

1st ANNUAL NWO SENIOR CLASSIC & SPECIAL OLYMPIC EXHIBITION



Steve, thank you for everything that you have given to this sport, your community, and your beloved Bulldogs. Photos by Sarah Harris

On Saturday, Hicksville High School hosted the 1st Annual NWO Senior Classic & Special Olympic Exhibition. The proceeds from this event went to benefit the 4-county Special Olympics programs. Over \$5,000 was raised for this event, and will be distributed equally amongst the 4 programs.

This event was sponsored in part by Jim Schmidt Family of Dealerships (Hicksville, Delphos). The contests and MVPs were sponsored by Two Bandits Brewing Co. of Hicksville, and Subway of Hicksville. Shirts and awards were designed, created, and printed by Northwest Ohio Welch Trophy and Screenprinting. Commemorative souvenir programs were de-

signed and printed by the Hicksville News Tribune (Stephanie Feeley and Mike Barth). The live video stream, and taped delay broadcast, can be found on Hicksville Community Television YouTube page (HixTV).

Edgerton Special Olympic legend Stevie Kimpel was honored before the special olympic game. Below is what was read at the game, and can be paraphrased:

Stevie Kimpel of Edgerton is no stranger to area sports fans. He has been a long time fan of Edgerton High School and can be seen at home games as well as many road games. It doesn't matter what the weather is like, Stevie is a loyal

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FOUR AREA STUDENTS WILL VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR OHIO'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES YOUTH TOUR

Ashlyn Steury (Hicksville High School), Brooklyn Wright (Hicksville High School), Henry Ballard (Hicksville High School), and Braden Knippen (Fort Jennings High School) will be attending Ohio's Electric Cooperatives' Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. This annual program will be held June 17-23, and the students will be representing North Western Electric and Paulding Putnam Cooperatives.

The Ohio's Electric Cooperatives Youth Tour is an annual weeklong youth leadership experience for high school sophomores and juniors from families served by



Brooklyn Wright

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APRIL IS NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

Patrol reminds drivers to keep eyes, focus on the road

This year, April's National Distracted Driving Awareness Month coincides with the start of stricter distracted driving laws in Ohio, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol is reminding motorists to keep their eyes and focus on the roadway while driving.

"Distracted driving is dangerous, irresponsible and just as deadly as driving drunk, and beginning today, distracted driving is now a primary traffic offense in Ohio," said Governor Mike DeWine. "This new law will undoubtedly save lives and spare many families the incredible pain of losing loved ones in senseless and preventable crashes."

Since 2018, 209 people lost their lives as a result of distracted driving. During this same timeframe, distracted driving led to 62,324 crashes

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PAULDING COUNTY BUSINESS, INDUSTRY & COLLEGE SHOWCASE SUCCESS



InSource engaged students with a circuit board challenge.

The Paulding County Economic Development office hosted a business, industry and college showcase event here this week. The event showcased 52 exhibitors that provide opportunity in or near Paulding County. Businesses, colleges, not-for profit groups, and government offices displayed and highlighted their business to the nearly 400 junior and senior class members from all three

Paulding County schools.

"It was great to see the students engaging with the employers, colleges and organizations in attendance. The overall goal for putting on this event is to help build student's awareness for the opportunities they have in the county and from the feedback we have received I'm glad we were able to accomplish that," stated Economic Develop-

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MARCH WENT OUT LIKE A LION: WEATHER DAMAGE IN PAULDING COUNTY



The storms that went through the region Friday night, generated wind gust in excess of 65+ MPH and heavy rains, causing straight line wind damage in various areas of the western and northern

parts of Paulding County, fortunately, no one was injured. However, more significant damage occurred to some homes, east of Antwerp, Ohio and north of the Maumee

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p
- April 11**
- Railroad safety workshop @ Convoy Opera House, 7pm
- April 12**
- NSCC exec. board meeting @ Archbold campus, 11am
- April 13**
- Be the Story Banquet @ Calvary Ev. Church, VW, 6p
- April 14**
- Fish Fry @ Paulding KofC, (Caring & Sharing), 11-1,4-7
 - Defiance CIC meeting @ Family Christian Ctr, 9am
- April 14-16**
- NO COMPROMISE Mystery Dinner Theater @ Antwerp GMC, 7pm (4/16, 2pm)
- April 15**
- NRL22 Rifle Event @ Antwerp Conservation Club, 9am
- April 19**
- WBESC meeting @ Paulding Conf Rm, 5:30pm
- April 22**
- Crane Twp Cecil FD Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, 7-11am
 - Payne Masonic Lodge Open House, Payne, 10a-2p
- April 27**
- Volunteer Expo @ Glenbrook Mall, FW, 3-6pm

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OBITUARIES

PAYNE, OH:

Brian Lynn Zartman, 65, of Payne, Ohio passed away at home Saturday, April 1, 2023. ARR BY DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 5761 SR 500, PAYNE, OHIO.

FORT WAYNE, IN:

Paul Richard "Rick" Schilb, Jr., 75, of Fort Wayne, Indiana passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Rick was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on June 8, 1947 to Vivian (King) Schilb and Paul Richard Schilb, Sr.

On August 7, 1971 he married, Margaret (Peg) Phipps Schilb, who survives in Fort Wayne. They shared fifty-three years of marriage and raised two sons Aaron Christopher Schilb, and Mikael Paul Schilb.

Growing up in Antwerp, Ohio Rick excelled as a high school athlete. He achieved Varsity status in both baseball and basketball all four years of high school. After high school he attended and graduated from Indiana University-Bloomington with a BS in Education. While at IU-Bloomington he played baseball. Later in his career, he achieved a MS in Education from the University of Saint Francis. After graduation he taught high school social studies at Payne/Wayne Trace, Antwerp Local, and Van Wert City Schools. Rick also coached both basketball and baseball during his career. He retired from Van Wert City Schools after 35 years in Education. While teaching at Van Wert City Schools, Rick was very involved with the Van Wert City Education Association, serving as Vice-President.

Faith was always important in Rick's life. While living in Van Wert, Ohio he was a long-time member of First United Methodist Church, singing in the choir and holding various roles in the church. After his retirement he and Peg moved to Fort Wayne, where they became members of Plymouth Congregational Church. Plymouth was a comfort and constant presence until his passing. Music was always a joy for Rick. He was a faithful member of Plymouth's chancel choir and the annual Boars Head Yule Festival Choir. He served as church Moderator and led many campaigns for Food Resource Bank/Growing Hope Globally while attending Plymouth.

Rick will be sadly missed by his wife, Peg; sons, Aaron (Ashley) Schilb, Mikael (Meredith) Schilb, mother Vivian Schilb, sister, Janese Schilb, mother-in-law JoAnn Phipps, and grandchildren, Max, Charlie, Henry, Vivian Schilb, and Damon and Lilly Smith.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Richard "Dick" Schilb, Sr.

Rick was a man who devoted his life to his faith, his family, and his friends. It can be said of Rick that he wanted very little, loved his family dearly, laughed easily and felt strongly about the importance of fairness and social justice.

A celebration of Rick's life will be held on Saturday, April 15th at Plymouth Congregational Church (501 W. Berry St., Ft Wayne). A visitation will be 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 with a celebration

service at 11:00. A luncheon will follow the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the Plymouth Music Series, or Miss Virginia's Food Pantry.

Rick's family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Parkview Home Health Care and Parkview Hospice for their care and concern during his illness. Additionally, the outpouring of love and support from friends, family, neighbors and Plymouth Church family, has been so appreciated by Rick and his family and will never be forgotten.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,

Do not verses like Galatians 3:26-27 and Acts 2:38 prove water baptism saves?

That is a good question. Because water baptism is intended as a testimony to picture salvation, it is often confused as a cause of salvation. Kissing the bride usually comes right after the couple marries to show the union which has just taken place. However, if they do not kiss they are still married, though likely not happily married.

Water baptism is to come after salvation as a demonstration of that salvation which has taken place and a testimony that the participant is not ashamed. In Acts 10:43-48 those of Cornelius' house believed unto salvation and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. After that, and because of that, Peter commanded them to be baptized.

The repentant thief on the cross got saved without water baptism (Luke 23:39-43), as do all believers because salvation is by faith without the work of water baptism; otherwise, Christ's atonement was not all sufficient (Luke 7:50, 17:19, 18:42, 5:20; Acts 15:9, 16:31, 13:39, 26:28; Ephesians 2:8-9).

Being "baptized into Christ" mentioned in Galatians 3:26-27 is the Spirit baptism that happens to every believer the moment he believes (I Corinthians 12:13; Romans 8:9).

In Acts 2:38 it says, "Repent, and be baptized...for the remission of sins." The word "for" here in the Greek is "eis," which means "because of." We might say someone is wanted for robbery, not meaning to help commit robbery, but because he has committed robbery.

Because a believer has had his sins remitted, he should be eager to testify of the victory publicly by baptism. Baptism by immersion pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com



Students asking questions with local businesses and military branches.



ODOT reps asked students questions about the regional area of NW Ohio.



Roberts Manufacturing reps listened to students questions about what services or products they provide.

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ment Office Manager Kristen Schilt.

The event ran from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon with students arriving at the top of each hour. The Vantage Career Center students from Antwerp, Paulding and Wayne Trace schools attended the first hour. Each school then brought their students on the hour for fifty minutes. The general public and home-school students were invited to attend at any time.

This year there was an emphasis placed on providing hands on activities. Exhibitors were encouraged to provide a task, or instruction exercise, to engage with students and help them understand their business and how they could immediately play a part being employed with the organization. That could be now or in the future after college.

Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) Director Tim Copsy beamed, "This event just continues to grow. With a previous event under her belt, Kristen took this event by the horns and ran with it. Last year we were ecstatic to grow to 44 exhibitors after covid. This year she brought in another eight on top of that! We had to adjust the floor plan to get everyone in."

The positive feedback received last year from the exhibitors encouraged the event to be held again this year but the overwhelming positive comments from the students exiting the event this year really made the work seem worthwhile. "We did a better job of meeting with the students at their schools, in their space, before the event and I think that helped them be more receptive to the exhibitors. The interactive activities that the businesses came up with were a positive new piece as well," stated Schilt.

Upon arrival students were

provided a "passport". The passports suggested a variety of questions to ask presenting businesses to help create conversation. Each student was encouraged to talk to a minimum of five businesses and have the business sign their passport. Completed passports were entered into a drawing for two \$25 gift gas cards per school. The cards were sponsored by National Oil & Gas, Inc. They provide fuel to gas stations all over the county.

Copsy concluded, "As great as this event is in educating our students about our local businesses, the networking that takes place amongst the business representatives during down time is equally fulfilling. All of the new introductions and discussions that develop at this event just make it a "must have" event for our county economy. We are excited for the future of Paulding County and how these conversations lead into our Business Advisory Council meetings."

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS FREE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

First United Methodist Church, located at 113 W Central Avenue in Van Wert, will be presenting Randall Goodgame's 'Slugs & Bugs' LIVE, Sunday, April 16 at 3:00pm. Slugs & Bugs® creates music and stories full of faith and silliness for families to delight in and sing for years to come.

In 2006, Randall Goodgame and Andrew Peterson released the album Slugs & Bugs® & Lullabies, and in 2010 Randall released new music and began the Slugs & Bugs® LIVE concert tour. Slugs & Bugs® music is among the most revered and critically lauded series in Christian family entertainment, garnering multiple Dove Award nominations and millions of streams online. Randall has

Scripture of the Week

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

— Galatians 2:20

toured Slugs & Bugs LIVE extensively throughout the U.S. including in 25 states, playing 350+ shows. Slugs & Bugs® now has released 8 albums including the popular Sing the Bible series. In 2019, Randall released his first 4 picture books in partnership with Lifeway and that same year the all-new Slugs & Bugs® Show released - Good times, good music, and Good News share the stage in the 26-episode TV series.

Consider this an open invitation to enjoy an afternoon of FREE family fun in a casual, relaxed setting. Contact Cristi Laukhuf at cristi.laukhuf@vanwertfirst.net or phone 419-238-0631 ext 306. for more information. There are three entrances to our sanctuary, one off Jefferson Street and two off Central Avenue. The church is fully handicapped accessible and handicapped parking is also available. If you are looking for a church home or haven't been to church in a while, the loving congregation of First United Methodist and Pastor Chris Farmer invite you to worship weekly with them. First United Methodist's weekly services are as follows: 8:15am casual and 10:45am traditional service on Sundays. Several Bible studies and activities are offered throughout the week.

SAVE THE DATE: CECIL COMMUNITY CHURCH EVENTS

Food Pantry: April 15th noon to 3:00 p.m. Cecil Community Church Food Pantry

April 16th Special 6:00 p.m. Service Speaker Dorrene Beltz at Cecil Community Church

April 23th Special 6:00 p.m. Service Speaker Lupe Villarreal at Cecil Community Church

April 30th Special 6:00 p.m. Service with Harvest Time Gospel Singers and Speaker Patty Sparks at Cecil Community Service

NSCC ANNOUNCES 2022 NCLEX PASS RATES FOR NURSING PROGRAM GRADUATES

The need for skilled nurses continues to grow nationwide, and Northwest State Community College is leading the way in preparing students to meet the healthcare demands of our communities. The Practical Nursing graduates from 2022 at NSCC earned a 100% pass rate for the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX), while the Registered Nursing graduates earned a 92.86% pass rate. According to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the national pass rate for RNs is

77.91%, and 79.93% for PNs.

QUOTABLES

"The faculty and I are pleased to announce the NCLEX results for both the practical nursing and associate degree nursing programs. Our graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX examination and qualify for entry-level nursing positions, noted Dr. Tiffany Ludwig, NSCC Dean of Nursing and Allied Health.

"Having consistently high passing rates, with multiple times 100% pass on the first try, is a testament to a dedicated group of faculty that ensures high-quality learning environments and student success," said Dr. Todd Hernandez, NSCC President. "As northwest Ohio's premier community institution, local hospitals depend on our healthcare programs, like nursing, so they can ensure high-quality medical care. We're so proud of our nursing students, and look forward to their success serving our local families," Hernandez continued.

Nursing careers are hard work, but are also potentially lucrative, which makes the NSCC education worth the time and effort. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov), the mean annual wage from May 2021 for a Registered Nurse is \$82,750, while the mean annual wage for a Licensed Practical Nurse is \$48,070.

NSCC is currently recruiting for the summer and fall semesters. For more information on NSCC healthcare programs, as well as other degree and certificate programs, transfer options, our "Be BOLD" adult learning program and more, visit NorthwestState.edu or call NSCC Admissions at 419.267.1320.

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IT'S MY STORY & I'M STICKING TO IT

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

It is sometimes that when we get older, we sit back and wonder, "Where have I been? What have I done and Where am I going?"

Our stories usually begins at birth and some people say they can remember as far back to the age of 2.

As I sat here one rainy afternoon, I began to think about my life's journey and how I got to where I am today.

First of all, I do remember singing a song at church at about age 3. The name of the song was, "Hand and hand with Jesus."

Of course, I started kindergarten when I was 4 and I was scared to death of the big bad wolf and the 3 bears. In fact, they had to take me out of kindergarten for a while.

My Mama, my little brother and I moved in with my grandparents when I was about 5. I remember walking to school with another little girl.

Every day we would pass this little red box hung on a pole with a lever on it. Everyday we would wonder what that little red box was for.

One day we decided to find out. My little friend was taller than me, so I got up on her shoulders and pulled the lever. All of a sudden we heard the sirens and horns and saw several fire trucks go by. Hmmm.

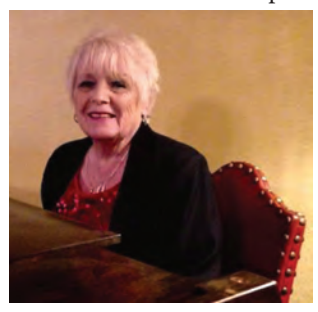
The next morning at school the teacher asked all the students what street they lived on. If they did not live near that little red box, they could sit down. Oh my! Soon I was the only one standing and I was sent to the principal's office. I was so proud! I thought I must have done something great.

Well that was not the case. The fact was that I had pulled a lever on a box which reported fires. That was probably my first trip to the principal's office.

Another outstanding memory also happened in first grade. We all got to go to a school circus. One of the entertainers at the circus was a clown. Everything was fine until the clown put a fire-

cracker down his britches and caught his pants on fire. I jumped from my bleacher seat and ran out of that gymnasium and all the way home. Was I a scaredy cat? Yes I think I was and still am.

Through the years I used to go in grandma's parlor and practice playing the piano hour after hour. We had an old record player and I would play all of grandma's gospel albums and learned to pick



out the tunes of songs.

Of course I graduated from high school, got married and had kids. I worked in a restaurant 6 days a week and attended a computer school in Ft Wayne on Saturdays. The computers at that time were as big as a room and we had a vast card system.

I got a job at General Telephone in Ft Wayne and could tell so many stories about my experiences there. I never would have guessed that in years to come, computers would get so small you could carry them in a suitcase. Wow thinking about right now, I can type my column and send it by email to the newspaper. We have indeed progressed.

However, I have always said that I was always the shortest in my school class, probably the poorest in my class and indeed the nosiest.

Well enough about me for now. Stay tuned for some more of my adventures next week.

Tell me about yourself and your escapades and I will give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

PAULDING CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN UP

The Paulding Cemetery Board of Trustees would like to announce Live Oak Cemetery and Memorial Cemetery spring clean-up dates. We ask that all decorations be removed by Friday, April 21, 2023. After this date all items left on the graves will be removed. This time schedule enables several weekends to have the cemeteries cleaned up for Memorial Day weekend. You will be able to put new decorations on the graves of your loved ones after Friday, May 19, 2023.

Your continued support is appreciated.

WESTERN BUCKEYE BOARD MEETING

The next Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the ESC Conference Room at 900 Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH.

LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER

Mowing

The grass is starting to grow and we'd like to share with you a few guidelines on mowing. Many homeowners take mowing for granted not realizing how much impact it has on the health and appearance of the lawn. Each of the following tips plays an important part in your lawn's health and appearance.

1. Sharpen your mower blades. Do this at least once a year or as frequently as needed to keep them sharp for the best cut. Sharp mower blades give a clean even cut to your lawn. Additionally they help prevent tearing and shredding the grass blades, which can give your grass an off-color appearance.

2. Adjust the cutting height of the mower throughout the season. For spring and fall, mower settings should be at medium-height. By doing this in early spring, mowing at a medium-height, this will remove the top brown-part of the blades and let more sunlight reach the grass plants to encourage early green-up. Avoid mowing too low which causes stress to the lawn. Mowing too low eliminates the leaf surface. Loosing leaf surface reduces the plants ability to perform photosynthesis. During summer or drought, higher adjustment settings should be used during the hotter months when the grass growth is slower. This also helps your lawn maintain better drought tolerance with hotter temperatures and less rain. Remember, the hotter and drier, the higher you should set your mower.

3. Never cut off more than one-third of the grass height. Cutting off more than a third creates a physiological shock that can make it more susceptible to disease. Frequent mowing with a regular mower or using a mulching mower will avoid the necessity of bagging your lawn clippings; however, you may catch the clippings if you prefer. The important thing is not to let the grass get so high that mowing removes more than one-third of the grass blade. For best results, mow your lawn approximately every five days.

4. Mow when your lawn is dry to avoid clogging your mower. Wet grasses stick to your mower and clogs can cause problems. However, if you absolutely have to mow when it is wet, make sure to wash out the cutting area of the mower immediately when you are finished. This makes it much easier to keep the mower clean and problem free.

5. Alternate mowing direction. This aids in achiev-

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Bulldog! With basketball, Stevie takes it to another level. He can often be found in the front row of Bulldog games cheering on both the boys and girls teams. When it comes to playing the game, Stevie really shines! He has played for the Special Olympians for over FORTY FIVE years and always raises the roof when he hits a 3 pointer!

ing a quality appearance. For instance, if you mowed horizontally last time, mow diagonally next time. Cutting in different directions tends to keep the grass blades more erect and ensures a more even cut.

—Jim Gerig
Jonathan Green Lawn Care Consultant, Grabill & Woodburn Hardware, Do Best

CONSTRUCTION TO RESUME ON I-69 IN ALLEN COUNTY

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces lane changes as work is scheduled to begin again on I-69 north of Airport Expressway.

In the overnight hours of April 10, crews will reduce the northbound side of the interstate to one lane as traffic is switched to the inside lanes on the new bridge that was constructed last year. Crews will return on the evening of April 11 to switch traffic on the southbound side. Both lane switches should be wrapped up by 6 a.m. the following morning.

Once the lane switches have been completed, crews will begin demolishing and rebuilding the bridges on both the north and southbound sides of the interstate.

Work on this project is expected to wrap up by mid-November. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

INDOT encourages drivers to consider worker safety by slowing down, using extra caution and driving distraction-free when travelling in and around all work zones.

INJURY TRAFFIC CRASH

Deputies responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash just after noon on April 5, 2023 at the intersection of US 24 & RD 133. Officials learned 69-year-old Ronald O. Egler from Stryker, Ohio was northbound traveling across the westbound lanes of US 24 when he pulled in front of a westbound vehicle driven by 23-year-old Seth S. Schwanz from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Egler was operating a 2012 Dodge Charger and Schwanz was operating a 2021 Nissan Rogue. Egler was transported by Paulding EMS to Defiance Regional Hospital and his medical condition is unknown at the time of this release. Schwanz was transported by a Parkview Hospital ground unit to Parkview Hospital. His medical condition is also unknown at the time of this release.

This investigation is ongoing. First responders assisting the Sheriff's Office at the scene were Paulding Fire and EMS.

- 3-Pt Contest:
Girls - Khloe Weber, Delta Boys - Luke Harris, Tinora Special Olympian - Johnny Davis, Hicksville (Defiance County)
Dunk Contest:
Luke Harris, Tinora Most Valuable Players:
Girls - Sophie Chipps, Napoleon (18 points)
Boys - Bradyn Shaw, Defiance (28 points)

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Benjamin F. Holister Hankins was born May 21, 1843 in Ohio. The son of Samuel S., born June 20, 1800 in New Jersey and Ann P. Hankins, born September 12, 1809.

By 1850, the couple had moved from New Jersey to the Charloe area. The couple had eight children. Samuel was a carpenter and Benjamin, also known as Holister, was in school.

On April 15, 1852, Samuel passed away. He was buried in Charloe-Blakesly Cemetery. On May 5, 1853, Ann remarried a fella named, Nathan Shirley. He was born in 1791.

He served 21 days with Captain Jacob Rickart's Company from Ohio in the War of 1812. His first wife, Mary Farmer (Minear) passed away in 1844. By 1860, Benjamin was living with his older sister, Sarah S. and her husband, John W. Ayers. As Civil War broke out, Benjamin enlisted on April 22, 1861 as a private to serve with Company G. 14th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. An enlistment of 3 months service. He was mustered out of service August 13, 1861 at Toledo, Ohio.

On October 22, 1861, Benjamin enlisted into Company C. 68th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, to serve as a private for three years. He was appointed Sergeant. Then on June 30, 1862 at Lexington, Kentucky, Benjamin was discharged on a Surgeon's Certificate of Disability.

On May 2, 1864 at the age of 21, Benjamin was made Captain of Company H. 132nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This Company was formed at Camp Chase, Ohio. Comprised of Paulding County men. This company was formed to serve 100 days service. This Company was mustered out of service, September 10, 1864.

Benjamin met a gal Nancy

Kniss. On February 25, 1865 the couple was married in Paulding. An opportunity to serve came up again in the form of Company E. 192nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This Company was to serve 1 year. Benjamin enlisted on February 28, 1865 and on April 22, 1865, Benjamin was appointed Sergeant. He was mustered out of service with the Company, September 1, 1865. After his service, Benjamin and Nancy settled down in the Charloe area.

A daughter Anne Belle was born, November 25, 1865. Followed by a daughter, May B. born June 24, 1867, and a son, Charles R. born March of 1869. By 1870, Benjamin was working as a retail merchant. And the family was living in the Charloe area. In 1871, Benjamin's stepfather, Nathan, passed away. He was buried in Potter-Klein Cemetery outside Junction. By 1875, the family had moved to Kansas. A son, John Calvin was born, January 14, 1876. On October 1, 1883, Benjamin's mother, Ann, passed away. She was buried in Charloe-Blakesly with her husband Samuel.

While in Kansas, something happened to Benjamin. His wife Nancy, on June 14, 1887, had filed for a Civil War Pension, listing Benjamin as invalid.

By 1900, Benjamin and Nancy were living on East Lyons Street in Sims, Grant County, Indiana, son John was living with them. By 1910, Benjamin, Nancy and John were back living in Charloe area living on the Charloe trail.

On March 30, 1913, Benjamin F. Holister Hankins passed away. On April 2, 1913, Nancy filed for Benjamin's widow's pension. On June 10, 1927, Nancy passed away.

They are both buried in the Charloe-Blakesly Cemetery.

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Pictured here (front, l-r): Kyle Stoller, Brady Miller, Tanner Laukhuf, and Cale Winans; (back, l-r) Carter Clemens, Tyler Davis, Hudson Myers and Brooks Laukhuf.



Pictured is the 1000 career points athletes: (l-r) Junior Kyle Stoller, Head Coach Jim Linder, and Junior Brooks Laukhuf

The Wayne Trace Boys Basketball team held its season ending awards night recently with several players receiving special honors. These athletes were presented with the following awards:

Kyle Stoller (co-offensive most valuable player), Brady Miller (co-defensive most valuable player), Tanner Laukhuf (most improved player), Cale Winans (co-

defensive most valuable player), Carter Clemens (Mr. Hustle), Tyler Davis (Turner Coaches Award), Hudson Myers (co-defensive most valuable player) and Brooks Laukhuf (co-offensive most valuable player). Juniors Kyle Stoller and Brooks Laukhuf each broke the 1,000 point mark for their careers this season and were awarded their 1,000 point basketballs during the ceremony.

EARLY VOTING BEGINS FOR THE MAY 2 PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION

May 2 Election Institutes New Requirements and Policies Following Passage of HB 458

Early voting has begun for the May 2 primary/special election in Ohio for the 67 counties that have local candidates and issues on their ballots. Early voting begins the day after the close of voter registration, and registered voters may cast an early in-person ballot at their county board of elections. Ohio is among the nation's leaders in ballot access by providing 199 hours for in-person early voting, adding an additional, convenient option for

Ohioans to cast their ballot for the upcoming primary. Ohio is one of 19 states that allows voting on a Saturday and one of just six states that allows early voting on a Sunday. Ohio's early voting period is 21% longer than the national average. Ohioans can learn more about the early voting schedule and the hours of county board operations by clicking here.

"Ohioans can be proud of the fact that our state is considered the gold standard for how we administer elections, as we make voting accessible and convenient, while ensuring confidence in the results because they are secure from fraud," said Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose. "In Ohio, we make it easy to vote and hard to cheat, and early voting is another feature of our elec-

tion system that makes voting accessible to every registered voter."

Changes in Election Administration

In December of 2022, the legislature passed House Bill 458 to modernize and strengthen how elections are administered in Ohio.

To further enhance election security and guard against fraud, the new law requires voters to provide an Ohio or federally issued photo identification on Election Day. The photo ID requirement is supported by a vast majority of Ohioans. Based on our surveys of the county BOE's and going back many years, 98% of Ohioans have shown a photo ID for early voting. For those few who may not have a photo ID, beginning Friday, April 7, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles will begin providing a state photo ID free of cost to any Ohioan who wants one.

The bill also eliminated early voting hours on the Monday before Election Day but reallocated those hours to days earlier in the month to make it more convenient for the early voter. This change in law has been supported for years by bipartisan election officials, as the Monday before the Tuesday election is better utilized by the county boards in completing the myriad preparations and requirements necessary for them to execute on the following day.

Ohioans voting absentee should be aware that HB 458 also shortened the window for county boards of elections to accept mailed in ballots following Election Day from ten days to four. In addition, it moved the deadline to request an absentee ballot from the Saturday before Election Day to seven days out from the election, providing adequate time for processing ballot applications and preventing voters from inadvertently disenfranchising themselves by applying for an application too close to the Tuesday election.

As always, the best resource for all election information can be found at VoteOhio.gov.

NSSC BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Northwest State Commu-

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nity College will meet on Wednesday, April 12 in room H104 at the Archbold campus at 11:00 a.m. for discussion and review of agenda items in preparation for their regular Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, April 28, 2023.

No action will be taken at this meeting.

VAN WERT CO. AG SOCIETY ANNOUNCES CONTINUED GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS

The Van Wert County Agricultural Society announces continued improvements for the 2023 calendar year. One of the most impactful projects is the complete renovation of the roadways throughout the Fairgrounds.

"The Ag Society is appreciative of the \$200,000 made available by the Van Wert County Commissioners office through the Covid Assistance Fund for this project. These funds will help us repave some of our roads that lead traffic around the perimeter of the grounds. For us to repave everything in Phase 1, we will need to raise an additional \$100,000," states Fair Manager Mike Poling.

The "Pave The Way" campaign has been established to enable individuals, groups/organizations and area businesses of all sizes to make a tax-deductible donation, which will directly fund the remaining roadways on the grounds. The renovation is broken into three phases: Phase 1 includes the perimeter and our most frequented gate entrances, Phase 2 includes some other high traffic areas and Phase 3 will include repaving around the North side of the Grandstand track. An additional \$100,000 is needed to complete Phase 1. Any additional funds raised over the \$100,000 will go towards the future phases of the roadway improvement project.

Donors wishing to give to the Van Wert County Agricultural Society are encouraged to donate in increments of \$250.00. For every \$250.00 donation, the donor will be entered into a drawing for two (2) lifetime season passes to the Van Wert County Fair. Checks should be made payable to the Van Wert County Agricultural

The storm damage to three homes and the path of damage to the trees indicated wind speeds in excess of 80+ MPH, in a north by northeasterly direction. Initial indications showed a EF0 Tornado formed north of US 24 and was on the ground briefly, went aloft as it reached the river. Official word from the NWS came today as the wide spread damage in the region has kept the investigation teams busy. The three homes that were damaged, were still livable except for the one that had it's electric service pulled away from the house when the tree fell on it.

Fell free to contact my office for additional information pertaining to Paulding County or the Northern Indiana National Weather Service for damage to other parts of the region. I will email the pictures separately.

—Edward Bohn Director Paulding County EMA

FORMER OHIO STATE REP. CRAIG RIEDEL ANNOUNCES FOR CONGRESS

Saying the country needs more leaders willing to stand



up for and champion Faith, Family, and Freedom, former Ohio State Representative Craig Riedel announced his candidacy for Ohio's 9th Congressional District.

Our country needs leaders willing to unapologetically fight for what's right. As a family man and advocate for the American dream, I'm committed to protecting our values and building a brighter future for Ohioans," said Riedel. "It's time for a new era of leadership."

Craig is a principled conservative who realizes our values are under attack in Washington. While in the Ohio Statehouse, Craig had an average score of 95.6% rating with the American Conservative Union. As a family man and a man of faith, Craig strongly advocates for pro-life, religious freedom, and Second Amendment rights – foundational individual civil liberties recognized and outlined in our nation's Founding Documents – values Ohioans hold dear.

Craig's platform includes a commitment to economic expansion, through lower taxes, reduced regulations, and expanded incentives for employers to create good-paying jobs. Additionally, he will fight against tax and spend agendas, which triggered today's

runaway inflation and hurt families. Craig Riedel believes in an all-in approach to energy, the bedrock of our national and Ohio economies, including the restoration of the Keystone Pipeline, fracking, drilling, nuclear, and alternative resources, with the goal of promoting energy independence, and strengthening our national security.

Craig is a steadfast supporter of freedom of speech and knows the threat that big tech censorship poses, unlike those on the Left who demand social media platforms silence conservatives.

"Strong families are the true foundation of society," said Riedel. "Parents are the primary educators of their children, and they must have a say in their children's education in our schools, whether private or public. I oppose the so-called Critical Race Theory (CRT), which falsely teaches children they are either racists or victims of racism. Education should focus on providing a solid academic foundation and preparing students for success. I am also a strong proponent of school choice, empowering parents to make the best educational decisions for their children."

Craig is a civil engineer, having spent 27 years in the steel industry, and a former three-term Ohio State Representative. He brings a wealth of experience and a strong passion for public service. Craig has been actively involved in his community, coaching youth sports teams, being active in his church, and volunteering with community projects and activities.

Craig and his wife, Danette, have been married for 34 years and have two adult children, Steve, and Renee, and three granddaughters. They reside in Defiance.

For more information on Craig's candidacy, visit his website at CraigRiedelForCongress.com.

Society with "Pave the Way" in the memo line.

The first phase of the project has an anticipated start date of early May, 2023 with a completion date of early June, 2023. Those wishing to see the color coded map and plan can visit www.vanwertcountyfair.com.

"These projects and renovations are critical to our success in bringing enjoyable family-friendly events to the Fairgrounds all year long. We are grateful for those donors and community organizations who continually

support our improvements," states Fair Manager Mike Poling.

About the Van Wert County Agricultural Society

The mission of the Van Wert County Agricultural Society is to educate, enhance and preserve our agricultural roots through our youth and our community. To learn more about the Van Wert County Agricultural Society and the Van Wert County Fairgrounds, visit www.vanwertcountyfair.com.

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Marketplace Scam
I'm writing this as a notice of a new "business scam", as I call it, going on in the marketplace site now. I've had 4 of them in the last week and a half up to now (April 2nd). You will get a message asking if what you have listed is still available and if you say it is they will say they are very interested. It's normal for people to want to know if something is still available. Then they will

ask if they can call you and it's kind of normal too, especially if they are close enough to come get something if you still have it.

Then they want your cell phone number and tell you they want to send you a six digit code to prove you are real. Of course I have no cell phone and tried to get it across to them and couldn't figure out if they were close enough to come get it as they said why would they need to verify.

They kept saying they had texted me the code and send it back. I kept telling them I don't get texts but they kept pushing, the first finally got tired of my questioning why this was needed and quit responding and I deleted them. The second got obviously angry and kept demanding I send the code and calling me a scammer, I finally deleted them. The last two, as soon as they asked to call me, I deleted them after I looked at their profile and wondered why a person from California would be interested in canna flower bulbs I've been giving away.

Then I talked to my neighbor and he said it's a telemarketing thing. If you send the code number back to them you are giving them permission to sell your phone number to different places and are paid for getting as many phone numbers as possible. I don't know if this is a new thing or if it just came to me and other people have had the same thing happen to them.

Computers have done nothing but open the door for never ending scams and rip offs by lowlife people that want to invade your privacy and get access to everything.

Probably nothing really illegal about this scam, just like phone telemarketers but annoying and invading privacy to get information.

So if you have anything on marketplace and get a message asking if what you have listed is still available or someone asking to call you check their profile and see where they are from. Not even sure the profile is actually the person contacting you or some hacker trash using someone's site.

I responded to one person's request and she came back and said that wasn't her. Obviously a hacker using her profile. Those people should be caught and sent to prison, they are no different than someone breaking into your house or property and stealing your stuff.

Just wondering if anyone else has had this happen to them, and if not, just telling you to look at them as a red flag that doesn't sound right. Pathetic that your privacy is invaded anyplace you go or whatever you do anymore, the new America, why work when you can make money scamming people or illegally taking their stuff.

So beware, if it sounds fishy it probably is.

—Gregg Gorman,
Paulding Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Abortion is a profoundly immoral and unjust act: the taking of an innocent human life at its most defenseless! As Christians committed to justice and righteousness, we cannot stand by and just let that happen".

—Dr. James Anderson

For help with an unexpected pregnancy, help with your baby's needs, or healing after an abortion, call 1-800-633-3339 (24 hour Hotline)

Please go to ohiolife.org to find info on the horrendous bill the abortion industry is trying to put on Ohio's ballot this Fall.

—Judy McCalla
Sperfor Life

OHIO AMONG SIX STATES SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN NASHP 2023 AGING POLICY ACADEMY

The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) has chosen Ohio as one of just six states across the country to participate in the organization's 2023 Aging Policy Academy.

The Ohio Department of Aging (ODA), Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), and Ohio Department of Health (ODH) submitted a joint application to take part in the program, which will allow Ohio to team up with a select group of lawmakers from across the nation to develop and strengthen policies to support older adults everywhere.

Policies developed from the Academy will be shared with other states across the nation.

"We are honored that Ohio has been chosen as one of a select few states to participate in NASHP's 2023 Aging Policy Academy," said ODA Director Arsel J. McElroy. "The Academy will provide us with a valuable opportunity to work alongside some of the brightest minds in the nation to develop policies and best practices that will ultimately improve the quality of life for older Ohioans and provide much-needed support for those who assist in caring for them."

Director McElroy will lead Ohio's team, which also includes ODM Director Maureen Corcoran, ODH Director Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff, and ODA/ODH Medical Director Dr. John Weigand.

Ohio's team will focus its work on nursing home reform during the course of the 2023 program year, one of several priority tracks offered through the Academy.

"The Academy's focus on quality improvement resonates with Ohio's commitment to nursing home quality as expressed by Governor Mike DeWine in his State of the State Address. We look forward to collaborating with other selected states in developing strategies to support older adults across our state," Dr. Vanderhoff said.

"There is much work to do to improve experiences for all Ohioans being served by nursing facilities and Medicaid is excited to embark on this challenging but very needed endeavor," Director Corcoran said. "With the departments of Aging, Health, and Medicaid partnering with the national leadership of NASHP, we have tremendous opportunity to improve Ohio's current system of nursing home care."



Ashlyn Steury



Henry Ballard



Braden Knippen

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electric cooperatives. On the trip, students will be visiting the nation's capital and its many famous and historic sites, including Arlington National Cemetery, memorials, and national museums. They also have the opportunity to meet with Ohio's congressional delegation members on Capitol Hill and learn about public service and the cooper-

By the end of the Academy, Ohio will have a plan in place with specific activities and goals designed to help improve the quality of care and quality of life offered in nursing homes across the state. The state will also receive technical assistance from expert consultants to make progress on these goals.

Under the leadership of Governor Mike DeWine, the state continues to place a high focus on improving the quality of nursing homes across Ohio.

In addition to Ohio's participation in the Academy, the Governor recently established the Nursing Home Quality and Accountability Task Force – a group of leading experts in the fields of aging, healthcare, and other disciplines – to study oppor-

ative business model.

The four local students will join nearly 40 students from the state of Ohio – and more than 1,800 students from electric co-ops across the country – who are participating in this year's Youth Tour.

Sites on last year's Youth Tour included the United States Capitol; the Vietnam and Korean War memorials; the Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Thomas Jefferson, and Martin Luther King, Jr. memorials; the Smithsonian Museums of Natural History and American History; the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Center; and the Gettysburg battlefield.

Applications are accepted each year starting in December. Members of each co-op can watch for details in the Ohio Cooperative Living magazine or call their respective co-op for more information.

tunities to improve Ohio's nursing homes.

"We are all-in on making our nursing homes better," Director McElroy said. "Through our combined efforts with the Academy and the Task Force, we will be engaging state and national experts, as well as residents and caregivers with lived experiences, to find solutions that will make a meaningful difference and improve lives."

Other states chosen for NASHP's 2023 Aging Policy Academy include Arizona, Indiana, Louisiana, Montana, and New Jersey. Participating states will focus on certain priority tracks, including nursing home system reform, home- and community-based services, and the direct care workforce.

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
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 - 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
 - Woodburn:** Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop, ACP Library, Willies Cafe II

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RAIDERS PILLAGE ARCHERS IN VARSITY BASEBALL, SOFTBALL



Raider pitcher Cooper Wenzlick collected 11 strikeouts against the Archers. Photo by Harlee Moore.

Wayne Trace Raiders diverged to Archer Fields on Thursday, April 6th for softball and baseball action.

In Varsity Softball, Archer battled but ultimately the Lady Raiders took the win home, 13-3.

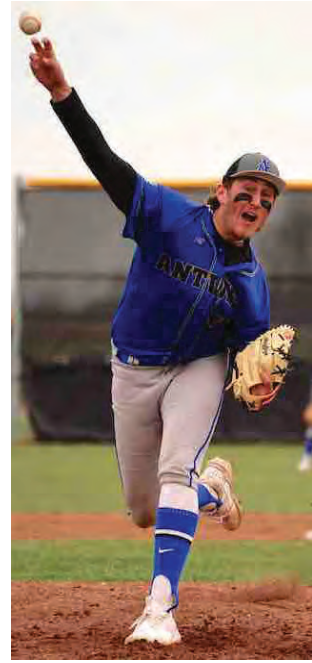
Score by Innings:
WT - 2 0 7 2 1 1 = 13; 18H, 1E
Antwerp - 2 0 1 0 0 0 = 3;

6H, 6E

Winning Pitcher - Logen Bland (6 innings, 6 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 5 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Losing Pitcher - Lydia Krouse (4 innings, 13 hits, 11 runs, 9 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Other Antwerp Pitcher - Elle Clem (2 innings, 5 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 1 strike-



Archer pitcher Ethan Lichty lets one loose. Photo by Harlee Moore.

out, 0 walks)

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

Antwerp Hitters - Caroline Rohrs (double, run), Kearstyn Pierce (single, RBI), Jillian Treece (two singles, run), Elle Clem (double, run, RBI), Madison Berenyi (dou-

ble)
In Varsity Baseball action, Raiders chaulked up a shut out against the Archers, 12-0
Score by Innings:
Wayne Trace - 0 1 1 0 10=12; 11H, 2E
Antwerp - 0 0 0 0 0=0; 1H, 2E
Winning Pitcher - Cooper Wenzlick (5 innings, 1 hit, 0 runs, 11 strikeouts, 2 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Ethan Lichty (4 innings, 8 hits, 8 runs, 8 earned runs, 4 strikeouts, 4 walks)

Other Antwerp Pitcher - Reid Lichty (1 inning, 3 hits, 4 runs, 4 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 3 walks)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Tucker Antoine (single, double, two runs, two RBI), Breven Anderson (single, run, RBI), Cale Winans (single, two runs, RBI), Cooper Wenzlick (two singles, double, three runs, two RBI), Kyle Slade (single), Kyle Forrer (run, two RBI), Tyler



Kearstyn Pierce hits for the Archers for her single of the game. Photo by Harlee Moore



Logen Bland earned 5 strikeouts against the Lady Archers. Photo by Harlee Moore

Davis (single, run, RBI), Evan Crosby (RBI), Brady Miller (run), Tyler Head (two

singles), Jordan Lotz (run) Antwerp Hitters - Eli Reinhart (single)

ARCHERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER PIRATES

In a non-league softball battle in Putnam County, the Lady Archers of Antwerp rallied from an early deficit to pull away from host Continental for an 11-5 victory.

Offensively, Caroline Rohrs paced Antwerp with two singles and a home run to go along with three runs batted in and two runs scored.

Kearstyn Pierce chipped in a single and triple while scoring once and driving in one run with Elle Clem totaling two singles, two runs scored and two runs driven in.

Madison Berenyi also posted two doubles, two runs batted in and scored once with Lydia Krouse and Taylor Shull recorded two singles apiece. Caydence Shull, Emma Townley and Jillian Treece picked up a single each for the Lady Archers.

Maddy Peters scored twice for the blue and white with Taylor Shull scoring three times and driving in one. Townley and Treece picked up a run batted in apiece as well.

Lauren Williams and Alli Scott each had two hits for Continental while Gracie Homier, Raegen Clemens and Aislynn Noffsinger all had one hit apiece.

Homier, Tori Searfoss and Noffsinger all scored once and Scott touched home plate twice. Homier led the way with two runs batted in.

ARCHERS NIP TIGERS

Caroline Rohrs had two singles while Maddy Peters added a double, two runs batted in and a run scored to lift the Antwerp Lady Archers to a 3-2 win over visiting Holgate Friday night.

Elle Clem pitched a complete game with seven strikeouts while scattering six hits to get the win for the Lady Archers. Isabelle Blaker took the loss for Holgate, tossing the complete game with six strikeouts and allowing five hits and four walks.

Caydence Shull and Maylynn Carnahan added a single each for the Lady Archers while Jillian Treece and Shull scored the other two Antwerp runs.

Paisley Wilhelm topped the Lady Tigers with a home run, two runs batted in and a

run scored. Aubrey Pennington, Isabelle Blaker, Markee Wilhelm, Olivia Sifuentes and Mya Tijerina each picked up a single.

Antwerp struck first with two runs in the home half of the second before Holgate answered with a two-run outburst in the top of the fourth.

However, the blue and white then scored in the bottom of the seventh to seal the 3-2 victory.

BASEBALL IN REVIEW

Baseball at Patrick Henry
Patrick Henry 5, Paulding 1

Score by Innings:
Paulding 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 = 1
run, 5 hits, 2 errors
Patrick Henry 1 0 1 2 0 1 x = 5 runs, 2 hits, 3 errors

Winning Pitcher - Daniel Schmeltz (4 innings, 5 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 4 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Other Patrick Henry Pitcher - Mason Schwiebert (3 innings, 0 hits, 0 runs, 5 strikeouts, 2 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Patrick Paholak (3-1/3 innings, 2 hits, 4 runs, 3 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 7 walks)

Other Paulding Pitcher - Casey Agler (2-2/3 innings, 0 hits, 1 run, 0 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 1 walk)

Paulding Hitters - Kane Jones (single, run), Ethan Foltz (double), Isaac Reeb (single, RBI), Nick Manz (single), Peyton Adams (single)

Patrick Henry Hitters - Logan Hudson (two runs, RBI), Nash Meyer (single, RBI), Landon Johnson (run), Colton Stewart (run), Drew Rosengarten (RBI), Mason Schwiebert (run), Brock Behrman (single, RBI)

Baseball at Antwerp
Delphos St. John's 3, Antwerp 1

Score by Innings:
Delphos St. John's 3 0 0 0 0 0 0

Antwerp 0 1 0 0 0 0 0
Winning Pitcher - B. Metzger (4 IP, 4 H, 4 R, 4 Ks, 1 BB)

Losing Pitcher - Reid Lichty
Other Antwerp Pitching: Ethan Lichty (6 IP, 0 H, 8 Ks, 3 BB)

Antwerp Offense: Derek Hines - 2 singles Parker Moore - 1 double Eli Reinhart - 1 double, 1 RBI

Carson Altimus - 1 single

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St. John's Offense:
J. Gerker - 1 double, 2 RBIs
Baseball at Defiance - De-
fiance 5, Paulding 0
Score by Innings:
Paulding 0 0 0 0 0 0 = 0
runs, 1 hit, 3 errors
Defiance 0 0 3 0 1 1 x = 5
runs, 5 hits, 0 errors
Winning Pitcher - David
Jimenez (7 innings, 1 hit, 0
runs, 13 strikeouts, 4 walks)
Losing Pitcher - Larkin
Yates (3 innings, 3 hits, 3 runs,
1 earned run, 1 strikeout, 0
walks)
Other Paulding Pitcher -
Jacob Martinez (1-2/3 in-
nings, 0 hits, 0 runs, 0 strike-
outs, 0 walks)
Other Paulding Pitcher -
Ethan Foltz (1-1/3 innings, 2
hits, 2 runs, 1 earned run, 1
strikeout, 1 walk)
Paulding Hitter - Greyson
Harder (single)
Defiance Hitters - David
Jimenez (single, triple, run,
two RBI), Bradyn Shaw (sin-
gle, RBI), Brady Borton (run),
Christian Conley (run), Tyler
Frederick (single, double, two
runs, RBI)

Baseball at Celina

Celina 3, Wayne Trace 1
Score by Innings:
Wayne Trace 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
= 1 run, 2 hits, 3 errors
Celina 0 0 1 2 0 0 x = 3
runs, 4 hits, 2 errors
Winning Pitcher - Brady
Steinbrunner (3 innings, 1 hit,
1 run, 0 earned runs, 5 strike-
outs, 1 walk)
Other Celina Pitcher -
Zander Jones (4 innings, 1 hit,
0 runs, 7 strikeouts, 2 walks)
Losing Pitcher - Breven
Anderson (6 innings, 4 hits, 3
runs, 1 earned run, 9 strike-
outs, 0 walk)
Wayne Trace Hitters -
Breven Anderson (single),
Tyler Head (single), Tyler
Davis (run)
Celina Hitters - Zach Gre-
ber (single, RBI), Zander
Jones (single), Brady Stein-
brunner (run), Dale Secrest
(single, run), Wes Greber (sin-
gle, run)

Baseball at Holgate

Paulding 5, Holgate 1
Score by Innings:
Paulding 0 0 0 0 0 3 2 = 5
runs, 6 hits, 1 error
Holgate 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 = 1
run, 3 hits, 2 errors
Winning Pitcher -
Greyson Harder (7 inning, 3
hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 12
strikeouts, 0 walks)
Losing Pitcher - Dylan
Boeker (6 innings, 4 hits, 3
runs, 2 earned runs, 3 strike-
outs, 4 walks)
Other Holgate Pitcher -
Micah Bok (1 inning, 2 hits, 2
runs, 1 earned run, 1 strike-
out, 1 walk)
Paulding Hitters - Ethan
Foltz (single, run), Casey
Agler (two singles, run), Isaac
Reeb (RBI), Jacob Martinez
(single, run), Nick Manz (sin-
gle, run, RBI), Greyson
Harder (run), Larkin Yates
(single, two RBI)
Holgate Hitters - Jacob
Thome (single), Micah Bok
(double, run), Owen Leaders
(single, RBI)

SOFTBALL IN REVIEW

Softball at Paulding

Paulding 9, Miller City 1
Score by Innings:
Miller City 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 =
1 run, 2 hits, 1 error
Paulding 1 3 0 0 0 5 x = 9
runs, 8 hits, 1 error
Winning Pitcher - Tia
Mendez (7 innings, 2 hits, 1
run, 1 earned run, 6 strike-
outs, 4 walks)
Losing Pitcher - Isabelle
Reyna (2 innings, 5 hits, 4
runs, 4 earned runs, 1 strike-
out, 2 walks)
Other Miller City Pitcher -
Nicholette Inkrott (3 innings,
1 hit, 0 runs, 0 strikeouts, 2
walks)
Other Miller City Pitcher -
Reagan Schiffer (1 inning, 2
hits, 5 runs, 5 earned runs, 2
strikeouts, 3 walks)
Miller City Hitters - Is-
abelle Reyna (single), Kamryn
Miller (single, run)
Paulding Hitters - Maci
Kauser (single, two runs), Tia
Mendez (single, double, two
runs, two RBI), Jocelynn Par-
rett (double, run, two RBI), Ja-
lyn Klopfenstein (double,
three RBI), Riley Stork (single,
run), Samantha Leal (single,
run), Rileigh Sanders (run),
Olivia Porter (single), Marley
Parrett (RBI), Eternity Bassler
(run)

Softball at Lincolnview

Lincolnview 13, Wayne
Trace 3
Score by Innings:
Wayne Trace 0 2 1 0 0 = 3
runs, 6 hits, 3 errors
Lincolnview 0 1 0 9 3 = 13
runs, 14 hits, 2 errors
Winning Pitcher - Taylor
Post (5 innings, 6 hits, 3 runs,
2 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 1
walk)
Losing Pitcher - Logen
Bland (3-2/3 innings, 11 hits,
10 runs, 5 earned runs, 4
strikeouts, 1 walk)
Other Wayne Trace Pitcher -
Raegan McGarvey (1 in-
nings, 3 hits, 3 runs, 3 earned
runs, 1 strikeout, 0 walks)
Lincolnview Hitters -
Makayla Jackman (single,
double, run, two RBI), Taylor
Post (double, run, RBI), Ad-
dysen Stevens (single, run),
Braxton Sherrick (single, dou-
ble, two runs, RBI), Lainey
Spear (single, home run, three
runs, three RBI), Sydney
Fackler (single, two runs), Al-
lie Miller (single, double, run,
RBI), Grace Brickner (single,
double, four RBI), Emerson
Walker (single, run, RBI)

Wayne Trace Softball

Coldwater 1, Wayne Trace
0
Score by Innings:
Coldwater 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 = 1
run, 2 hits, 1 error
Wayne Trace 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
= 0 runs, 2 hits, 1 error
Winning Pitcher - Madi-
son Wendel (7 innings, 2 hits,
0 runs, 11 strikeouts, 1 walk)
Losing Pitcher - Raegan
McGarvey (7 innings, 2 hits, 1
run, 0 earned runs, 4 strike-
outs, 2 walks)
Coldwater Hitters - Madi-
son Wendel (single), Claire

Steinke (run), Kendra Clune
(single)
Wayne Trace Hitters - Ava
Zartman (single), Katie Anna
Baumle (single)
Coldwater Run - Claire
Steinke walked to start the in-
ning, took second on a Jordan
Hemmelgarn sacrifice bunt,
moved to third on a Kennedy
Voskuhl groundout and
scored when Kendra Clune
reached on a Wayne Trace er-
ror.

Softball at Delphos Jefferson

Antwerp 11, Delphos Jef-
ferson 0
Score by Innings:
Antwerp 10 1 4 1 4 = 11 runs,
8 hits, 0 errors
Delphos Jefferson 0 0 0 0 0
0 = 0 runs, 3 hits, 5 errors
Winning Pitcher - Elle
Clem (6 innings, 3 hits, 0 runs,
6 strikeouts, 0 walks)
Losing Pitcher - Emma
Kunz (3-2/3 innings, 4 hits, 0
strikeouts, 7 walks)
Other Delphos Jefferson
Pitcher - Ariel Wallace (2-1/3
innings, 4 hits, 2 strikeouts, 0
walks)
Antwerp Hitters - Taylor
Shull (three runs), Kearstyn
Peirce (single, RBI), Maylynn
Carnahan (single, run),
Maddy Peters (single, two
runs, RBI), Madison Berenyi
(single, run, two RBI), Elle
Clem (single, run, RBI), Jillian
Treece (single, run, two RBI),
Caroline Rohrs (single, dou-
ble, two runs, three RBI)
Delphos Jefferson Hitters -
Emma Kunz (single), Jessa
Rostorfer (single), Avery
Rahrig (single)

BULLDOGS BLANK PANTHERS

Defiance scored three runs
in the third inning and added
single runs in the fifth and
sixth to post a 5-0 win over
Paulding in high school base-
ball play Monday night.

Greyson Harder had the
lone hit for the Panthers, a sin-
gle in the seventh inning.

David Jimenez and Tyler
Frederick each had two hits
for the Bulldogs with Bradyn
Shaw having the lone hit for
Defiance.

Jimenez also recorded two
runs batted in with Frederick
scoring twice. Christian Con-
ley, Brady Borton and Jimenez
scored the remaining runs for
the Bulldogs with Frederick
and Shaw picking up runs bat-
ted in.

On the mound, Jimenez
tossed the complete-game vic-
tory with 13 strikeouts while
scattering one hit and four
walks.

Larkin Yates, Jacob Mar-
tinez and Ethan Foltz all saw
time on the hill for Paulding,
combining for two strikeouts
and one walk.

PANTHERS CRUISE PAST WILDCATS

The Paulding Lady Pan-
thers used a three-run second
and five-run sixth to post a
9-1 win over visiting Miller
City Monday night in high
school softball play.

Leading the way for the
maroon and white was Tia
Mendez, who struck out six
Wildcat hitters and limited
Miller City to two hits and
four walks in the contest. At
the plate, Mendez recorded a
single and a double while
scoring twice and driving in a
pair of runs.

Maci Kauser, Jocelynn Par-
rett, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Riley
Stork, Samantha Leal and
Olivia Porter all had hits for
the Panthers. Kauser scored
twice with Parrett, Stork, Leal,

Rileigh Sanders and Eternity
Bassler scoring once apiece.
Klopfenstein and Jocelynn
Parrett picked up three and
two runs batted in, respec-
tively, with Marley Parrett
adding a run batted in.

PATRIOTS POST WIN OVER PAULDING

Patrick Henry scored in
four of six innings as the Pa-
triotics recorded a 5-1 win over
Paulding Friday night in non-
league baseball action.

The Patriots scored single
runs in the first, third and
sixth innings while adding
two in the fourth while limit-
ing Paulding to a single run in
the third.

Kane Jones, Ethan Foltz,
Isaac Reeb, Nick Manz and
Peyton Adams each had one
hit for the maroon and white.

Patrick Paholak took the
loss for Paulding, giving up
two hits and seven walks with
one strikeout. Casey Agler
struck out one and walked one
in relief for the Panthers.

Nash Meyer and Brock
Behrman had the lone hits for
Patrick Henry with Logan
Hudson scoring twice while
Landon Johnson, Colton
Stewart and Mason
Schwiebert scored once each.

WARRIORS DROP PAIR TO OPEN SEASON

The Woodlan baseball sea-
son came up short in a pair of
tight games to start the high
school baseball season.

Woodlan opened the year
with a 10-8 loss to Concordia
on March 27 before falling 7-4
to Eastside on March 30.

Against the Cadets, Wood-
lan fell behind 8-2 after four
innings but the Warriors came
up with three runs each in the
fifth and sixth to close the gap
to 9-8. However, Concordia
added a single run in the
home half of the sixth before
holding on for the victory.

Noah Beghtel, Dawson
Lichty, Gavin Sheehan, Drew
Fleek, Noah Aquaviva and Ja-
cob Snyder all had one hit for
the Warriors.

Snyder also scored three
times for Woodlan with Beghtel
scoring twice. Austin Sny-
der and Aquaviva each drove
in three runs apiece as well for
the Warriors.

Against the Blazers,
Woodlan jumped in front 3-2
at the end of two innings be-
fore Eastside scored once in
the third and four more in the
fourth to rally for the 7-4 vic-
tory.

Fleek and Aquaviva led the
Warrior offense with two hits
each while Jacob Snyder, Clay-
ton Rosier, Sheehan and
Beghtel finished with one hit
apiece.

Jacob Snyder, Fleek, Shee-
han and Beghtel all scored for
Woodlan with Lichty, Fleek
and Aquaviva driving in runs.

WARRIORS SPLIT PAIR OF GAMES

One win and one loss re-
cently for the Woodlan soft-
ball team as the Lady War-
riors dropped a 5-4 decision
to Eastside after defeating
Bishop Dwenger 5-1.

The Blazers and Warriors
went extra innings in non-
league action before Wood-
lan scored one run in the top
of the eighth for a 4-3 advan-
tage.

However, Eastside an-
swered with two runs in the
home half of the frame to
rally and post a 5-4 victory
over the Warriors.

Briana Roney topped
Woodlan with two hits in
the contest while Austin
Gaff, Alyssa Harvey and Jade
Lichty each had one hit.

Lichty, Roney, Mya Jones
and Lexi Metzger each
scored for Woodlan while
Gaff drove in two runs with
Harvey and Lichty each
picked up one run batted in.

Abby Horn took the loss
for the Lady Warriors, toss-
ing a complete game giving
up five hits and striking out
four.

Against the Saints, Avah
Smith, Lillian Riley and Mya
Jones all racked up two hits
with Lichty, Metzger and
Abigail Cowan getting one
each.

Gabi Koos, Smith, Riley,
Roney and Harvey all scored
runs for the Lady Warriors
with Jones driving in four
runs.

Horn was dominant on
the mound for Woodlan,
pitching a complete-game
surrendering five hits and
one walk with nine strike-
outs.

PILOTS, RAIDERS SPLIT TRI-MEET

The Ayersville boys and
Wayne Trace girls captured
first place finishes in a junior
high track tri-meet that also
included Continental at the
home of the Raiders Thurs-
day night.

The Pilot boys finished
first with 79 points while
Wayne Trace posted 49
points and Continental fin-
ished with 21 points.

Ben Meuleman picked up
a pair of wins for Ayersville
in the shot put and discus
while Wayne Trace's Corbin
Varner posted victories in
the high jump and 200 dash.

The Pilots Alex Sigler was
also a double winner, taking
first in the 200 hurdles and
110 hurdles.

Other winners in the
boys meet were Ayersville's
Caiden Jackson (long jump),
the Pilots' Levi Caryer (pole
vault), Continental's Collin
Hammond (100 dash),
Wayne Trace's Eli Treece
(1600 run), the Pirates'
Grant Clementz (400 dash)
and Ayersville's Sam Brown
(800 run).

The Pilot quartet of Dy-
lan Tressler, Evan Wolfrum,
Dylan Shook and Logan
Siwa was victorious in the
3200 relay while the four
some of Sigler, Louis Zim-
merman, Carter Sprow and
Braylen Yunker won the
1600 relay.

Wayne Trace's 800 relay
squad of Reece Olwin, Ben
Gurney, Braxton Schnipke
and Jerrick Johnson was vic-
torious as was the 400-relay
quartet of Cole Manz,
Schnipke, Jaxon Cook and
Brock Knowles.

In the girls meet, Wayne
Trace totaled 76 points to get
past second place Ayersville's
61 points. Continental had
three points in finishing
third.

The Lady Raiders' Elli
Kurtz was a triple winner af-
ter placing first in the 400
dash, 800 run and 1600 run.
Ayersville's Kendyl Booher
captured the 100 hurdles
and 200 hurdles while
Wayne Trace's Lilly Shep-
herd was a multiple winner
as well in winning the 100
dash and 200 dash.

Ayersville's Ava San-
dleben placed first in the
shot put with teammate An-
nalee Weisgerber winning
the pole vault. The Lady Pi-
lots' Kyndall Youngker also
took first in the long jump.

Elizabeth Graham of
Wayne Trace placed first in
the discus and Cayla Noggle
picked up a first-place finish
in the high jump.

Wayne Trace's 800 relay
team of Isabel Gilbert, Pey-
ton Sennebogen, Faith Ja-
cobs and Elynn Clemmons
finished first as did the 400-
relay quartet of Amber
Stoller, Karsyn Troth, Miley
Jacobs and Lilly Shepherd.
Ayersville's foursome of
Kendyl Booher, Chloe Con-
nors, Hannah Altstaetter
and Layla Schwab won the
1600 relay team.

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THE LEFT TURN



Keith Sheffer Jr. The 2022 GLTS Champion. Photo Credit: Sheffer Racing.

By: Ron Burt

Thank you for your feedback on the drivers' profiles the past several weeks. I will continue this until the tracks can open. The weather has delayed all the tracks. This week I was able to catch up with Keith Sheffer Jr., a very well-known Midwest Sprint Car driver, thanks to Barry Marlow who owns and runs the Great Lakes Sprints, Great Lakes Traditional (Non-Wing) Sprints and the 360 Wing Invaders, many of you see at Limaland Motor Sports Park and other area tracks.

This teen just returned from South Africa, where he and three other Sprint Car drivers represented the USA against South Africa's best. Sheffer, the 2022 Great Lakes Traditional (Non-winged) Sprint Car Champion joined Michigan Motorsports Hall of Fame drivers, Jason Blonde and Brian Tyler, plus five-time World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series winner Brian Paulus. It wasn't easy as these champions of dirt had to race on pavement. The tracks are shorter in South Africa and passing isn't easy. The Americans held their own, but this story is for another rainy day.

Keith Sheffer Jr. just graduated high school but already is a seasoned race car driver with 12 years of experience. The Michigan teen has raced go-carts, quarter midgets, 600cc winged and

non-wing micro sprints, 410-winged and non-winged sprints on dirt and pavement, 360 winged sprints with the GLSS & GLTS non-winged Series. You can see Keith doing double duty on Friday, Saturday, and sometimes Sunday nights racing his 360 Winged-Sprint or in his 410 Traditional Non-winged Sprint that he really enjoys driving. He describes it as, "so much fun". He adds, "when driving a non-wing you have to control the car compared to driving a winged sprint where you can rely more on the wing".

Even though he races the traveling series, he considers Butler Motor Speedway his home track. Butler's where he won points and rookie of the year for the 410-Winged Sprints in his first year of racing full sized Sprint Cars. Keith, just like every driver has his favorite tracks. He likes racing on I-96 Speedway in Lake Odessa because "the 3/8th mile dirt track is smooth and is just fun to compete on". He also enjoys Merritt Motor Speedway near Houghton Lake where he won his first 410 non-winged Sprint race.

In 2023 Keith would like to put his two, orange and black, #86 cars in as many events as he can. He would like to get a big ride in the next couple of years so he can race full time. He's getting attention as a hard

charger, fine tuning his skills, and getting wins and championships. To get where this young man is, you must have family support, a good crew and great advice from other drivers.

I asked Keith what's the biggest misconception race fans have about seeing Sprints race. "A lot of fans like to go to the races to see big wrecks but what they don't understand is, that it costs the teams a lot of money when their cars wreck. The fans don't see how much money, work, blood, tears, and passion that these teams put into their cars. It's really frustrating to hear fans talking about how the race was boring because there were no wrecks, or you hear them up in the stands saying they hope they see a big wreck. A lot of hard work and dedication is put into these cars, and we love going out and putting on a good show for the fans"! Well said Keith, we look forward to watching you this season. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

PAULDING COMPETES IN LIMA BATH TRACK INVITATIONAL

Paulding High School Girls and Boys Track & Field Team competed at the Lima Bath Invite on Thursday, April 6th. Girls finished 12th and Boys finished 13th.

GIRLS:

OG 115.33; Van Wert 82.83; Elida 68; Bryan 67; Shawnee 52.83; St. Marys 50; Bath 46; Wapakoneta 43; Bluffton 33; Kenton 33; LCC 14; Paulding 8; Allen East 7

BOYS:

OG 113; Shawnee 101; Wapakoneta 87.50; Bath 83; Bluffton 54; Allen East 52; Van Wert 45; Bryan 34; St Marys 31.50; Kenton 25; Elida 17; LCC 12; Paulding 8

Girls Top Performances:

4x2 - 7th place (Makayla Carr Addy Pease Brianna Bermejo Jamy Hunt)

4x4 - 6th place (Hannah Griffiths Miranda Iler Addy Pease Jamy Hunt)

High Jump - Hannah Griffiths, 6th Place

Boys Top Performances:
4x8 - 7th Place (Jeremiah Koenig Eli Jones Garrett McClure Jack Schweller)

High Jump - Caleb Larson 4th place

Pole Vault - Jack Schweller 8th place

COVID 19 UPDATE FOR PAULDING COUNTY

This week Paulding County had 12 New Cases, 1 New Hospitalizations, 0 New Deaths, the ranking is 59th in the state of Ohio.

In Paulding County the transmission level is currently High and community level Low. Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots.

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LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER

How to Choose the Proper Grass Seed

Now that we have warmer weather, many of you will want to buy grass seed to fill

in some bare spots or over seed thin areas of your lawn. Spring is an excellent time for applying grass seed! But what type of seed should you get for your lawn? The short answer is high quality seed.

A lawn can never be better than the seed that is sown.

Buying grass seed is like buying a car without seeing it or driving it. There is nothing tangible to compare it to. Until the seed grows into a lawn, the true quality of what you bought won't be visible for months. The only thing to evaluate is the seed label. Seed labels are written to meet agricultural regulations, and are unfortunately not "consumer friendly." Let us give you four guidelines to break down a seed label's four major requirements: Varieties, Germination, Inert Matter, and Weed Seed.

1. A pound of seed is not the same amount of seeds between varieties. A seed label tells you what varieties are in the package. However, it only tells you in percent by weight of the total package. It does not tell you that seed size and weight are dramatically different. For example, one pound of bluegrass is 1,400,000 seeds. That same pound in fine fescue is 530,000 seeds, and it only takes 225,000 ryegrass or tall fescue seeds to make a pound. What this means is the label does not tell you the amount of each variety you will see in your lawn. Ideally, you could determine the amount of a particular seed present by calculating the percentage by seed count. Unfortunately, seed count is not required on the label, and difficult to determine.

2. Germination is under the ideal conditions...not "normal" Mid-West weather. A label gives you the percent of pure seed that is capable of growth in a prescribed time under laboratory conditions. These laboratory conditions are ideal. Seeds are placed on wet filter paper and grown in an incubator with perfect light and moisture control for as long as 28 days. Furthermore, germination percentages cannot be compared between different manufacturers. The germination values may be the same, but they may have been achieved under differing laboratory conditions (i.e. Lab A germinated seed in an incubator for 10 days, and Lab B germinated seed in an incubator for 20 days).

3. Double the inert matter percentage for a more realistic filler amount. Some grass seed packages have filler in them. This is called inert matter. Inert matter or bulking agents like corn cobs or chaff are often added to make larger packages. Sand may be added to ensure that the packages will meet weight requirements. Volume of inert matter can generally be found by multiplying the percentage by weight by two. (i.e. 5% inert matter = approx. 10% of the bag's volume).

4. Weed seeds weigh less, so their unwanted plant count can be higher. Weed seeds are also a factor in selection of a grass seed mix. The label says percent by weight of all seeds in the package which were not included in the good pure seed crop. Similar to guideline 1-amount and weight are not equal things--is even truer of weed seeds. One harmless

needle grass seed weighs the same as 32 harmful chickweed seeds. But both would be listed as 0.27%. If only 0.10% were chickweed, that would result in 560,000 plants in a 10,000 square foot lawn.

So, now armed with an understanding of grass seed labels, back to the question of what seed to get? Choose a premium seed mixture that guarantees a great lawn. Quality seed mixtures that work well in the Midwest will use a high percentage of bluegrass seed. Bluegrass has very small seeds, so a smaller package of premium seed can cover more area of your lawn. The bonus of bluegrass is its rhizome ability, which means the plant's roots spread to create new plants.

Bluegrass may be combined with other grasses to derive multiple benefits. Ryegrasses germinate fast to hold the soil. Tall fescues are drought-tolerant, but do not spread. Fine fescues are more shade tolerant. Grasses like Dorado Tall Fescue, Montana Tall Fescue, Frontier Perennial Ryegrass, and Madison Kentucky Bluegrass are better than common-type grasses because they have been bred to improve their natural traits. These varieties create greener and denser lawns. They are also slower growing which means less mowing for you.

Some premium mixes have developed their seeds to grow roots up to four feet deep. This drastically improves drought tolerance. The enhanced disease resistance in these varieties is due to a waxy coating on the grass—much like the skin of an apple. Beyond the grass plant coating, premium grass seeds now have a super-absorbent coating around the seed itself to help promote germination. This coating holds moisture against the seed so the seedling has constant access to water, even if you miss a day of watering.

A lawn is as good as the

seed you put on it. So choose a premium grass seed mix that will give you the best-looking, strongest, and most worry-free lawn you've ever had. Happy spring seeding!

—Len Schrock,

Jonathan Green Lawn Care Consultant, Grabill & Woodburn Hardware

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic

Disposition Report

Corbin D. Rhonehouse, Oakwood, OH; Failure to display plates, Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Francisco M. Carballo, Houston, TX; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Wade L. Lockwood, Harrisburg, PA; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Marissa Gonzales, Detroit, MI; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/pass, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Nicholas M. White, Paulding, OH; OVI/breath high; OVI suspension; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Osman M. Osman, Fort Wayne, IN; Highway use tax; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

GENETIC GENEALOGY REVEALS IDENTITY OF JANE DOE FOUND ON LAKE ERIE SHORE IN 1980

Exactly 43 years to the day after a woman's body was found on the shores of Lake Erie, in Sandusky, Ohio, police have verified her identity as that of Patricia Eleanor Greenwood, born 1948.

On March 30, 1980, the partially decomposed body of a young woman was discovered on the beach near Cedar Point Road. She was determined to be Caucasian, between the ages of 20-30

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GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Grover Hill March Student of the Month are: Front L-R Allison Rojas Palma, Toby Beining, William Peters, Damian Golliver, Abrie Hurd, Serena Landwehr and Bentley Wright. Back Corbin Stoller, Candan Kimmel, Wyatt Gilbert, Gentry Tucker, Shawna Stoller and Ava Moran.

and estimated to be about 5'5" tall and 120lbs. The young woman was wearing a size 12 "disco style" dress. No hair, scars, jewelry or identifying items were found on her body.

The United States Marshals initiated this investigation after finding an old teletype from 1980 in another missing person's cold case file. And in 2021, the Porchlight Project, a nonprofit dedicated to funding new DNA testing and genetic genealogy for cold cases in Ohio, offered to completely fund the effort to discover this Jane Doe's identity. Sandusky Police Detective Eric Costante then sent a tissue sample to Bode Technology, a forensics lab which works closely with the Porchlight Project.

"The dedication and

commitment of our partners in the Avon Lake Police Department, the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office, the Erie County Sheriff and Coroner's Office, the Sandusky Police Department, Bode and the Porchlight Project solved this 43-year mystery and their outstanding teamwork brought closure to the family of Patricia Greenwood nearly five decades later," says United States Marshal, Pete Elliott.

"The Bode Forensic Genealogy team is honored to have supported the Sandusky Police, Cuyahoga County, and Porchlight Project in this case and excited that it led to a successful identification of Patricia," says Teresa Vreeland, Bode Technology.

"Bode received the skeletal remains in late 2021 at

our Lorton, Virginia facility, and began the critical and sometimes challenging DNA extraction process. After having successfully extracted suitable DNA, high-density SNP testing was completed, which provided the starting point for the Bode FGG team. The Forensic Genealogy team utilized public databases, along with the other evidentiary information to generate a single strong lead for the Sandusky Police Department.

"This case, and similar cases, highlight the successful outcomes that can happen when advanced technology combined with the expertise and tools available to Genetic Genealogy are applied to cold forensic cases.

The genealogy work done by Bode Technology led to a tree in which twelve children from the same family were given up for adoption in Michigan. Detective Costante then spoke to one of the surviving brothers, who revealed that he had not heard from his sister, Patricia Greenwood, since around the time the body was found in Sandusky. A further interview with a surviving sister suggested that Patricia may have been a sex worker at the time of her disappearance.

"The Sandusky Police Department is grateful for the assistance of the United States Marshals, Porchlight Project and Bode Technology for their assistance with this investigation," says Detective Eric Costante.

Sandusky Police confirmed Patricia's identity on March 30, 2023, 43 years to the day after the discovery of her body. Her death is considered a possible homicide and they are releasing her identity in the hopes that someone from Michigan or Ohio may remember Patricia and who she was with around the time of her disappearance.

"Being able to give Patricia Greenwood her name back is the first step in finding the justice that she so deserves," says Porchlight Project board member, Nic Edwards. "Thank you to the brilliant folks at Bode for the wonderful work that they do. Bode continues to impress and their assistances to those in law enforcement is making it more difficult for bad people to get away with bad things. Detective

Costante and the Sandusky Police Department never gave up on this victim, even after all of these years. Now it is time for the public to come together and provide information about Patricia Greenwood to the detectives. Patricia needs your help.

If you knew Patricia Greenwood, please contact Sandusky Police at 419-627-5980.

DEFIANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 4/3/23

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023, in the Commissioners' Session Room. President David S. Kern called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Dana Phipps and Mick Pocratsky; Sherry Carnahan, Finance Manager/Administrator; Stephanie Metz, Clerk; and Emily Meyer, Administrative Assistant.

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

Based upon the recommendation of Defiance County Engineer Warren Schlatter, the bid for 2023 Crack Seal was awarded to Buck Pavement Restoration, LLC. (\$62,602.32) and 2023 Pavement Marking to Oglesby Construction, Inc. (\$141,274.24).

Warren Schlatter, Defiance County Engineer, met with the Commissioners to provide a weekly update for the Engineer's Office and the Landfill. Mr. Schlatter reported that crews were continuing to replace culverts on Arrowsmith Road and berm diverting on county roads.

Warren Schlatter, Defiance County Landfill Manager, met with the Commissioners for the 1st and 2nd public hearing for proposed rate changes for the Defiance County Landfill. 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.

Morris Murray and Russ Herman, Defiance County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, met with the Commissioners to discuss various pending legal matters.

The Commissioners met with Julie Rittenhouse, Defiance County EMA Director: and representatives from Defiance Economic Development, Defiance Chamber of Commerce, Defiance Development & Visitors Bureau, Defiance County Fairboard, Auglaize Village, Village of Hicksville, and Village of Sherwood to discuss the 2024 solar eclipse. The Commissioners explained the need to have a cohesive plan for marketing and tourism for the event for the County. They will continue period meetings as a group to move the process forward.

If any county landowners had property destroyed by the recent storms, the Defiance County Auditor Jill Little would like to encourage you to complete the Application for Valuation Deduction for Destroyed or Damaged Real Property form, which is available on the County Auditor's Website (<https://www.defiance-county.com/auditor/forms/Form26-2022.pdf>).

The Commissioners' Office will close at noon on Friday, April 7th in observance of Good Friday.

VILLAGE OF LATTY MEETING MINUTES

The meeting started with filling two open council positions. Elected to replace the open spots were Kenny Spice and Nick Mansfield. They replace Elmer Groves, who passed away, and Shawn Gerber, who is now mayor.

Along with Payne, Latty has had electric aggregation in place since 2018. The current aggregation is a fixed rate of \$0.0438 and it ends in May of this year. The supplier will stay Energy Harbor but the price is now \$0.0648. The new rate will be lower than what you can negotiate on your own because of utilizing the strength of group buying. The contract will begin in May and go until December 2025.

The council finalized a discussion of an Easter egg hunt within the Village. The Easter Egg hunt will take place April 1st at 11:00 a.m. at the Latty Park. This will be sponsored by the newly formed Latty Youth Foundation. Railroad Street will be barricaded for this event.

The council passed a motion to purchase a new mower from Ace Hardware. A sealed bid was open for the purchase of the old mower and that went to Harry Gray.

The Latty Village passed two resolutions. One resolution allowed for the village to be able to offer tax exemptions for site improvements and new buildings either commercial or residential.

The other resolution pertained to the railroad. The resolution will further protect the citizens of the Village of Latty from inherent dangers resulting from a train derailment on the tracks located at or near our Village. It will also allow a state of emergency to be declared.

The Pauling County Engineer's Office will continue with sign maintenance in the village beginning in April. They will be replacing traffic signs and

WEST BEND NEWS

Crossword Puzzle

"SPRING SPORTS SEASON"

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| <p>Across</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Athletic sport involving running, jumping, and throwing events Sport involving horseback riding and various events Variant of baseball played on smaller field Team sport played in a pool with a ball and goals Contact sport played with an oval ball Racquet sport played individually or in pairs Aquatic sport involving various strokes and distances Non-contact sport played with a flying disc Fast-paced sport played with a small rubber ball and long-handled sticks Racquet sport played individually or in pairs Contact sport involving grappling and holds to take down opponents | <p>Down</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rowing sport with a team of rowers and a coxswain Precision club-and-ball sport played on a course Multisport race consisting of swimming, cycling, and running Sport involving racing bicycles Sport involving shooting arrows at a target with a bow Indoor sport played with small paddles and a ball Long-distance running race across natural terrain Team sport played with a ball and net Artistic and rhythmic sport involving flexibility and strength National pastime in America Popular worldwide sport played with a round ball Contact sport involving two fighters throwing punches at each other |
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in Ohio with 21,652 resulting in injuries. Because drivers are reluctant to admit to distracted driving, the actual number of distracted driving crashes, injuries and deaths is believed to be significantly higher.

"Keep your focus on the road," said Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent. "Every time you take your eyes off the road, you're putting the lives of everyone on the road at risk."

Distracted driving is any non-driving activity with the potential to distract a person from the primary task of driving and increase the risk of crashing. Distractions can be visual, taking eyes off of the road; manual, taking hands off the wheel; or cognitive, taking the mind off driving. Texting while driving is an example that results in all three types of distraction. Sending or receiving a text message takes a driver's eyes off the

road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent of driving the length of an entire football field when traveling at 55 mph.

With Ohio's new distracted driving laws now in effect, law enforcement officers will now have probable cause to pull over motorists if they witness them illegally using an electronic communications device to manually input text, dial a phone number, or hold or physically support that device with any part of the person's body while driving. Some exceptions exist, and emergency calls will be permitted in all circumstances. In early October, officers will have the authority to issue citations. Until then if drivers are stopped, officers will warn drivers and educate them on the dangers of distracted driving. Resources for motorists regarding the new law can be found at PhonesDown.Ohio.gov

adding signs to ensure safety within the town.

The council agreed to rent a Porta Potty from Black Swamp Rental from the middle of March until November. It will be placed in the Latty Park.

The council discussed the maintenance of the Latty buildings. After some discussion, council decided not to make repairs to the inside of Town Hall at this time, but to continue with discussion in

making repairs/painting of the Morton Storage Building.

The Pauling Chamber of Commerce is launching the Yodel Community Calendar for all Pauling County events. The council discussed ways to create more of a social media presence on-line.

The next council meeting will be April 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

THE ANTWERP EXCHANGE BANK COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

TERRY L. GARLAND, AKA TERRY LEE GARLAND ET AL.

DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-23-042
Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

TO: Terry L. Garland, aka Terry Lee Garland; and the Unknown Spouse, Heirs, Next of Kin, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns of Terry L. Garland, aka Terry Lee Garland.;

ADDRESS UNKNOWN - LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 5024 Road 33, Payne, Ohio 45880

Please take notice that a Complaint for Foreclosure of Mortgage and Money Damages has been filed against you in favor of Plaintiff the real property located in the County of Pauling, which is more particularly described as follows:

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.

Situated in the Township of Benton, County of Pauling, and State of Ohio, and known as:

One-half (1/2) acre of land situated in the Southwest quarter (1/4) of Section Ten (10), Township One (1) North, Range One (1) East, County and State aforesaid, described as follows:

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Parcel ID No.: #03-10S-025-00
Property Address: 5024 Road 33, Payne, Ohio 45880

You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication hereof, this Notice, which will be published once a week for six (6) successive weeks, the date of the last publication will be on May 15, 2023, and the 28 days for Answer will commence on that date.

In case you fail to answer or otherwise respond as required by the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Brian S. Gorrell, Esq. (#0075438)
Cook & Gorrell, Ltd.
112 N. Water St., Paulding, Ohio 45879
(419) 399-2181
Attorney for Plaintiffs

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PAULDING FFA CELEBRATES NATIONAL AG DAY WITH TRACTOR DRIVE-IN



Pictured here from left to right Paulding FFA members who drove their tractors to school with Rodney Mobley from Beck's who brought them donuts and juice for their early morning drive to school. Back row left to right: Mason Schlatter, Blayne Pease, Alan Griffiths, Caydan Price, Colby Singer and Tyler Schlatter. Front row l to r: Makenna Dunham, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Hannah Griffiths, Anna Clemens, Aeylah Hitzeman, Kellen Manz and Rodney Mobley from Beck's.

By: Paulding FFA Reporter, Caydence Rue

On Tuesday, March 21st, 2023 was National Ag Day. The Paulding FFA Chapter held their annual Tractor Drive-in day on Friday, March 24th to celebrate National Ag Day.

The chapter feels that this is a great way to pay tribute to our farmers. There were many students who drove their tractors to school to show their love and respect for the agriculture industry.

The chapter ended up having 12 tractors that the students drove to the school. Those students were Mason Schlatter, Blayne Pease, Alan

Griffiths, Caydan Price, Colby Singer, Tyler Schlatter with Brooklyn Schlatter, Makenna Dunham, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Hannah Griffiths, Anna Clemens with Allison Carnahan, Aeylah Heitzman with Grace Goings, and Kellen Manz.

The Paulding FFA Chapter has made Tractor Drive-In Day a tradition over the past few years. The chapter enjoys this day very much and they also enjoy learning about agriculture. National Ag Day is a day to recognize as well as celebrate the things provided by agriculture.

The National Ag Day program wants people to recog-

nize and understand how food products are produced, why agriculture is so important, and so much more. The students who drove their tractors to school were greeted by representatives from our local Beck's dealer who sponsored donuts and juice.

We want to thank them for their continued support of our FFA chapter. The Paulding FFA Chapter continues to learn and understands how important agriculture is to the world and gladly celebrates agriculture each day during our agriculture education classes offered at Paulding.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 3rd NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2022-23

*Denotes all A's

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Calla Manz*, Kasha Manz*, Daniel Schlatter*, Owen Steffes*, Kiersten Thomas, Haven Wagner*, Briar Witchey

Mrs. J. Miller 1B: Lee Bradford*, Lexi Dunlap, Marshall Fife*, Aleesy Her-

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Miss March 2A: Hunter

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This property will be sold by sealed bids and public auction by the Defiance County Board of Commissioners. Sealed bids will be accepted until 11:30 a.m. on April 18, 2023, at which time they will be opened. Once the bids are opened, there will begin a public auction beginning with the highest price of sealed bids received. The winning bidder is required to provide a \$10,000 deposit fee or provide a letter of credit in the full sale price. The Board has an option to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids can be sent to: Defiance County Board of Commissioners, 500 Court Street, Suite A, Defiance, OH 43512.

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GRADE 3

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Mrs. Rohlf: *Sienna Harris, *Mackenzie Rielly, *Nolan Rosalez, Carter Crossland, Milo Workman

Mrs. Agler: *Kendra Manz, Cooper Laney, Zarla Ross, Ella Spangler, Landen White, Rya Wirts

GRADE 4

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Moreno, William Repka, Perla Reyes

Mr. Harder: *Chadler Batt, *Kinsley Pease, Laim Griffith, Averie Kline, Carlos Lechuga, Margaux Luty, Ximena Martinez, Nichole Vogel

Miss Tressler: *Kyra Aldred, *Blaze Bassler, *Teagan Bland, *Lexi Sunderman, *Trenit Valle, Hunter Bullinger, Drew Fry, Isabel Isidoro, Reagan Nicelley, Jack Roddy

GRADE 5

Miss Metcalfe: *Beth Antigo, *Katerine Arend, *Harry Coil, *Victor Lechuga, *Gavin Parrett, *Piper Pease, *Lylah Schlueter, *Hudson Spangler, *Tucker Stoller, *Ella Zimmerman, Preslee Cline, Zari Dick, Brayden Keeling, Kenny Peffley

Mrs. Stoller: *Anna Baughman, *Brady Dunham, Savannah Barnes, Larissa Bautista Enriquez, Abisai Escobar, Bindy Font, Easton Gee, Brooklynn Rowe

Mrs. Richards: *Nahla Carlisle, *Sawyer Hunt, *Sophia Speelman, Braelynn Aversch, Nevyah Cler, Elijah Jackson, Elayna Kleman, Carlie Lero, Gihanna Wagenauser

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN APRIL

April showers bring May flowers! There is a lot blooming at the library this month. The library will close at noon on Friday, April 7 for Good Friday. National Library Week is April 23-29, stop by and celebrate your library. National Library Workers Day is Tuesday, April 25, give your favorite library worker a smile. Earth Day is April 22. Check out the library on Yodel, be sure to like and follow.

MAIN LIBRARY

The main library has Coffee Talk every Thursday at 1, don't miss it. Dot Painting with Carol Blodgett is April 11 at 1p.m. and 6p.m., Call 419-399-2032 to sign up. All materials will be provided. Cookbook Club is Monday, April 17 at 5:30, this month is KABOBS. Any food on a stick. Drawings for prizes, snacks, activities everyday April 24 to 28 for National Library Week. Call the li-

brary for details.

The Children's Room has story time every Wednesday at 11a.m. and 1:30p.m. A different theme every week. Join us for a fun time. April is National Poetry and Humor month, check out some of our poetry and joke books. Stop by for Earth Day and make a craft. The Battle of Books final will be on April 28. Good Luck to all our county readers.

ANTWERP BRANCH

The Antwerp branch will be having Book Club on Monday April 10th at 6p.m. Cookbook Club is Monday, April 17th at 5:45p.m. Storytimes are every Wednesday at 11a.m. All Ages Craft of the Month, stop in anytime during library hours.

GROVER HILL BRANCH

The Grover Hill branch would like to dig into reading all April. Munchkin Club story times will be Monday, April 10 with "Nosey Nosey Digger" and Monday, April 24th with "Dirty Gert" both story times are at 10:30a.m. Storytime includes a coordinating activity and treat for ages 6 and under. Seniors age 50+ can register for Spring Garden themed Bingo and light lunch on the second Thursday of month, April 13th from 10a.m.-12p.m. Nicole Suvar, author of the book "Numbering Our Days-Combating Anxiety in the Power of Small Intentional Moments" will be available at the Grover Hill branch location on Saturday, April 15th from 10a.m.-12p.m. for signing and discussion. Book club meets on Wednesday, April 26th at 4 for a discussion of the novel "The First Gardener" by Denise Hildreth Jones. April concludes with the drawing of the monthly basket on April 29th. Entries of all ages can be submitted once daily for every visit throughout the month of April.

OAKWOOD BRANCH

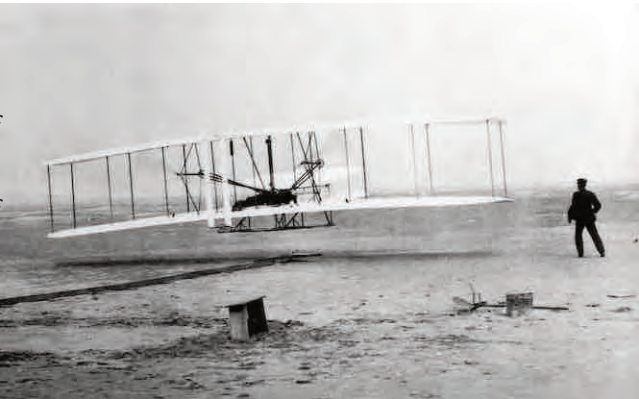
The Oakwood branch has things hopping. Kids stop by the week of April 3rd for a special Easter treat. Monday, April 3rd, 4-5:30p.m., adults can make a bunny sign to decorate their home. Registration is required. Tuesday, April 4th 11a.m.-12p.m. is the Good Morning book

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HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS



Willie and Orvie were brothers, as close as any brothers could be. But they did have one stigma, they were high school dropouts. Orvie quit just days before graduation. He just got tired of school and walked out. Willie was an exceptional student, enrolled to go to college in Yale Divinity School but he had an accident in his senior year.

Willie was playing hockey on the high school team one day when someone hit him in the face with a stick, and bashed most of his teeth out. By the time he had recuperated, school was out and he didn't graduate. No one knows if it was an "accident," or an "on purpose," but the boy that hit him was the town bully, and murdered at least 10 people in his lifetime.

Orvie was younger and he was sickly. At one point he was so sick they thought he would die. Willie stayed by his side day and night until he recovered. When the boys became adults they went into business fixing bicycles. In those days bicycles were king, and people would ride 30 miles to work or for pleasure. They were so successful that eventually they owned five stores and manufactured their own bicycles.

They had their own ma-

chine shop and were experimenting making gasoline engines. They were intrigued by flying machines and began experimenting, using their own engine. The first airplane had a wood frame covered with canvas.

At that time people thought it was impossible to have powered flight. Men had built gliders to fly off a cliff, but powered flight was laughed at. They transported the first airplane from Dayton, Ohio, to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. They disassembled it for the trip and reassembled it when they arrived. They chose Kitty Hawk because of the soft sand dunes, and moderate winds.

They tried three different airplanes over a period of 4 years. The first successful flight was on December 17, 1903 with Orville at the controls. It flew for 12 seconds and covered 120 ft. Later that day Wilbur flew for 59 seconds and covered 852 feet. From there you might say the airplane business took off.

The Wright brothers began manufacturing airplanes. The first commercial passenger flight was approximately 10 years later. The first death was in 1908. The brothers wished to sell planes to the US Army, so a

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demo was arranged for September 17th, 1908. With Orville at the controls and the passenger Army Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge.

They made two successful passes over the field, but on the third pass the propeller exploded. The Lieutenant was killed, and Orville was severely injured. Selfridge was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. On July 27th 1909, they flew at Fort Myer, Virginia, with an Army man as passenger. That day they flew a record 1 hour and 12 minutes.

The boys never did get their diploma, but they became millionaires, when a dollar was a dollar. They built a mansion on the edge of Dayton, but Wilbur died before it was finished. How-

ever Orville, his father and sister lived their remaining years there.

There were a dozen lawsuits over patents, and Wilbur spent most of his time in court. Some thought three Frenchmen had made a flight before the Wright brothers, but all three Frenchmen fell out of the sky. Also, a man named Langley, had flown an Aerodrome on October 7, 1898 but he had crashed. The Wright brothers were excellent mechanics, and inspected every inch of the plane, before they went up.

Those were the days when there were less restrictions, and you didn't need a diploma to fly an airplane.

—James Neuhouser

club. April 11, the home-school club will meet from 1p.m.-3p.m.. Tired of being home and nothing to do? Join us monthly as we sit around the fireplace, chat and sip tea or hot cocoa. Adult event, enjoy a visit with other patrons during our Coffee Talk, April 12, 1p.m.-2p.m.. Senior Bingo with the Meadows of Kalida, come in have lunch and play bingo on April 13th at 11:30a.m. Mark your calendar's Senior Bingo is the second Tuesday of each month. Food, friends and prizes. Tired of grocery store prices? Ready to stock your home with alternatives to store bought items used every day? We will be having monthly classes on how to fill your home with homemade items. Each class we will make an item with

homemade items. April 13, from 5p.m.-6p.m. we will be making bees wax wraps, they can be used in the place of plastic wraps or baggies. Saturday, April 15, 11a.m.-1p.m., bring your kids in and learn fun ways to decorate cookies. Sign up is required and adults must be present ages 7 and up. Thursday, April 20th, 5-6, ages 13-18 will be a teen cake decorating class. Saturday, April 22, 11a.m.-12p.m. ages 8-18 come in and create your own lip balms, sign up is required. Quilt block of the month is April 25th 1p.m.-3p.m. Have you ever wanted to make a quilt but felt intimidated? Each month we will be making a new 12 inch quilt block. Step by step instructions. Just bring in 3 coordinating fabrics, ¼ yard of each. Start to finish we will

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The Hicksville Township Trustees are accepting resumes for the Township Maintenance position. This position is considered part-time and is on-call. The position duties include, but are not limited to: snow plowing, mowing, sign maintenance, building maintenance, equipment maintenance and berm repair. Pay based upon experience. CDL-B Preferred

Resumes can be submitted to any of the Hicksville Township Trustees, mailed to 11873 Casebeer-Miller Road Hicksville, Ohio 43526, or emailed to hicksvilletownshipohio@gmail.com.

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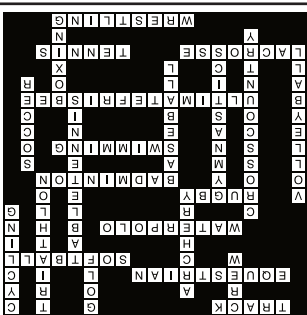
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PAYNE BRANCH

The Payne branch will be having Easter Peeps Canvas Paint on Monday April 3 at 3:30p.m. Sign up is required. Cricut Flower making class is on Thursday April 6 at 1p.m. Cricut class DIY Canvas Bag is Thursday April 13 at 1p.m., bring your own bag. Essential Oils Class 101 is Monday, April 10 at 6p.m. We will be making sugar scrubs. Sign up is required and minimum fee for materials. Kids Bird Feeder Class is Monday April 24 at 3:30, sign up is required. Story time is every Tuesday at 11a.m. Join us for Coffee Talk on Wednesdays at 1p.m..

FRIENDS

Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will meet Monday, April 10th at 6:00 in the south wing oat Main. Everyone is welcome to join. Consider volunteering at the Buy the Book used bookstore in lieu of dues. Volunteers are also



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available for community service credit. Book store hours are Wednesdays 3:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. and Saturday 9a.m.-noon.

BOOK CLUB

Black Swamp Bookworms will meet Monday, April 10th from 6:30p.m.-8p.m. in the library's south wing immediately following the Friends' meeting. We are reading "The Women of Easter" by Liz Curtis Higgs. Call 419-399-2032 to reserve your copy soon. Everyone is welcome to join our discussion!



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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. Resumes must be submitted by **Friday, April 14, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.** to:

Tera Shull
c/o Paulding County Commissioners
451 McDonald Pike, Suite E
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