

## HOMETOWN HEROES BANNERS INSTALLED IN OAKWOOD & MELROSE



Josh Duslak (L) and Deedi Miller (R) help hang Hometown Hero banner of Warren Thomas along 1st Street in Oakwood.

Just in time for the Memorial Day Weekend, the Oakwood/Melrose Hometown Heroes Committee has installed 131 banners on posts throughout the communities. The distinctive red, white, and blue banner program was over a year in the making and was coordinated with the help of the local American Legion Post #341.

"The community support for this program was truly incredible," said Kelly Tumbling, the Chairperson for the program. "It really shows the patriotism and sacrifices made by our local hometown heroes dating back to WWI."

"The goal of the project was to have the banners on display for this Memorial Day

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## MUSEUM TO OPEN NEW EXHIBIT FEATURING LOCAL ARTISTS

A new exhibit featuring the paintings of more than 25 county artists will open May 23 at the John Paulding Historical Society in Paulding. "Celebration of Arts &

Artists of Paulding County" will feature works by local artists, past and present. It includes more than 70 works in watercolor, acrylics and oil from the 1940s to today.

The exhibit will be on display at the museum from Tuesday, May 23 through

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## EACS ANNOUNCE CLASS OF 2023 VALEDICTORIANS/SALUTATORIANS



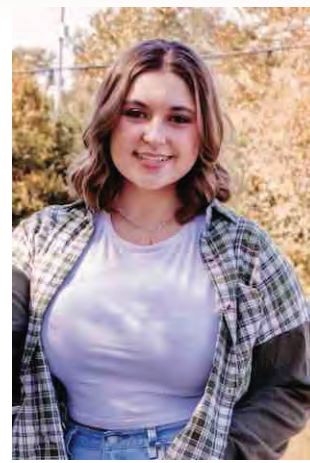
### WOODLAN HIGH SCHOOL

Lucy Gongaware was named Valedictorian (4.34GPA). Her parents are Micki and Jeff Gongaware. She plans to attend Indiana University Fort Wayne pursuing Pre-Dental and Dental Technology. "I chose this field of study because dental has been a passion of mine for as long as I can remember."

Her extracurricular activities include: soccer, National Honor Society, student council and GLOW. Her awards and recognitions are Suedhoff Excellence Scholarship, Academic All-State, Rising Star of Indiana, all As all 4 years of high school, Principal's Scholars Honor Roll all 4 years. Outside of school, Lucy enjoys hanging out with friends, reading, and spending time with my family.

What are your insights on your high school experience? "High school is not something that should be taken for granted. You need to enjoy every moment."

Nevaeh Whitaker was named Salutatorian (4.31 GPA). Her parents are Jennifer Trimm and Scott Whitaker. She plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington. "My future career plans involve working with children in the legal system, whether as a juvenile defense attorney or a child psychologist. A degree in psychology or pre-law would help prepare me for either of these career choices."



## HARLAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023 TOP SCHOLARS!



### Kaitlyn Brown

GPA - 11.31 or 3.9

**College/work plans & why?** Western Governor University to earn a bachelor's degree in elementary education. I have always wanted to teach children and help them learn the fundamentals as well as be an example of Christ to them.

**Extracurricular/community activities:** I played volleyball and basketball throughout my junior high and high school years. Through the youth group at Harlan, I have volunteered for various events such as serving food at the local fairs.

**Awards & recognitions & scholarships:** Valedictorian of class of 2023 at Harlan Christian School, received highest academic medals for English II and Chemistry and received Christian Character award for basketball my junior year. I also received Heart and Health award for volleyball and MVP for basketball this year.

**Hobbies/interests outside of school:** I enjoy reading books, playing pinball machines, golfing with my dad

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## TWO INDIVIDUALS CONFIRMED TO BE MISSING FROM THE ALLEN/OAKWOOD CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION; ONE APPREHENDED

LIMA - The Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction (ODRC), United States Marshal Service (USMS), Henderson (Ky.) Police Department, Kentucky State Police, Henderson County (Ky.) Sheriff's Office, Allen County Sheriff's Office, and local, state, and federal law enforcement partners continue to work toward the apprehension of one of two inmates who escaped from the Allen/Oakwood Correctional Institution (AOICI) this week.

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## Community Calendar

### MON & WED

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

### May 30

- Narcotics Anonymous @ Antwerp Comm. Church, 6pm

### May 31

- Completely Free Living Free Group @ Cecil Comm. Church, 7:30pm

### June 2

- Feel Good Friday @ Fountain Park, 7:30pm
- Relay For Life ! PC Fairgrounds, 6p - 2a

### June 3

- Habitat For Humanity Golf Outing @ Auglaize GC, 8am
- Memorial Ride for Wiedenhamer & Switzer, starts @ JPHS, 9:30am
- Auglaize Vol. Fireman's Assoc. Chicken Dinner, 4-7p

### June 4

- IDPA Pistol Match @ Ant. Cons. Club, 1pm

### June 6

- Destination Business Workshop @ 1st Pres. Church, Paulding, 9-11:30a
- Reducing Energy Costs Webinar, 12-1pm
- Narcotics Anonymous @ Antwerp Comm. Church, 6pm

### June 10

- Paulding County Fair Starts!

### June 11

- Trap Shoot @ Ant. Cons. Club, registration, 12:30pm

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**OBITUARIES**

marriage to Edward Straley, who also preceded her in death.

Carol is survived by a son Daniel (Jill) Straley of Paulding; daughters, Cynthia (Jim) Stiverson of Marion, and Lisa (Scott) Worden of Payne; sister, Betty (Ivan) Layman of Cecil; a brother, Doyle (Louise) Johnson of Paulding; grandchildren, Alex Straley, Dylan Worden and Brock (Lauren) Worden, Hayley (Nathan) Cunningham, and Kelsey and Alexis Stiverson; and great-grandchildren, Ethan, Blaire, and Ava.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Richard Johnson; and sisters, Jean Rieke and Judy Etzler.

Carol was a 1960 graduate of Paulding High School. She was a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. She was employed by Paulding County Farm Service Agency and the U.S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier for 24 years. Carol always saw to it that when the guys were in the fields, that no one ever went hungry. She enjoyed going to her grandchildren's activities, especially their sporting events and was very excited to be a great-grandma. Carol also loved spending time with the many friends she and Ed had made over their years of wintering in Florida.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church 601 Flatrock Drive Paulding, OH. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.



**ANTWERP, OH:**  
**Suzanne (Langham) Montgomery**, 75, of Antwerp, passed away surrounded by her family after battling cancer on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice.

Suzanne was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on July 9, 1947, daughter of the late Isabell (Sunday) & Wilbur Langham.

She graduated from Antwerp High School in 1965 where she displayed an infectious spirit as both a varsity cheerleader and head majorette in the band all four years of her schooling.

After high school, Suzanne pursued her passion for teaching by earning her Bachelors degree from Ball State University in teaching. After completing her Bachelor's, Suzanne went on to earn her Master's degree from Xavier University which further

fueled her love for teaching. Suzanne even authored an education book call *Basic Skills Program* that is used in schools nationwide.

Beyond teaching, Suzanne had several hobbies that brought joy into her life. She enjoyed sewing and quilting, and also found solace playing the piano, tending to plants in her garden and keeping her mind active with crossword puzzles. Suzanne could often be found watching NASCAR, cheering on her favorite driver, Joey Logano, or watching old western movies on TV.

She will be sadly missed by

her daughters, Donene (Grant) Masters & Toni Ann Chance; brother, Tony (Kay) Langham; grandchildren, Jesse, Rachel, Austin, & Annie; & great grandchildren, Scotty & Lilly.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Montgomery.

She will be laid to rest privately. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the nurses and staff at CHP Defiance for their extraordinary care of Suzanne.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.

**CLEAR AWARDED MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARD**



Heritage Lion Jack Clear was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship award last night for over 20 years of Lions service in our community. Past District Governor Roger Cash presented a surprised and humbled Clear with the Melvin Jones plaque. "Lions Clubs world-wide recognize outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an award that is named after its founder Melvin Jones. This award is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Li-

onism. The recipient of this award has gone above and beyond to serve both our club and the community."

Jack Clear will serve as the Heritage Lions First Vice President in the coming 2023-2024 year and continues to help our community through his hard work on the ice cream trailer, peanut sales and several other projects.

The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome and encourage everyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion.

**HERITAGE LIONS 25B FINAL MEETING**



At the Heritage Lions Club final meeting of the season, Past District Governor Roger Cash performed the installation of new officers for the 2023-2024 term. The new officers are: President, Jan Hockemeyer; First Vice-President, Jack Clear; Second Vice President, Cindy Wolf; Treasurer, Marvin Sorg; Secretary, Rick Boys; Tailtwister, Tom Wolf; Lion Tamer, Dan Will; and board of directors Allan Doctor, Gerry Franke, Ken Sorg, and Larry Smith.

Past District Governor Cash recognized Tom Wolf and Jack Clear for gaining two new members each during the year, and Jan Hockemeyer for gaining 5 new members. They each were awarded a

pin, and a chevron depicting these gains in membership was given to the Club for the Heritage Lions flag. PDG Roger Cash also awarded Lion Jack Clear with the Melvin Jones Award, the highest recognition a club member can receive, for his service to the Heritage Lions Club.

President Tom Wolf individually thanked each officer from this past year for all their hard work. He was proud to say the Heritage Lions had a very successful year and were able to distribute over \$14,000 in funds to many local causes and Lions projects. The meeting concluded with delicious fudge brownies and cookies brought in by Cindy Wolf and Jan Hockemeyer.

**FAIRVIEW FFA ATTENDS STATE CONVENTION**

**By: Elizabeth Bok**  
On May 4th and 5th, some of the Fairview FFA members attended the 95th annual Ohio FFA State Convention.

The chapter left the school around 5 AM, Thursday morning, to arrive at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Once the chapter arrived in Columbus, they attended the 1st/Opening Session to start off the convention. The chapter attended a total of 5 ses-

**Scripture of the Week**

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."  
— John 3:17

**MATT'S MISHAPS**

*"Serving overseas as a small-town boy from America is intense, stressful and humorous! Enjoy a light-hearted story with me from our last 20 years overseas!"*  
—Matt



**Go with Plan D, which is Plan A**

Whenever I shop in my small Indiana town or nearby towns, I am thankful for their hours of service and also thankful for when they are closed so employees can take needed time off for family or church. In general, I think we as Americans should demand less of our businesses and pull back from the 24/7/365 expectations.

Living overseas, in many places, commerce is moved by the labor force, not the customers, which can have its problems. Most years we have to take an annual two-day-long trip by boat to visit workers we oversee. We needed to purchase food and water for those two days of travel ahead of time or buy meals at a much higher price on the boat.

When traveling towards the port to catch a boat one time, we thought with the soaring hot temperatures that we should buy the food on the boat as we couldn't keep food cool. However, wanting to watch our pennies, we decided against it and headed off to shop.

We stopped at a grocery

store a little before 9AM in route to the port. When it got to 9:30AM and it still wasn't open, we thought the store might not open until 10AM. When it got to 10AM and no sign of life was evident, we asked a passerby. He informed us that all stores were closed for a local holiday, but didn't know what the holiday was for.

Our time was getting tighter to catch the boat, so we stopped quickly at a gas station to see what they might have. It wasn't a gas station like Phil's One Stop Marathon in Grabill that has a grocery store and pizza to go. It was the kind of gas station that has cigarettes, pop & water, a few bottles of windshield fluid & motor oil, and dusty racks of snack foods. With less than excitement, we found what food might be able to cover our family for meals and water for two days on a boat.

After getting to the port, we hauled our luggage, food, and water to the reception desk to sign in and find the room we would stay in. To our shock, the employee told us that they would be giving us free meals for the entire trip!

Maybe it is better sometimes to stick with Plan A.

Something similar ever happen to you? Contact me and let me hear your story! Matt's Mishaps, PO BOX 114, Grabill, IN 46741



**The free meals on the boat journey tasted so good, even if the open sea can give you a queasy stomach. However, what to do with enough gas station food to feed a family for two days?**

sions.

At the convention, many of the members got to walk across the stage and receive an award. Kayla Mavis received an award for a Star Secretary Book, and Miguel Garcia received an award for a Star Treasurer Book. For Agriscince, some of the members placed top 4 in the state with their project.

Kortney Grinnell and Madisen Sharp placed second in Division 4 Plant Systems. Kayla

Mavis placed 2nd in Division 3 Plant Systems. To end the convention, four of the junior members received their State Degrees. Emma Zeedyk, Miguel Garcia, Brady Zeedyk, and Dalton Haver all got to walk the stage and receive their State Degrees.

During the convention members got recognized for their achievements, listen to keynote speakers, hear FFA talent performers, and enjoy fun activities in Columbus.



**PAULDING, OH:**  
**Carol C. Straley**, 81, of Paulding, passed away on May 23, 2023, at Parkview North Regional Hospital. She was born in Paulding County, on January 19, 1942, to Harry and Eunice (Sonnigsen) Johnson. They both preceded her in death. On May 24, 1961, she was united in

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**RING SIDE**

**Penny For Your Thoughts**

By: Nancy Whitaker  
I have always been a big fan of wrestling. Years ago my old aunt and I used to stay up late on Friday nights and watch wrestling on TV.

We would holler for the good guys and loudly BOO the so called "bad guys."

I was so scared of Dick the Bruiser; The Sheik and The Undertaker that I actually had nightmares about them. Oh! But I sure would not miss watching it on television. It was a good kind of scary.

The good wrestlers like BoBo Brazil, Andre the Giant and The Moose were my heroes.

After I got married and had my children, I continued to watch wrestling and I let my kids stay up and watch it also.

One mean and nasty one, The Sheik, always managed to throw fire at his opponents. In fact, my son used to put on a cape and pretended to be The Sheik.

My daughter had a big favorite doll which my son would take from her and pour powder on it. He would then throw her doll in the air, strike it ferociously and the powder would come out with a cloud which resembled smoke. Meanwhile, my little girl was crying, thinking her doll was suffering and my son was saying "Look Mom. I'm The Sheik. See the smoke" I never ever forgot it.

Well we did take the kids to the Fort Wayne Coliseum one time and got to see some of our favorites. Of course, I felt every blow and body slam. Ooo those poor men in that ring. As years went by I still liked the sport but did not follow it as I had before. I believe Dick the Bruiser died, along with BoBo and the rest of those 1970 showmen.

A couple of weeks ago my friend, Denny, got some free tickets for a wrestling match in Lima. He was pleasantly surprised that I liked the sport and so we decided to go. The event was held at the UAW hall and I wasn't sure what I was going to see. It was called

W.A.R. Wrestling Lights out. The ones to wrestle that night were from the WWE but were a step below the bigger names. However, what a show they put on!

There were grudge matches, tag teams, and even lady wrestlers participating. It was quite an ado when they announced the names of the fighters. Most of them were dressed in different outfits. They came out strutting and



showing their stuff. You could tell some were crowd favorites and some got booed when they made their appearances.

The lady wrestlers fought a match in which they could use brooms, mops and whatever they had to hit each other.

That match was between Thunder Kittie and Hardcore Heather. Thunder Kittie won but Thunder Kitties guy wrestler friend came up from behind and smacked Heather knocking her on the floor. Heather was down for the count and this was a title match.

I hollered and screamed at the refs and "bad guys" all night. The evening got very exciting when almost all the wrestlers wound up in the ring and everyone was fighting with everyone.

At one point a ref got hit on the head along with the owner and they looked to me as if they were "knocked out cold."

Of course all evening long the wrestlers poked fun at each other and at the end of the night many challenges were made.

There is another match on Feb 4 and if all these grudge matches are held it should be exciting. People have always told me that it is all fake. I don't know. I would hate to put a damper on my excitement by knowing that it is all "fake."

No! No! No! I think I saw blood, people knocked out and it seems so real to me.

What do you think? Do you like this type of wrestling and is it all a show!!!

Let me know and I'll give you. Penny for your Thoughts.

**TAYLOR'S 75<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**



Nolan Richard Taylor and Joy Isabell Sanderson were wed May 29, 1948. The two were Grover Hill high school sweethearts. One evening after taking in a free movie show in Grover Hill, Richard was taking Joy home in his 1941 Black Ford. It was in the car that evening that he asked Joy to marry him. Of course, she said yes! Who wouldn't want to marry the most "good lookin' fellow." According to Joy, Richard was "so very kind, considerate, and caring." Besides, he would bring Joy a BABY RUTH BAR to school, when he'd get off working at the diner during the lunch hour. Richard thought that Joy was the most "beautiful, kind and generous girl." The couple lived in the Grover Hill area until 1988. Now up to that point Richard was a farmer, construction worker, wood worker, school bus driver, and school board member for 12 years. Joy en-

joyed being a homemaker and seamstress. Their only child, daughter, Tonya Joy Taylor came into the world on May 3, 1955.

In 1988, the family moved to Florida. Joy worked for Eckerd Drug Store and Richard was a tour bus driver. While in Florida they took up square dancing, which they did for 10 years. In 1995, it was time to say goodbye to Florida and move back to Ohio. The couple then decided to build their own home with their own hands and so they did. In 1995 they settled in Van Wert, Ohio, where they live to this day.

Richard and Joy's 75 years are a testament to their love and devotion for one another and to the hope that they have in Christ Jesus. All their nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, great-great nieces and great-great nephews have reason to celebrate this wonderful couple.



Greg Hill (L) and Marty Adams (R) hang Hometown Hero banner in Oakwood.

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Weekend celebration," added committee member Deedi Miller. "We invite all residents of Paulding County and the surrounding area to take a drive around both towns and salute the dedication these extraordinary Ohioans made on behalf of our country."

Local resident, Dan Eakins, owner of R&B Fabrication, applauded the program that included his father, Ron Eakins, who served in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1962-1965. "My Dad is right in front of the Oakwood Vol-

unteer Fire Department, right where he would have wanted to be, watching over the department."

Members of the Oakwood/Melrose Hometown Heroes Committee included Kelly Tumblin, Mike and Deedi Miller, Josh Duslak, Greg Hill, Marty Adams, Tami AuFrance, Cody and Denny Donaldson.

For more information please contact:

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**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**



By: Mark Holtsberry

Bert Admiral Zeigler Sr. Was born May 14, 1876 in Fulton, Morrow County, Ohio. The son of William born 1848 in Ohio and Mary (Perkins) Zeigler, born 1853 in England. This couple was married February 22, 1874 in Huron, Ohio. In 1880, the Zeigler couple and two children, Bert five and sister Maude M. two, were living in Providence, Lucas County, Ohio.

William was a plasterer. In September of 1885, a brother, Frank was born. By 1890, the family was still living in Lucas County. Bert's father William passed away in 1894. It is unclear where he was buried. Mary remarried a fella named Jacob Hogeboom, whose wife, Sarah, had passed away May 12, 1892. The couple moved to Fulton County, Ohio along with son Frank.

By 1898, Bert had moved to Antwerp, Ohio. In May of 1898, as a Company of men were forming in Paulding for the Spanish American War, Bert came to Paulding and signed up. Bert was mustered in to serve with Company M. 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry, May 10, 1898. He, like a few, were sick in quarters. He was sick, November 29-December 7, 1898. He was mustered out of service with the Company, February 10, 1899.

Bert also served with Company G. 6th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was on attached service at Homiguro, Cuba, March 24-April 4, 1899. From a special order. He was mustered out with company, May 24, 1899 at Camp McKenzie, Augusta, Georgia.

In 1899, Bert met a gal named Edith Elfrieda Pursley. They married December 24, 1899 in Paulding, Ohio. November 1, 1900, a daughter,

Marion was born. Followed by a son William Maurice, January 31, 1901.

On December 2, 1904, Bert filed for his war pension. A daughter, Ester Rama, was born January 20, 1905, followed by a son Robert Pursley May 2, 1909.

By 1910, Bert and Edith and children, were living on North Main Street in Antwerp. Bert was running his grocery store. A son, James Edger, was born June 27, 1913, a son David B. was born in 1917, a daughter Florence Arlene was born in 1918.

On September 12, 1918, at Paulding draft precinct, Bert registered for the World War I draft. Short in height, slender build, light brown eyes, dark hair, still in the grocery business. He did not have to serve, he was 42 years old. A daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth, was born October 28, 1919.

By 1920 the family, Bert, Edith and seven children, were living on Woodcox Street in Antwerp. Bert was still running his grocery store. A son, Bert Admiral Zeigler Jr. was born, July 11, 1924. Between that timeframe of four years, I believe David B. Zeigler passed away. Never found out what happened to him.

On February 10, 1930, Bert Admiral Zeigler Sr. passed away in Antwerp. He was buried in Maumee Cemetery, Old Section, Lot 104, Grave 1. Edith and the children moved to Ft. Wayne. Living at 219 Leith Street. March 14, 1930, Edith filed for widow's pension.

During World War Two, a daughter, Dorothy, served in the Navy. Bert's son, Bert Jr., will also serve. By 1950, Edith and daughters, Marion and Dorothy were living in Ft. Wayne on West Jefferson Street. Edith was working as a housekeeper.

On January 5, 1956, Edith passed away in Ft. Wayne. She was buried beside Bert in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp, Ohio. She never remarried.

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# GRADUATION AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Graduation was recently held at Ann's Bright Beginnings. We held our celebration outside and entertained our guests with songs before being presented with their well deserved diplomas and special awards. Pictured here (l-r) Lyrik Longstreth, Nathan Sizemore, Noah Sears, Holland Witkouski and Mylann Good. Congratulations, graduates!

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and hanging out with friends and family.

**Most memorable high school experience:** This year during my senior year of basketball, my team won a tough game with only four girls on the court. It was a great feeling to win with four girls and it showed our determination and teamwork in a great victory.

**Parents:** Doug Brown and Christie Ebel



**Jonah James Shenkel**  
GPA - 11.20

**College/work plans & why?** Go to Northwest State Community College for Electrical Engineer Technologies. Always was into electrical engineering so when I heard about an EET I became very interested.

**Extracurricular/community activities:** I played basketball and baseball for my whole high school career

**Awards & recognitions & scholarships:** Won few awards with basketball and baseball. Also recognized by a college

in Missouri.

**Hobbies/interests outside of school:** Hanging with friends and family.

**Most memorable high school experience:** Playing sports with all my friends.

**Parents:** Charity and Josh Shenkel

## PPEC MEMBERS DONATE \$13,152 TO 16 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Members of Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative recently donated \$13,152 to 16 local charities and community projects through the cooperative's Operation Round Up program.

About 80% of PPEC members round up their electric bill and donate those pennies to this fund, making a huge impact in the co-op's northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana communities.

Participating members round up their monthly electric bill to the next dollar, with the extra pennies being used to help fund charities and groups in their communities. Each quarter, the funds are dispensed to local causes that applied for funding.

The most recent donation recipients include:

- Caring and Sharing Food Pantry; \$950 to purchase shelving units for their new building.
- Crane Township Cecil Fire Department; \$750 to purchase piercing nozzle with the deluxe kit.
- Defiance Soil & Water Conservation District; \$625 to help fund a 3-day teacher workshop/training for teachers along with tools and materials for classroom use.
- Fort Jennings Volunteer Fire Department; \$1,000 to purchase a skid unit for field fires.
- Friends of the Paulding County Parks; \$700 to rent port-a-johns for 3 parks over the summer.
- Grover Hill Firefighters Inc.; \$800 to purchase 2 Scene Lighting Towers and batteries.
- Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services; \$1,000 to cover the cost of yearly subscriptions for pregnancy, parenting, and birth classes for clients.
- Middle Point Volunteer FD; \$1,000 to purchase a MARCS radio for the department.
- Ottawa Volunteer Fire Department; \$1,222 to purchase one Supervac battery-operated positive pressure fan.
- Paulding County Amateur Radio Club; \$500 to install communications equipment in the new emergency



Grover Hill Firefighters received \$800 from Operation Round Up to purchase two scene lighting towers and batteries. Paulding Amateur Radio Club received \$500 to install communications equipment in the new emergency operations center. Additional photos are available on PPEC's Facebook page.

operations center.

- Paulding County Relay for Life American Cancer Society; \$1000 to help cover the cost of the meal served to survivors and caregivers.
- Payne Volunteer Fire Department; \$1,005 to purchase updated cover hoods and fire gloves.
- POE Fire Department; \$600 to purchase an AED trainer unit.
- Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation (Van Wert Live); \$500 to provide free tickets for people with low-moderate income.
- Van Wert Middle School; \$1,000 to fund scholarships for students to experience Washington DC or DC at Home Week.
- Wayne Trace Local Schools- Payne and Grover Hill Elementary; \$500 to create a sensory/calm down room at both schools.

## ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE (CITY OF NEW HAVEN)

Beginning Thursday, May 25th, and through Friday, June 23rd, Woodmere Drive from and through the intersection of Kirkmore Drive to East Allen County Schools will be closed for road reconstruction. This is part of the Woodmere Drive reconstruction project. No detour provided. Please find an alternate route.

## PJHS ANNOUNCES MAY PRIDE CARD WINNERS



Paulding Junior High Pride Card winners for May. To earn a Paulding Pride card students need to be "caught" doing something good or going above and beyond.

## PJHS ANNOUNCES MAY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding Junior High Students who earned Student of the Month status for May 2023. Pictured here are (l-r) Dani Borland, Gabbie Mullins, Mariah Klopfenstein).

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Tuesday, June 27. Admission is free. The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive in Paulding, across from the fairgrounds.

The public is invited to attend the show's grand opening from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 23.

The historical society first launched the Celebration of Arts & Artists series in 2014 with a show of paintings. The series continued for several years, focusing on a different art medium each year. The last one in 2019 featured quilts. Organizers felt it was time to revive this important art showcase.

"We are excited to again offer this opportunity for people to see and appreciate our local artists," says Melinda Krick, historical society president and chairman for this event. "Our county has been home to some incredible talent through the years. Our goal is to enhance and increase community appreciation of fine arts, to introduce the public to our county's rich heritage in the arts and to increase awareness of the many talented artists who have resided here," Krick says.

For example, Paulding County has produced some well-known professional artists.

One was Charles Eugene Moss, born in Charloe in 1860, who later emigrated to Canada and became head of the Ottawa Art School there.

The county also was home to two internationally known artists: sculptor and painter David Smith and ceramicist Clyde Burt. Their works can be found in museums throughout the U.S. and around the world. Smith's sculptures routinely sell now for tens of millions of dollars.

The exhibit's opening on May 23 marks the anniversary of Smith's death in 1965.

The museum is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays. The exhibit also will be open Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, June 4, from noon-4 p.m. and during the Paulding County Fair June 12-17. Visitors may tour the concurrent exhibit "A Vintage Wedding" featuring about 50 bridal gowns from the 1880s to 1980s.

The historical society's annual motorcycle poker run is scheduled on June 3. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the mass start at 11 a.m.

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

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

## PJHS ANNOUNCES MAY POSITIVE PANTHERS



Positive Panthers of May are pictured above: Chad Long, Delaney Johanns, Lilly Steingass. Positive Panthers are the students who always look for the bright side of every situation and work hard in the classroom.

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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.

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

- 1 — EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE — Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
- 2 — CLAIMS ASSISTANCE — Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

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

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

**Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments**

**Any questions, please call 419-399-8285**

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Why "Do Nothing"**  
 I started writing "Letters to the Editor" in 2001. In time I've had many published in a variety of papers. My main focus has been on anything attacking my God or my America. One of my letters helped get a Hicksville doctor removed from his position. It exposed his anti-America attitude with the Twin Towers coming down.  
 I often had people disagree with my letters, but in all

those years I was never really wrong. I admit to being off a little with some facts but never considered wrong. If I say someone is a creep or a crook, that is exactly what he is. I don't make up stories or accusations. I just write what I observe.

Too many people are just existing because they have closed, and in many cases, warped minds. They are convinced they must vote either Democrat or Republican regardless of obvious facts. I believe many won't like this following fact.

It is a fact that today's graduating students, high school or college, are dumber than those of the 50's, 60's and 70's. Too many can't make change without a computer. Way too many can't read at a 12th grade level or Heaven forbid if they had to read cursive, sign their name or fill out a job application. They don't know how to make a living, support and keep a family.

Something they do know and are good at is playing around, having kids out of wed-lock and divorce based on weak excuses.

Worse than that, too many just can't or don't try to think for themselves. They rely totally on people they don't even know. They don't care to be involved, think it's too much bother or were never taught how to research. That isn't their fault, this blame rests entirely on the education system. It was redesigned years ago to give us dumber public. Our Democrat sponsored "open border" is their way of making our public dumber. How many of the almost seven million illegals do you believe understand or even give a hoot about our le-

gal system?  
 I'm only giving one example in support of the above. Don't just zoom through this. Slow down and give this serious thought: America's survival is in danger. What does it mean to you when you hear a "do nothing" in connection with an individual, a car or just about anything.

You probably won't buy that item or car and will not want that person as a friend. You see any of those as trouble for you. I feel most of you agree with me so far. It doesn't make any difference what your political beliefs might be, or does it?

Who and why did you vote for a president as you did? If you voted for Biden you voted based on lies and Democrat dirty tricks. I don't particularly like Trump but get this straight, He did more for

America and the safety of our world than anyone since Reagan.

Democrat lies about Trump are unending. Trump is a strong person and good for America but I believe most of the hate stems from the fact that he has Christian America on his side. Your Democrat party hates Trump and any other strong God loving Christian in America. A strong foundation relies on God, not what these anti-God Democrat leaders stand for. They want total control of you and don't care who gets hurt. That is how Russia, China and that kind operate.

Biden was known as "Do Nothing Biden" in his years of service. He was never right so you gave him our top job. Very Stupid!

—Richard Mastin  
 Hicksville, OH



**ESTATE PLANNING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY**

An estate plan is not just for high-net-worth individuals, it's for everyone who is single, has a spouse, has a partner, has dependents, owns a business, has investments, has retirement funds, owns property, or has material possessions of value such as a car. An estate plan may reduce estate taxes and shield your beneficiaries from having to go through probate. It means your last wishes will be heard. You can name a guardian for any young children and can even direct how you wish a beloved pet to be cared for after you are gone. Having an estate plan can also prevent a mess by bringing clarity to your beneficiaries, and it can protect assets from unforeseen creditors<sup>1</sup>.

The estate plan<sup>2</sup> may contain a will or living trust, the names of your beneficiaries, the appointment of an executor, a letter of intent that tells a beneficiary or executor what you wish to be done with specific assets, funeral details, and special requests. It should contain a healthcare directive with a power of attorney appointing a trusted person to make medical decisions for you when you can no longer voice your opinion, and a durable power of attorney appointing a trusted friend or relative to make financial and legal decisions for you, if you become incapacitated. It may also contain a trust or trusts for passing on assets to your beneficiaries. Life insurance can be an important component in the overall estate plan.

You should update your estate plan whenever a major change occurs in your life, such as purchasing a home, moving in with a significant other, getting married, having or adopting a baby, selling your business, getting a divorce, retiring, or having a beneficiary die before you do. Review your plan when federal and state laws on estate taxes change.

If you should die without a will (which is called "intestate"),<sup>3</sup> the state and federal governments will have standard procedures for distributing your assets, and they may not be in line with your wishes. Your beneficiaries may have to pay more in estate taxes, and probate may take considerably longer than it would if you had a will in place.

Consult a professional financial advisor on tax and estate planning. Trusts can be complicated to set up, so consult a professional trusts and estates attorney or certified public accountant before you begin.

<sup>1</sup>Julie Garber, "5 Reasons You Need an Estate Plan," The Balance.com, Updated November 3, 2021. <https://www.thebalance.com/top-reasons-why-you-need-an-estate-plan-3505444>

<sup>2</sup>Glenn Curtis, "6 Estate Planning Must-Haves," Investopedia.com, Updated February 27, 2022. [https://www.investopedia.com/articles/pf/07/estate\\_plan\\_check-list.asp](https://www.investopedia.com/articles/pf/07/estate_plan_check-list.asp)

<sup>3</sup>Julia Kagan, "Intestate," Investopedia.com, Updated November 23, 2022. <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/i/intestate.asp>

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**TWO NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED IN TO KIWANIS**



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to induct two new members at the May 25, 2023, club meeting. Matt Miller (Prosecuting Attorney, Paulding County) had the honor of inducting Stevee Doeden (Advertising Representative, Paulding Progress) and Rev Dr. Sandra S Jenkins (Senior

Pastor, First Christian Disciple of Christ). The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County is always accepting new members, if you are interested in joining come as a guest for a week to a weekly meeting Thursday at 12pm at the First Presbyterian Church (114 West Caroline Street Paulding, Ohio 45879.

**DISASTER LEGAL SERVICES AVAILABLE**

Hoosiers in disaster-designated counties affected by recent severe storms and tornadoes may now have access to free legal advice through Disaster Legal Services (DLS), which provides free help with disaster-related legal issues for low-income disaster survivors.

Residents can call the DLS hotline at 1-844-243-8570.

Some of the issues the service can help with include:

- Insurance claims for medical bills, loss of property and loss of life
- New wills, powers of at-

torney and other legal papers lost during the disaster

- Home repair contracts and contractors
- Landlord/Tenant issues
- Proof of home ownership
- FEMA ineligibility appeals

The hotline is staffed by Indiana Legal Services - in cooperation with the Indiana State Bar Association - and law firms in Indiana. They are working together to offer

free legal services to survivors in the aftermath of natural disasters.

DLS attorneys are not FEMA employees, and the services they provide are confidential. They do not share information with FEMA.

To learn more, call the

DLS hotline at 1-844-243-8570. The hotline is open Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. If you use a relay service such as video relay service (VRS) or captioned telephone service, give DLS your number for that service.

**READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

- OHIO LOCATIONS**
- Antwerp:** Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows
- Bryan:** Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
- Cecil:** 127 Maramart
- Charloe:** Charloe Store
- Centerville:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
- Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid
- Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
- Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library
- Hicksville:** Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices
- Key:** Marathon
- Oakwood:** Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip
- Paulding:** Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library
- 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
- Milan Center:** Milan Center Feed & Grain
- Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General
- New Haven:** ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrollet, McDonalds, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's
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straight A's throughout high school, honor roll and high honor roll all four years, along with the principal scholar's honor roll; junior year - Rising Star of Indiana award; Best Performer award for show choir. Her hobbies include: she is passionate about music and singing. Besides music, she loves to write. She has notebooks filled with unfinished novels and a million writing prompts.

About high school, Naveah had this to say, "High School was an adventure where I got to explore my creative interests and try new things as well as meet new people. I've spent a lot of time in high school trying to figure out who I am and who I'm going to be, but part of graduating is realizing I have more than enough time to decide what I'm going to do with my life."

**EAST ALLEN UNIVERSITY**



**Alexis Carvajal** was named Valedictorian (4.35 GPA). Her parents are Joy Chrisman and Fernando Carvajal. She plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington to study Pre-Law/Law. Alexis says, "I am passionate about the field and helping those who need representation."

Extracurriculars that Alexis participated in include National Honor Society and Employed by Starbucks. She was on the Dean's list all four years, Rising Stars of Indiana Award, and IU Cox Legacy Scholarship (full ride).

"Attending EAU has put me in an excellent position for my freshman year of college. I was able to complete college courses with a good high school support system. EAU has prepared me further in my degree and prepared me for college. One thing that helped me be successful was to complete my work in a timely manner," stated Carvajal. Outside of school she enjoys reading and hanging out with friends.



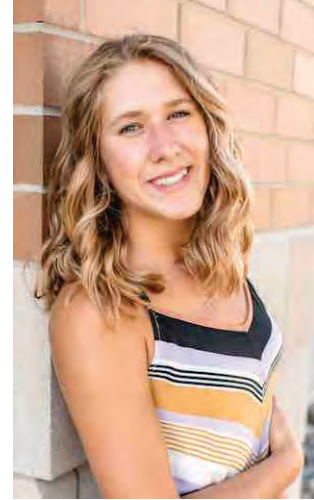
**Erica Edwards** was named Salutatorian (4.34 GPA). Her parents are Jodee Hirsch & Jason Edwards. She plans to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio to pursue a Bachelor's degree in accounting with the goal of becoming a CPA, because she says, "I enjoy working with money and numbers."

Erica was involved in National Honor Society, President of National Honor Society chapter, Intramurals, and employed with Dairy Queen.

She earned the following awards and recognitions in high school, Dean's list all four years, Rising Stars of Indiana nominee; Top Student in Social Studies, Accounting, and College Algebra/Trig; University of Northwestern Ohio Salutatorian Full Tuition Scholarship.

Thinking of her high school experience, she comments, "EAU has helped me to be open to collaboration with my peers and problem solve through critical thinking activities and group projects. EAU has also helped prepare me for college. One lesson I've learned was that a little effort goes a long way." Outside of school Erica enjoys hanging out with friends, baking, and reading.

**HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL**



**Claire Bickel** was named Valedictorian (4.35GPA). Her parents are Angie and Jon Bickel. After high school, she plans to attend Purdue University to pursue a degree in Kinesiology, saying "I chose this field of study because of my interest in the health and well-being of the body."

Claire's extracurriculars include Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, National Honors Society, Fellow of Christian Athletes. She also earned the following awards and recognitions: Sertoma Award, outstanding English student award, Academic all-state in volleyball. First team all-conference in volleyball and basketball., academic all-state honorable mention for basketball. Her hobbies are coaching kids' sports. When asked about her insights on high school, she stated, "Hard work pays off!"



**Raelyn Mullins** was named Salutatorian (4.32GPA). Her parents are Jennifer and Casey Mullins. She plans to attend Purdue Fort Wayne and pursue a degree in Biology stating, "I feel that it is my calling to work with plants and animals in some way, and I think a biology degree would provide the right education for such careers."

Her extracurriculars include golf, basketball, and softball. Raelyn earned the following awards and recognitions: Rising Star of Indiana, 1st team all ACAC for golf, Scholar athlete, and Princi-

pal's list. Outside of school, she enjoys gardening, reading, walking, spending time with family/friends, being outside.

Raelyn's insights about high school: "Grow through what you go through!"

**LEO HIGH SCHOOL**



**Haylee Schott** was named Valedictorian (4.41 GPA). Her parents are Trent and Lindsay Schott. She plans to attend University of Saint Francis and major in Biology/Pre-Physician Assistant. "I selected biology as my chosen major because I have always been passionate about science. Science courses are a favorite of mine and greatly interest me, especially the PLTW biomedical classes offered at my high school. As a physician assistant, I will have the ability to meet with and help patients firsthand. I will also be able to achieve my goal of giving help to those in need," Haylee stated.

Haylee participated in the following high school activities: varsity softball, varsity basketball, junior varsity volleyball, National Honor Society, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She received several awards and recognitions including: softball All-Conference Honorable Mention and 2nd Team; Basketball All-Conference Honorable Mention, as well as ICGSA Academic All-State and IBCA 1st Team Academic All-State; National Merit Commended Scholar and a Rising Star of Indiana.

Outside of school, she enjoys playing sports such as basketball and softball, reading books, baking, drawing, and spending time with her friends and family.

Haylee's advice about high school? "High School isn't all about grades or tests because those aren't the things you will remember after graduation. It's about the connections you make with one another, as well as how you grow and mature throughout your four years. I might not remember what exact question I missed on my statistics quiz, but I will reminisce about Friday night games with my friends!"



**Emma Tkacz** was named Salutatorian (4.40 GPA). Her parents are Anne and Kevin Tkacz. She plans to attend Seton Hill University. "I have been admitted into the B.S./M.S. Physician Assistant Program at Seton Hill. I will earn a bachelor's degree in Medical Studies and then go on to earn my master's and become a Physician Assistant. I have always been interested in

healthcare, and over the last year, it became apparent to me that the Physician Assistant (PA) path is the best choice for me."

Emma participated in the following extracurricular activities: Leo girls' varsity soccer team and the National Honor Society; member and volunteer at St. Mary's Church; played travel soccer at Fort Wayne United Futbol Club. She also earned the following awards and recognitions: All-Conference Player, Principal's Honor Roll all four years; Student of the Month, Indiana Rising Stars list; All-District and Academic All-State Player, junior and senior; Third Team All-State, junior; Elizabeth Ann Seton Scholarship, and athletic scholarship. Outside of school Emma enjoys playing soccer, spending time with family and friends, listening to music, reading, and shopping.

Emma had this to say about high school, "The time goes by fast, so enjoy every moment. Get involved in extracurricular activities and in the community."

**NEW HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL**



**Rebekah Fortman** was Valedictorian (4.38 GPA). Her parents are Mary and Joseph Fortman. She plans to attend Ball State University to pursue a Bachelor of Architecture & Ball State Honors College. "Being able to impact the community through art and models by designing structures for public use amazes me. The thought of positively impacting people through architecture has always been a dream of mine."

Rebekah participated in the following extracurricular/community activities: Student Council (VP), National Honors Society (VP), Students Against Destructive Decisions (P), Band, Campus Life Student Leader, Lifeway Youth Student Leader, and Internship at Architecture Firm. She earned the following awards and recognitions: DAR Good Citizen recognition, Rising Stars of Indiana, American Legion Auxiliary Hoosier Girls State, Presidential Scholarship of Ball State.

Rebekah had these insights to share about high school, "Even though high school is very stressful a lot of the times, it has been one of the best experiences. The welcoming environment from many of the teachers and students is unmatched. High School is something I'm definitely going to miss." She enjoys listening to music, going to the gym, babysitting, spending time with my family, cleaning/organizing.

**Jessica Same** was named Salutatorian (4.37 GPA). Her parents are Mike and Lynn Same. She undecided about her college currently but she is planning on receiving a BA or BS in Environmental Science. "I care a lot about environmental protection, research and sustainability because it is

**RAIDERS WIN SECTIONAL FINAL**



**WT Junior Breven Anderson slings the pitch in over the plate.**  
Photo by Harlee Moore

Division III Sectional Final game was played at Wayne Trace on Friday, May 19th.

After a Riverdale run in the 1st inning the game saw no runs till the bottom of the 4th with 2 for the Raiders, 1 in the 5th & 3 in the 6th ending the game with a Wayne Trace Sectional Title. Wayne Trae 6, Riverdale 1

Score by Innings:  
Riverdale - 1 0 0 0 0 0 =1; 0H, 6E

Wayne Trace - 0 0 0 2 1 3 x=6; 9H, 2E

Winning Pitcher - Cooper Wenzlick (7 innings, 0 hits, 1 run, 0 earned runs, 12 strike-

outs, 4 walks)  
Losing Pitcher - Cameron Furr (6 innings, 9 hits, 6 runs, 3 earned runs, 5 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Riverdale Hitters - Carson Young (run)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Breven Anderson (two singles, RBI), Jordan Lotz (run), Cale Winans (single, run), Cooper Wenzlick (home run, run, three RBI), Kyle Slade (single, run), Kyle Forrer (single), Tyler Davis (single, double, run, RBI), Tyler Head (single), Tanner Laukhuf (run).

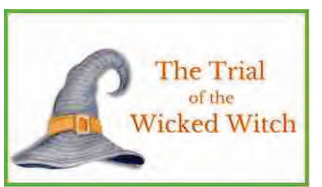


the key to our health and future." Her extracurriculars include marching band all 4 years, Winter Guard, Studio dance, National Honor Society, Club meetings, Academic Superbowl, Show Choir band (1 year). Her awards and

recognitions: Rising Star of Indiana, Presidential Scholarship from Loyola University Chicago, and selected for the Lilly Scholars program at Purdue.

Jessica says this about high school: "High school is the best opportunity for youth to explore their interests. Challenge yourself inside and outside of school before you become an adult. As Feris Bueller put it, 'Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while you could miss it.'"

Out of all my interests I love listening to music the most, watching different types of series and movies, reading, drawing, and interested in travel.



**CHANGE OF AUDITION DATES FOR TRIAL OF THE WICKED WITCH**

Audition dates for Trial of the Wicked Witch at Van Wert Civic Theatre have changed! They will now take place on June 4 and 5 at 7:00 pm. These auditions are open to youth ages 7-18. Please note this change when planning on auditions. No appointments necessary. For questions or concerns call 419-238-9689 and leave a message or email at at vvcyouth@gmail.com. An online audition form is available on Van Wert Civic Theatre's Facebook page to

be filled out before auditions.

Show dates will be July 21 and 22 at 7:00 p.m. and July 23 at 2:00 p.m.

**COACHES RECOGNIZED WITH OHSAA SPORTSMANSHIP, ETHICS AND INTEGRITY AWARDS**

Throughout the 2022-23 school year, the coaches associations of the sports sanctioned by the Ohio High School Athletic Association selected one of their own for an OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award. Individuals selected reflect the values of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity through their professional responsibilities and are role models for student-athletes and others.

The OHSAA congratulates the award winners and thanks all coaches for their

# WAYNE TRACE WIN DISTRICT SEMI-FINAL GAME



Pictured here WT Junior Cale Winans picks up the ball in the outfield to throw in. Photo by Harlee Moore

Wayne Trace Baseball competed in the Division III District Semifinal game at Elida on May 25th. The Raiders battled thru this match up with the Falcons. Scoreboard was 0-0 until the bottom of the 3rd when Eastwood scored a run. Falcons again scored in the 5th inning. In the sixth inning, the Raiders rallied the troops and brought in 3 innings and beefing up their defense for the duration of the game. This awarded Wayne Trace the District Semi-Final win: Wayne Trace 3, Eastwood 2

Score by Innings:  
Wayne Trace - 0 0 0 0 3  
0=3; 5H, 2E  
Eastwood - 0 0 1 0 1 0=2;  
5H, 0E

Winning Pitcher - Cooper Wenzlick (7 innings, 5 hits, 2 runs, 1 earned run, 4 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Losing Pitcher - Ethan Rapp (6 innings, 4 hits, 3 runs, 3 earned runs, 5 strikeouts, 2 walks)

Other Eastwood Pitcher - Andrew Badenhop (1 inning, 1 hit, 0 runs, 0 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Breven Anderson (run), Cale Winans (single, run, RBI), Cooper Wenzlick (two singles, run), Kyle Slade (single, two RBI), Kyle Forrer (single)

Eastwood Hitters - Case Boos (single, double, two RBI), Jordan Pickerel (single), Ethan Rapp (double, run), Brandon Falls (run), Colton Woodward (single)

Eastwood closes its season with a record of 26-1 overall and 14-0 in the Northern Buckeye Conference. Wayne Trace's Cooper Wenzlick tied the school record with his ninth victory on the mound in Thursday's win over Eastwood. Wenzlick tied the school record of Rob Davis, who won nine games for the Raiders in the 1986 season.

Wayne Trace (21-5, 7-0 Green Meadows Conference) advanced to play Coldwater (24-4 overall, 6-3 Midwest Athletic Conference) Saturday, May 27th at noon at Ed Sandy Field in Elida. Look for that game in next week's paper and on West Bend News social media page and website!

Tennis: Taylor Long, Ashland

Track and Field: Shawn Valloric, Bellaire

Baseball: David Burkett, Massillon Tuslaw

Volleyball: Zahra Collins, Toledo Scott

Lacrosse: Jake Kubasta, Medina

## PANTHERS DROP HEART-BREAKER

Host Archbold rallied from an eighth inning deficit with two runs in the bottom of the eighth as the Blue Streaks recorded an 8-7 victory over Paulding Friday night in Division III sectional championship baseball action.

It was the Blue Streaks who jumped in front early on, scoring once in the first and twice more in the third to post a 3-0 advantage.

Paulding dented the scoreboard with a single run in the fourth to close within 3-1 before Archbold seemingly took control with a three-run sixth to post a 6-1 advantage.

The Panthers, though, rallied to tie the game with a five-run outburst in the top of the seventh to send the game into extra innings tied at 6-6.

The maroon and white then took the lead for the first time in the contest with a run in the top of the eighth as Paulding seized a 7-6 advantage.

Archbold then broke the Panther hearts in the bottom of the frame, scoring twice to come from behind for an 8-7 advantage.

Krayton Kern, Mason Siegel, Carson Dominique and Jayden Seiler all had two hits for the Blue Streaks while Brian Burrowes and Devon Morris both finished with one hit. Morris scored three times for Archbold and Kern touched home plate twice for the Blue Streaks. Morris and Siegel also drove in two runs apiece for the Blue Streaks.

Those picking up hits for Paulding included Kane Jones, Ethan Foltz, Nick Manz, Isaac Reeb, Greyson Harder and Jacob Martinez while Foltz scored twice.

Peyton Adams, Nick Manz, Ethan Foltz, Larkin Yates, Jacob Martinez, Isaac Reeb and Dawson Lamb concluded their senior careers for Paulding in the loss.

## WARRIORS COME SHORT AGAINST HORNETS

Visiting Angola scored nine times over the final three frames as the Hornets broke a 5-5 tie to pull away for a 14-9 victory over Woodlan in high school baseball action last week.

The Hornet struck for three runs in the first but the Warriors responded with a pair of runs in the third to close within 3-2. After Angola scored twice in the top of the fourth, host Woodlan answered with three runs in the bottom of the inning to knot the game at 5-5.

Angola then took the lead for good with a five run fifth inning, putting the Hornet on top 10-5.

Woodlan did respond with three runs in the home half of the frame to close the gap to 10-8 and the Warriors trimmed the deficit further with a single run in the bottom of the sixth to make it 10-9.

## EDGERTON EDGES PAST MONTPELIER TO CLAIM SECTIONAL TITLE



On May 24th, Edgerton faced Montpelier in the Div IV Sectional final game. Edgerton won 3-2 moving them to District Semi-Final game on May 26th against North Central. Pictured here is Bulldog's Corey Everett heaving the ball to the plate. Photo by Harlee Moore.

The Hornets, though, put the game away with a four-run seventh to wrap up the scoring and the 14-9 victory.

Jacob Snyder led the Woodlan offense with three hits while Noah Aquaviva, Dawson Lichty and Blake Reed posting two hits. Oliver Adams, Drew Fleek and Gavin Sheehan also had one hit apiece for the Warriors.

Snyder and Lichty scored twice each for Woodlan.

Sheehan suffered the loss for the Warriors, tossing four innings surrendering ten hits, seven runs (five earned) and three walks while striking out five.

Adams pitched the other three innings for Woodlan, giving up seven hits, seven earned runs and three walks with one strikeout.

## WOODLAN FALLS TO LEO IN SECTIONAL SOFTBALL



In the bottom of sixth inning Leo hits the ball with bases loaded. The infield ground ball is retrieved by senior Austin Gaff, then throws to catcher Abby Cowan for the forced out at home of Leo senior Leah May. Lady Warriors ended their tournament run, 2-8. Good luck to the Lady Lions as they play in Regionals on May 30th. More photos at www.westbendnews.net

## WT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY ALL YEAR HONOR ROLL 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

**3RD GRADE**  
All A's: Carson DeVenney, Evan Heier, Mia Kamp-hous, Brianna McClure, Jase Miller, Alirah Ricker, Chandler Sinn, Jayde Sinn, Austin

Stoller, Lyla Stoller, Ellie Wilt  
A/B: Bentley Bassler, Bentlee Bidlack, Allison Donaldson, Sophie Donaldson, Mason Evans, Kyndra Grimes, Gavyn James, Serena Landwehr, Jude Miller, Dakota Miner, Jaxon Porter, Bruno Rodriguez Lopez, Gabriel Spangler, Gentry Tucker

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outstanding service to Ohio's student-athletes.

The OHSAA is proud to recognize the following coaches who received OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Awards during the 2022-23 school year. They include:

2022-23 OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Winners

Girls Sports  
Golf: Aaron Lemaster, Chillicothe Zane Trace & Linda Kessler, Fairfield

Cross Country: Paul Jones, Bascom Hopewell-Loudon  
Volleyball: Mark Bunn, Van Buren

Soccer: Elizabeth Webb, Ashland Crestview  
Field Hockey: Kara Whitlatch, Bexley

Swimming and Diving: Mark Sullivan, Mason  
Bowling: Dennis Gordon, Bowerston Conotton Valley

Gymnastics: Liz Wojtkun, Parma Heights Holy Name  
Wrestling: Will be an-

nounced in 2023-24

Basketball: Tyler McIlwraith, Cincinnati Seven Hills  
Tennis: Jim Pukys, Canton McKinley

Track and Field: Frank Monk, Minerva  
Softball: Rob Nelson, Lima Senior

Lacrosse: Will be announced in 2023-24  
Boys Sports

Golf: Jeff Rinkes, Duncan Falls Philo & Terry Hale, McArthur Vinton County

Cross Country: Bob Donelson, Oberlin Firelands  
Soccer: David Antal, Copley

Football: Steve Hale, Olen-tangy Liberty  
Swimming and Diving: Eric Peterson, Shaker Heights

Bowling: Bob Bobbitt, Beaver-creek  
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# THE LEFT TURN



Charlie Orns, Mike Bores (94), Bob Mayer (42) and Garrett McClain (15) battle during Late Model heat race action at Oakshade Raceway on opening night.

By: Ron Burt

The 10-time World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series champion got the monkey off his back Friday, May 19th at Attica Raceway Park, Donnie Schatz took the lead on the white flag lap, grabbing the victory and earning his first series' win of 2023. It's hard to believe it's May, and Schatz picked up his first feature win. This was his fifth win at Attica and the 308th series win of his career. Schatz has been racing well lately posting four podium finishes in the last five World of Outlaw events. The other top 5 finishes went to 2. Abreu, 3. Macedo, 4. Haudenschild, and 5. Gravel. The fastest qualifier was Rico Abreu, 12.513.

Cap Henry was back in the winner's circle at Fremont Speedway on May 20th. He's on a hot streak at a couple of tracks! He had a late race pass to take the 410-sprint win, making it his second win at the Action Track in this early season. Henry, started seventh in the 30-lap, \$4,000-to-win feature waged a great battle with Zeth Sabo whose team drove from New York after an All-Star Circuit of Champions event was rained out. The pair nearly collided exiting turn four with Sabo hitting the front stretch wall on lap 22, putting Henry into the lead. Henry held on for his 14th career win at Fremont. This capped off a good weekend for Henry. On Friday night racing in the World of Outlaws he finished the feature in 6th. The 305 A-main, went to Dustin Stroup. He had a dog fight on this hands as he and Bryan Sebetto battled each other hard

the last four laps after a caution. The two traded slide jobs every lap with Sebetto leading by a nose on laps 22 and 23 before Stroup did a slide job to regain the top spot coming to the white flag. The pair raced side by side in turns one and two and banged wheels down the back stretch before Stroup was able to secure the win. It was his ninth career win at Fremont. Finishing behind your leader 2. Bryan Sebetto, 3. Seth Schneider, 4. 1W-Paul Weaver, and 5. Logan Riehl. The dirt truck feature was won by Dave Gummy, followed by Cory McCaughey, Kent Brewer, Brad Mitten, and Dana Fry.

After being canceled the first 3 weeks of the season due to weather, Oakshade Raceway Park opened for racing. In the 25-lap Late Model feature, Rusty Schlenk started on the pole and built a big lead over the field. Colin Shipley came into the mix with the leader after a caution. Four-time track champion Devin Shiels worked his way up from the fifth starting position and passed Shipley to challenge Schlenk for the lead. He got alongside Schlenk on lap 11. Shiels appeared to complete the pass coming off turn two, but Schlenk tried to duck back under Shiels going into turn three. The two drivers made contact and Schlenk spun around bringing out the yellow flag on lap 12. As the field was coming back to the green flag, Shiels suddenly pulled off the track and retired back to the pits. That turned the lead over to Shipley. Dusty Moore fought back from his early spin to take the lead from

Shipley on lap 17, but Schlenk was charging hard toward the front and got by Moore to take the lead once again on lap 18. Moore would fight back on the final lap, but Schlenk held on to pick up the first Oakshade Raceway feature win of the year. Shipley slipped back to finish third behind Moore. Steve Kester and 2022 track champion Casey Noonan were the rest of the top five finishers. The other feature winners were Late Model Sportsman, Carter Schlenk, Dominator Stocks, Adam Noonan and Sport Compacts, Cory Gumm. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron Out! Visit, Ohio Sports Blitz on Facebook.

## ANTWERP ELEMENTARY 4<sup>TH</sup> NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2022-23

### All A's

**3RD GRADE:** Adelle Cline, Aubree Frost, Jameson Reeb, Rylee Slattman, Ulrik Zilstra, Olivia Bennett, Zoey Cottrell, Olivia Kosch, Lauren Overman, Lucas Phillips, Cora Rohrs, Oliver McCague, June Zuber

**4TH GRADE:** Owen Dangler, Addyson McKay, Sophira Partin, Kennedy Zuber, Carter Bagley, Carter Bereszszazi, Braxton Fidler, Dalton Hines, Charlotte Kauser, Josie Laker, Jameson Malfait, Makenzie Muir, Sylvie Zartman, Lily Zijlstra, Cy Zuber, Conley Bissell, Aubree Feehan, Adrian Hogans, Jocelyn Laker, Kaidyn Lemon, Julian Rivera, Luke Saylor, Brady Stairhime

**5TH GRADE:** Briggs Zartman

### All A's and B's

**3RD GRADE:** Blair Bowlin, Aria DeVault, Jayden Fish, Wesley Hostettler, Waylon Hounshell, Annabelle James, Layton Ladd, Brody Smith, Ava Starr, Madison Wiesehan, Grace Beck-Bragg, Brando Cruz Melgar, Chance Dockery, Tsarina Gorbey, Bennett Graham, Elliot Henschen, Lilian Mowery, Greyson Smith, Emmett Wurster, Brock Barker, Jase Burelison, Soren Conley, Sophia Friend, Ellie Kemerer, Harper Morrow, Zooey Mylek, Quintin Reyes, Sebastian Yanez

**4TH GRADE:** Keigan Custer, Maddix Foust, Carter Landis, Bradyn Miller, Samuel Montgomery, Owen Parisot, Lane Sensabaugh, Mattalyn Zielke, Quine Bradbury, Carson Forbes, Rile Martin, Avery Parrish, Adelynn Slattman, Devin Smith, Serenity Smith, Audreylynn Comer, Riel Gonzalez, Kloe Goudy, Juliet Jones, Jaxton Leinbach, Colt Lockhart, Easton Ryan, Stella Schmidt

**5TH GRADE:** Parker Bermejo, Eliza Cline, Conner Fidler, Hayden Grant, Kyler Johnson, Alivia Kiracofe, Isaac Meyer, Jordan Steel, Kolton Stuckey, Laylah Bermejo, Anderson Honigford, Luke Jones, Cooper Nestleroad, Bentley Taylor

## WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY 4<sup>TH</sup> NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2022-23

No honor roll for grades K-2

### 3RD GRADE

**All A's:** Piper Mills, Brynlee Stoller, Beckett Taylor, Kelsey Folsom, Raylynn Gerardot, Adalynn Litzenberg, Boston McGarvey, Le-

# ANTWERP ELEMENTARY MAY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Antwerp Elementary May Student of the Month are: Back Row: Lilly McKay, Colt Lockhart, Jordan Steel, Chance Lehman. Middle Row: Grace Kobee, Rylee Slattman, Olivia Bennett, Soren Conley, Hadley Bissell. Front Row: Ensley Parisot, Whitney Miller, Wyatt Hankinson, Paula Lopez, Alizae Gutierrez, Adaly Parrish. Not pictured: Jameson Malfait

land Hudson, Callen Stoller

**All A's and B's:** Saylor Denning, Hannah Mawer, Alyse Schmidt, Piper Mansfield, River Rittenhouse, Wade Stoller, Annaleigh Walker, Zoie Rogers, Brayden Williams, Jaden Johnson

**All B's:** Carson Holt, Chandler Richardson, Raven Swary, Lydia Shephard

### 4TH GRADE

**All A's** Gabe DeWaard, Kaylee Miller

**All A's and B's:** Shawn Bradford, Londyn Dargenson, Zander Lelonek, Aubrey Fairley, Kohen Fore, Garry Mendenhall, Emma Wilcox, Cerenity Seibert, Luke Shepherd

### 5TH GRADE

**All A's:** Krandon Crites, Hudsyn Burkley, Avery Welch, Megan Parker, Mailley Stoller

**All A's and B's:** Aubree Lamb, Ryleigh McGarvey, Scarlett Neff, Antonia Negrete-Pawoli, Audrey Reuille, Lucas Ross, Stella Sinn, Olivander McCague, Lienna Stoller, Jordan Howell, Laina Matthews

**All B's:** Minna Holmes, Chaz Moore, Jayce Buehrle, Kiptyn Mills

### 6TH GRADE

**All A's:** Emma Whitman  
**All A's and B's:** Addi Gerardot, Evelyn Lyons, Ian Scarberry, Layla Shellenbarger, Witt Stoller, Aaron Bohland, Kendall Folsom  
**All B's:** Grace Ringler

## WT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY 4<sup>TH</sup> NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2022-23

### 3RD GRADE

**All A's:** Carlson DeVenny, Allison Donaldson, Evan Heier, Mia Kamphaus, Brianna McClure, Jase Miller, Alirah Ricker, Chandler Sinn, Jayde Sinn, Austin Stoller, Lyla Stoller, Ellie Wilt

**A/B:** Bentlee Bidlack, Sophie Donaldson, Jaxon Porter, Kyndra Grimes, Hailey Martin, Dakota Miner, Gabriel Spangler, Gentry Tucker

### 4TH GRADE

**All A's:** Wyatt Farris, Paisley Greear, Abrie Hurd, Beckett Jay, Grayson LaBounty, Brynlee Maenle, Sawyer Schlatter, Jaxson Shelton, Emberlee Sinn, Aylan Stoller, Shawna Stoller

**A/B:** Ryder Collins, Rozlynn Eversole, Emma Hartwig, Kendyl Hurd, Jennifer Lopez-Castillo, Lyla Orona, Gracie Santo, Drea Stephey-Galdazo

### B's: Gabriella Lowe

### 5TH GRADE

**All A's:** Brenna Beining, Avah Farris, Katelynn Hurd, Kenzie Manz, Connie

## CHP OFFERING FREE CAMP FOR BEREAVED KIDS



CHP Home Care & Hospice will conduct its Rays of Hope Camp for kids dealing with grief and loss on June 27-29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at YMCA Camp Clay, 9196 Liberty-Union Rd., in Van Wert.

The camp is for children and youth (ages 6-17), who are dealing with grief issues related to the loss of someone with whom they were close. Campers will be separated in age-appropriate groups and the teen group will have an extended day until 7 p.m. on Wed. Jun. 28.

Camp events help participants gain support and have a better understanding of the grief process. Activities are

designed for children to connect with others their age with similar experiences, find safe and creative ways to voice thoughts and feelings, nurture memories, build confidence and self-worth, play, laugh, cry, and feel a sense of normalcy.

Rays of Hope is led by CHP Hospice staff and volunteers who are trained to help with children's loss issues.

The camp is free with lunch and snacks provided, but participants must pre-register online at [comhealth-pro.org/beravement-support](http://comhealth-pro.org/beravement-support).

For more information, call 419-238-9223 x1117.

Landwehr, Griffin Miller, Carter Nofsinger, Kolson Stoller

**A/B:** Jocelyn Adkins, Calvin Coffman, Piper Densmore, Gracelyn Elkins, Carter Ludwig, Jocelyn Mabis, Gracelyn Miller, Tylan Sinn  
**B's:** Drew McClure, Brooklyn Reader

### 6TH GRADE

**All A's:** Emma jay, Brayden Sinn, Corbin Stoller  
**B's:** Jocelynne James, Carlen Ludwig, Kinlee Miller, Braylin Sinn, Jonah Sinn, Brooke Stoller, Olivia Stoller, Jacob Wobler, Abigail Tarlton, Abbie Williams

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# PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

## Criminal/Traffic

### Disposition Report

**Corey A. Cirino**, Cheektowaga, NY; No tail lights; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Wayne D. Johnson**, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Proof of insurance provided; Release operator license when paid in full

**Christian W. Short**, Kendallville, IN; Unsafe vehicle; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Megan F. Harpel**, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Tyson W. Loshe-Bercot**, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Nicholas L. Smith**, Shidler, OK; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Alejandro M. Lopez**, Fort Wayne, IN; No operator license; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Karmandeep Singh**, Brampton, OH; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Rachel L. Strube**, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Angela M. Webster**, Edgewood, KY; Left of center, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Distracted driving, Count B dismissed per plea agreement

**Elizabeth R. Frost**, Hicksville, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Miranda M. Schlatter**, Paulding, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Allie J. Kroetz**, Stryker, OH; Driving under suspension-operator license forfeiture; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Proof of insurance provided; Release operator license when paid in full

**Christian W. Short**, Kendallville, IN; Unsafe vehicle; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

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## ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS



On May 12, the Village Administrator received a call that several trees had been dumped at the compost site. The owner of the business had his employees pick up the trees and did so immediately.

On May 12, an officer was called to keep the peace between residents on East River St.

On May 15, around midnight two adult individuals were found spray painting on the side of the H2O Water Store building. Both were arrested and through the investigation it was found they were involved with other defacing and damaging along with stolen vehicle cases. Drugs and weapons were found in the apartment. The case is ongoing.

On May 15, a criminal damaging complaint was received at 211 South Main St. The glass had been broken out of one of the gas pumps.

On May 17, an officer witnessed a red Ford Ranger accelerate at the intersection of Erie and Canal Streets to the point where the juvenile driver almost lost control. The juvenile driver is being cited in Juvenile Court.

On May 17, the manager of the North Garden Apartments contacted the Police Department in regards to believing Jason Fisher may have been on the property, of which he is forbidden to set foot on either North Garden Apartments or Park Avenue Villas. The officer located the person and found it was not Jason Fisher.

On May 17, it was reported there was a door-to-door salesman on Daggett Street. The officer located the sales person and explained they must have a permit.

On May 17, the police were contacted in reference to not paying for \$67 of gas at a local station. The officers located the resident and he returned to the station to pay his debt.

On May 18, the Antwerp PD was called to assist the Antwerp School with students that couldn't be dropped off at the North Garden Apartments. The Officer assisted by locating the parent.

On May 19, officers were called to a residence on Cleveland Street for an argument between roommates.

On May 19, the Antwerp PD received a report of a white truck driving recklessly around the village. The officer located the vehicle and it was parked at a private residence. The officer spoke with the driver about his conduct and the owner of the vehicle was contacted.

On May 21, a vehicle was stopped on N Main St. pulling into North Garden Apart-

ments. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and obstruction of justice. During the stop suspected drugs were located including meth. Several items reported stolen from storage lockers from Ohio and Indiana were found in the vehicle. The case in ongoing and the driver was arrested.

On May 22, the Antwerp PD assisted the Antwerp EMS at a residence on Park Avenue.

On May 22, an officer was contacted from a resident on Washington St. He believed his building was shot with a BB gun several times. On officer found marks on the building.

On May 23, the police were contacted due to an elderly resident who was scammed out of approximately \$150,000. The scammers took advantage of the person on Facebook. The information was gathered and a file started. The Ohio Attorney Generals office has been contacted to contribute to the investigation.

On May 23, a resident reported, while at work, that there were two men sitting on benches behind her house drinking tall boy beers. She found nothing missing, but reported it to the police anyway due to two men escaping from the Lima State Penitentiary.

On May 23, an officer was contacted about a metal railroad tie on Cleveland Street. The officer responded and contacted the railroad company.

On May 23, an officer requested to unlock a vehicle on Canal St. The unlock was performed.

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

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### 4TH GRADE

**All A's:** Wyatt Farris, Paisley Greear, Emma Hartwig, Abrie Hurd, Kendyl Hurd,

Beckett Jay, Grayson LaBounty, Jennifer Lopez-Castillo, Brynlee Maenle, Sawyer Schlatter, Emberlee Sinn, Aylan Stoller, Shawna Stoller

**A/B:** Ryder Collins, Rozlynn Eversole, Gabriella Lowe, Jaxson Shelton, Dreya Stephey-Baldoazo

### B's: Gracie Santo

### 5TH GRADE

**All A's:** Brenna Beining, Avah Farris, Katelynn Hurd, Connie Landwehr, Kenzie Manz, Griffin Miller, Kolson Stoller

**A/B:** Jocelyn Adkins, Piper Densmore, Jaxon Gabrio, Carter Ludwig, Jocelyn Mabis, Gracelyn Miller, Carter Noffsinger, Tylan Sinn

**B's:** Calvin Coffman, Gracelyn Elkins, Drew McClure

### 6TH GRADE

**All A's:** Easten Jay, Kinlee Miller, Brayden Sinn, Brooke Stoller, Corbin Stoller, Olivia Stoller

**A/B:** Braylin Sinn, Abbie Williams, Jacob Wobbler

**B's:** Phoebe Landwehr, Carlen Ludwig, Abigail Tarlton, Olivia Tarlton, EhvaJean Trentman

# The West Bend News Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

## PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

### New Schedule For Large Villages

**1st Weekend-** Paulding, Fair Grounds

**2nd Weekend-** Grover Hill, VFW

**3rd Weekend-** Payne, (Paved lot east of Homier's)

**4th Weekend-** Antwerp, (13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

### New Schedule For Smaller Villages

**3rd Wednesday of each month**

Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)

Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)

Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)

Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)

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

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

### IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

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

**LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**PREMIER INVESTMENTS, ET AL., Defendants,**

Case No. CI 23 039

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

**221 East Townline Street, Payne Parcel Number: 19-06S-023-00**

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

The opening bid is Six Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-one and 03/100 (\$6,221.03) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel on Thursday, June 29, 2023 by on-line bidding at:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio  
[www.pauldingohsheriff.com](http://www.pauldingohsheriff.com)  
Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HICKSVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Hicksville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on an application for a Zoning Change on Thursday, June 8, 2023, starting at 6:00 pm in the office of the zoning inspector, located at 108 N. Main St. Hicksville, OH.

The application submitted by Vick & Heidi Lilly, is a request to rezone lot 314 pt, lot 317 pt, lot 344 & lot 80, Auditors Plat, with a physical address of 525 S. Main St. The lot is presently zoned as M-2 Heavy Industrial. The request is to rezone to R-3, Single Family, Two Family, Three Family.

—Mike Bailey,  
Zoning Inspector  
Village of Hicksville

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

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

**vs.**

**ERIN F. FISH, ET AL., Defendants,**

Case No. CI 22 170

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

**106 Buckeye Drive, Antwerp Parcel Number: 12-22S-010-00; 12-22S-011-00; and, 12-08S-008-06**

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office located in the Courthouse or at: [www.uslandrecords.com](http://www.uslandrecords.com)

Said premises appraised at One Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 (\$150,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the June 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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

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

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on July 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio  
[www.pauldingohsheriff.com](http://www.pauldingohsheriff.com)

Phillip Smith, Jr., Attorney for Plaintiff

# HICKSVILLE SCHOOLS AWARDED GRANT



Hicksville Schools was recently named a Grief-Sensitive School by New York Life Foundation and awarded a \$3,000 grant. Teachers and staff within the district completed additional training and made the commitment

to help provide a more supportive environment for students who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Pictured below: Anthony Marlin from NY Life and Brittany Carpenter, HEVS School Social Worker.

## MUSEUM HOSTING POKER RUN, OPEN HOUSE JUNE 3

The Black Swamp Cruiser Club is again hosting the Memorial Ride for

Les Weidenhamer and Todd Switzer, a poker run and motorcycle tour of Paulding County. The annual ride on June 3 will begin and end at the John Paulding Historical

Society Museum.

The motorcycle run is only one of the events at the museum June 3-4.

An open house is planned from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. June 3 and from noon-4 p.m. Sunday, June 4, to give the public an opportunity to see the museum's "A Vintage Wedding" exhibit. More than 50 wedding gowns from the 1880s through 1980s are on display, along with accessories, original photographs and memorabilia.

Visitors also can view the "Celebration of Arts & Artists of Paulding County" paintings exhibit both days. The display includes more than 70 works in watercolor, acrylics and oils by 30 local artists, past and present.

The Arts & Artists exhibit opened May 23 and continues through June 27.

June 3 also marks the anniversary of the museum building's opening in 1984. Admission and parking are free.

The motorcycle run is a fun-filled trip through the countryside of Paulding County and beyond. Mike Bok is planning the route. Learn some new things about local history and end the afternoon with a 50/50

# GOVERNOR HOLCOMB SIGNS HOUSE BILL 1528



Governor Holcomb signed House Bill 1528 into law, alongside Representative Dave Heine, EACS Superintendent Marilyn Hissong, FWCS Superintendent Dr. Mark Daniel, Oliver Barie of Borror Public Affairs, IDOE representatives, Purdue Fort Wayne and Trine University representatives. House Bill 1528 is the 'Transition to Teaching' bill where school districts can now attract more teachers by broadening the el-

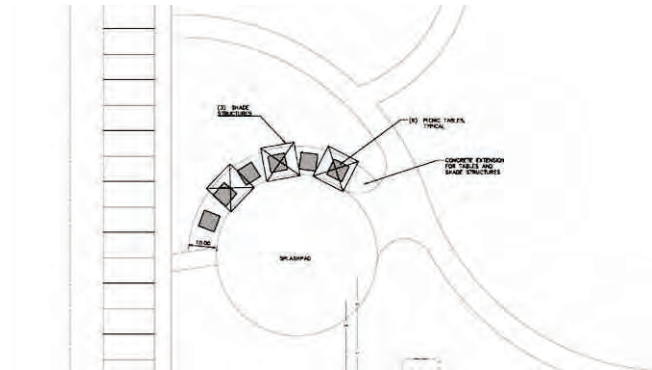
igibility to the Hoosier Educators Scholarship program. Candidates enrolled in a "transition to teaching" program will be able to access up to \$10,000 towards their tuition. Applicants must already have a baccalaureate degree. Applicants must also agree to teach at a public school or eligible school for five years after completing the transition to teaching program.

Superintendent Hissong was present at the bill signing

and said, "This opens a lot of doors for future teachers without them accruing college loan debt and also allows them to acclimate into our classrooms more quickly". Superintendent Hissong is thankful for the collaborative efforts of all who worked diligently to make this happen.

Individuals interested in applying for this program should contact East Allen County Schools for more details.

## ANTWERP'S HOLLY BEACH SPLASHPAD UPDATE



Your splash pad committee has been very busy working hard to bring the Holly Beach Splash Pad to Antwerp!

We are full steam ahead! Currently, we are making sure all of the blueprints have the engineers "seal of approval" and we've applied for permits to begin construction. These things take time which means we will not be open by Memorial Day.

Excitedly, we can confirm the splash pad structures and equipment have been success-

ful delivered to Antwerp.

We are only DAYS out from receiving the awarded funds from the Ohio Capital Improvement Project.

As for all the fun splash pad accessories (benches, tables, sunshades, etc) the order has been placed and we should have everything soon!

Check the Holly Beach Facebook page for regular updates and thank you for all the support on this impactful project.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will work with contractors to suspend or reduce the size of work zones as much as possible to accommodate the extra traffic. However, that's not possible in every situation. Travel delays due to road work are likely on I-75 in Toledo, Dayton, and Cincinnati, I-70 through Columbus and Zanesville, and both I-76 and I-77 in Akron.

"Roads will be packed with travelers. Planning ahead and being patient will be key," said ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks. "Above all, we want everyone to be safe and arrive at their destination."

You can find information about work zones, view more than 1,000 live traffic cameras, see current road conditions, and traffic alerts

at OHGO.com. County-by-county travel advisories are also available online.

The ODOT Safety Patrol, sponsored by GEICO, sees a 10% increase in incidents during the busy travel holiday. Their main priority is to make the roadways safe and assist first responders to keep traffic flowing through Ohio's largest metro areas. You can do your part by checking your fuel gauge to avoid running out of gas, ensure your car's air conditioning is working properly, and keeping an eye out for other roadway users.

Remember, Ohio law requires you to move over a lane for all stationary vehicles with flashing lights. If you cannot safely move over, you are required to slow down. This keeps all our roadside workers safe.

# Free Friday

Come enjoy the PAULDING COUNTY FAIR on Friday, June 16th and enjoy:

**FREE Admission**

sponsored by Baughman Tile

**FREE Sausage Sandwich with Egg**

Redeem at FFA Alumni Building near the livestock barns

All compliments of your friends at:



Redeem this coupon for **1-FREE Sausage Sandwich with Egg** at the 2023 Paulding County Fair on **Friday, June 16th only**



\*No purchase necessary, Limit one per person Valid June 16, 2023 - Photocopies not valid

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## SAFETY TOP OF MIND AS SUMMER TRAVEL SEASON BEGINS

Millions of drivers will hit the road for the Memorial Day holiday weekend, kicking off the unofficial start to summer.

The American Automobile Association (AAA) is predicting 42.3 million Americans will travel more than 50 miles from home during the holiday, a 7% increase over 2022.

Last year, 17 people died on Ohio roads during the Memorial Day holiday. The Ohio State Highway Patrol will be keeping a close eye on the roads with an extra emphasis on seat belt violations, impaired or distracted drivers, and speeding.

"Memorial Day begins what is, unfortunately, the 100 deadliest days on the road. Working together, we can change that. Focus on the road, buckle up, drive sober, and obey the speed limit," said State Patrol Superintendent Colonel Charles Jones.

You can help contribute to a safer Ohio by calling #677 to report drug activity and dangerous or impaired driving.

With more than 1,000 construction projects this year, there is a lot of work underway on Ohio roads.

**OHIO EMA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIMA MERICK, PAYS A VISIT TO PAULDING COUNTY**



Executive Director Merick, Paulding County's EMA Director Bohn, discussing with Paulding County Commissioners; Weible, Holtsberry, and McClure about the issue small counties have when it comes to major disasters.

Sima Merick, the Executive Director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, paid a visit, to Paulding County's Emergency Management Director, Edward Bohn and the new Emergency Operation Center (EOC) on Monday the 22nd. Director Merick was scheduled to be in Paulding County in February, but following the train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, had to reschedule for a later on the calendar.

The director came to evaluate Paulding County's new EOC. The Emergency Operation Center is used by 1st Responders and County Leaders during a time of crisis. Whether, it is a Natural Disaster of wide spread portion; Tornadoes, Strong Severe Thunderstorms, Straight Line Winds, Flooding, etc. Or it could be Man-Made Disaster; Train Derailment, Large Scale Hazardous Material Incident, major Mass Casualty Event, etc.

tors attend the gathering to see for themselves, what the new EOC looked like and what features they could possibly use in their own county EOC. Sean Miller, Director of Ohio EMAs Regional Operations Branch was in attendance as well. Mr. Miller was Delaware County's EMA Director prior to his appointment at the state level earlier this year. He brings a county director perspective to the office.

There was a lot of great discussion of the format of running an EOC. Prior to the Pandemic, EOCs were manned by key county leaders and would brainstorm to solve problems and issues that existed where the damage and destruction took place and assist those on scene. During the pandemic, with not being able to gather in places, innovations of virtual meetings, transmitting live feeds to a centrally located place and distributed to multiple locations, has allowed for more efficient operations to take place.

That technology has been implemented on a smaller scale in Paulding County's Emergency Operation Center and if all goes well, this late Fall, the state's State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) evaluators will be testing the county's capabilities. The facility is located at the McDonald Pike' Office Complex, 451 McDonald Pike.

**HELP WANTED:**

**Innovative Assembly Services, LLC**  
109 Victory Lane, Antwerp, OH 45813  
Phone: 419-399-3886  
Email:  
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Family owned business located in Antwerp, Ohio looking for general labor associates to do light manufacturing and assembly. Will provide on the job training. Hours are Monday-Friday from 5:00 am-1:30 pm. Competitive wages, vacation and personal leave after probationary period.  
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**GARAGE SALE: June 1-3 9to5. Cribs, beds, furniture, tools, household items, clothes. 947 Haver Drive, Hicksville.p**

**GARAGE SALE** in Hedges - 15079 Bowman St. (1/4 mile east of Koharts). Diane Rinebolt. June 2 & 3. New air conditioner, stereo, clothes, etc. p

**NICE BARN SALE: June 1-3, 9-6. Lots of furniture, dressers, chest, 5pc retro bamboo table/chairs, benches, misc tables, patio furniture, nice old chicken nesting box, vintage cherry master, wood ladders, many barn finds, antiques, mid-century items, 1980 Schwinn bicycle-one owner, dressing screens, vinyls, décor, bedding, linens, rugs, garden, nice womens jeans, causal wear, dresses, shoes, bags, so much more. Clean and priced to sell. This is a huge sale, so come and make a deal. Cash only please. 24507 River Rd. Woodburn, IN. P**

**HUGE SALE: New womens clothing and accessories, home décor, wall hangings and much more. Attic clean out. 144 Maumee Lane. June 1 & 2; 9-5 and June 3; 9-12 p**

**NOW HIRING: SOMEONE with a Class A CDL (Equipment Operator, Laborer) Or just a driver to drive to Job sites and back full time or part-time on Excavating crew, 260-705-4130 19-22**  
**WANTED: Old toys, postcards, jewelry, coins, railroad items, watches, military collectibles, antiques, pens, stamps, comics, magazines, records. Paulding by the jail. (419)399-3353. tf**

**GARAGE SALE/MOVING SALE: June 1-3, 9am-5pm. Location: R. Reinhart. 705 Jacob's Drive, Hartne (north of Van Crest). Shop hand tools and battery powered tools, air compressor with wand and long hose, portable air tank, Shop Vac, vice & grinder on portable cart, Craftsman organizer tool boxes, Yukon black worth bench cabinet, outdoor bench with storage. Collectibles: Jim Beam decanters and Avon steins. Home décor items, kitchen items and formal glassware. Much more. CASH ONLY. p**

**2002 MONTE CARLO Brake Set for Sale.** Full front-end brake replacement: 4 pads, 2 rotors, 2 calipers. Fits 2002-2005 models. \$150. Call or txt 419-506-0266 tf

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**LEINARD MOBILE Home Park has New Homes for Sale and Rentals available. Please contact us at 419-258-2710. We are a no dog park, application and background check is required. tf**

**DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS IN WEST BEND NEWS IS FRIDAYS AT 12 NOON!!!**

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5/25/23, Ohio State Highway Patrol released information to law enforcement in multiple states on the escapees and the vehicle they were believed to be driving. The vehicle, a red Mercury Capri stolen from Auglaize County, was located by officers from the Henderson Police Dept. earlier today, and a pursuit ensued. Following the pursuit, James Lee was taken into custody, but Bradley Gillespie was not apprehended. Law enforcement officers continue to saturate that area in search of the escaped inmate.

To support the work to locate Gillespie, the Ohio State Highway Patrol has deployed resources to the Henderson area. Troopers from the Patrol's Aviation Unit will aid in the search from the air, and troopers from the Patrol's Special Response Team will help on the ground under the authority of the USMS. Additionally, troopers from the Patrol's Office of Investigative

Services will be assisting with the criminal investigation. Apprehension of Gillespie remains the focus of all.

The Patrol continues to investigate how Lee and Gillespie escaped. The safety of the community in the area of AOCI remains the priority of local law enforcement, the Allen County Sheriff's Office, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction. AOCI is operating with limited, controlled inmate movement and an internal investigation is underway.

A reward of up to \$21,000 remains in place for information that leads to the capture of Gillespie. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Findlay Patrol Post at 419- 423-1414 or the USMS at 1-866-4WANTED. If encountered, members of the public should not approach Gillespie and should contact 911 immediately. Relevant updates will continue to be provided on Twitter.

**LIONS DONUTS AT ANTWERP DAYS**

The Woodburn Lions Club will have their famous Donuts at this year's Antwerp Days on June 3rd. We will be located across from the VFW. Stand will be there from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. or until sold out. Stop by and get your donuts before and after the Parade.

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**Sudoku solution from page 9**

**PERI CHAPTER 10 MEETING**

**NOTICE!!** All 96 state members: PERI Paulding County Chapter 10 will hold its meeting at the Paulding County Senior Center, 410 E. Jackson St. At 10:00 a.m. On Wednesday, June 7, 2023



**ONE TIN SOLDIER**

We all want something for nothing. We are greedy. We all want something without paying the price for it. In 8 decades the only way I have ever gotten money is to work for it. I personally worked a job, that had no holidays, no free time, the only time you got paid is if you got something done.

We had a friend that was a phys ed teacher. He was seriously into day trading stocks. He had quite a bit of downtime and he was going to be rich. We never followed him but never heard of him getting rich. Now one of the great ballads.

"Listen, children, to a story that was written long ago 'bout a kingdom on a mountain, and the valley-folk below. On the mountain was a treasure buried deep beneath

the stone and the valley-people swore they'd have it for their very own, mount your horses draw your swords"

The valley-people hear the mountain-people have a treasure buried beneath a stone. They are determined that they will have it even if it means war. They would kill for the treasure. The mountain-people told them they would share, but that was not good enough, the valley-people attacked. "Tons of gold for which they'd kill" "Go ahead and hate your neighbor, go ahead and cheat a friend, do it in the name of heaven, you can justify it in the end"

"Now they stood beside the treasure on the mountain, dark and red turned the stone and looked beneath it "Peace on Earth" was all it said.

"There won't be any trumpets blowing, Come the judgment Day. On the bloody morning after. One Tin Soldier rides away"

—James Neuhouser



**PAULDING SWCD IS HIRING**

**DISTRICT TECHNICIAN**

Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District is hiring a FULL-TIME District Technician. Training available. Full Job descriptions and applications are available in the office or on our website: www.pauldingswcd.org Any interested applicant should submit application or resume prior to 4:00 p.m., Friday June 9, 2023, to:

**Paulding SWCD |Attn: Dan Foust**  
451C McDonald Pike  
Paulding, Ohio 45879

or email to: dan.foust@pauldingswcd.org

Any questions, please contact the office at 419-399-4771

**NOW HIRING**

**FEMALE CORRECTIONAL OFFICER**

Paulding County Sheriff's Office is seeking a full-time female Correctional Officer. This is a union/classified position. Job description available at Sheriff's Office & website.

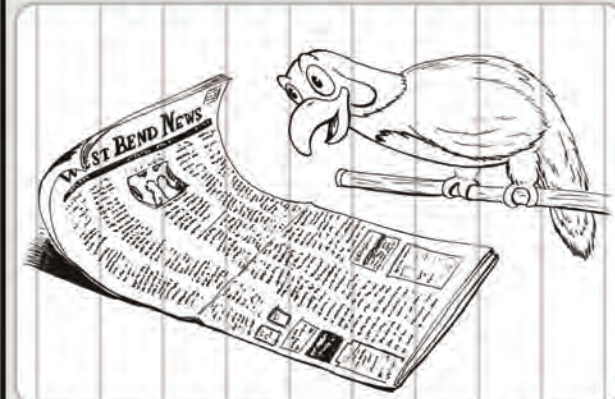
Applicants must possess high school diploma or general education degree (GED). Background checks and drug screening required. Full-time rate with no experience is \$18.24; \$.25 shift premium 2nd, 3rd & swing shifts; with contractual increases. Insurance 80/20 premiums; vacation; sick time; holiday pay; OPERS; earned personal days & longevity pay. Lateral transfers considered.

Applications available at office or print from website (www.pauldingohsheriff.com) under General Information tab or download our app with QSR and submit your information using "Join Our Team." **Deadline is 8 a.m., Friday, June 2.** Applications accepted after deadline will be on file for 6 months for future openings.

Applications filed within the past 6 months will be considered for this position. PCSO is an equal opportunity employer.



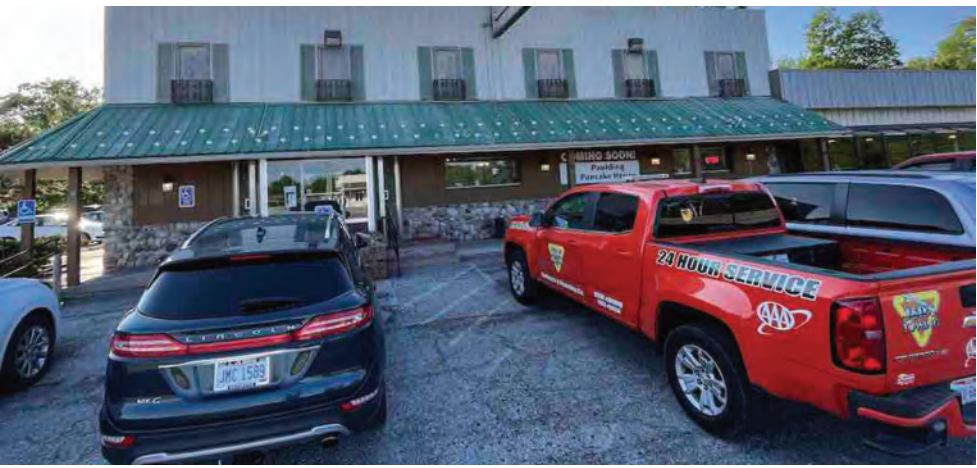
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# PAULDING PANCAKE HOUSE: SAME GREAT MENU; DIFFERENT LOCATION!



Many locals remember the tragic fire that the swept through the kitchens at Paulding Pancake House last year. The Martinez family wanted to continue to serve Paulding County with delicious food and a relaxing atmosphere, so they pursued an opportunity that arose down the road outside of Paulding. Vagabond Village closed shop their doors as the family there wanted to retire from the

business. The building and property were up for sale and local resident Amy Schlegel purchase the building. This was the door opening that the Martinez family was waiting for and they collaborated together to make the appropriate renovations to open Paulding Pancake House once again.

Paulding Pancake House had a soft opening this past week beginning on Monday

May 22, 2023 with breakfast and lunch hours. Come ready to dine in a freshly renovated building and their legendary menu and exceptional staff.

Hours are Monday and Tuesday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Wednesday thru Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Look for more info in upcoming issues of West Bend News!

# PARAGON TEMPERED GLASS ANTWERP FACILITY BREAK GROUND ON \$10M EXPANSION



Paragon Tempered Glass broke ground on an expanded facility Tuesday, May 23, 2023. The Ohio facility, based in Antwerp, will add 50K square feet to its existing building to house a new automated production line. With the investment of \$10M, the expansion will house the company's first new tempering line in more than 30 years.

A specialty fabricator, Paragon offers custom glass solutions that includes both flat and bent tempered glass. In addition to the Ohio facility, a second location operates out of Niles, Michigan. The company was formed in 2013 when Spec-Temp, LLC in Ohio, and Tem-Pace, LLC in Michigan, merged.

Managing the expansion project is CME Construction, a firm in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The project allows CME Construction to showcase its ability to serve companies looking to build new structures as well as expand



current footprints.

"We are excited to partner with Paragon on this expansion," said CME Construction President Ryan Hellinger. "It's rewarding to put our efforts behind a company that has such a solid presence in the Antwerp community."

The project allows Paragon to add at least 12 new jobs and will allow the fabricator to remain competitive in the marketplace. Company officials said the new facility will increase

their capability to expand the company's reach into new markets they currently do not compete in.

"Paragon is excited to launch this project and take our company to the next level. This expansion will allow us both the capabilities and capacity to grow for years to come," said President Dan Wright.

To learn more about Paragon, visit [www.paragontemperedglass.com](http://www.paragontemperedglass.com)

## TAILGATING FOR A CURE

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Relay For Life in Paulding County will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. This is family friendly and the public is welcome. You do not need to be a survivor to attend:

5:30 p.m. - Survivor Registration

6:00-6:30 p.m. - Opening Ceremony Survivor Lap, Caregiver Lap, and Teams to Follow Paulding VFW Raising Flag & National Anthem: Lisa Clinton

6:00 p.m. - Midnight - Raffle/Silent Auction

6:20 p.m. - Survivor Reception

6:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. - Food and Vendors; Visit each campsite for FUN!

6:30 p.m. - Musical Scavenger Hunt

7:00-8:00 p.m. - Frozen T-

Shirt

8:00 p.m. - Ball Drop

9:50 p.m. - Luminaria Prayer (Grant Harder)

10:00 p.m. - Luminaria Ceremony (ft. David Bussing)

11:00 p.m. - Drive In Movie

11:45 p.m. - Midnight - Raffle Winners Announced and Silent Auction Winners Announced

2:00 a.m. - Closing Ceremony and First Lap of 2024 Season Together!

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