. Main St. on an alleged overdosed on psychedelic mushrooms. Officer assisted the individual until the EMS arrived.

3/26 - a local business reported an intoxicated pedestrian at their business. Officer responded and located the individual and assisted him by taking him home.

3/26 - A domestic dispute was reported at the Park Avenue Villas. The officer responded, there was no act of violence. A report was prepared and sent to prosecutor.

3/26 - A resident of the village requested to come unlock car. The unlock provided.

3/27 - Antwerp Police Department received a complaint that a resident on W. Daggett St. was feeding several cats outside. Officer investigated and explained to resident there was a village ordinance against feeding stray cats and requested it not be done.

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called.  
 3/27 - Antwerp Police Department provided a funeral escort.  
 3/27 - It was reported that there was a large dog running near Main St. The dog was located and taken to the police station and the Dog Warden was called. Prior to the Dog Warden arriving, a resident stopped at the station and took the dog to its owner.

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!

**PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS**

**Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report**  
**Sawyer R. Hake**, Edgerton, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Aryssa Ramsey**, Oakwood, OH; Assault; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; No unlawful contact with victim; 40 hours community service; Pay restitution; Evaluation at Westwood; Risk assessment; Probation to determine online classes  
**Cassandra A. Richardson**, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence;

Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Re-pay court appointed fees; No contact with victim; Maintain general good behavior  
**Dean C. Leisure**, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Submit an evaluation; No contact with victim; Risk assessment; No alcohol; Shall be permitted to work on vehicles in the garage  
**James R. Okuly Jr.**, Paulding, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency  
**Sandy E. Trowbridge-Franz**, Hoagland, IN; OVI/under influence, Guilty, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Proof of insurance provided; OVI/breath (low), Dismissed; Left of center, Dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Dismissed  
**Izik J. Garrett**, Antwerp, OH; OVI/UA .08Blood, Guilty, ALS vacated, 60 hours community service, Shall be permitted to donate \$606 to the Paulding County Dog Kennel in lieu of completing 60 hours community service; OVI/breath (low), Dismissed; Left of center, Dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Defendant

to pay all fines and costs  
**Travis L. Wallace**, Morehead, KY; Possession of drugs, Preliminary hearing waived, Case shall be bound over, All bond conditions continue; Possession of schedule I/II, Preliminary hearing waived, Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court  
**Edward D. Booher**, Oakwood, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Lovepreet Singh**, Woodstock, ON; Highway use tax; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Kaitlin M. Lantow**, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Jessica J. Luty**, Paulding, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Adam A. Wright**, Cloverdale, OH; Assault(2 counts), Case dismissed per state, without prejudice, Costs waived; Aggravated menacing, Case dismissed per state, without prejudice, Costs

waived; Resisting arrest, Guilty, Defendant to pay all costs, Maintain general good behavior, No contact with victim or Village of Grover Hill, OH, Jury trial vacated  
**Daniel E. Ordway**, Ottawa, OH; FRA suspension; Guilty; Half of fine may be suspended if working towards getting a valid license within 6 months; Proof of insurance not provided  
**Aaron L. Westmoreland Jr.**, Indianapolis, IN; Driving under FRA suspension; Case dismissed  
**Alyana L. Parker**, Toledo, OH; Driving under suspension/operator license forfeiture; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs  
**Timothy R. Puckett**, Paulding, OH; FRA suspension; Guilty; Half of fine may be suspended if defendant shows the court a valid license within 6 months  
**Roger A. Nuzum**, Bluffton, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

The West Bend News  
**Sudoku Puzzle**

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

**NOTICE VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE**

As established by Chapter 905 of the Village Ordinances, it is hereby determined that weeds or grass growing at a height of eight (8) inches or higher after the first day of May of each year are a public nuisance. All property owners are required to regularly cut the weeds upon their properties during the ensuing months of the year. Failure to do so could result in a property tax assessment if the Village of Hicksville has to clear the property of high weeds or grass. Mowing grass clippings into the street is prohibited.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day on which a violation occurs or continues.

**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://pauldning.sheriffsauction.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.pauldningohsheriff.com](http://www.pauldningohsheriff.com)  
 Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

**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.

BY ORDER OF:  
**DEFIANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
 500 COURT STREET, SUITE A  
 DEFIANCE, OHIO 43512  
 Stephanie M. Metz, Clerk  
 DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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**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:  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HICKSVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION**


The Hicksville Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on an application for a LOT SPLIT on Thursday, April 20, 2023 starting at 5:00pm in the office of the Zoning Inspector, located at 108 N. Main Street, Hicksville, Ohio 43526  
 The Application, submitted by Vic Lilly, is a request to split LOT 32, Edgerton's Third Addition, with a physical address of 402 South Bryan Street. The request is to split .0160 acre, more or less.  
 —Mike Bailey,  
 Zoning Inspector

**IMPORTANT NOTICE RECEIVED AT THE CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

UPDATED PASSPORT PROCESSING TIMES - EFFECTIVE MARCH 24, 2023  
**ROUTINE SERVICE - 10-13 WEEKS**  
**EXPEDITED SERVICE - 7-9 WEEKS**  
 PROCESSING TIMES BEGIN THE DAY THE PASSPORT APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AT THE PASSPORT FACILITY, NOT FROM THE DAY YOU APPLY AT THE ACCEPTANCE AGENCY. MAIL TIMES MAY VARY ACROSS THE COUNTRY.  
 CLERK OF COURTS HOURS TO APPLY FOR PASSPORTS: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 8:00 AM UNTIL 3:30 PM  
 NO PASSPORT APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON FRIDAY  
 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE BY CALLING 419-399-8210 OR AT THE GOVERNMENT WEBSITE: [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)  
 THE CLERK'S OFFICE IS LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE COURT HOUSE IN PAULDING

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

FILED  
 PAULDING COUNTY  
 ANN E. PEASE  
 CLERK OF COURTS  
 2023 MAR -3 AM 10:31  
**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 A/K/A ROBERT C. SMALL WOOD, SR.; TONYA SMALL WOOD; 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.  
 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,  
  
 Steven Harding  
 Bar No.: 0100583  
 Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A.  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 P.O. Box 19519  
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33318  
 Main: 954-564-0071  
 Fax: 954-564-9252  
[answersms@dallegal.com](mailto:answersms@dallegal.com)

# PAULDING HS ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School announced their February Students of the Month. They are (l-r): Sheyenne Shepherd, Freshman; Gracelynn Klopfenstein, Sophomore; Maci Kauser, Junior; and Bryanna Winke, Senior.

## HICKSVILLE PLAYERS PRESENT "QUIET SUNDAY"

The Porters have come home from morning church services and just want to have a nice, quiet Sunday - but they soon discover their day has just begun!

From a burnt roast, to a miscommunication about the sermon by their pregnant, married daughter, to an exasperating neighbor who is so wrapped up in what others are saying she has no idea where to turn, the day is filled with hilarious chaos as the family tries to keep a Christian approach to the day!

"Quiet Sunday," a comedy by Alberta Hawse, is being presented over Easter weekend by the Village Players. Cast members include Keith and Nicole Robinson, Mercedes Moncivais, Coral Watkins, Dick Hall, Dawn Patterson and Peter Greer. Set in the 1950s, this Easter

show will draw you inside with laughter and insight.

"Quiet Sunday" will be performed on Good Friday, April 7 at Woodburn United Methodist Church, 4300 Becker Road, Woodburn, Indiana at 7 p.m.; and on Sunday, April 8 at the Edgerton Town Hall Gym, 324 Michigan Street, Edgerton, Ohio at 2:30 p.m.

Concessions are available with a free will donation.

## WAYNE TRACE NHS 5K

The Wayne Trace National Honor Society is holding a 5K (or one mile walk) on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the Payne ball park across from the Payne Elementary School. The race is at 8:00 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:15 a.m.

The 5K is being held to raise money for the Berenice Chastain family. Berenice Chastain, whose children all attended Wayne Trace, was involved in a vehicle accident this past December. Due to the accident, there are ongoing medical bills, so the Wayne Trace National Honor Society would like to help this family by donating any proceeds from the 5K to the family.

Registration forms are available at the Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School building, on the Wayne Trace website, or on Facebook. The registration forms are due back to the Wayne Trace High School by April 12 if you want to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Local businesses who have not already been contacted can also sponsor the event by calling the Wayne Trace High School at extension 229.

If you have any questions about the 5K, please email klopfensteinj@waynetrace

.org or call Joni Klopfenstein (ext. 229) at the Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School. The WT NHS thanks you in advance for your support!!

## WAYNE TRACE VANTAGE 3<sup>rd</sup> NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2022-23

### AB HONOR ROLL

\* Denotes a 4.0 GPA

#### JUNIORS:

Connor Blankenship, Kason Carlisle, Kyle Forrer, Harley Halliwill, Mary Lands, Cassidy Lewis, Jordan Lotz, Emma Lyons, Jasmine Mattson, \*Trenton McClain, Nathaniel Osborn, Parker Schisler, Kyla Schoenauer, Kamrun Smith, \*Jude Stoller, \*Maddox Treece, Graiden Troth, Brendan Weidenhamer, Luke Wenninger

#### SENIORS:

Cadence Baker, \*Mackenzie Blankenship, Brice Carnahan, Ian Clevenger, Maggie Cox, Makenna Elliott, Nick Fleming, Alyssa Greathouse, Lexi Johnson, Matt Kline, Ariel Landwehr, Dalton Lee, \*Astrid Martinez Sandoval, Kristin McDonald, Samuel Moore, Isaac Munger, \*Jared Pierce, Kirstynn Roddy, Rebecca Sentelik, Brielle Sheets, \*Ezra Sinn, Kyle Slade, Blake Stoller, Gabe Thrasher

## ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL 3<sup>rd</sup> NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2022-23

### \*Denotes 4.0

**Gold Card 4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-)**

#### SENIORS:

Gavin Clevinger, Zachery Devall, \*Katrinya Fish, Shaylee Garrett, Isabelle Graham, \*Hayleigh Jewell, \*Lydia Krouse, \*Makenna Lawson, Ethan Lichty, \*Kyleigh Logan, Anna Meglich, \*Rayni Rister, \*Ethan Sanders, Aerial Snyder, Kendra Spieth, Hope Thomas-Roebel

#### JUNIORS:

Landon Brewer, Addyson Hormann, Aewyn McMichael, \*Brooke Molitor, \*Hannah Molitor, Emma Saul, Connor Shiple, \*Leila Spyker, \*Emma Townley

#### SOPHOMORES:

Noah Bradbury, \*Allison Carnes, Elle Clem, Drew Eaken, Derek Hines, Jonah Key, Aiden Lichty, \*Braylen Moreno, Caroline Rohrs, Keira Sargent, Tavin Sholl, \*Eden Shuherk, \*Gracelynn Stoller, Austin Zuber

#### FRESHMEN:

Kalli Billman, Krystal Bradbury, Marcelo Cruz,

# VANTAGE STUDENTS ADVANCED TO SKILLSUSA STATE COMPETITION



Congratulations to the following Vantage students for placing in the top three at the Northwest Ohio SkillsUSA Regional competition: Maggie Cox (Wayne Trace), 2nd place Automotive Refinishing Technology; Ian Clevenger (Wayne Trace), 3rd place Collision Re-

pair Technology; Nick Foppe (Kalida), 1st place CNC Technician; Madison Berenyi (Antwerp), 1st place CNC Turning; Kyle Slade (Wayne Trace), 1st place CNC Milling; Luke Bockey (St. John), 3rd place welding; Zane Bockey (St. John), 2nd place electrical

construction wiring; Brooke Roth (Van Wert), 1st place esthetics; Riona Workman (Van Wert), 3rd place related technical math.

These students will be advancing to state competition held in Columbus, Ohio in May. Good luck!

\*Leigha Doster, Sara Farr, Zaine McMichael, Tyler Palacios, Mara Phlipot, \*Hampton Rogge, Taylor Shull, \*Raelynne Zuber

**Blue Card 3.66-3.33 (with no grade less than a C+)**

#### SENIOR:

Ross Lee, Pamela Schneider, Makenna Smith

#### JUNIORS:

Reid Lichty

#### SOPHOMORES:

Maylynn Carnahan, Karsen Donat, Owen Franks, Lydia Johnson, Teeghun Marlin, Madisyn Peters, Bryce Sholl

#### FRESHMEN:

Nikalas Brandenburg, Amelia Graham, Dylan Hahn, Miley Jewell, Andrew Johnson, Haydyn Lengacher, Harlee Moore, Landon Orozco, Lauren Walters

**Honor Roll 3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a C)**

#### SENIORS:

Imogyn Budd, Rachelle Maag, Ratana Owen

#### JUNIORS:

Carson Altimus, Jill Magoulas, Kahlea Shook, Lucy Wales

#### SOPHOMORES:

Shelby Bowley, Lyndsay Dulaney, Isabella Jackson, Jace McCreery, Brynner Reinhart, Tanessa Sherwood, Dayne Sholl, Magdaline Trabel

#### FRESHMEN:

Raeley Franklin, Ella Hughes, Griffin Kosch, Addison Lehman, Estee Lichty, Camryn McAlexander, Lillyanna McKay, Corbin Sargent

## ANTWERP JH 3<sup>rd</sup> NINE WEEKS SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2022-23

\* denotes 4.0

**Gold Card 4.0-3.75 (with no grade less than a B-)**

#### EIGHTH GRADE:

Briley Bagley, Lucy Conley, Roman Delong, MacLaren Ehrhart, Maddox Friend, Keegan Gray Wyckoff, Josie Hahn, Aiden Hook, Eliana Hormann, Emery Jones, Tyler Overman, \*Gabriella Snyder, \*Keira Spyker

#### SEVENTH GRADE:

\*Bryceton Barker, Alia

Clem, \*Wyatt Cline, Tucker Doster, Aaden Friend, Camden Herber, Taylor Lockhart, Noah Lucas, Elyse Meyer, \*Braxton Peters, Franco Rivera, Izaiah Thompson, Anneliese Zijlstra, \*Kora Zuber

**SIXTH GRADE:**

Annabelle Mowery

**Blue Card 3.749-3.5 (with no grade less than a C+)**

**EIGHTH GRADE:**

Tatum Boyer, Jonnothan Coker, Blake Gribler, Alexisa Hankinson, Emily Laker, Alyssa Lawson, Ethan Marlin, Weston Rhonehouse, Michael Rohrs, Nathan Sanders, Madison Schmidt, Lucas Sproles

**SEVENTH GRADE:**

Hudsyn Bagley, Gage Barker, Anabelle Bidlack, Reese Franklin, Brayden Fuller, Lilly Halsey, Avery Honigford, Kaira Jones, Kati Phares, Allison Rice, Anabelle Saylor

**SIXTH GRADE:**

Pearce Cottrell, Charlotte Hook, Evan Overman, Alaina Reinhart, Garrett Robbins, Aleta Sorrell

**Honor Roll 3.49-3.0 (with no grade less than a C)**

**EIGHTH GRADE:**

Hailey Clem, Avalon Coney, Madeline Coressel, Payleigh Dickess, Maddilan Doster, Kole Elston, Lexy Hicks, Grayson Kelson, Jen-

nifer Lawhorn, Danica Lehman, Haylee Lingenfelter, Lincoln Lucas, Aaron Mylek, Alexis Otto, Kara Pierce, Holly Richey, Kage Slattery, Allison Sproles

**SEVENTH GRADE:**

Carter Baumert, Alyvia Bell, Gabriella Brandenburg, Rylee Chrisman, Cadem Inggol, Jason McKay, Alyssa Phillips, Clara Rohrs, Triston Schilt, Jazmine Yanez

#### SIXTH GRADE:

Brennan Barker, Mallory Barker, Tyler Bradbury, Elliana Burtnett, Teagen Eaton, Gianna Laker, Brooklyn Lawson, Allison Miller

## WAYNE TRACE PAYNE ELEMENTARY 3<sup>rd</sup> NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2022-23

**No honor roll for grades K-2**

#### THIRD GRADE:

**All A's:** Raylynn Gerardot, Jaden Johnson, Adalyn Litzenberg, Brynlee Stoller

**All A's & B's:** Kelsey Folsom, Pieper Mansfield, Hannah Mawer, Boston McGarvey, Callen Stoller, Wade Stoller, Dylainee Carr, Saylor Denning, Alyse Schmidt, Lydia Shepherd, Beckett Taylor, Sam Wilson

#### FOURTH GRADE:

**All A's:** Gabe DeWaard

**All A's & B's:** Emma Whit-

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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.

**There are two basic services the agency provides:**

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**

# MY HERO



used his full potential, and had longed to go into business for himself. In 1939, at age 60, he left a secure job, and decided to strike out on his own. The reason that he is my hero, is because he accomplished all of these things in his later years. The list of Othmar Ammann's accomplishments is longer than I gave. He also engineered New York's George Washington Bridge, Versano Narrows Bridge, which leads to Staten Island, the Lincoln Tunnel, and the Golden Gate Bridge. He designed the Golden Gate Bridge when he was 86 years old.

If you study High School Physics, one of the sections will be about wave motion. Light and sound both travel as waves, akin to dropping a pebble in a pond. A video which is always shown, is the destruction of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. High wind caused the roadway to have a wave motion, similar to waves in the ocean crashing into the rocks. The bridge, which was fairly new, crashed. Several cars were on it, but no one was killed.

The reason he is my hero is because it shows that a great deal can be accomplished at an older age. Even after retirement much can be accomplished.

My hero was an architect. He designed the Dulles Airport, the Connecticut and New Jersey Turnpike and the Navy's 600 ft radio telescope. He was born in Switzerland and came to the United States at age 26, after studying at Federal Polytechnic Institute in Zurich. When arriving in the US he took a job with The Port Authority of New York. Here he had many accomplishments and worked there until he retired. His name was Othmar Herman Ammann. Othmar felt he had not

My eldest son, graduated from college in 1986. He took a job with an insurance company as a computer technician, and has worked the same job his entire working life. In 3 years he will be ready for mandatory retirement. I often wondered what he will do because he is quite talented. He's very mechanical, quite artistic, but his passion is cooking. He loves to get up at 4:00 a.m. and make cinnamon rolls, wrapping them in individual cartons and handing them out to coworkers and his wife's coworkers.

I am amazed and some of the things that people have done at an advanced age. Perhaps we should rethink mandatory retirement, as people live longer lives.  
—James Neuhouser

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## HELP WANTED

Paulding High School is accepting applications for the position of:

**HEAD BOYS BASKETBALL COACH**

Please submit your resume, cover letter and references to: Athletic Director, Tyler Arend  
tarend@pauldingschools.org or mail to 405 N Water St, Paulding, OH 45879, ATTN: Tyler Arend.

## HELP WANTED

The Village of Hicksville is accepting applications and resumes to fill a full time position in the Wastewater Department. Applicants should have good mechanical and electrical knowledge, general carpentry skills and be able to work in all weather conditions. Possession of a CDL is a plus and the person hired must be able to obtain an OEPA Class I wastewater license within eighteen months of hire. Applications can be picked up at 111 South Main St Hicksville Ohio 43526 or downloaded from www.villageofhicksville.com. Applications and resumes can be returned to 111 South Main St. or by email @ viladmin@defnet.com. For questions please contact the Village Administrator 419-542-6138

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### VAN WERT HS PRESENTS: THE WIZARD OF OZ

The Van Wert High School Theatre Department would like to share information pertaining to the 2023 spring musical, *The Wizard of Oz*. Performance dates are April 13-15, 2023 at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center. Show begins at 7:00 p.m. For information go online using the website link at VWHSTheatre.weebly.com, at Brewed Expressions Cafe on April 1st from 9:00-11:00 a.m., or at the door on performance nights. Reserved and General Admission Seating available. We appreciate your continued support of the students and program.

**FIFTH GRADE:**  
*All A's:* Krandon Crites, Aubree Lamb, Megan Parker, Lienna Stoller, Mailey Stoller, Avery Welch  
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## JOB POSTING: PAULDING COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

**Employer:** Paulding County Auditor

**Position Titles:** Deputy Auditor (Unclassified)  
Two (2) Positions Open: (1) Budgetary  
(1) Real Estate

**Employment Status:** Full Time (40 hours per week) M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm

**Pay:** Dependent on Experience/Qualifications

**Benefit Package:** Paid Holidays, Eligible for Health and Supplemental Insurances, Sick Leave, Vacation, Employer paid Life Insurance; Participant of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

**Job Qualifications and Requirements:**  
Accounting and Experience Preferred  
Working Knowledge of Microsoft Office and Excel  
Accurate, Organized and Time Management  
Excellent Written and Verbal Communication Skills  
Adaptable to Change and Works Well in Team Environment  
High School Diploma or Equivalent  
Pass Criminal Background Check/Drug Screen

**Job Description:** Under the supervision of the Paulding County Auditor, the successful applicants would provide a variety of services to the public and other governmental entities.

**Budgetary - Deputy Auditor** will learn and implement the accounting/payroll software system. Audit and process accounts payable and accounts receivable. Assist with payroll, as well as various other tasks associated with the financial system and Budgetary Office.

**Real Estate - Deputy Auditor** will learn and implement the real estate software system. Administer tax reduction programs, abatement programs, state reporting and settlements related to real estate, mobile home and wind/solar. Assist with various other tasks associated with the Real Estate Office.

**To Apply:** Please email resume to:  
Claudia Fickel, Paulding County Auditor at [claudiaf@pauldingcounty-oh.com](mailto:claudiaf@pauldingcounty-oh.com)  
by Friday, April 14th, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

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## FIRE CHIEF • VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE

The Village of Hicksville seeks a qualified person for the position of Fire Chief for the Hicksville Volunteer Fire/EMS. The Chief is responsible for all Fire and EMS functions within the department. Resumes will be accepted until April 10, 2023, and may be sent to Mayor Ron Jones at 111 South Main Street, Hicksville OH 43526 or hixmayor@metalink.net.

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## HELP WANTED

**Vantage Career Center Position Posting**

**Posting Date:** Wed., March 20, 2023 – Monday, April 3, 2023  
**Position:** Electrical Instructor  
**Start Date:** 2023-2024 School Year

**Job Objectives:** Plans, implements and evaluates instruction in the Electrical curriculum designed to address a wide range of maturity and skill levels. Courses consist of: Construction Technology, Residential, Construction, Commercial and Industrial Electrical Systems. Assists secondary high school students with post-secondary placement. Encourages parental, business, and community involvement. To view minimum qualifications and the full posting please visit [www.vantagecareercenter.com](http://www.vantagecareercenter.com), employment.

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## HELP WANTED

### Paulding County Senior Services Center - Director

The Board of Paulding County Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants for a Director of the Paulding County Senior Services Center. This position is a full-time, unclassified position. Full-time employees are entitled to paid holidays, eligible for County health insurance and earn vacation time. All County employees are participants in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS).

The primary objective of this position, under the general direction of the Board of Commissioners, is to oversee all operations of Paulding County Senior Services personnel and programming, to ensure efficiency, compliance, quality and professionalism in meeting needs of the senior adults throughout Paulding County.

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

Please submit resumes to the Paulding County Commissioners' office located at 451 McDonald Pike, Suite E, Paulding, OH 45879. Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. You may also submit resumes by email to [tera@peohio.us](mailto:tera@peohio.us). Resumes must be submitted by **Friday, April 14, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.** to:

**Tera Shull**  
c/o Paulding County Commissioners  
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Paulding, OH 45879

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# LAST WEEK TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE FOR NO COMPROMISE!



Pictured here is director Renee Boss showing the dynamiters how and where to "strike their pose". See who all is in the cast from dynamiters to sewing ladies to the Bargain Bin gals on April 14, 15, 16!

The dates are fast approaching for the NO Compromise! History of the Reservoir War of 1887 Mystery Dinner Theater. Did you know that there are several dynamiter descendants still living in Paulding County (Antwerp specifically) of these infamous Dynamiters from the Reservoir War? Ask around — know any Har- rmann's? Zuber's? Cham-

pion's? Applegate's? Some very familiar faces will be starring in this production: Sheriff Jason Landers plays the part of Sheriff Parr. Bryce Steiner (Antwerp Village Councilmen) plays the newspaper man, Ed Osborn. Jerrett Godeke, Antwerp Alumni and history major, plays the dastardly C.A. Flickinger (from Defiance [ptooey]) of the State Board of Public

Works, along with Pastor Michael Schneider as his accomplice, Crowe. Max Hibbard joins the cast as Ohio Gov. John Foraker, and Dennis Jackson portrays General Bunker. Some of the dynamiters include Tim and Renee Boss (playing Oliver and Emily Applegate), PC Commissioner Mark Holtsberry, Walter Lang, Cindy Kauser, Justin Boss (as Worden

"Henry" Sperry), and Tyler Boss (as Private Reeves), Pastor Ian Ferguson (as John Paulding), Paulding Mayor Greg White (as Frank Lamb), Jay Dachenhaus (as Dr. Bazali), the Bargain Bin ladies — Eileen Kochensparger and Rhonda Smalley, Scott Strahley as Rev. McCluskey, and many other familiar faces are all a part of this local historical event. Paulding County resident historian, Jane Nice, wrote this play, and Renee Boss is directing the performance.

This history will be told in a dinner theater format on April 14, 15, and 16 at 7:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. on the 16th) at the Antwerp Global Methodist Church, located at 202 E River St., Antwerp, OH.

Last chance to reserve your spot, learn some history, maybe get a few laughs or chuckles and support the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce's fundraising efforts to commission a Mural on an Antwerp business wall. This mural project is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2023. Contact Petals & Vines, West Bend News or Paulding Chamber office today!

## P.A.S.S. 43<sup>rd</sup> BASKETBALL MARATHON SCHEDULE

Beginning Friday April 7, 2023 and concluding Saturday, April 8, 2023, the following is the game schedule for the P.A.S.S. Basketball marathon taking place at

# OHIO SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION AT CONFERENCE



Pictured OSBA officials present Jerry with a recognition certificate.

Jerry Zielke from Antwerp was recognized at the March 23rd Ohio School Boards Association Northwest Region Spring Conference for serving as a school board member for 40 years. Jerry served on the Paulding County School Board, which merged with the Van Wert County School

Board to form the Western Buckeye ESC. He also has served on the Vantage Career Center School Board, and is currently serving on the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center School Board. Congratulations Jerry and thank you for your dedication to education!

Payne Elementary School gymnasium.

4:55 p.m. - Opening Ceremony

5:00 p.m. - Co-Ed: Coleman's Flooring V Klingler Builders

5:30 p.m. - Co-Ed: Survivor Parent Edition V Heathens

6:00 p.m. - Youth: K&K Insulation V Wildcat Ground Maintenance

6:30 p.m. - Co-Ed: Schultz Automotive V The Hornmanns

7:00 p.m. - Mens: The Misfits V Speice's Barbershop

7:30 p.m. - Co-Ed: Finish Work Interiors V Petals & Vines

8:00 p.m. - Mens: The Misfits V Baum Squad

8:30 p.m. - Mens: Nucor Vulcraft V Ayersville

9:00 p.m. - Mens: Trigger Pullers V Rubber Ducks

9:30 p.m. - Mens: The Linder Clan V Judge Beckman's Bailiffs

10:00 p.m. - Mens: Brice-ton Sharp Shooters V One More & We'll All Go Home

10:30 p.m. - Co-Ed: Mercer Landmark V Mercer Landmark

11:00 p.m. - Co-Ed: Doo-ley Funeral Home V Flat Rock Concrete

11:30 p.m. - Mens: Brit-tany's Fav Team V Pleasant Valley Golf Course

Midnight - Mens: Treece Electric V Ballz 2 Da Wall

12:30 a.m. - Mens: Chili Dippers V Retired JV Players

1:00 a.m. - Mens: Yenser Gross Htg & AC V Schlatter's Plumbing HVAC

1:30 a.m. - Mens: Poverty Knob Ballers V Bondy Insulation

2:00 a.m. - Mens: Across The Field Podcast V Across The Field Podcast

2:30 a.m. - Co-Ed: The Custom Assembly V Custom Assembly

3:00 a.m. - Mens: Williamson Insurance Agency V Rebber Farms

3:30 a.m. - Co-Ed: Con-lon DJ Service V Pucker-brush

INTERMISSION 4AM - 6AM

6:00 a.m. - Mens: Michael Mott DDS V Etzler Next Generation

6:30 a.m. - Mens: Hebert E Orr V K&K Insulation

7:00 a.m. - Mens: Roberts Mfg V JBT Real Estate

7:30 a.m. - Co-Ed: Mid-west Comm FCU V True Vine Tree Service

8:00 a.m. - Mini-Tots: Antwerp Archers Kindergarten V Team Claymiller

8:30 a.m. - Mini-Tots: Den Herder Funeral Home V Benschneider Auto

9:00 a.m. - Mini-Tots: Nucor Vulcraft V Holly, Wood & Vine Floral V

9:30 a.m. - Mini-Tots: Di-vine Mercy Catholic School V Raintech Seamless Gutters

10:00 a.m. - Mini-Tots: Pleasant Valley V Superior Credit Union

10:30 a.m. - Mini-Tots: Wolf Pack V Antwerp Archers 2nd Grade

11:00 a.m. - Mini-Tots: Paulding Ace Hardware V Lady Archers

11:30 a.m. - Mini-Tots: Agvantage Seed Center V The Lil Cluts Ten

Noon - Tots: Agvantage Seed Center V Divine Mercy Catholic School

12:30 p.m. - Tots: Lady Archers V Future Lady Raiders

1:00 p.m. - Tots: Williamson Insurance Agency V The Cluts Ten

1:30 p.m. - Tots: Class Of 2030 V Hooker Enterprises

2:00 p.m. - Co-Ed: The Eclectic Company V Suds To Shine Express

2:30 p.m. - Co-Ed: FCHC Ortho PT V Your Mom's Favorite Team

3:00 p.m. - Mens: R.E.O. Legacy V The Underdogs 2.0

3:30 p.m. - Mens: Po-Dunk Ballers #2023 V Payne Fire

4:00 p.m. - Mens: Alley-Oops V Dilligaf

4:30 p.m. - Mens: China Wok V Faith Over Fear 2.0

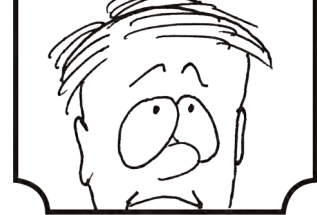
5:00 p.m. - Mens: Inner Circle 2.0 V NWO Venom

5:30 p.m. - Awards: Closing Ceremonies/ Awards

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