

LAPHAM-HICKEY STEEL DONATES \$15,000 TO PC HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Pictured left to right: Lora Lyons (Habitat Treasurer), Ryan Whitaker (Lapham-Hickey Steel Representative), Anthony Marlin (Habitat President), Laurie Lucas (Habitat Board Member), Jan Commers (Habitat Board Member)

Lapham-Hickey Steel has been a family owned business since 1926. After navigating their way through the pandemic, the company is now counting its blessings and wants to give back to the communities in which it lives. After doing some research Lapham-Hickey Steel found Habitat for Humanity of

Paulding County aligned with the impact the company was wanting to make.

Since its inception in 1999, Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County has built 11 homes and done numerous critical repairs in the county. All of this is done with volunteers hours and through a lot of donations, either monetary

or through materials. On Tuesday, April 11, Ryan Whitaker of Lapham-Hickey Steel, met with several members of the Habitat for Humanity board at the house currently being built on Water Street in Paulding, to present the donation.

"This donation will greatly (Continued on Page 3)

RHODES STATE COLLEGE JOINS #CCMONTH CAMPAIGN TO DRAW ATTENTION TO COMMUNITY IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Rhodes State College announced today that it will join #CCMonth, a month-long campaign focusing on the positive advantages of community colleges coordinated by the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). The primary goals of #CCMonth are to improve

awareness of the economic, academic and equity advantages of attending community colleges, and celebrate the quality of education leading to career and pathway opportunities associated with public two-year colleges.

"The past year has proved beyond any doubt that our College is absolutely vital to our community and our state," said Dr. Cynthia E. Spiers, President of Rhodes State College. "#CCMonth is an opportunity to reach out

into both to demonstrate that community colleges are now becoming the first college of choice because we are more affordable and play a crucial role in workforce development and our economies."

Public community colleges are a uniquely American educational model that was designed to guarantee access to affordable, high-quality higher education for all. They are the primary educators of life-saving nurses, (Continued on Page 4)

THE UPPER NINE WELCOMES FIRST CUSTOMERS



Matt Moore and his wife Mandy have launched a new company called The Upper Nine that is creating quite a buzz in Antwerp, Ohio. The Upper Nine is a golf simulation and lounge that recently opened on the upper floor of the renovated Bee Argus city building. The company features two bays where customers can drive on an E6 software simulation. The facility is available by appointment only, and customers are encouraged to contact The Upper Nine via Facebook to schedule their session.

Matt stated that the idea came to him as so much of the golf businesses were closed during COVID. Thinking this

is not only a problem for golf enthusiast during the pandemic, but every year during the winter and early spring seasons, he decided to solve this for those who love to golf!

Located directly across from the Antwerp City Hall building, The Upper Nine is quickly gaining a reputation as the go-to destination for golf enthusiasts in the area. The facility offers a state-of-the-art golf simulation experience that accurately replicates some of the world's most famous golf courses. The simulation technology is so advanced that customers

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MON & WED

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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

April 28

• NSCC board meeting @ Archbold campus, 5:30pm

April 29

• Woodburn Lions Club donuts @ Harlan Park 7-11am

April 30

• Van Wert Rock & Roll Scene 1960s @ Wassenberg Art Ctr., 2pm

May 3-4

• NH UMC Women Spring Rummage Fundraiser, 9a-6p

May 6

• WT NHS 5K @ Payne Ball Park, 8am

• Woodburn Lions Club donuts @ Woodburn Comm Park, 7-11am

May 7

• IDPA Pistol Match @ Antwerp Conservation Club, 1pm



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Jennifer Lynn Deal, 60, formerly of Antwerp, died Sunday, April 9th, 2023, Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.
 GROVER HILL, OH:
James Thomas Scott, 79, of Grover Hill, passed away Saturday, April 8, 2023 at Vancrest of Payne. Arr by dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio.

PAYNE, OH:
David Richard Crawford, 84, of Payne, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 3, 2023 at his home. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio.

PAYNE, OH:
Brian Lynn Zartman, 65, of Payne, passed away at home Saturday, April 1, 2023. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: **Dr. James Bachman**
Dear Parson,

It is obvious that the Old Testament teaches tithing, but I can't find it in the New Testament. Is tithing for today or is the New Testament principle freewill giving?

I would remind you that tithing was found before the Old Testament law and did not go out when the ceremonial law was taken away by Christ's death (Colossians 2:13-17). Leviticus 27:30 tells us all the tithe is the Lord's. That did not cease to be true when Christ died on the cross.

I'd like to call your attention to four of the purposes of the tithe in the Old Testament. First, was that the tithers might learn to fear their Lord (Deuteronomy 14:22-23). Parting with material things is not easy for most people. Giving one-tenth shows a great deal of respect and serves as a constant reminder that one's belief in God is more than some light and passing gesture. That same respect is as needed in the New Testament times as it was in the Old.

Second, God used the faithful tithe as an opportunity to shower extra material blessing on the giver. (Malachi 3:10). The Lord still wishes to and does bless faithful tithers today.

Third, the stranger, the fatherless and the widows were

can experience realistic weather conditions and terrain, giving them a truly visually immersive and lifelike golf experience.

The Upper Nine is not just a golf simulation facility, but also a relaxing and welcoming lounge area where customers can enjoy snacks while socializing with friends or col-

helps to keep us thinking right words. Bad company spoils good manners. This is why it is so important to keep young children in the right company.

The fear of God in the beginning of wisdom. (Proverbs 9:10). Only a fool would not want to be wise. When we have the fear of God we will be wise and not sin because sin leads to death. The fear of God is all of our lives is much needed today because many are sinning and headed in the wrong direction thinking that God is not paying attention.

"God is not mocked and what so ever a person sows he will also reap." (Galatians 6:7-8). This wisdom is so important in our lives. For much more insight into the subject of wisdom read the Book of Proverbs.

Amen!

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Austin Levering, assigned to Knox County, received a complaint in November 2022 of a white-tailed deer that was shot from the roadway. Later, Officer Levering received information from a hunting without permission incident which had the same vehicle and subject description. Officer Levering and State Wildlife Officer Brad Kiger, assigned to Franklin County, determined one individual was responsible for both incidents. The suspect was found guilty of hunting without permission, hunting with the aid of a motor vehicle, hunting without a valid license, and hunting with a

Cartwright and Nicholas Turner, assigned to Carroll and Harrison counties, respectively, received a complaint regarding a hunter who used a rifle to kill a buck while hunting without permission. After an investigation, the individual was charged with seven violations and was found guilty in Carroll County Municipal Court. He was given a two-year hunting license suspension, 30 days in jail, and one year of probation. He also forfeited illegally possessed deer mounts and was ordered to pay \$3,336.25 in fines, costs, and restitution.

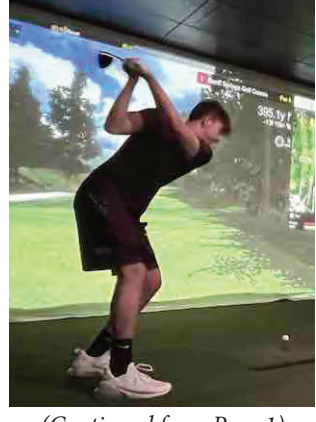
Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officer Ryan Donnelly, assigned to Athens County, received a call from an individual who observed someone shoot a deer from the road. The caller provided identifying information about the suspect's vehicle. Officer Donnelly patrolled the area and located the truck. He determined that the truck's owner had hunted from the road. The suspect was charged with hunting a deer with the aid of a vehicle and hunting without permission. The shooter was fined \$300 in Athens Municipal Court.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

A hunting without permission case recently made its way through court. The suspect was previously caught poaching and hunting without permission by State Wildlife Officers Gus Kiebel, assigned to Adams County, Jason Keller, assigned to Warren County, and Matt Roberts, assigned to Highland County, as well as Wildlife Officer Program Manager Eric Lamb and State Wildlife Investigator Joel Buddelmeyer. While under a three-year hunting license revocation, the suspect was again caught hunting without permission and charged. He was picked up on a warrant and received 46 days of jail time, which are currently being served, and forfeited his hunting equipment, a tree stand, and a compound bow.

State Wildlife Officer Jason Keller, assigned to Warren County, and K-9 Officer Scout helped Wildlife Communications Specialist Kathy Garza-Behr dedicate Ohio's 201st Wild School Site. Chess Christian Preschool recently became the seventh Wild School Site in Warren County. The preschool added an outdoor classroom featuring a story area with native plants. The school plans to enhance their grounds with a walking trail and bird nesting boxes.



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league during archery season. He paid a total of \$860 in fines and court costs, was sentenced to 60 days in jail suspended, and was placed on probation for one year.

In January, State Wildlife Officer Chad Grote, assigned to Marion County, taught Pleasant Elementary School's fifth graders about wild animals and their adaptations. The students asked Officer Grote questions and a few students dressed up as wild animals to highlight those species' adaptations. Educating the public about natural resources is just one of the many duties wildlife officers perform.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In March, State Wildlife Officer Matt D. Smith, assigned to Huron County, received a complaint of trapping on private property without permission. Officer Smith investigated the report and spoke with an individual from a nearby residence. Officer Smith recognized the individual from a prior hunting without permission complaint. The individual was found to have set two box traps and trapped a raccoon out of season. The suspect had not purchased a fur taker permit or hunting license that year. The man received two summonses and was found guilty. He paid \$321 in fines and costs.

State Wildlife Officer Mike Ohlrich, assigned to Fulton County, conducted a mid-winter waterfowl survey in Fulton County in January. Throughout the county, he counted more than 700 Canada geese and 89 mallards. Wauseon Reservoir was the most diverse location he surveyed, with Canada goose, gadwall, mallard, canvasback, and goldeneye. Other sightings included a group of 19 trumpeter swans, several bald eagles, and five sandhill cranes.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Jason Warren, assigned to Lake Erie, received a report of a bald eagle stuck in the rocks of the Conneaut break wall. Officer Warren responded to the area but was unable to see the eagle from shore. The location reported by the caller was inaccessible from shore or by larger boats due to a sandbar. Officer Warren used a kayak from a nearby rental facility and paddled out to the break wall, where he discovered that the eagle had freed itself.

During the 2022-23 white-tailed deer archery hunting season, State Wildlife Officers Scott

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STAYING IN STEP

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

Everyone loves a parade. There are lots of decorated floats, old cars, fire trucks, policemen and marching bands and baton groups. It is nice to see all of the local high school bands and marching groups.

Parades are normally held in the summer, so sometimes it is hot and sometimes it may be raining. However, the bands and the marching continues with a 1,2,3,4 and a left, right, left, right. Everyone should be in step marching together as a group. Now, if one person gets out of step or falls behind, it could throw the whole group off.

I have seen a program on TV that shows the North Korea Military marching. I cannot imagine them ever getting out of step. With their arms held a certain way they look almost like toy soldiers in their formation.

There is an old saying about a person who might just "March to the beat of another drum." I wondered, "What does this mean?"

Sometimes you will notice a person wearing weird colors in their hair or strange looking clothes. We might think, "Oh they just want attention". But really, they may just don't care for the norm and prefer to "be their own person."

I believe this is just one way someone can march to their own beat. Kudos to those who can look outside the box and not miss a step.

However, thinking of groups marching and working together, brings to mind our own bodies. If one part of our body hurts, it may throw our whole body off, if we break a bone or get even a cold our whole body feels it.

Much like a marching band being in step. When a group is working together to accomplish a certain goal, one misstep or losing the beat can ruin or play a part in something not getting done correctly.

Missteps and not marching together can wind up costing money, time or ruin a show or project. It always makes me smile to see a mama duck and her duck-



lings marching behind her. They are all following watching their mother to gain their maturity to be out in the world. But, if one duckling wants to march alone and it takes off alone, it could face big problems.

When I think of marching together in unity I am thinking of governments, job sites, churches, town meetings, and even a carry in potluck. It turns out better when we all march or work together.

Even in our daily life's, missed communications and missed steps can cause a crises within the home. For the good of students and education, schools are equipped to teach and use tools to avoid any misstepping in the teaching of our children.

It is okay to march to your own beat and be who you are, but always remember to stay in step with your team, group or family to garner the prize of accomplishment.

When a family is taking a trip, it is easy to make wrong turns and not taking the time to read the map. This will probably lead to being lost and maybe Mom hollering at Dad. Yikes not that!

It is funny when a baby takes off from his mother walking alone in another direction. He doesn't get too far because he looks back and sees that Mom is not behind him.

These are just some of my thoughts on being in step and in sync whatever we do.

Have you ever been part of a group and made a misstep? Do you march to your own drum beat? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

BUILDING SOIL CARBON

The following revised article came from information provided by Jon Stika. Jon Stika is a retired Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil health instructor. He is also the author of A Soil Owner's Manual: How to Restore and Maintain Soil Health.

Farmers are looking at carbon markets, just as they look at crop markets, to improve their bottom line. The goal is to transfer carbon from the atmosphere back into the soil. The real question is what conservation practices increase soil carbon? If a farmer is looking to sign a carbon sequestration contract, it makes sense they understand carbon cycling and soil carbon storage.

Carbon market contracts use the term "sequestered carbon". Sequestered carbon includes oil, natural gas, and coal; carbon that is tied up. Do farmers want to sequester carbon or recycle soil carbon more efficiently? Soil carbon is one of the most limiting nutrients for improved crop production. With an estimated world population of 8 billion people today and many hungry people, perhaps efficiently recycling soil carbon is more important than permanently trying to sequester carbon long-term.

The majority (about 80 percent) of soil carbon comes from the remains of soil microbes, soil microbial produced carbon compounds, or living soil microbes themselves. Of all soil carbon, roughly five times as much comes from soil microbes fed sugars or other living plant roots substances compared to the carbon from the decomposition of above-ground plant residues. This is why it is important to have living roots feeding soil organisms as much of the time as possible in an effective carbon-capturing system.

Sugars exuded by plant roots and the outer layer of sloughed off plant cell from plant roots cells feed soil organisms. About 50% of plant absorbed atmospheric carbon goes below ground to grow more roots and feed soil organisms. The soil organisms then feed the plant many soil nutrients those plants need to grow. During this cooperation between plants and soil organisms, the soil organisms don't respire all the carbon the plants give them as food, some of it becomes more stable soil carbon compounds that we eventually include in a measurement of "soil organic matter."

Farmers who grow plants

to move atmospheric carbon into soil carbon to generate carbon credits for additional revenue need to understand this cycle. No practice(s) will get you additional soil carbon without an understanding of how the soil functions as a biological system. Captured atmospheric carbon transferred into soil carbon is a biological process. The goal must be to make life as good as possible for soil organisms that will do that work.

This can be accomplished by observing four basic principles: disturbing the soil less, growing a diversity of plants, maintain living roots in the soil as much of the time as possible, and keeping the soil covered at all times. There is no one practice that will address all four principles. Every time the soil is tilled, carbon goes out of the soil and into the atmosphere. Soil organisms need a diverse diet from a diversity of plants to thrive. Living roots should be maintained in the soil both during, and beyond, the traditional growing season. Soil cover is the roof of the house where soil organisms live. All four principles must be practiced in concert with each other to achieve the goal of increasing soil carbon.

It is difficult, if not impossible, to accumulate soil carbon just growing a cover crop if there is significant tillage, growing only one or two different crops, or a system that does not keep the soil covered. However, a system that minimizes tillage, includes a diversity of plants species of plants, uses crop rotation and plants cover crop mixtures that maintains living roots in the soil year-round, will likely store soil carbon. Do not focus on practices, focus on principles if you wish to be successful in storing soil carbon!

So, if you are interested in getting paid to store soil carbon, it is important to understand how your management system might do that. Without understanding how soil carbon accumulates, you may not accumulate any carbon after applying a practice or two that did not necessarily create the favorable soil environment for soil organisms to make it happen. While plant residues on the soil surface are a necessary part of making life good for soil organisms, the residue on the soil surface does not contribute most of the carbon that stays in the soil. Only a complete understanding of how soil and plants interact as a biological system will result in successful soil carbon storage and profitable crop production.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

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help our efforts as we work to place deserving families in great homes. Our county, like many others, are facing a housing shortage. Donations such as this are more vital than they know." HFH Treasurer Lora Lyons stated.

Mr. Whitaker expressed that Lapham-Hickey Steel is also encouraging its employees to give direct donations to Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County to help fur-

ther the overall impact. Board member and prior Executive Director Laurie Lucas shared, "This is a generous gift that will help our Habitat affiliate continue to address the housing deficiency in our county."

The \$15,000 donation will go directly into the house-building fund that will home a local family. If you would like to donate to Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County please mail the check to PO Box 328, Paulding, OH 45879.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

William Bryan Jordan was born August 31, 1896 in Allen County, Indiana. The son of George Jacob, born August 22, 1859 in Pennsylvania and Sarah E. (Emery) Jordan born January 9, 1861 in Indiana. This couple was married April 3, 1877 in Allen County, Indiana.

To this couple, three sons were born: George Simson Jr., born June 1886, Samuel born February 1890 and William Bryan, August 1896. By 1900, the Jordan family was living in Harrison Township, Paulding County. George was a farmer. A daughter, Goldie, was born September 14, 1900 in Harrison Township.

By 1910, the family was living on Wilhelm Street in Antwerp. George Jr. had moved to Canal Street, Antwerp. George Sr. was working odd jobs. William was attending school.

On May 1, 1917, William joined the National Guard out of Hicksville. William was a cabinet maker, 6'0" tall, brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. On October 26, 1917, William was assigned to serve with 62nd Depot Brigade. Promoted to Private 1st Class July 7, 1918. Then assigned to Company F. 145th Infantry, 37th Division. Saw action in the Muese-Argonne, Ypres-Lyes Defensive Sector. He served until March 30, 1919. William boarded the ship, Aquitania, at Brest, France March 23, 1919. Will arrived in New York, March 30, 1919. He was Honorably Discharged April 22, 1919.

William met a gal named Dollie Ellnora Woods, born August 6, 1887. They were married in Van Wert, December 24, 1919. A son, James Joseph, was born March 13, 1921, followed by a son, Garner Earl, March 18, 1922 and Stanley Woods, June 27, 1924.

By 1930, the family was living at 320 East Canal Street in Antwerp. William was in the ditching business and the boys were in school. A daughter, Grace Irene was born January 8, 1932 followed by another daughter, Rubie Helen July 13, 1934.

On December 29, 1939, William passed away at the Paulding Hospital. He was buried in Maumee Cemetery, lot 160, grave 5. His wife Dollie, signed for his Military Tombstone, March 9, 1940.

As World War Two came to pass, all three sons registered for the draft and all three enlisted to serve. James, Army, 148th Infantry, Garner the Air Force, 4th Battalion, and Stanley, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry. All three boys came home from the war, got married and raised families.

William's mother, Sarah, passed away March 28, 1945 in Antwerp. She was buried with George in Maumee Cemetery. On August 6, 1987, William's wife, Dollie, passed away and was buried with William in Maumee Cemetery.

Grace is living at Antwerp Manor Assisted Living. James passed away May 15, 1993 followed by Garner, September 1, 2001, Rubie, September 10, 2016, and the one we all know, Stanley, January 13, 2021. All are buried in Maumee Cemetery.

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PASTOR GREG CRAMER SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Pastor Greg Cramer (Senior Pastor, Branch Christian Fellowship) as the guest speaker at the April 6, 2023, club meeting. Pastor Greg came at the invitation of Richard Kipp (Member, Branch Christian Fellowship). Pastor Greg spoke to the Kiwanians about the basement remodel at Branch Christian Fellowship.

H2OHIO COASTAL WETLAND PROJECTS COMMENCE IN SANDUSKY BAY

As part of Governor Mike DeWine's H2Ohio initiative, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife is collaborating with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on two coastal wetland restoration projects at Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area in Sandusky County. Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area lies along Sandusky Bay where Pickerel and Raccoon creeks empty into Lake Erie.

"These two projects are the first in a series of H2Ohio wetland restoration projects planned for Sandusky Bay," said Governor DeWine. "This work will not only improve water quality and recreational opportunities by reducing algal blooms, but these wetlands are also important habitat for wildlife."

Plans for Pickerel Creek include restoring 44 acres of wetlands in the interior of the wildlife area by reconnecting the creek with its floodplain, allowing for natural movement of water between the stream and adjacent land during storm events. This floodplain will slow down the flow of water to allow sediments and nutrients to settle which will reduce the quantity of sediments and nutrients that enter Sandusky Bay and improve water quality.

"Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area is an excellent site for wetland restoration H2Ohio projects," ODNR Director Mary Mertz said. "These

wetlands are long-term solutions that will help keep water clean and create beautiful spaces for people to visit in the Sandusky Bay."

"We are excited to begin construction at Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area, launching two projects that will restore wetlands, increase fish and wildlife habitat, and improve water quality in Sandusky Bay," Natural Infrastructure Director for The Nature Conservancy Alexis Sakas said.

Construction along Pickerel Creek is anticipated to run into late summer, with vegetation being restored this fall. Post-restoration invasive species control will continue through 2025. During construction, the project area will be closed, but access to the rest of the wildlife area will remain.

The Raccoon Creek project will restore shoreline wetlands, promote the establishment of submergent and emergent aquatic vegetation, and improve water quality in the bay. The enhanced wetlands will not only remove excess nutrients before they enter Lake Erie but also provide critical spawning habitat for popular game fish such as northern pike and places for birds to forage and nest. Construction on the Raccoon Creek portion of the project will begin later this spring. Construction will primarily occur from a barge and will not interrupt public access.

"Restored wetlands provide innumerable benefits for both people and wildlife," said Division of Wildlife Chief Kendra Wecker. "These two Pickerel Creek

H2Ohio projects will improve water quality, expand public hunting and fishing opportunities, and help threatened and endangered species which rely on wetland habitats."

Governor Mike DeWine created H2Ohio in 2019 as a

comprehensive, data-driven approach to combatting algal blooms, enhancing water quality, and improving water infrastructure over the long term. H2Ohio operates in partnership between the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of

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first-responders, and other healthcare professionals. Additionally, they are trainers for those in business, public service, advanced manufacturing including programs in artificial intelligence, robotics and Industry 4.0. Community colleges serve as an onramp to bachelor's, master's and higher-level degrees for many students and particularly for the most demographically and socioeco-

nomically diverse students. Guaranteeing fair admissions for all, community colleges support adult students who have families and/or need to work. Without community colleges, many students would not be able to access higher education.

"In short, two-year colleges, like Rhodes State College, were created to serve the needs of their communities, and we have proven that we do it exceptionally well," added Spiers.

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

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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 overseed 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 geminate 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, Fron-

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Antwerp Elementary School announced their selection for March Students of the Month (back row): Lily Zijlstra, Kolton Stuckey, Carson Hughes, Brayden Miller, and Luke Saylor; (middle row): Liam Gill, Brandon Cruz, Sophia Friend, and Adelle Cline; (front row): Westin Winslow, Hadley Jackson, Matias Rivera, and Reece Bidlack. Not Pictured: Ethan Flanary

tier 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 im-

proves 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



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OHIO LOCATIONS

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- Bryan:** Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
- Cecil:** 127 Maramart
- Charloe:** Charloe Store
- Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
- Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid
- Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
- Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library
- Hicksville:** Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices
- Ney:** Marathon
- Oakwood:** Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip
- Paulding:** Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library

- Payne:** Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush 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
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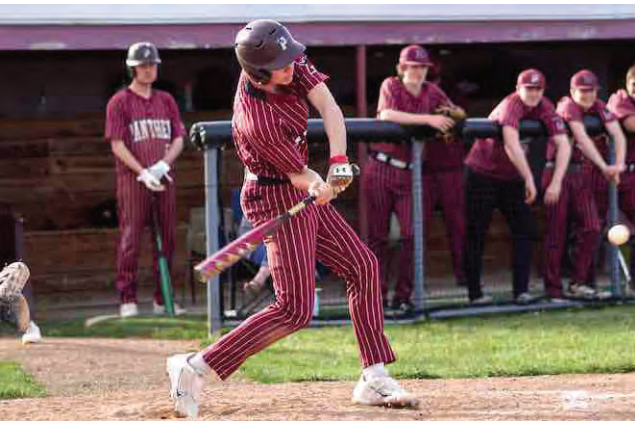
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PANTHERS SHUT OUT LOCOMOTIVES AT HOME



Paulding's Ethan Foltz gets a base hit in the fourth quarter that contributes to Paulding's dominance of the game! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Paulding Panthers hosted Montpelier in high school baseball at the beginning of last week, April 10th.

Paulding posted a shut out win against Montpelier on this mid-spring after.

Score by Innings:
Montpelier - 0 0 0 0=0;

Paulding - 1 3 0 1 5=10;

Winning Pitcher - Greyson Harder (5 innings, 3 hits, 0 runs, 9 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Trent Thorp (4 innings, 4 hits, 7 runs, 5 earned runs, 6 strikeouts, 6 walks)

Other Montpelier Pitcher - Landon Fackler (1/3 inning, 3 hits, 3 runs, 0 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 0 walks)

Montpelier Hitters - Landon Fackler (single), Garrett Girrell (single), Trent Thorp (single)

Paulding Hitters - Kane Jones (four runs, RBI), Casey Agler (single), Ethan Foltz (two singles, two RBI), Jacob Martinez (single, RBI), Isaac Reeb (RBI), Nick Manz (home run, run, RBI), Greyson Harder (home run, two runs, RBI), Peyton Adams (single, run), Larkin Yates (two runs)

RAIDERS FINISH SECOND AT QUAD MEET

Wayne Trace and Antwerp both took the long haul to Fayette Monday night in junior high track action with the Raiders boys and girls finishing second while the Archer boys took fourth while the

girls placed third.

The Archers' Keegan Grey-Wyckoff picked up first place finishes in the shot put (37-2-1/2) and discus (87-5) for the lone Antwerp first place finishes.

Wayne Trace's Brock Knowles captured the 110 hurdles in 20.2 seconds with Reece Olwin winning the 100 dash in 13.00 seconds. The Raiders' Eli Treece took first in the 1600 run in 5:16.8 and the red, white and blue 400 relay team of Cole Manz, Knowles, Jaxon Cook and Braxton Schnipke was victorious in 59.5 seconds.

Holgate won the boys meet with 72-1/2 points followed by Wayne Trace (59), Fayette (42) and Antwerp (36-1/2).

The Raider quartet of Olwin, Ben Gurney, Schnipke and Jerrick Johnson captured the 800 relay in 2:00.9.

On the girls side, Antwerp's Emery Jones won the 110 hurdles with a time of 19.9 seconds and teammate Gabriella Snyder finished first in the long jump with a leap of 12-4.

For Wayne Trace, Cayla Noggle won the high jump after jumping 4-6 and Miley Jacobs captured the pole vault with a leap of 6-0. Amber Stoller picked up the win in the 200 hurdles with a time of 36.3 seconds and Elli Kurtz placed first in the 800 run in 3:07.4.

The Lady Raider 400 relay team of Stoller, Miley Jacobs, Karsyn Troth and Lilly Shepherd placed first with a time of

58.6 seconds while the quartet of Nevada Osborn, Faith Jacobs, Noggle and Ashlyn Manz captured the 800 relay in 2:18.7.

Holgate also took first in the girls meet with 73 points, nipping second place Wayne Trace's 65. Antwerp (50) and Fayette (26) rounded out the competing schools.

APACHES BLANK ARCHERS

Fairview's Paige Ricca struck out a dozen hitters and the Fairview Apaches posted a 10-0 victory over host Antwerp in Green Meadows Conference softball action Tuesday night.

Ricca allowed just one hit to the Archer lineup in five innings of work with Sydney Merritt pitching the final frame, giving up two hits.

Elle Clem, Lydia Krouse and Kearstyn Pierce all had singles for the blue and white.

Ricca also recorded a single and double at the plate for the black and gold with three runs scored while Carrie Zeedyk posted two singles and scored three times.

Alexis Taylor finished with two singles, two runs batted in and scored a run and Kortney Grinnell recorded a double and scored once. Gracie Brown had a single and a run batted in with Allison Rhodes driving in two runs and Merritt scored a run. Madison Sharp also posted a single, two runs batted in and scored once.

ARCHERS POST BIG WIN AGAINST APACHES



Antwerp's Parker Moore hits a home run against Fairview. Photo by Harlee Moore

4/12/23 - Antwerp 10, Fairview 0

Score by Innings:
Fairview - 0 0 0 0 0 = 0;

Antwerp - 0 8 0 1 1=10;

Winning Pitcher - E Lichty (5 innings, 2 hits, 0 runs, 11 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Losing Pitcher - E Shininger (1-2/3 innings, 5 hits, 6 runs, 2 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Other Fairview Pitcher - J

Shininger (2-1/2 innings, 4 hits, 3 runs, 2 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Fairview Hitters - E Shininger (single), Z Timbrook (single)

Antwerp Hitters - E Lichty (double, home run, two runs, two RBI), E Reinhart (single, double, run, two RBI), C Altimus (two singles, two runs, RBI), P Moore (home run, run, three RBI), R Lichty (double, run), A Lichty (double, RBI)

GOLDEN EAGLES RALLY TO DEFEAT WARRIORS

Woodlan made the trip to Oak Hill for a Thursday afternoon high school baseball game with the host Golden Eagles scoring seven consecutive runs to rally for a 7-2 win over the Warriors.

Woodlan scored single runs in the second and third innings to jump out to a 2-0 advantage but it was all Oak Hill from there.

The Golden Eagles answered with three runs in the home half of the third to go in front 3-2 before picking up two runs in the fourth in extending the margin to 5-2. Oak Hill then wrapped up the scoring in the contest with a pair of fifth inning runs in setting the final score at 7-2.

Woodlan picked up three hits in the contest, coming on singles by Caleb Linker, Ethan Trygg and Gavin Sheehan.

Noah Beghtel and Blake Reed scored the Warrior runs while Trygg had the lone Woodlan run batted in.

Sheehan took the loss on the hill for Woodlan, pitching 4-2/3 innings giving up seven hits, seven runs (two earned

and a pair of walks while fanning five hitters. Noah Aquaviva pitched 1-1/3 frames in relief with one strikeout and one walk.

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 Thursday night.

The Pilot boys finished first with 79 points while Wayne Trace posted 49 points and Continental finished 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),

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LADY RAIDERS FALL VICTIM TO PATRIOTS



Wayne Trace's Logen Bland, junior, scores the first run for the Raiders in the seventh inning after Katie Anna Baumle, junior, hits the ball between shortstop and second base, getting a single, and starting the home team revival! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Monday April 10th started the week with some drier and warmer spring weather and high school softball action. Hosting at the Raider fields, Wayne Trace softball met the Heritage Lady Patriots on the mound. The Lady Patriots crossed the state line and were ready to play. It took both teams the first four innings to get warmed up as it was a scoreless game till then. Heritage put 2 runs on the scoreboard at the top of the 5th inning. This lead was kept through the 6th, and then in the 7th, the Lady Raiders made a rally attempt in the bottom of the 7th with 3 runs, but the Patriots gained 3 runs in the top of the 7th. Final score: Wayne Trace 3, Heritage 5

Score by Innings:
Heritage (IN) 0 0 0 0 2 0 3 = 5 runs, 9 hits, 4 errors

the Pirates' Grant Clementz (400 dash) and Ayersville's Sam Brown (800 run). The Pilot quartet of Dylan Tressler, Evan Wolfrum, Dylan Shook and Logan Siwa was victorious in the 3200 relay while the foursome of Sigler, Louis Zimmerman, Carter Sprow and Braylen Yunker won the 1600 relay.

Wayne Trace 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 = 3 runs, 5 hits, 3 errors
Winning Pitcher - Danica Fuller (7 innings, 5 hits, 3 runs, 0 earned runs, 8 strikeouts, 0 walks)
Losing Pitcher - Raegan McGarvey (5 innings, 6 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 3 strikeouts, 2 walks)
Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Logen Bland (2 innings, 3 hits, 3 runs, 2 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 1 walk)
Heritage Hitters - Danica Fuller (single, double, two runs, RBI), Kendall Zelt (two singles), Grace Guenther (home run, run, two RBI), Claire Bickel (single, run), Lydia Schultz (two singles), Libby Cain (double, run)
Wayne Trace Hitters - Macy Doster (two singles, RBI), Logen Bland (single, run), Katie Anna Baumle (single, run, RBI), Allison Schilt (run), Laura Thornell (single)

Wayne Trace's 800 relay squad of Reece Olwin, Ben Gurney, Braxton Schnipke and Jerrick Johnson was victorious 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 after 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 Shepherd was a multiple winner as well in winning the 100 dash and 200 dash. Ayersville's Ava Sandleben placed first in the shot put with teammate Annalee Weisgerber winning the pole vault. The Lady Pilots' 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, Peyton Sennebogen, Faith Jacobs 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 Kendyll Booher, Chloe Connors, Hannah Altstaetter and Layla Schwab won the 1600 relay team.

BASEBALL IN REVIEW

Baseball at Antwerp - 4/13/23
Edgerton 9, Antwerp 1
Score by Innings:
Edgerton 6 0 0 0 1 2 0 = 9 runs, 6 hits, 0 errors
Antwerp 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 = 1 run, 5 hits, 3 errors
Winning Pitcher - Nate Swank (7 innings, 5 hits, 1 run, 4 strikeouts, 3 walks)
Losing Pitcher - Parker Moore (5 innings, 4 hits, 7 runs, 7 strikeouts, 6 walks)
Other Antwerp Pitcher - Camden Fuller (2 innings, 2 hits, 2 runs, 3 strikeouts, 2 walks)
Antwerp Hitters - Reid Lichty (single, double), Eli Reinhart (home run, run, RBI), Carson Altimus (single), Ethan Lichty (single)
Edgerton Hitters - Dylan Bass (single, double, two RBI), Warren Nichols (single, double, run, RBI), Quentin Blue (single, two RBI, run), Cory Herman (single, run, RBI)

Baseball at Hicksville - 4/13/23
Wayne Trace 8, Hicksville 2
Score by Innings:
Wayne Trace 0 0 0 0 2 3 3 = 8 runs, 12 hits, 1 error
Hicksville 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 = 2 runs, 4 hits, 2 errors
Winning Pitcher - Breven Anderson (4 innings, 1 hit, 0 runs, 3 strikeouts, 0 walks)
Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Tyler Davis (3 innings, 3 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 4 strikeouts, 5 walks)
Losing Pitcher - Aaron Klima (5-1/3 innings, 8 hits, 5 runs, 3 earned runs, 3 strikeouts, 2 walks)
Other Hicksville Pitcher - Austin Sanders (1-2/3 inning, 4 hits, 3 runs, 3 earned runs, 0 strikeouts, 1 walk)
Wayne Trace Hitters - Breven Anderson (two singles), Cale Winans (two singles, double, two runs), Cooper Wenzlick (single, run, RBI), Kyle Slade (run), Kyle Forrer (three singles, two runs, two RBI), Tyler Davis (single, two doubles, run, RBI), Tyler Head (RBI), Jordan Lotz (run)

Hicksville Hitters - Parker Bassett (double, run), Aaron Klima (single), Brody Balsler (RBI), Brant Langham (RBI), Bronson Graber (single, double), Austin Sanders (run)

Baseball at Ayersville - 4/13/23
Ayersville 1, Paulding 0
Score by Innings:
Paulding 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 = 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors
Ayersville 0 0 0 0 0 1 x = 1 run, 4 hits, 1 error
Winning Pitcher - Abe Delano (7 innings, 1 hit, 0 runs, 11 strikeouts, 1 walk)
Losing Pitcher - Ethan Foltz (6 innings, 4 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 8 strikeouts, 1 walk)
Ayersville Hitters - Abe Delano (single), Blake Hauenstein (single, RBI), Weston McGuire (two singles), Ryn Maag (run)
Paulding Hitter - Nick Manz (single)

Baseball at Paulding - 4/11/23
Paulding 6, Hicksville 3
Score by Innings:
Hicksville 1 2 0 0 0 0
0 = 3 runs, 6 hits, 2 errors
Paulding 4 0 0 0 2 0
x = 6 runs, 8 hits, 3 errors
Winning Pitcher - Jacob Martinez (7 innings, 6 hits, 3 runs, 0 earned runs, 8 strikeouts, 0 walks)
Losing Pitcher - Maverik Keesbury (6 innings, 8 hits, 6 runs, 3 earned runs, 5 strikeouts, 2 walks)
Paulding Hitters - Kane Jones (double, two runs), Casey Agler (single, two runs, RBI), Ethan Foltz (single, run, RBI), Jacob Martinez (single, run, two RBI), Isaac Reeb (single, RBI), Nick Manz (single), Greyson Harder (two singles, RBI)
Hicksville Hitters - Austin Sanders (single, RBI), Parker Bassett (single, run), Brody Balsler (double, RBI), David Taylor (single), Brant Langham (single, run), Bronson Graber (single, run, RBI)

Other Tinora Pitcher - Korbin Casteel (4-2/3 innings, 8 hits, 6 runs, 3 earned runs, 7 strikeouts, 1 walk)
Tinora Hitter - Kadyn Radzik (single)
Wayne Trace Hitters - Breven Anderson (two singles, run, two RBI), Cale Winans (single, two runs), Cooper Wenzlick (three singles, two runs, two RBI), Kyle Slade (single, RBI), Kyle Forrer (single, two RBI), Tyler Davis (single, double, run,

RBI), Evan Crosby (single, run), Tyler Head (single, run)
Baseball at Paulding - 4/11/23
Paulding 6, Hicksville 3
Score by Innings:
Hicksville 1 2 0 0 0 0
0 = 3 runs, 6 hits, 2 errors
Paulding 4 0 0 0 2 0
x = 6 runs, 8 hits, 3 errors
Winning Pitcher - Jacob Martinez (7 innings, 6 hits, 3 runs, 0 earned runs, 8 strikeouts, 0 walks)
Losing Pitcher - Maverik Keesbury (6 innings, 8 hits, 6 runs, 3 earned runs, 5 strikeouts, 2 walks)
Paulding Hitters - Kane Jones (double, two runs), Casey Agler (single, two runs, RBI), Ethan Foltz (single, run, RBI), Jacob Martinez (single, run, two RBI), Isaac Reeb (single, RBI), Nick Manz (single), Greyson Harder (two singles, RBI)
Hicksville Hitters - Austin Sanders (single, RBI), Parker Bassett (single, run), Brody Balsler (double, RBI), David Taylor (single), Brant Langham (single, run), Bronson Graber (single, run, RBI)

BASEBALL IN REVIEW

Baseball at Wayne Trace - 4/12/23
Wayne Trace 8, Tinora 0
Score by Innings:
Tinora 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 = 0 runs, 1 hit, 4 errors
Wayne Trace 2 0 0 1 0 5 0 = 8 runs, 12 hits, 1 error
Winning Pitcher - Cooper Wenzlick (7 innings, 1 hit, 0 runs, 9 strikeouts, 2 walks)
Losing Pitcher - Eli Plassman (1-1/3 innings, 4 hits, 2 runs, 0 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 1 walk)
Other Tinora Pitcher - Korbin Casteel (4-2/3 innings, 8 hits, 6 runs, 3 earned runs, 7 strikeouts, 1 walk)
Tinora Hitter - Kadyn Radzik (single)
Wayne Trace Hitters - Breven Anderson (two singles, run, two RBI), Cale Winans (single, two runs), Cooper Wenzlick (three singles, two runs, two RBI), Kyle Slade (single, RBI), Kyle Forrer (single, two RBI), Tyler Davis (single, double, run,

Girls:
Lincolnview 107
Continental 34
Paulding 31
Boys:
Lincolnview 108
Paulding 50
Continental 16
Top Performers:
Addi Pease- 1st place 200m

Paulding High School Girls and Boys Track & Field competed at Lincolnview in a tri meet. Boys finished 2nd overall and Girls finished 3rd overall.

Jamy Hunt- 1st place 400m
Lucy Breier- 1st place 400m
Makayla Carr- 4th place 100H
Hannah Griffiths- 4th place 300H 1st place High Jump
Brianna Bermejo- 2nd place High Jump
Girls 4x8 2nd place (Adrienna Carwhile Trinity Salazar Katherine Burtch Cassie Weller)
Girls 4x2 2nd place (Makayla Carr Brianna Bermejo Hannah Griffiths Jamy Hunt)
Girls 4x1 2nd place (Hannah Griffiths Miranda Iler Addison Pease Jamy Hunt)
Girls 4x4 2nd place (Miranda Iler Jamy Hunt Claire Miller Addi Pease)
Caleb Larson- 1st place 100M 2nd place High Jump
Jesse Shaffer- 2nd place 200M 1st place High Jump
Cully Thompson- 2nd place 3200M
Garrett McClure- 3rd place 3200M
Jack Schweller- 4th place Pole Vault
Nico Stahl- 4th place Long Jump
Jack Woods- 1st place Shot 1st place Disc
Ronnie Goodwin- 3rd place Shot 4th place Disc
Issak Hagerman- 3rd place Disc
Boys 4x8 2nd place (Garrett McClure Dylan Perez Brandon Humprey Hunter Harwell)
Boys 4x2 2nd place (Austen Kinder Jay Eckhart Jared Manz Jesse Shaffer)
Boys 4x1 2nd place (Caleb Larson Jesse Shaffer Jay Eckhart Jared Manz)
Boys 4x4 2nd place (Jared Manz Dawson Lamb Caleb Larson Jeremiah Koenig)

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THE LEFT TURN



Lawrenceburg Speedway during time trials before Ohio driver, Justin Owen fatal crash in turn 3. Photo Credit: Christopher Pedersen

By: Ron Burt

The driver zips up his fire suit, climbs in the car, puts on the helmet, and fastens his seatbelt harness as tight as it will go. The adrenaline kicks in as he fires up the motor and makes his way down pit road to the track. The only worry, you want your race car to be fast and have a good set-up. You think about what you need to do during qualifying. You want a great time and win the pole to start out front in the feature. Your pit crew worked all week to get your car ready. You need make

your sponsors happy with a top finish. You have pressure to do your best and you need to win some money. Danger? No worries, the car is solid. You take the green flag to qualify and your foot pushes down hard on the accelerator and down the front straightaway slinging your Sprint Car into and through turns 1 and 2, riding up near the cushion to have your right rear tire get grip in the clay. Your car picks up speed going down the back straightaway and you go into turn number three and in an instant, it's all over. No one

knows in your final second what you went through. We know your car hit the wall and flipped several times and ended up in the middle of the track, and the track safety crew rushed to your aid. There's nothing they could do to help you. Walkie talkies going off all around the track from the safety crews and first responders. The tracks public address announcer tells the fans because of what just took place, the track is closed for the event. Race fans at all tracks know what happened, when this announcement is made.

This past Saturday at Lawrenceburg Speedway (The Burg) in southern Indiana, 26-year-old Justin Own, from Ohio, died from injuries he sustained in a massive crash during USAC's AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship, during time trials. I've read several accounts of what happened to this young man. I'm going with the details from our contributing photographer, Christopher Pedersen. He was taking pictures at the time. "Justin hooked a small lip in 3 and his car turned directly into the outside wall and flipped several times, and the impact was non-survivable". I can't imagine what went through the minds of Christopher and others as they witnessed this tragic event. When you've been around racing you get a natural gut feeling that something terrible just happened and it was more than a crash.

The Ohio driver was the reigning track champion at Lawrenceburg Speedway, scoring two feature wins and the title in 2022. It was Owen's first crown at the 3/8-mile dirt oval where he'd long been a regular competitor in the sprint car division for the past several seasons.

Among his greatest achievements was a victory in the season-closing Dick Gaines Memorial during his Lawrenceburg championship season in 2022. In 2019, Owen had three victories, one with the Buckeye Outlaw Sprint Series (BOSS) at Pennsylvania's Lernerville Speedway, at Indiana's Paragon Speedway and again at Lawrenceburg's Night of Champions event. In 2016, he was victorious with BOSS at Lernerville.

Owen made two feature starts with USAC, both at Lawrenceburg in 2019 and 2021. Justin will be missed by his family, friends, fans, and fellow competitors.

Next week I'll recap the

opening weekend at Attica Raceway Park as the All Star Circuit of Champions come to town on opening weekend. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohioportsblitz@yahoo.com

SOFTBALL IN REVIEW

Softball at Antwerp Fairview 10, Antwerp 0

Winning Pitcher - Paige Ricica (5 innings, 1 hit, 12 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Other Fairview Pitcher - Sydney Merritt (1 inning, 2 hits, 0 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Elle Clem (4 innings, 5 hits, 1 strikeout, 0 walks)

Other Antwerp Pitcher - Lydia Krouse (2 innings, 4 hits, 0 strikeouts, 2 walks)

Fairview Hitters - Paige Ricica (single, double, three runs), Carrie Zeedyk (two singles, three runs), Allison Rhodes (two RBI), Alexis Taylor (two singles, two RBI, run), Gracie Brown (single, RBI), Sydney Merritt (run), Kortney Grinnell (double, run), Madison Sharp (single, run, two RBI)

Antwerp Hitters - Elle Clem (single), Lydia Krouse (single), Kearstyn Pierce (single)

Softball at Paulding Hicksville 9, Paulding 5

Score by Innings: Hicksville 0 1 2 1 0 4 1 = 9 runs, 13 hits, 3 errors

Paulding 2 2 0 1 0 0 0 = 5 runs, 6 hits, 5 errors

Winning Pitcher - Kennedy Adams (7 innings, 6 hits, 5 runs, 1 earned run, 8 strikeouts, 6 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Jalyne Klopfenstein (5-2/3 innings, 13 hits, 8 runs, 2 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 2 walks)

Other Paulding Pitcher - Riley Stork (1-1/3 innings, 0 runs, 1 run, 0 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 2 walks)

Hicksville Hitters - Morgan Fogle (three singles, double, two runs), Katie Chapman (double, run, RBI), Evy McAlexander (run), Lillybell Porter (single, double, run, RBI), Olivia Clark (run), Allie Nelson (two singles, run, RBI), Addie Sanders (single, run), Jaylynn Price (two singles, run, RBI), Kennedy Adams (single, RBI)

Paulding Hitters - Maci Kauser (double, two runs), Jalyne Klopfenstein (triple, run), Jocelyn Parrett (single, run, three RBI), Riley Stork (two singles), Kiara Adams (single, run)

Softball at Wayne Trace Tinora 6, Wayne Trace 3

Score by Innings: Tinora 4 0 0 1 0 1 0 = 6 runs, 12 hits, 4 errors

Wayne Trace 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 = 3 runs, 6 hits, 4 errors

Winning Pitcher - Scylea Zolman (7 innings, 6 hits, 3 runs, 0 earned runs, 9 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Logen Bland (7 innings, 12 hits, 6 runs, 4 earned runs, 5 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Tinora Hitters - Anna Frazer (single, triple, two runs), Tegan Norden (run), Logan McQuillin (three singles, home run, run, four RBI), Paige Gamby (double, run), Paige Carpenter (two singles, run, RBI), Zoe Roesti (single, double), Maren Pittman (single)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Macy Doster (single), Kaitlin Slade (two singles, run), Logen Bland (single), Katie Anna Baumle (single, run, RBI), Allison Schilt (single, two RBI)

LEGENDARY GRAND FUNK RAILROAD SELECTS VAN WERT FOR ANNIVERSARY TOUR



Van Wert Federal Savings Bank presents classic rock sensation, Grand Funk Railroad at The Niswonger on Saturday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m. This Van Wert Live event will be a stop on the 2023 American Band Tour. After playing to millions of fans on the band's tours from 1996 to 2022, Grand Funk's 2023 American Band Tour will continue to reach both new and long-time fans. The supporting sponsor for the Van Wert tour stop is Westwood Behavioral Health.

Known as "The American Band", the high-energy five-piece group will play forty shows all over the USA this year. Grand Funk Railroad includes original founding members Don Brewer (vocals and drums, writer and singer of the multi-million selling hit, We're An American Band) and bassist Mel Schacher, "The God Of Thunder". Joining Don and Mel are true "All Stars". Singer Max Carl is a rock veteran from 38 Special. Max penned and sang 38's biggest hit "Second Chance" and was co-founder of California's legendary Jack Mack and the Heart Attack. Don refers to Max as "the best blue-eyed soul singer on the planet". Lead guitarist Bruce Kulick is best known for his 12 years with KISS and has credits with Michael Bolton, Meatloaf, and Billy Squier. (KISS members Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley were influenced early on by Grand Funk.) Keyboardist Tim Cashion has a master's degree in music from the University of Miami. Affectionately called "Dr. Tim", his credits include stints with Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band and English soul man Robert Palmer.

Grand Funk laid the groundwork for such bands as Foreigner, Journey, Van Halen and Bon Jovi with its signature hard-driving sound, soulful vocals, muscular instrumentation, and forceful pop melodies. The fact that Grand Funk's legacy still reigns over the Classic Rock landscape fifty years after its 1969 birth

in Flint, Michigan is a testament to the group's influence and staying power. Mega-hits We're An American Band, I'm Your Captain/Closer To Home, Locomotion and Some Kind Of Wonderful still receive continuous airplay on Classic Rock radio. Internationally acclaimed Grand Funk has toured the world, selling out in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Japan and South America. A 1971 performance at New York's Shea Stadium sold out faster than the Beatles. The group's widespread appeal is also evident in its prestigious recording achievements. Over their career, Grand Funk has had 19 charted singles, 8 Top 40 hits, and two Number One singles (We're An American Band and Locomotion, both selling more than one million each). The group has now accumulated 13 gold and 10 platinum records with record sales exceeding 25 million copies sold worldwide. The most recent gold CD award was presented to the band for their greatest hits package Grand Funk Railroad the Collectors Series.

The multi-talented band carries on the tradition of Grand Funk hits and creates a new chapter in the legacy of Grand Funk Railroad. THE AMERICAN BAND TOUR 2023, brings seasoned Grand Funk lovers and contemporary rock fans who are discovering the group for the first time together to celebrate the 50th ANNIVERSARY with Grand Funk Railroad.

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

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

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ANTWERP POLICE REPORT

On March 30, A resident of North Garden Apartments reported that his phone was being hacked and monitored by a man in Florida and being used to access the black web. The officer questioned the individual and asked if he had any proof or any reason why he thought that and the individual said he had no proof.

On March 31, Antwerp Police Department received radio traffic from Paulding County Sheriff Office and was told there was a tornado warning and severe thunderstorm waring for the Antwerp area. Officer patrolled the area during the storm.

On April 2, A resident of North Garden Apartments reported suspicious activity. The caller claimed a woman could be heard outside crying. Officer arrived and was unable to locate anything.

On April 2, A resident of Frank Leinard Mobile Home Park reported that his vehicle had been stolen. It was determined that the individual that took the vehicle was Patrick Gager. Information about the vehicle was entered into the system. There was also a felony warrant for Patrick Gager's arrest

On April 3, It was reported that on April 1 an Amazon truck had backed into one of the buildings at Park Avenue Villas. A report was prepared.

On April 4, A resident of

North Garden Apartments reported suspicious activity.

On April 4, A resident of Maple Dr. reported two individuals claiming they were with Ever Dry water company and they asked to see the basement. After allowing them in his home, he was concerned it was some sort of a scam. The individual was told no one was issued a permit for door to door sales, and in the future he should refrain from allowing sales people in his home and to contact police.

On April 4, A resident of NGA reported suspicious activity. They stated there were people outside screaming and could hear a woman crying. Officer was unable to locate anyone.

On April 5, A resident contacted the mayor in reference to a motor home parked on Main St. The caller believed it was in violation of Antwerp's zoning regulations. The call was forwarded to the zoning inspector.

On April 5, A resident complained about a dog barking on N. Main St.

On April 6, Officers located a white dog running around Erie St. They were successful with reuniting the dog with owner.

On April 6, Antwerp police department was contacted in reference to a domestic violence issue in the 100 block of S. Main. As a result, 2 individuals were taken to the hospital and a complaint warrant was issued and one of the individuals was arrested.

On April 7, The police department received a 911 hangup from a resident on River St. An officer went there and determined it was an accident.

On April 7, Members of Antwerp police department took park in training at Antwerp local schools.

On April 8, A resident reported loose dog across the road from Riverside park. Officer responded and at-

tempted to locate the dog.

On April 8, A resident reported a child custody issue. The incident was documented.

On April 8, A resident reported that he lost a small Samsung phone. He stated he believed he lost it at the ball park

On April 8, Vehicles on Main St. were cited for over-time parking.

On April 10, A person reported they lost a pink wallet somewhere in the village. She was unsure of where exactly.

On April 10, A resident reported a junk vehicle on High St. The individual reported also that the resident was placing trash out too many days before trash pick up.

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

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic

Disposition Report

Osman M. Osman, Fort Wayne, IN; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Thomas J. Houske, Indianapolis, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Quintin M. Dennard, Belleville, MI; Possession of marijuana, Case dismissed per state, Costs waived, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/under influence, Case dismissed at defendant's cost; OVI/urn/drugs, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, Proof of insurance provided

Caine A. Neely, Pennville, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James Mansfield, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Faith J. Martin, Woodburn, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Amritpal Singh, Brampton, ON; Over length; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Isaac M. Reeb, Paulding,

OH; Assured clear distance, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Distracted driving, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Raymond D. Castaneda III, Defiance, OH; Disorderly conduct, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good condition; Disorderly conduct, Count B dismissed per state, Cost to defendant

Robert L. Bair III, Leipsic, OH; Telecommunication harassment, Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury and shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Collin Gee, Paulding, OH; Burglary, Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury and shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Criminal damage, Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury and shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Corbin R. Voirol, Continental, OH; Left of center, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Distracted driving, Guilty, Defendant completed course; Driving/texting, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Laurice C. Lomax, Dearborn, MI; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Victor L. Palma Martinez, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

William T. Vance, Paulding, OH; Driving under suspension, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Right turn only, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Kevin C. Orlando, Bradenton, FL; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Amanda J. Hopkins, Melrose, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Trisha M. Mullins, Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Fine may be suspended if valid license shown within 30 days

Jonna T. Hill-Oakley, Fort Wayne, IN; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Debra K. Adetolure, Van Wert, OH; Cross yellow lane; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James S. Laing, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John T. Budd, Continental, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Imogene L. Cathey, Greensburg, PA; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Arnoldo Garcia, Crosby, TX; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

RAILROADERS KNOCK OFF WARRIORS

Host Garrett broke a tie with a six-run fourth inning as the Railroaders cruised to a 9-3 victory over Woodlan in high school baseball action last week.

Jacob Snyder had three hits to lead the Woodlan offense and Noah Beghtel picked up two hits for the Warriors. Blake Reed and

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Sudoku Puzzle

5		6	9			4		
8	1	3	2			6		
7	6					2	8	
1			7	6				
	8	4		9				7
9		8	6			1		4
	4	1		3	7	5		9
		7		1				6

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

Noah Aquaviva also had hits for the Warriors.

Beghtel, Reed and Drew Fleek scored runs for the Warriors.

Luke Holcomb and Calder Hefty each had two hits for Garrett with Hefty driving in three runs while Peyton Simmons picked up a pair of runs batted in. Holcomb, James Kimmel and Aiden Orth all recorded one run batted in for the Railroaders.

Holcomb scored three times for Garrett and Parker Skelly touched home plate twice. Also scoring for the Railroaders were Hefty, Orth, Simmons and Kimmel.

Grant Byers tossed five innings to get the win for Garrett, giving up five hits, three

unearned runs and a walk with four strikeouts. Elijah Chapman tossed the last two innings, giving up one hit.

Noah Beghtel suffered the loss for Woodlan, giving up one hit and one walk with one strikeout.

Gavin Sheehan threw 4-2/3 innings, allowing six hits, seven runs (four earned) and five walks with seven strikeouts. Austin Snyder tossed one inning, allowing two hits and two earned runs.

NOTICE
Attention
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A public hearing will be held on April 28th, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the Benton Township Office located at 6100 Rd. 33, Payne, OH 45880 for the purpose of amending the township zoning regulations.
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Payne Elementary is proud to present our March Students of the month for exhibiting the character trait of "PERSE-

VERANCE".

Each of these students earned this award because they "do not give up". Eight of

these students also received movie passes to the Van Wert Cinemas. Congratulations to these exemplary students!

BASEBALL IN REVIEW

Baseball at Antwerp - 4/10/23

Score by Innings: Parkway 1 0 0 5 0 2 0 = 8 runs, 13 hits, 1 error
Antwerp 2 1 0 0 0 0 4 = 7 runs, 11 hits, 2 errors

Winning Pitcher - Fletcher Smith (3-2/3 innings, 4 hits, 4 runs, 2 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Losing Pitcher - Derek Hines (4 innings, 11 hits, 6 runs, 5 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Antwerp Hitters - Carson Altimus (two doubles, RBI, run), Ethan Lichty (single, double, run, RBI), Derek Hines (two singles, two runs), Parker Moore (double, run, RBI)

Parkway Hitters - Brayden Bruns (three singles, two runs), Caiden Berry (two sin-

gles, three runs, RBI), Devon Crouch (two singles, two RBI), Eddie Nichols (single, double, run), Xavier Samples (two singles, run)

Baseball at Ottawa Glandorf - 4/10/23

Score by Innings: Wayne Trace 1 0 0 0 6 3 0 = 10 runs, 10 hits, 6 errors
Ottawa Glandorf 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 = 4 runs, 5 hits, 3 errors

Winning Pitcher - Evan Crosby (7 innings, 5 runs, 4 runs, 2 earned runs, 6 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Evan Pester (4-1/3 innings, 9 hits, 7 runs, 7 earned runs, 3 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Other Ottawa Glandorf Pitcher - Carson Leopold (2/3 innings, 1 hit, 3 runs, 0 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 2 walks)

Other Ottawa Glandorf Pitcher - Jayden Stechschulte

(1 inning, 0 hits, 0 runs, 0 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Other Ottawa Glandorf Pitcher - Carter Duling (1 inning, 0 hits, 0 runs, 2 strikeouts, 0 walks)

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

Ottawa Glandorf Hitters - Ty Buckland (run), Mitchell Schroeder (single, run), Kaleb Yoder (single, RBI), Brandon Warnecke (two singles, run), Carson Leopold (single), Carter Duling (run, RBI), Jordan Metzker (RBI)

Baseball at Wayne Trace - 4/8/23

Score by Innings: Lincolnview 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 = 4 runs, 6 hits, 6 errors
Wayne Trace 0 3 0 1 1 1 x = 6 runs, 8 hits, 2 errors

Winning Pitcher - Tyler Davis (3 innings, 1 hits, 0 runs, 0 earned runs, 5 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Breven Anderson (3 innings, 3 hits, 0 runs, 6 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Kyle Forrer (1/3 inning, 2 hits, 4 runs, 2 earned runs, 0 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Save - Cale Winans (2/3 innings, 0 hits, 0 runs, 0 strikeouts, 0 walk)

Losing Pitcher - Luke Bollenbacher (1-2/3 innings, 3 hits, 3 runs, 3 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Other Lincolnview Pitcher - Aiden Hardesty (1/3 inning, 0 hits, 0 runs, 0 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Other Lincolnview Pitcher - Evan Miller (2-1/3 innings, 2 hits, 2 runs, 0 earned runs, 3 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Other Lincolnview Pitcher - Jack Dunlap (1 inning, 2 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 0 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Other Lincolnview Pitcher - Holden Price (2/3 inning, 1 hit, 0 runs, 0 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Lincolnview Hitters - Dane Ebel (run), Myles Moody (run), Austin Bockrath (run), Luke Bollenbacher (single, RBI), Jack Dunlap (single, RBI), Brandon Renner (single), Chayse Overholt (two singles, RBI), Holden Price (double), Dalton Ellerbrock (run)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Tucker Antoine (two doubles, run, RBI), Breven Anderson

(run), Cale Winans (double, run), Cooper Wenzlick (RBI), Kyle Forrer (single, RBI), Tyler Davis (three singles, run), Tyler Head (single, run, RBI), Jordan Lotz (run)

SOFTBALL IN REVIEW

Softball at Antwerp - 4/10/23

Score by Innings: Kalida 1 0 0 4 2 = 7 runs, 7 hits, 5 errors

Antwerp 4 8 4 1 x = 17 runs, 7 hits, 4 errors

Winning Pitcher - Lydia Krouse (2 innings, 3 hits, 5 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Other Antwerp Pitcher - Elle Clem (3 innings, 4 hits, 7 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Bailey Basinger (1-1/3 innings, 4 hits, 0 strikeouts, 4 walks)

Other Kalida Pitcher - Maddalyn Nienberg (2-2/3 innings, 3 hits, 4 strikeouts, 6 walks)

Antwerp Hitters - Caroline Rohrs (two singles, three runs, RBI), Jillian Treece (single, double, two runs, RBI), Kearstyn Pierce (RBI), Elle Clem (single, two RBI), Madison Berenyi (single, run), Raelynn Zuber (two RBI), Emma Townley (two runs, RBI), Taylor Shull (two runs, RBI), Estee Lichty (run), Maddie Peters (triple, three runs, RBI), Lydia Krouse (run, RBI), Faith Clem (double)

Kalida Hitters - Cassidy Hipsher (double, two runs), Bailey Basinger (single, run, RBI), Maddalyn Nienberg (run), Kate Foppe (single, triple, two runs, RBI), Olivia Olzak (two singles, double, run, two RBI)

Softball (DH) at Van Wert - 4/8/23

Game One: Score by Innings: Wayne Trace 3 1 10 0 4 = 18 runs, 13 hits, 9 errors

Van Wert 2 0 0 1 0 = 3 runs, 5 hits, 0 errors

Winning Pitcher - Raegan McGarvey (5 innings, 5 hits, 3 runs, 3 earned runs, 3 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Losing Pitcher - Katelyn Bear (2-2/3 innings, 6 hits, 8 earned runs, 3 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 1 walk)

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

Van Wert Hitters - Jordanne Blythe (single), Alexis Pangle (single, run), Ella Hernandez (run), Brenna Bollenbacher (RBI), Isabella Ricker (single), Katelyn Bear (single, RBI)

Game Two: Score by Innings: Wayne Trace 3 5 4 0 5 = 17 runs, 9 hits, 1 error

Van Wert 1 0 0 0 1 = 2 runs, 4 hits, 4 errors

Winning Pitcher - Logan Bland (5 innings, 4 hits, 2 runs, 1 earned run, 4 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Losing Pitcher - Aubrey Wollett (4-2/3 innings, 9 hits, 17 runs, 11 earned runs, 5 strikeouts, 7 walks)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Macy Doster (triple, two runs), Ava Zartman (run), Kaitlin Slade (single, double, two runs, two RBI), Paige Alber (RBI), Logen Bland (sin-

gle, three runs, RBI), Katie Anna Baumle (single, home run, three runs, four RBI), Allison Schilt (two runs), Tianna Sinn (double, home run, two runs, six RBI), Allison Noggle (run), Laura Thornell (single, run, RBI)

Van Wert Hitters - Jordanne Blythe (double, run), Ella Hernandez (single, RBI), Katelyn Bear (RBI), Aubrey Wollett (single, run), Isabella Ricker (double)

Softball at Antwerp - 4/13/23

Edgerton 7, Antwerp 4

Score by Innings: Edgerton 1 0 1 2 2 0 1 = 7 runs, 9 hits, 2 errors

Antwerp 0 1 0 2 1 0 0 = 4 runs, 7 hits, 3 errors

Winning Pitcher - Corinne Cape (7 innings, 7 hits, 6 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Lydia Krouse (4 innings, 3 hits, 7 strikeouts, 5 walks)

Other Antwerp Pitcher - Elle Clem (3 innings, 6 hits, 3 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Antwerp Hitters - Kearstyn Pierce (single, RBI), Madison Berenyi (double), Elle Clem (double, run), Emma Townley (double, triple, run, RBI), Maddy Peters (single, RBI), Caydence Shull (single, run), Raelynn Zuber (run)

Edgerton Hitters - Casey Everetts (three singles, three runs, two RBI), Corinne Cape (two doubles, home run, three RBI, two runs), Ella Miller (single, RBI), Olivia Wallace (run), Ava Swank (two singles, run)

Softball at Ayersville - 4/13/23

Ayersville 8, Paulding 1

Score by Innings: Paulding 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 = 1 run, 3 hits, 2 errors

Ayersville 1 0 2 3 2 0 x = 8 runs, 9 hits, 1 error

Winning Pitcher - Kendra Waldron (7 innings, 3 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 12 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Riley Stork (6 innings, 9 hits, 8 runs, 5 earned runs, 3 strikeouts, 6 walks)

Ayersville Hitters - Kendra Waldron (single, two runs), Mabel McGuire (run), Elizabeth McCloud (single), Aerial Brown (double, two runs, RBI), Meling Bond (two singles), Taylor Waldron (two singles, double, run, two RBI), Allison Eldridge (run, RBI), Autumn Osborne (RBI), Leah Bunke (single, run, RBI)

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picked him up and they traveled several more hours until the driver had to turn away from the coast. Again the driver dropped him off, and Jamie realized he was on the edge for small town.

As he walked along he saw a man working in his garden, along the road. He stopped and rested along the beautiful white fence.

He and the gentleman struck up a conversation. Jamie told him he had been wounded in the war, and had just left the hospital. The gardener's neighbor was making his lunch, and would Jamie come in for a fine meal. After the meal Jamie fell asleep exhausted, on the couch. Seeing Jamie's deplorable condition the gardener let him stay for the night.

The next day, the neighbor lady, Margaret Cameron, came and cooked breakfast for them. Jamie showered and put on a suit of the gardener's clothes. It was decided that he would stay and help the Bee Master with his garden and large stand of bees. Margaret would tend Jamie's wounds. She would put him on a diet of fresh veggies, and raw tomato juice.

It soon became a routine, with Margaret dressing his wounds, helping what he could in the garden, and spending the afternoon on the beach. He discovered that laying in the water, with the ocean lapping over him, seemed to ease the pain a bit. His survival was still in question, but Margaret thought there might be some improvement.

One evening a huge

storm came up, and Jamie decided to go out and watch it. He had found a bench carved in a cliff, where the water nearly touched your feet. As he set there, the waves were crashing, lightning flashing, in his state it would have been easy to just slip into the ocean. As he sat there someone came from a path on the other side and sat down beside him.

It was too dark to see but it was a girl, and she was sobbing uncontrollably. She hadn't seen him, but she was so close that when the wind blew, her hair was brushing his shoulder. Jamie made himself known, then did his best to try to console her. He told her his story, and if he if he could possibly help her, it would make his life better. She had been engaged to marry, when her fiancée was killed in an accident. Now she was with child and her baby would have no name. Jamie offered to marry her, no strings attached, and the baby would have his name. It was agreed that they would meet at the courthouse at 10:00 the next morning.

When he arrived the next morning, she was already there and was in the process of getting the marriage license. She was wearing a thick veil, and he never saw her face even though he had an idea of what she looked like from the night before. After the ceremony and signing of the license, she was gone. He had promised not to follow her, but now he realized he didn't even know her name.

The following days were leisurely, with the same daily routine. Jamie kept his eye

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out for the Storm Girl, she had to be near. One afternoon on the beach in a stupor, a young lady passed with a group of immigrant children. She was teaching them the history of our country. He was amazed how the children listened to her, but he must have fallen asleep because she was gone. On another occasion he saw

a girl boarding the bus, but she was gone before he could catch her.

Then came the day that Jamie had to call an ambulance for the Bee Master, as he had a heart problem. Jamie visited him everyday, assuring him the bees were fine. Later the dreaded call came, The Bee Master had passed. A few weeks later, Jamie was called to the city, to visit a lawyer. The Bee Master had willed the cabin, the garden, and the entire property to Jamie including the bees.

Jamie continued to work the garden and care for the bees, and Margaret cooked for him, but now she had taken a baby to raise. Jamie enjoyed Lil' Scout and helped with his care.

Margaret was always quite secretive. He knew she had a daughter, she had gone to college, and had gotten into some kind of trouble. He had never seen her but he knew she had come home on occasion. One morning, he had just gotten up when there came a knock at the door. It was a beautiful young lady. They fell into each other's arms. They spent the rest of the day just "catching up," and the rest of their lives raising The Bee Master III, Jamie Langston II.

DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 3/27/23

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 27, 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.

Jerry Overmier, Beilharz Architects, Inc., met with the Commissioners and the Courthouse Committee (Common Pleas Court Judge Schmenk, Probate/Juvenile Court Judge Strausbaugh, Clerk of Courts Amy Galbraith, and Sheriff Engel) to discuss the Courthouse Elevator Addition Project. Mr. Overmier provided draft plans for the addition and discussed options with the occupants.

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

Warren Schlatter, Defiance County Engineer, met with the Commissioners

to provide a weekly update for the Engineer's Office and the Landfill. Mr. Schlatter reported that tree trimming began on Scott Road in advance of road widening. They also began culvert repairs on Arrowsmith Road and berm discing (starting in the northwest corner of the County).

Cara Potter, Defiance Public Library, met with the Commissioners to provide an update on the Worthington Cemetery Project. Ms. Potter reported that they were applying for a historical marker for this site, and requested funding for the marker. The Board requested an application for the County Lodging Tax Fund Program to be submitted for their formal approval.

DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 4/6/23

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2023, in the Hicksville Village Council Room. Chairman David S. Kern called the meeting to order.

Also present were Commissioner Dana Phipps; 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.

Village of Hicksville Mayor Ron Jones and Acting Fire Chief Bruce Hart attended the meeting. Chief Hart stated that there was an issue with the tornado sirens going off after the event on Friday, March 31, 2023. He stated that he was informed that the issue was corrected. He stated that it has been an issue for years that the department was dispatched for weather watches after the weather event was through their area. He stated that he was working to prepare a plan that his department will have the ability to monitor the weather and make the decision to dispatch the department for weather watches.

The new MARCs tower was also discussed. Warren Schlatter, Defiance County Landfill Manager, met with the Commissioners for the 3rd, and final, public hearing for proposed rate changes for the Defiance County Landfill. Mr. Schlatter explained that tires are not allowed to be placed in landfills. Defiance County Landfill currently accepts tires, as a service to the residents; the tires are then taken to the Henry County Landfill to be shredded. The Defiance County Landfill must pay the disposal fees of the Henry County Landfill, who recently increased their pricing. Mr. Schlatter stated that the Landfill did not want to make money on this service; but with the existing rates from Henry County Landfill, they were losing money. The Board approved the proposed rate changes, effective April 10, 2023, 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

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per tire to \$10.00 per tire. Warren Schlatter, Defiance County Engineer, met with the Board for the bid openings for 2023 Paving of Various Roads and 2023 Cement Stabilization. All bids were taken under advisement:

2023 Paving of Various Roads
• Proposal A - Village Paving Estimate - \$283,982.60

Bids received:
Gerken Paving, Inc. - \$218,413.70
Ward Construction Co. - \$239,035.00

Henry W Bergman - \$195,901.60
• Proposal B - Paving & Patching Estimate - \$2,503,163.05

Bids received - Gerken Paving, Inc. - \$2,613,413.05

Proposal C - Chip Sealing Estimate - \$173,975.30

Bids received:
Ward Construction Co. - \$188,221.41

Henry W Bergman - \$189,467.33

2023 Cement Stabilization Williams Center Cecil Road Estimate - \$72,958.75

Bids received:
Trimor Corp - \$104,997.94
Tenmile Creek Excavating - \$121,685.75

Jerry Overmier, Beilharz Architects, Inc., met with the Commissioners for the bid opening for the Defiance County East Storage Building Project. The pre-bid estimate for the project was \$523,306.00

The following bids were received:
RG Zachrich Construction, Inc. - \$553,975.00; Rupp Rosebrock - \$569,550.00; Mel Lanzer - \$477,000.00; and The Dotson Company, Inc. - \$521,563.00. The bids were taken under advisement.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY ART SHOW ACCEPTING ENTRIES STARTING APRIL 25



John Paulding Historical Society in Paulding invites artists to submit their artwork for Celebration of Arts and Artists of Paulding County exhibit from May 23 through June 27.

This year's event will feature paintings - oil, acrylic and watercolor.

The show is open to current and former Paulding County artists age 16 or older, living or deceased. Artists

may be amateur or professional. Anyone who owns an eligible painting may enter them in the show. Up to four paintings may be submitted.

Entry forms and complete guidelines can be found on the museum's Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum. Forms also will be available at the museum or can be requested by emailing jphs45879@yahoo.com. Artists are asked to include a

brief biography when submitting their artwork.

Entries will be accepted from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays, April 25, May 2 and May 9, or by appointment. The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive, across from the fairgrounds.

The public is welcome to attend the opening of the 2023 Celebration of Arts and Artists exhibit from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 23.

The exhibit will feature art works from the museum's collection of past artists as well as those who have submitted their paintings to be displayed during this show.

"This is the first Arts and Artists show we have held for several years. We are very excited to bring back this series," said historical society president Melinda Krick. "Each year, the focus was on a different art medium, such as pottery, photography, quilts and drawings. We expect to showcase a different medium or different theme annually in the future."

The historical society hopes to enhance and increase community appreciation of fine arts, to introduce the public to the county's rich heritage in the arts and to showcase the many talented artists who have resided here.

For more information, please call the museum at 419-399-3667 (leave message), email jphs45879@yahoo.com or text Krick at 419-769-3993.

Check the historical society's Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum for updates.

GOV. HOLCOMB, INDOT AWARD MORE THAN \$133 MILLION THROUGH COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT PROGRAM

Governor Eric J. Holcomb and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announces 224 Indiana cities, towns, and counties that will receive a combined \$133.4 million in state matching funds for local road projects through Community Crossings, a component of Governor Holcomb's Next Level Roads program.

"The continued success of the Community Crossings program becomes more evident each year," said Gov. Holcomb. "Improving transportation infrastructure at the most local level makes communities that much

more attractive for business and Hoosier families alike to connect and grow."

Communities submitted applications for funding during a highly competitive call for projects in January. Applications were evaluated based on need and current conditions, as well as impacts to safety and economic development. Funding for Community Crossings comes from the state's local road and bridge matching grant fund. The Community Crossings initiative has provided more than \$1.27 billion in state matching funds for local construction projects since 2016.

"Safe, modern infrastructure at the local level makes Indiana's transportation network stronger," said INDOT Commissioner Mike Smith. "Partnering with locals on these projects is something INDOT looks forward to each year. The hard work and dedication of local entities to secure these funds and make improvements in their communities does not go unnoticed."

To qualify for funding, local governments must provide local matching funds of 50 percent for larger communities or 25 percent for smaller communities and have an asset management plan for maintaining existing roads and bridges. Indiana law requires annually that 50 percent of the available matching funds be awarded to communities located in counties with a population of 50,000 or fewer.

State lawmakers identified long-term funding for Community Crossings as part of House Enrolled Act 1002, passed by the legislature and signed into law by Gov. Holcomb in April 2017.

NSCC RECEIVES GRANT FOR MORE CDL DRIVER STUDENT AID

Northwest State Community College received a grant from the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) in the amount of \$139,167 for the Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program. A total of \$2.5 million was awarded in this round of funding.

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KRICK & SUTTON SPEAKS TO KIWANIS CLUB



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Melinda Krick (President, John Paulding Historical Society) and Kim Sutton (Vice President, John Paulding Historical Society) as the guest speakers at the April 13, 2023, club meeting.

Melinda and Kim invited the Kiwanians to the John Paulding Historical Society to show and teach them about the history and expansion of the society.

Pictured above is Melinda Krick with Dave Burtch.

PAYNE ELEM. BATTLE OF THE BOOKS WINNERS



Payne Elementary held their school wide competition for Battle of the Books on April 11. The following students will be competing at the Fairgrounds in Paul-

ding on April 28 for the County winner: Scarlett Neff, Grace Ringler, Mailey Stoller, Krandon Crites, Lucas Ross, and Kaden Creighton-Smith.

Training Program without having to pay any amount of the cost out of pocket initially. If an individual taking advantage of the program then utilizes their CDL to work for an Ohio based employer (full time, part time, or self-employed) for a duration of 12 months, their loan will then be eligible for complete forgiveness, effectively bringing the out of pocket program cost to \$0.00. This is the second round of funding that Northwest State has been awarded for this specific program. With an increased total award amount this round, Northwest State is on track to

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