

## MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY IN ANTWERP



Monday May 29th dawned bright and blue outside as we walked to the annual Antwerp Rotary Club's Pancake & Sausage breakfast at the Antwerp Global Methodist Church. We had a nice time conversing with many Antwerpian residents about what's been happening with

them and their plans for the holiday. After a delicious indulgence of breakfast foods (pancakes are sooooo good & that sausage - YUM!), we stepped back out into the sunshine with our sun hats and shades and made our way towards the Antwerp Veterans Memorial Riverside Park —

the location of the Memorial Day ceremony. Veterans of the area were getting set up with the 21 gun saluters at their spot at the edge of CR 424.

The parade then began at the VFW Post 5087 building and made its way down S. Main St. to E River St. led by  
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## LOCAL WOMEN TO WORK IN MISSIONS IN ISRAEL

Two women with ties to our area will be heading to Israel on a mission trip this fall. Wendy Hallgren of MI (who has children living in Paulding County) and Darlene Briskey, a local artist who has spoken about her mission travels at several local events. These women are diverse in their walks with the Lord but are both praying that God continues to open doors for them to serve as they step out in faith, preparing to share and love as they bring the good news of the gospel with them.

God has given them a mission opportunity in Israel, where things are a bit unstable. Each of these women

know the Middle East has always been a center of unrest, but Darlene told me that they will be in God's hands, and both are trusting God and believe that whatever happens will be His will.

They will be working with a local Messianic/Christian ministry in an undisclosed place in Israel. This ministry feeds the hungry, cares for elderly, widows, orphans, and refugees. They visit nursing homes and help care for some remaining holocaust survivors. These women will be busy working for most of the time they are in Israel. During that time, they will be staying in the homes of a local Messianic congregation. The homes will be those of poor families who will be opening  
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN JUNE

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is getting ready for the Kickoff of the 2023 Summer Reading Program, "All Together Now". Sign up started on May 22 and the program begins June 5 and ends August 5. Drop by your favorite location to register and see what is happening. The library will have a booth at the Paulding County Fair June 12-16, stop by and see what interesting things are happening. The library will be closed Monday June 19 in observance of Juneteenth Day.

The Adult Section will continue Coffee Talk every Thursday at 1, please stop by  
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## HANDERSON REPRESENT WOODLAN AT STATE MEET



Woodlan will be represented at the Indiana High School Athletic Association

state track meet on June 2nd as Sam Handerson moved on for the Warriors.

Handerson advanced to the state meet with a third-place finish in the 100-meter dash, finishing with a time of 10.85 seconds.

He also placed in the 200-meter dash but just finished moving on to the state meet, taking sixth overall in 22.45 seconds.

In the long jump, Handerson leaped 21-7 to record a fourth-place finish.

Woodlan's 400-meter relay squad of C.J. Handerson, Sam Handerson, Michael Mackin and June Suel took fifth place with a time of 43.33 seconds.



## WELCOME TO THE 2023 PAULDING COUNTY 4-H FAIR!

The 2023 Paulding County 4-H Fair is here! June 10-17, 2023. FAIR ADMISSION IS FREE! There will be free rides on 6/10-6/17, 1:00-10:00 p.m. Secretary's Office will be open 6/9/23 from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; 6/10 - 6/17 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Following is the schedule

for the festival week — please be advised this fair schedule may be subject to change.

Remember: Join in daily inside the Extension Office for "Acres of Fun" — Education, Fun & Entertainment for both Youth & Adults — see the Schedule on the Door of the Building

SATURDAY, JUNE 10:  
8:00-11:00 a.m. — Live

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### Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

#### June 6

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

#### June 7

- PC Board of Elections meeting @ 105 W Perry, Paulding, 9am

#### June 8

- Patio Concert @ Huber, 7pm

#### June 9

- Feel Good Friday @ Fountain Park, 7:30pm

#### June 10

- Paulding County Fair Starts!

#### June 11

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

#### June 13

- Narcotics Anonymous @ Antwerp Comm. Church, 6pm
- FW Comm. Band @ Foellinger Theater, 7:30pm

#### June 15

- The Rainbow Fish Musical @ Huber, 7pm

#### June 17

- Woodburn Lions Club donuts @ Chop Shop, 7-11am
- NRL22 Rifle Event @ Ant. Cons. Club, Sight-in, 9am

Add your event to the calendar  
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**OBITUARIES**



are. She was honest and pure with a quick witted sass that we all loved and cherish. Bobbie Jo's heart was as big and boisterous as her laugh was. Her words were kind and soft and at the same time, she had no problem telling you how it is with the most colorful verbiage. She was fearless, adventurous, full of joy and loved life. She loved the smell of the air and the freedom of riding her Harley- even in the rain- she wanted to, and did, ride.

Please join us at Den Herder Funeral Home 1000 West Wayne Street in Paulding Ohio on Saturday June 3rd 2023 from 11:00-3:00 PM to celebrate the boujee life of Bobbie Jo. Afterwards we will move to the AFWer in Paulding for a meal. Come with fun/memorable stories to share with the family. Bobbie Jo would want donations made to the American Alzheimer's Association to honor her mother, in lieu of flowers. There will be no viewing because she ran out of lip stain.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com).



**PAULDING, OH:**  
**Annabell (Manz) Spangler**, 95 years and 9 months, passed away at 12:26 am, Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at home with her family by her side.

She was born on August 31, 1927 in Paulding to the late Herman and Ruth (Gerber) Manz. At the age of 61 on October 23, 1988, she married Oliver Spangler. She was his primary caregiver for the last 7 years of his life until his passing in 1997 at the age of 94. She has been preceded in death by her parents, second-mother Della Manz, and two brothers, Daniel and Ervin, and 3 sisters, Judith, Minnie, and Mary.

Besides her Savior and hope of salvation, Annabell's greatest treasure was her family. She was thankful to have been able to stay at home and be in the assisted care of her sister and family. She is survived by her sister, Carolyn (James) Spangler of Paulding, and brother, Alvin (Betty, deceased) Manz of Defiance. She loved her 2 grandchildren like her own children, Elizabeth (Doug) Reinhard and Wendell Spangler and Lisa Klinebriel, fiancée; 7

great-grandchildren of who called her Nana: Jonathan (Kyla) Reinhard, Emily (Noah) Butler, Samuel Reinhard, Hudson, Ella, and Sophia Spangler and Avery Klinebriel; one great-great grandchild: Kai Butler, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Annabell thoroughly enjoyed making someone else's day a little brighter. Her quiet example was an inspiration to all that knew her. She was remembered by many for her hobby of collecting over 5,000 sets of salt and pepper shakers. She attended the Junction Apostolic Christian Church in Defiance, Ohio and became a member on December 31, 1944 at the tender age of 17. She attended the Rose Hill School and Paulding High School. She worked at the Paulding County Hospital and at Brune Printing Company where she retired at the age of 64. Annabell will be remembered as someone who loved to serve her family and simply spending time with them. In her later years when she no longer was able to get out and about, she looked forward to visiting with everyone who stopped by.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, June 5, 2023 at Junction Apostolic Christian Church with church clergymen officiating. Burial will follow in Dotterer Cemetery, Junction.

Visitation will be held from 3:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at Junction Apostolic Christian Church. There will also be visitation from 9:30 A.M. until time of services on Monday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Annabell's memory to the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, 103 N Main St., Paulding, OH 45879.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com).



**MANSFIELD, OH:**  
**Dr. Winfield Christopher Meek** passed away the morning of March 16th, 2023, at his home in Mansfield, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jayne Dysinger Meek; his daughter Erin (Anthony) Gill of Falls Church, VA; his daughter Angela (Robert) Becker of McCall, ID; his son Christopher Meek of Lexington, OH; Grandchildren Nathaniel, Henry, and Edward "Teddy" Gill of Falls Church, VA and Samuel and Paisley Becker of McCall, ID; and Sister Paula Meek of Hicksville, OH.

Winfield was preceded in death by his infant brother Myles Cooper Meek and parents Wendell Cooper Meek and Carma Hootman Meek.

Winfield was born November 3rd, 1942, to Wendell and Carma Meek in Hicksville, Ohio. He grew up on a small family farm in Paulding County, Ohio and was an active 4-H member. Win graduated from Antwerp High School in 1960, where he lettered in Band, Chorus and Track and was an Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop 143, Antwerp, Ohio.

Winfield was a very proud graduate of The Ohio State University and The Ohio State University College of Dentistry, where he completed his post graduate studies in the specialty of Periodontics. While attending OSU, Winfield was a member of the Air Force ROTC program and was one of sixteen members selected to compete on the AFROTC Precession Drill Team, drilling with the M-1 Grand Rifle in many college competitions. The height of his AFROTC career came during

the Cherry Blossom Competition, when he marched with his Drill Team in a parade for President John F. Kennedy. Winfield was also a singing member of the ROTC Skytones, a member of Novice G. Fawcett's Committee of 88, and president of the Smith Resident Hall.

Following his graduation from OSU School of Dentistry, Winfield served in the dental office with the 780th Air Force Radar Station outside Fortuna, North Dakota and the 779th Air Force Radar Station in Opheim, Montana. In December of 1967, Winfield volunteered to join the United States Air Force in Vietnam and in February of 1968, he was assigned to the 6217 Combat Support Group at Ching Chang Kung AB in Taichang, Taiwan.

After completing two years of service, Winfield separated from active duty at McCord Air Force Base in Tacoma, Washington and pursued a graduate program in Periodontics at OSU College of Dentistry, graduating from the post-doctoral program in 1972. Winfield served as a clinical instructor in periodontics and oral diagnosis at OSU from 1969-1977.

While in graduate school, Winfield met a wonderful coed by the name of Jayne Elizabeth Dysinger, a young lady in the College of Education. They were married in Tipp City, Ohio in 1972, after which they relocated to Mansfield, Ohio, where Winfield began his 40-year career in Periodontics. He firmly believed that his greatest value to his patients was helping them to learn how to prevent the deterioration of and the preservation of natural dentin. He would often say "God made one original part, dentist only repair."

Winfield was a leader in both his profession and his community. Notably, he was an active member of the Mansfield Rotary Club for over 47 years, serving in many different roles over the course of his membership. Winfield was passionate about locating and collecting unused medical, dental, and hospital supplies and equipment to be redistributed to third world countries where their impact would be greatest. He worked with the Rotary District 6600 MESA program to deliver these supplies where they were needed most, including making trips to Honduras and Guatemala. Winfield served as President of both the Mansfield Dental Society and the Ohio Academy of Periodontics and was a lifetime member of the American Dental Society and the American Academy of Periodontology. He was a member of Westbrook Country Club and enjoyed the time spent with friends on the course. Winfield was also a member in the Mansfield Hermits Club.

Upon his retirement from practice, Winfield returned to his farming upbringing and refocused his attention on caring for and preserving the land. In recognition of his conservation practices, Winfield was named Cooperator of the Year in 2019 by the Richland Soil and Water District. He also spent as much time as possible visiting his grandchildren in Virginia and Idaho, making frequent trips across the country to watch their theater, sports, arts, and Boy Scouts activities.

The loves of his life were his wife, Jayne, his children, his grandchildren, his profession, preserving the land, and a day of fishing with friends on Lake Erie. Winfield lived a full life devoted to the service of others and will be greatly missed every day by his family, friends, and community.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Dr. Winfield Meek was held Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 11 am in the Lexington Avenue Snyder Funeral Home where friends and family may visit the hour prior, from 10 am - 11 am.

**Scripture of the Week**

"so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him."

— Hebrews 9:28

**MATT'S MISHAPS**



In whatever manner we are able to celebrate the Fourth of July this year, we can still remember to thank God for the blessing of a new nation that emerged from the struggle for independence. God bless America!

*"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



**Celebrate the Fourth with Americans**

I have many memories of growing up and watching the fireworks for the Fourth of July while straining my neck upwards while sitting on a blanket in the grass. It always seemed like the pyrotechnics crew each year knew how to lead us to believe it was over, to then put on yet another grand finale. I remember years when it was uncertain if the fireworks could even go off with rain or thunder showers forecast to arrive at the wrong time.

When you live overseas, you want to celebrate those important patriotic days with others who can appreciate their importance. In our first location overseas, it was with no small amount of excitement that we discovered the city had an American Club. The Club would be celebrating the Fourth of July, and we were excited to attend their event.

We arrived to a large restaurant which had an expansive patio area that was to be the place of the celebration. As we began to talk with people, we realized that none of

the attendees had any recognizable American accents - not southerners, West Coast, East coast, etc. None of them were Americans. I asked one of the officials of the American Club about where the Americans were. He said they had not had Americans in the club for decades. Americans had founded the club generations before, but it had progressively become an English-speaking club.

As we sat down at large tables for the meal, a man started singing American pop songs in English, but with a very thick German accent as he played on a small digital keyboard. Interrupting the music, a very meager fireworks show began. A Canadian woman across the table said to her British husband, "Why those are quite nice! Why are they doing fireworks?" He replied, "Why dear, those are for the Yanks' Fourth of July holiday!" It was not possible to sneak out of that very disappointing event, so we stayed through the meal and the German singer performing American pop songs.

I know rain or thunder

showers can put a real damper on a Fourth of July celebration, but if given the option, always pick bad weather over the wrong people when celebrating Independence Day.

Something similar ever happen to you? Contact me and let me hear your story!

Matt's Mishaps, PO BOX 114, Grabill, IN 46741

**PARSON TO PERSON**

**By: Dr. James Bachman**

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**BLESSED TO CELEBRATE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**



Victor and Debra Potts are celebrating 50 years of marriage. Congratulations!

**"suck in those days!" What is the meaning of that verse?**

The Lord Jesus was describing what it would be like for the Jews during the Tribulation (the time of Jacob's trouble - Jeremiah 30:7). The remnant of Jews in Palestine will form a treaty with the man of sin (antichrist). They will also restore their temple worship and sacrifice, and observe the Jewish Sabbath.

Verses 15 and 16 of that same chapter warn, "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place... Then let them which be in Judaea flee unto the mountains." See Daniel 9:27, 11:31, and 12:11. The antichrist is going to stand in the temple and declare himself to be God, and seek to destroy all who will not worship him or receive his

mark in their right hand or forehead. He will move suddenly and with power.

It will be easy to notice those Jews who flee on the Sabbath day because they will ordinarily not travel over 750 yards (Matthew 24:20; Exodus 16:29). The winter would also create a hardship in travel and living in the mountains. They will not be able to take extra things with them to keep them warm.

Praise the Lord, both Jews and Gentiles can avert this scene by receiving Jesus Christ as Saviour, and by being raptured out before the Great Tribulation. Romans 5:9 - "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

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the Antwerp Police, Firefighters and EMS along with the Antwerp Boy Scouts, local VFW Color Guard, and the Antwerp Marching Band.

George Hedrick, as Master of Ceremonies, announced the presenters of memorials to the veterans who sacrificed their lives - the American Legion, VFW and Boy Scouts. After the presentations of memorials, Antwerp Community Church's Pastor Rick Grimes gave a very compelling speech about the importance of remembering what's happened in the past especially those who sacrificed their lives so we could

have ours. Memorial Day began in 1868 when General John A. Logan called for a day of remembrance for the entire nation to remember those who fell in the War Between the States. It was called Decoration Day and was set on May 30th. It was later changed to include all soldiers who fell during all US confrontations, and was moved officially to the last Monday of May. The crowd was at full attention as they listened to Pastor Grimes remind us to teach our children and grandchildren about the history of the greatest nation in the world. He also admonished all in attendance to not forget the one who gave the most - Jesus Christ. He

died a horrid death for each and every person - not only in ANTWERP OHIO, but across the globe. Without Him, none of what we have would be possible. Jesus made

it possible. What a grand way to commemorate our veterans at the site of the Veterans Memorial in the park.

**TECHCRED AVAILABLE TO UPSKILL LOCAL WORKFORCE**



Vantage Adult Education has partnered with local businesses in the NW region through the TechCred program, which funds the upskilling and reskilling of their workforce. Employers have seen a reduction in turnover and an opportunity for employees to advance their careers. For more information, call Vantage Adult Education at 419.238.5411 or go to <https://www.vantagecareercenter.com/CustomTrainBusi-Ind.aspx>

Businesses have an opportunity to apply and receive TechCred funding from the State of Ohio to assist in upgrading skill levels for their employees. Once approved, businesses can receive \$2,000 per credential, up to a maximum of \$30,000 per employer, in a funding period. Employers have up to one year to complete the training and apply for reimbursement. Vantage Career Center can provide training and guide businesses navigating the TechCred Application.

Vantage Career Center Adult Education is a Customized Training sanctioned provider for many local businesses who are taking advantage of TechCred. "We want to see more businesses take advantage of this free training and upskilling opportunity," says Adult Education Director, Angie Fahy. "Partnering businesses have seen an enhancement of their current workforce, a reduction in turnover and have created pathways for current employees to gain new skills for advancing career opportunities within their organization."

Vantage has the ability to provide training onsite, offsite and even online. Customized Training Coordinator Marty Katterhenrich has an entire team dedicated to an array of Trade and Industry needs. In addition to trade and industry

training, Customized Coordinator, Maria Diltz, is able to work with local employers wanting to schedule training within the health and service industries.

Future TechCred application periods are as follows: July 3 - 31, 2023, September 1 - 29, 2023, and November 1 - 30, 2023. Local businesses looking to utilize these funds can follow these simple guidelines:

1. Identify your business needs and potential employee skills needed.
2. Connect with Vantage and select your program or Short-Term Certificate
3. Apply online to Ohio TechCred at the link provided: <https://techcred.ohio.gov/apply>
4. Enroll your employee in a Vantage Career Center program.
5. Once the training program is complete, employers would simply upload proof of credential completion at Vantage and receive their reimbursement.

To learn more about TechCred offerings at Vantage Career Center, you may contact Marty Katterhenrich at [katterhenrich.m@vantagecareercenter.com](mailto:katterhenrich.m@vantagecareercenter.com) or Maria Diltz at [diltz.m@vantagecareercenter.com](mailto:diltz.m@vantagecareercenter.com) or call the Vantage Adult Education office at 419-238-5411.

**SUPERIOR CREDIT UNION ALL SPORTS TROPHY**

With the completion of the 2022 - 2023 sports season the Western Buckeye League would like to announce that the St. Marys Roughriders are this year's winner of the Superior Credit Union Western Buckeye League All Sports Trophy.

St. Marys had a stellar year and collected 152 points to distance themselves from the other schools. St. Marys had 3 First Place finishes, 3 Second Place finishes and 6 Third place finishes out of the 20 sports sponsored by the WBL.

Second place was a three team race with Wapakoneta finishing second with 138 points, Ottawa-Glandorf was third with 132.5 points and Shawnee was fourth with 131.5 points.

Following is a summary of League Champions:  
Fall: CC Boys - Ottawa

Glandorf; CC Girls - Ottawa Glandorf ; Golf Boys - Van Wert; Football - Wapakoneta; Soccer Girls - Shawnee; Volleyball - Celina; Swimming Boys - Wapakoneta

**Winter:** Basketball Boys - Ottawa Glandorf; Basketball Girls - Ottawa Glandorf; Bowling Boys - St. Marys; Bowling Girls - St. Marys & Wapakoneta; Swimming Girls - Ottawa Glandorf; Wrestling - St. Marys

**Spring:** Baseball - Wapakoneta; Softball - Defiance; Tennis Boys - Shawnee; Track/Field Boys - Shawnee; Track/Field Girls - Ottawa Glandorf

Points are awarded for each sport according to the conference standings.

First place is awarded 10 points, second 9, third 8, etc.

Congratulations to the St. Marys Roughriders !!

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**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**



By: Mark Holtsberry

Mathias Coplin was born in Antwerp, Ohio, January 15, 1891. The son of James L. Jr. born January 20, 1868 in Ohio, and Anna M. (Yenser) Coplin, born August 22, 1875 in Sandusky, Ohio. This couple was married July 13, 1890 in Paulding, Ohio. Three children were born into this marriage. Mathias 1891, Ralph Quick 1896, and Paul 1898.

By 1900, the Coplin family was living in Harrison Township, Paulding County. James was farming and Mathias was in school. Two daughters were born into this family, Ester Rachael February 11, 1901 and Martha A. April 25, 1903.

By 1910 the Coplin family was still farming in Harrison Township and Mathias was finishing high school as well as working on the farm.

On June 5, 1917, at the Payne north precinct, Mathias registered for the draft. He was working as a Railroad clerk for the New York Central and St. Louis Railroad system in Payne. He was listed as 5'6" tall, blue eyes, light hair, fair complexion and single. Also his brothers, Ralph and Paul registered for the draft. They were not chosen to serve.

On May 25, 1918, Mathias was selected to join the National Army out of Paulding. He was assigned to serve with Company H., 153rd Infantry at Camp Beauregard Louisiana until July 18, 1918. Mathias was sent to Newport News, Virginia, where he boarded the ship, "Huron", August 6, 1918.

He was assigned to Headquarters Company 153rd Infantry, November 7, 1918. Then was sent to Headquarters Company 164th Infantry until December 31, 1918. Finishing his tour of service with

3rd Company, 1st Replacement Department Labor Battalion. He was promoted to Private 1st Class, February 11, 1919. He served until July 18, 1919. Mathias was Honorably Discharged from service July 25, 1919.

After coming home from the service he was living with his mother and sister, Martha at Pio Pike in Harrison Township. His mother and father had divorced before 1920. His father, James, passed away December 6, 1927 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and was buried in Riverside Cemetery in Antwerp.

By 1920, Mathias was a farm laborer. By 1930, Mathias and his mother, Anna, had moved to North Laura Street, Payne. He was a house painter.

By 1940, Mathias and Anna were still living on Laura Street. In 1942, Mathias, at the age of 51, had to register for the World War Two draft, as well as his brothers, Ralph and Paul and of course, none of them were chosen.

By 1950, Mathias was still



living in Payne. His health began to fail, he was not working and had filed for Social Security. On April 5, 1950, Mathias Coplin passed away and was buried in Wiltzie Cemetery, Payne. He never married.

His mother, Anna, lived with her daughter Martha and her family in Indiana. She passed away, March 8, 1954. She was also buried in Wiltzie Cemetery.

I knew Mathias's nephew, and son of Ralph, Stan Coplin, such a wonderful spiritual man. He let me make a copy of this photo. I spoke with him this summer, while we both were getting ice cream. Stan passed away November 7, 2022, he too was buried in Wiltzie Cemetery.

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# PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MAKES A DONATION TO HOSPITAL



Leann Moser, Eileen Kochensparger and Barb Grant

Paulding County Hospital is pleased to announce that with funds donated from the PCH Auxiliary, we were able to purchase a new bariatric reclining chair for our patients on the Med/Surg floor. The generous donation will allow our patients to have a more comfortable stay when admitted as an inpatient at our facility.

Much appreciation goes out to all of the PCH Auxiliary volunteers for your continued support to Paulding County Hospital. We greatly appreciate all you do!

# STEM & ENTREPRENEURSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BELIEVE IN OHIO

Funded by the State of Ohio through the Department of Higher Education and operated as a program of The Ohio Academy of Science, Believe in Ohio is a student-focused STEM Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program that prepares Ohio's future workforce to meet the demands of a rapidly changing labor market and the innovation economy. The program emphasizes the importance of applying STEM and innovation to solve problems and how to create economic value through research and technological design.

On Saturday, April 29th, more than 120 high school students from across the state, were recognized for their ability to apply STEM and demonstrate commercial feasibility for new products, services, and problem-based solutions. The Believe in Ohio - State Competition and Celebration was hosted by the Kent State University Design & Innovation Hub. Seventy-three (73) students were awarded a total of \$315,000 in scholarship awards to continue their post-secondary education at any Ohio college, university, or technical center.

The opening remarks and welcoming were provided by J.R. Campbell, Executive Director, Kent State DI Hub.

A keynote address was given by Garrett Hartley, Kent State Design & Innovation Fellow, and the CEO of Polyvolt Technologies. The event also included a live pitch competition and tours of the Kent State campus.

"This was such a great opportunity for the students to grow as innovators and the scholarships provide the pathway to Ohio's colleges, uni-

# ELLA ZIMMERMAN NAMED READ ON! OHIO AWARD FOR CHILDREN & TEENS



cause she is an enthusiastic reader and is very helpful.

Ms. Deatrack cited one example when Ella helped with a snowman program for the younger children and she dressed up as a snowman. She is always eager to help and give her recommendations for books to read. Ella is an inspiration to her sister and everyone she knows.

Congratulations to Ella and to Pauling Exempted Village Schools and to the Pauling County Carnegie Library for cultivating a passion for reading in its students.

Ella will be recognized at the 2023 OELMA Conference and Awards Ceremony, October 6, 2023, at OCLC, 6565 Kilgour Place, Dublin, OH.

# OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 4th NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL END OF YEAR 2022-23

\*Denotes all A's; \*\*Denotes all A's all year

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**Mrs. Limber 5/6A:** \*Laury Bernal, Madison Durham, Alayna Elston,

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their homes as an extra source of income. Of course, during this trip, they will be purchasing all their own food and must provide their own transportation. If they can afford to, they want to take a Holocaust survivor to dinner and spend the evening visiting with them one on one. They have many ways to help the poor and elderly in the place where they will be working, it's just a matter of finances. Darlene said she hopes they can spend a few days seeing the old city of Jerusalem. They want to do some prayer walking and see a few sites before traveling back to Ben-Gurion airport to journey back home. The details have not been finalized but this immersion trip service is

what they prefer as they love, care for, and serve in the land of Jacob.

Of course, this trip will be expensive, and these women need to raise quite a large sum of money. Their goal is to raise \$10,000 in total for trip BUT they are trusting God for whatever HE provides. Their first fundraiser is being planned for Saturday July 15th, 2023, from 5-8pm. at the Nazarene church Gym on Dooley Road in Paulding. They will be setting up a large free FAMILY FUN NIGHT with bingo for the adults, food, basket raffles, and many children's activities. They will have baked goods available and maybe some live music. Go out for a free fun night and help support missions and pray for them.

# The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

Over Memorial Day weekend, we saw on TV the National Memorial Day Concert 2023, as well as, news coverage of numerous ceremonies across the country. Hmmm! Not once did any one of us see a splash pad, merry-go-round, or any other raucous form of entertainment right beside any veterans memorial /monument. What we did see were veterans, many wearing military uniforms, many wearing hats or caps repre-

sending their military organizations or branch of service, vets in wheelchairs, vets missing limbs or wearing prosthetics, Gold Star families, and POWs. We observed signs of respect, solemnity, and tears, not only from vets, but from the many participants in the ceremonies, and from all civilians in attendance.

We wish to re-state that we are not opposed to a splash pad, but we are opposed to its location so close to our meaningful, beautiful memorial. Are you aware that the splash pad area will be only 29 feet from the memorial? Are you aware that the holding tank with two motors, one constantly running, will be directly behind the memorial? Are you aware that pool strength chlorine and muriatic acid added to the water will in time damage the entire memorial? Are you aware that the pad is approximately 250 to 300 feet from the restrooms with no connecting sidewalk? (Can someone tell us what the CDC and the Ohio Department of Health says about that?)

So now comes to mind Keith West's comments at the February 15, 2023 Antwerp, Ohio Village council meeting, "I've talked with many VFW members and vets about the memorial and the placement of the splash pad. One of the main comments I get from the people is, that we think it's an honor for us to have our names there while those young kids are gonna be able to be there playing. We like it. And that's the gist of what the vets are feeling. We felt so strongly about it that together the Legion and the VFW gave a total of \$15,000 to the splash pad..... The vets are in favor of this, and we like things

the way they are." (Curious: Before voting on the donation, were members told the exact proposed location, or were just the words "in the park" presented to them?)

It appears that there has been a lack of transparency about the precise location of the pad. "In the park" is the classic description. Why do we even mention that? After all, there is information on the splash pad committee's website. Tell us, does every household in the Antwerp School District (the geographic area from which the names are on the monument tablets) have a computer? Does every household have the internet? We think not. There are many older citizens and less affluent households that don't have a computer and the internet.

Is it possible to keep our Veterans Memorial as it is, a solemn place to browse, sit quietly, reflect, and show respect for the persons whose names are on the granite tablets? Or, will Antwerp, Ohio become a laughing stock, for having the distinction of being the only town in the entire United States to have an adjacent raucous attraction right beside a veterans monument?

We believe Richard Mastin, from Hicksville, was correct in his letter to the editor of The West Bend News (December 27, 2022), referencing Antwerp's splash pad, when he stated "who wants to create a circus area next to something so sacred? I just want you to put some serious thought into this before you proceed." We are aware that Hicksville, also, has a beautiful memorial, and their town is getting a splash pad, too. Where it will be located? If you guessed directly adjacent to each other, you are absolutely wrong!

We, our names listed below, have heard comments from people within the Antwerp School District about the ill decision to locate the splash pad next to the monument. A list of some comments were presented to council on February 15, 2023, but apparently those comments didn't matter. Now, it is up to you, all residents of the school district who believe the splash pad should be in a different spot, to contact every council member to let your thoughts be known. It will soon be too late. (Suggestion: In all likelihood, the metal swing-set could be moved, and the the pad could be located nearer to the playground and much closer to the restrooms.)

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—Sandra Zuber, Carolyn Laukhuf, Nicole Zuber

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

You don't have a right. I don't have a right. Nobody has a right. Nobody has a right to call death upon someone God has called to life."

—Mother Mary Angelica, foundress of EWTN  
 —Judy McCalla, Respect to Life

**PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS AND FRAUDULENT SCHEMES**



The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has a list of 14 common fraud schemes on its "Scams and Safety" web page, including credit card theft. The thief makes small purchases with your stolen credit card number and sees if they go through, if they do, then they hit your account for bigger purchases. You should have an alert, text message, or phone email set up with your credit card company, so that the bank will contact you if there are any unusual spending items, if there are illegitimate charges, you must report to the bank as soon as possible so you won't be charged for those items. The bank will lock your account and send you a new card in the mail. This can be frustrating when you have set up monthly withdrawals to be charged against your card. You'll have to go to those companies' websites and change the card numbers you use for those charges.

How to protect yourself from Internet scams and fraudulent schemes.

The FBI says protect your

computer<sup>2</sup> by keeping systems and software up to date and install a strong reputable anti-virus program. Also, keep your operating system up to date, and turn your computer off when it's not in use. You will pay a yearly fee for antivirus, antispyware, and firewall software services, but the safety they provide makes it well worth the cost. Be careful when connecting to a public Wi-Fi network and create a strong and unique passphrase for each online account you hold and change them regularly. If you've been the victim of a scam, file a complaint with your local/state police department's cybercrime unit and file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3).<sup>3</sup>

Forewarned is forearmed. The more you know about e-scams and fraudulent schemes, the safer you will feel. Another way to protect yourself is by going to the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC's)<sup>4</sup> website. Its function is to protect America's consumers by educating and taking consumer complaints on everything from identity theft to unwanted telemarketing solicitations by phone or by email. It runs the National Do Not Call Registry,<sup>5</sup> which you should sign up for. Once you are on the do-not-call list for at least 31 days, the calls/emails should stop, and if they don't then you can file a complaint with the FTC.

You can register each phone number that you have, and your registration won't expire. You can check the FTC's website if your phone number is still registered.<sup>5</sup> Remember, it's not OK for companies to leave recorded voicemails on your phone, so you can file a complaint if you receive unwanted telemarketing robocalls. Once you are registered on the do-not-call list, it's illegal for those telemarketers to continue to call

you. Use your common sense. If you don't recognize the area code or the phone number on your caller ID, chances are it's a telemarketing call. Don't answer it, or if you do, insist that they take you off their call list.

To keep up to date on current scams that are plaguing consumers, the FTC has an email alert system that you can sign up for.<sup>6</sup>

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**OHIO LOCATIONS**

**Antwerp:** Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, 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

**Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

**Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid

**Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)

**Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library

**Hicksville:** Sailers, 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

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**Fort Wayne:** Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living

**Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales

**Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank

**Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

**Milan Center:** Milan Center Feed & Grain

**Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General

**New Haven:** ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, McDonalds, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's

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

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# VANTAGE SENIORS HONORED



Vantage Career Center held its Senior Awards Ceremony in recognition of all graduating seniors from the 13 partnering school districts. An Award of Distinction was given to Vantage students who have demonstrated leadership qualities at school, have outstanding achievement in their program area, show exceptional skills in the subject area, participate as an active member of a school career technical club and demonstrate cooperation, initiative and responsibility. The ceremony also highlighted Vantage students who received an astounding \$591,404.00 in scholarships to further their education, the most in school history. Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

Family, friends, and associate school representatives gathered at the annual Vantage Career Center Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of graduating seniors. Awards of Distinction and scholarships highlighted the scholar, which was held at the Van Wert High School gymnasium to accommodate the growing crowd.

Mr. Dan Bowers, Owner of Advanced Chassis and recent Alumni Hall of Fame inductee (Vantage/Paulding, Ag-Diesel Mechanics, 1988), was the guest speaker. Mr. Bowers spoke directly to the graduating class, "Obviously, you are at the top of your fields at this stage and are being recognized as such. Next week will be the most freeing feeling of your life and the beginning of a new chapter. You can either make your life or have it made for you."

The student speaker for this year's ceremony was Juliana McClure (Van Wert), a senior in the Sports Exercise Therapy program. Juliana spoke of Vantage being a place where each student is valued as they excel in their knowledge and skills. "Vantage Career Center has truly had great influence on my future, and I will always be grateful that I was given the opportunity to attend this amazing school. Each one of us has an opportunity to make ourselves someone. Each of us are valued and recognized, whether it be lab or academics, and that is one of the most unique aspects of attending here."

Each year, career technical teachers select outstanding

students to receive an "Award of Distinction". Eligibility for this award includes demonstrating leadership qualities at school, having outstanding achievement in their program area, showing exceptional skills in the subject area, participating as an active member of a school career technical club and demonstrating cooperation, initiative and responsibility. This year's "Award of Distinction" winners are: Alyssa Greathouse, Culinary Arts (Wayne Trace); Brielle Sheets, Early Childhood Education (Wayne Trace); Astrid Martinez-Sandoval, Health Information Management (Wayne Trace); Lillian Price, Health Technology (Lincolnview); Levi Miller, Network Systems (Antwerp); Haley Frazier, Sports Exercise Therapy (Crestview); Eli Niese, Ag and Industrial Power Tech (Miller City); Sonya Roeder, Auto Collision Repair (Jefferson); Haden Dunakin, Auto Technology (Paulding); Elizabeth Germann, Carpentry (Crestview); Mason Ladd, Construction Equipment Technology (Continental); Jeret Landwehr, Electricity (Kalida); Andrew Peck, Industrial Mechanics (Kalida); Nicholas Foppe, Precision Machining (Kalida); Jacob Fuerst, Welding (Van Wert).

Academic achievements were also recognized during the ceremony for the students who achieved the highest scores in their classes. The Academic award winners are: Makayla Duncan (Lincolnview), English; Astrid Martinez Sandoval (Wayne Trace), College Trigonometry and Chemistry; Leigha Bendele

(Lincolnview), Algebra II; Lillian Price (Lincolnview), English; Lillian Burkhart (Ottoville), Advanced Integrated Science; Melanie Mills (Antwerp), Physics; Austin Landin (Ottoville), Integrated Math; Levi Miller (Antwerp) College Algebra; Adrienne Peage (Antwerp), English and Physics; Kaden Jettinghoff (Jennings), English; Corbin Army (Van Wert), English; Lane Schroeder (Miller City), Algebra II; and Cruz Ryan (Van Wert), Financial Algebra and American Military History.

Kennedy Manufacturing presents a Machinist's Rolling tool chest to an outstanding Precision Machining senior and a Maintenance Rolling tool chest to an outstanding Industrial Mechanics senior each year. Nicholas Foppe (Kalida) received the Kennedy Manufacturing Precision Machining "Senior of the Year" award and Drew Crossgrove (Continental) was the recipient of the Industrial Mechanics "Senior of the Year" award.

Scholarship recipients were a highlight of the evening's recognition ceremony. The Robert C. Stevens Scholarship is given by the Vantage Teacher's Organization in memory of Bob Stevens, who taught Occupational Work Experience (OWE) at Vantage from 1976 until 1984. Students who are awarded this scholarship have shown outstanding achievement in their program area, while demonstrating initiative and perseverance. This year, the Robert C. Stevens Scholarship was awarded to Serenity Sites (Parkway) and Emily Luersman (Fort Jennings). The Robert Brandt Scholarship was established in 2011 in memory of Bob Brandt, the very first Vantage superintendent. This year's scholarship was awarded to Bryce Stearns (Parkway) and presented by Vantage Superintendent Rick Turner. Vicki Smith of the Van Wert Rotary Club presented the Van Wert Rotary Scholarship to Riona Workman (Van Wert). The recipient of the Marcus Landin Memorial Gift of tools this year was Andrew Peck (Kalida), and lastly the Robbie Seffernick Memorial Award, presented to a junior Welding student, was presented to Katelyn Knepper (Delphos Jefferson).

All students who have received scholarships throughout their time with Vantage were recognized at the Awards Assembly. This year, Vantage students received an astounding \$591,404.00 in scholarships to continue their education.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Vantage Career Center class of 2023!!

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and enjoy an hour or so of fellowship, snacks and friends; old and new. We have a great time and would love to share it with you. Cookbook Club will be held on Monday, June 26th at 5:30, this month we will be serving "Breakfast for Dinner", bring your favorite breakfast dish and a copy of the recipe! Be hungry! We have all kinds of fun, crafts and prizes lined up for Summer Reading. Something for everyone. Stop by and sign up and watch our FaceBook page or stop by for details of events. "All Together Now" Come to the Library.

The Children's Room is planning a month of excitement for June. We will have crafts out all month. The children's room has a Wii, board games and help us make a coloring quilt by designing your own quilt block. Thursday June 22 will be movie day at the library starting at 2:00. We will be having "An Evening with the Paw Patrol" program on Thursday, June 29 5:30 to 6:30. Get signed up for summer reading and check out what we have happening.

### ANTWERP BRANCH

The Antwerp branch is planning Movie Mondays at 1, Storytime at the Park at 11, unless it's raining then it will be at the library. Special guest Storytime on Wednesday June 21 at 11 at the library. The Adult Book Club will meet on Monday, June 12 at 6. Cookbook Club is Monday, June 26 at 5:45. Crafts all Day on Fridays and Sidewalk Chalk Saturday during library hours. Camping Week at the library is June 19 through the 24 with Camping games on Tuesday, June 20 and Thursday June 22. Flower Tile Painting ages 15 and up on June 26, 10-4

### GROVER HILL BRANCH

The Grover Hill branch will be celebrating summer reading with activities all week, Monday is Multi-generational day; Tuesday is It Takes Two; Wednesdays are Working Together; Thursday is Putting it all Together and Friday is Freedom Freeze. Munchkin story times are Monday June 10 and 26 at 10:30. Book Club is Wednesday, June 28th, we are reading "Made in the USA" by Billie Letts. Senior Bingo will be Thursday, June 8 at 1. Call and reserve your spot.

### OAKWOOD BRANCH

The Oakwood branch will be hosting a basic first aid class for kids June 3, 11-1 for ages 9-12. Monday, June 5 come in and learn how to make healing salve out of weeds in your yard., call to sign up for this class. Tuesday, June 6 is the Good Morning Book Club from 11-12. Seniors come on Thursday June

# RECKER TO ATTEND IVY TECH



Recent Paulding High School graduate Braxton Ricker has accepted a full scholarship from BF Goodrich. He will be attending Ivy Tech through the BF Goodrich Tech-scholar program. Braxton was the first

high school student to pass the entrance test for the program. Pictured above are (front row, l-r) Harry Ricker, Braxton Ricker and Kelly Ricker; (back row, l-r) Clint Leeper from BF Goodrich and Chris Etzler, PHS Principal.

8 for Senior Bingo luncheon hosted by the Meadows. Starting June 12 Oakwood will be having a family town-wide scavenger hunt, come in and get your clues, complete and receive your prize. June 20, 11-2 get your running shoes and meet us at the park for family kickball. June 22, 430-630 we will be making an all-natural body bug spray. June 24, 11-1 ages 9-17 come in and learn to make a homemade sugar scrub, call to register. June 27, 1-3 is our Quilt block of the month, come in and learn to make 12 x 12 quilt block, this month we will be making the double pinwheel block. Get ready to celebrate July 4th sign up to make outdoor wood fire-cracker signs. June 29 5-530 will be kids' bingo for ages 6-12, all to sign up

Monday, June 12th at 6 in the south wing at Main. Everyone is welcome to join. We will be talking about Summer Reading Program incentives. Buy the Book Bookstore is our main source of funding. Check out our current inventory of gently used Books, CD's and DVD's. Stock up for summer. Hours: 9-12 Saturdays and 3:30 to 6:30 Wednesdays.

### PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

- 6/5: Hamburger gravy, Mashed potatoes, Seasoned carrots, Ambrosia, Goldfish crackers, Biscuit
- 6/6: BBQ pork sandwich, Potato salad, Coleslaw, Pineapple, orange & banana cup, Raisins
- 6/7: Pepper steak w/ white rice, Scandanavian blend, Apple juice, Tropical fruit, Dinner roll
- 6/8: Meatloaf, Baked potato, Golden hominy, W.W. Bread, Strawberry w/ Angel food cake, Birthday day
- 6/9: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Tossed salad, Hot fruit, Cheesy garlic bread

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## RAIDERS CLOSE THEIR BID TO STATE IN REGIONAL SEMIFINAL GAME



Raiders' senior, Kyle Slade, attempts to stop at steal at 1st. Photo by Harlee Moore

Wayne Trace entered the Regional play in the Division III baseball tournament seeded 3rd in the division and GMC champions. The first inning was 0-0. Second inning gave way to 3 runs to Milan Edison followed by 2 more in the 3rd. Raiders pressed on and held off runs in the 4th. In the 5th, Milan Edison took another run to add to their tally. Wayne Trace rallied in the 6th as Cooper Wenzlick batted Tucker Antoine into home putting the Raiders on the board. This wasn't enough to secure them a win in the Regional semi-finals though. Wayne Trace ended their season with this loss, 6-1.  
Score by Innings:  
Milan Edison - 0 3 2 0 1  
0 0=6; 10H, 0E  
Wayne Trace - 0 0 0 0 0  
1 0=1; 5H, 4E  
Winning Pitcher - Ben Bates (7 innings, 5 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 5 strikeouts, 1 walk)  
Losing Pitcher - Cooper Wenzlick (1-2/3 innings, 2 hits, 3 runs, 0 earned runs, 1

strikeout, 2 walks)  
Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Breven Anderson (4-1/3 innings, 8 hits, 3 runs, 3 earned runs, 3 strikeouts, 2 walks)  
Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Tyler Davis (1 inning, 0 hits, 0 runs, 1 strikeout, 0 walks)  
Milan Edison Hitters - Clint Finnen (three singles, two RBI), Hayden Fry (single), Bryson Wittmer (single, run), Marcus Medina (single, double, run, RBI), Dominic Dymond (single, run), Max Hoover (single), Gabe Dymond (run), Blake Simon (run, RBI), Davin Wendt (single, run)  
Wayne Trace Hitters - Tucker Antoine (single, run), Breven Anderson (single), Cooper Wenzlick (single, RBI), Kyle Slade (single), Tyler Davis (single)  
Wayne Trace Baseball ended their 2023 season with a record of 22-6 and 7-0 in the GMC. Raiders will lose three seniors this year - Tyler Davis, Evan Crosby and Kyle Slade. Excellent season Raiders!

## LEADERS OF TOMORROW 4-H CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE



In picture left to right are Easton Mapes, Isaiah Koenig, Conner Manz, Makenna Manz, Seth Rosswurm, and Calla Manz.

On May 11th and May 16th, The Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club bagged approximately 2,000 bags of rice and protein meals. The meals consist of three main components: long grain white rice, TVP (textured

vegetable protein - soybeans), and a chicken bouillon and seasoning mix. Each bag consists of 10 servings, which means 20,000 meals were packed. All packing is done manually, except for bag sealing which is done

with a heat sealer. Ingredients and packaging material are provided by Harvest Call, the relief and mission arm of the Apostolic Christian Church.

Harvest Call, in cooperation with a Ukrainian Church in Eastern Ohio, is currently shipping these meals to the country of Ukraine. The Ukrainians are using the ingredients to can soup. The soup is sent to the front lines where it is consumed by soldiers and others in need.

The Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club has been doing some sort of community service every year such as packaging soup, recycling drives, collecting shoes, and up keeping cemeteries.

### CADETS BLANK WARRIORS

Concordia's Jack Andrews limited Woodlan to two hits as the Cadets blanked the Warriors 3-0 in Class 3A, Sectional 21 high school baseball action on Saturday.

Concordia scored once in the opening frame of the contest and the Cadets added two more in the second for the game's only runs.

Maddux Wright posted a double and scored a run for Concordia with Jalon Campos and Tyler Moher both singling, scoring once and driving in one run each.

Jack Belschner singled and picked up one run batted in as well for the Cadets with Carter Ripke adding a single.

Andrews struck out four and walked one on the hill for Concordia to pick up the win on the mound.

Gavin Sheehan suffered the loss for Woodlan, allowing five hits, three runs (two earned) and two walks while striking out six.

Oliver Adams and Noah Aquaviva each singled for the Warriors, who finished the season with a record of 8-18 overall.

Three Warrior athletes concluded their sports careers at Woodlan High School as Dawson Lichty, Austin Snyder and Jacob Snyder all wrapped up their senior seasons.

### NINTH INNING RUN PUSHES WARRIORS OVER KNIGHTS

Woodlan and Norwell battled it out in a classic high school softball game on May 17 with the host Warriors scraping out a run in the bottom of the ninth for a 2-1 victory over the Knights.

Norwell took the lead in the fifth with a single before Woodlan answered with a run of its own in the bottom of the frame, keeping the game tied at 1-1.

The contest stayed that way until the ninth when the Warriors scored the winning run to give Woodlan the 2-1 victory.

Lillian Riley had two hits and scored a run for the Warriors and Victoria Crozier scored the other Warrior run. Alyssa Harvey doubled and drove in one run while Abigail Cowan picked up a run batted in for Woodlan as well.

Jade Lichty, Avah Smith, Olivia Roney, Lexi Metzger and Austin Gaff also had hits for the Lady Warriors.

Delaney Connert led Norwell with two hits and drove in the lone Lady

Knight run. Sami Lemier posted one hit and scored the Norwell run while Emma Bailey, Kara Brown and Nevada Lenwell also had hits for the Lady Knights.

Abby Horn picked up the win in relief for Woodlan, tossing the final four frames with two strikeouts while allowing four hits. Austin Gaff pitched the first five innings for the Lady Warriors, surrendering two hits and an unearned run while striking out six.

### PARKER, MCALEXANDER PLACE IN REGIONAL TRACK

The Woodlan girls track team took part in sectional and regional track action recently as the Lady Warriors wrapped up the 2023 season.

Woodlan senior Kait McAlexander and junior Kyra Parker both took part in regional action Tuesday night at Carroll High School by placing in their final meet for this year.

McAlexander took eighth in the pole vault with a leap of 9-6 for Woodlan with Parker placing sixth in the discus after a toss of 120-6.

In the sectional last week, Woodlan placed sixth as a team in posting 35 points overall.

McAlexander recorded a fourth-place finish in the pole vault following a jump of 9-6 to advance to the regional meet with Parker throwing 111-7 to take second in the discus and clinch a spot in the regional meet.

Mae Emehiser placed in two events at the sectional meet, taking eighth in both the 1600 and 3200 meter runs with times of 5:41.73

## KIDZ SUMMER CAMP PRESENT "THE RAINBOW FISH MUSICAL" @ THE HUBER



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simple children's story. This production is a result of the KIDZ Summer Camp held at the Huber that is directed by Julie Hall, produced by Chris Feichter, assisted by 3 adults and 5 young adults and staffed by 15 interns. This year 48 participants ages 6-12 from 13 schools and 7 area counties have produced this show in 6 days of camp. Activities included auditioning, rehearsing, costuming, set/props preparation, learning music and choreography as well as some fun and games to learn the history of the Huber and stage terminology. The performance is on June 15 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Huber. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and seating is first come, first serve. A free will offering will be accepted.

and 12:19.95, respectively. Leah Hathaway also garnered an eighth-place finish in the 100 dash with a time of 13.81 seconds.

Gabi Klopfenstein took fifth in the 100 hurdles in 17.37 seconds and finished seventh in the 300 hurdles with a time of 51.03 seconds.

Ava McAlexander placed in three events for the Lady Warriors, taking sixth in the 100 hurdles (17.83) and

eighth in the 300 hurdles (51.59) while recording a seventh-place finish in the long jump (15-5).

Evie Eager jumped 4-10 to take sixth and Kate Spangler leaped 4-8 to place eighth in the high jump. Olivia Edwards recorded a throw of 32-0 to post seventh place and Savannah Hoepfner had a toss of 95-3 to take eighth in the discus.

## Mark it off your To-Do List:

- Design invitations & RSVP card
- Order invitations
- Address envelopes
- Get stamps
- Mail Invites
- Design ceremony program
- Design Details card
- Make table place cards
- Design Dinner Seating Chart Signage
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# THE LEFT TURN



Carter Schenk wins two weeks in a row in the Sportsman Class at Oakshade Raceway. Photo Credit: Charlie Orns.



Jake Trainor won Friday at IRP and won the Little 500 Saturday. Photo Credit: Christopher Pedersen



Josh Poore wins the 40 lap Ohio Wheelman Series feature at Toledo. Photo Credit: Toledo Motor Speedway.

By: Ron Burt

It was a busy 4-day Memorial weekend of racing in the tri-state. I have a complete rundown on my Facebook page, Ohio Sports Blitz. I will run through key races here that took place over the holiday. In Ohio on Friday, May 26th, Travis Philo pulled his wing back and blasted away at Attica Raceway Park's cushion. The move and adjustments his crew made paid off as he blasted around race-long leader Jordan Ryan on the last corner of the last lap to get the 410-sprint victory followed by Jordan Ryan, and Cap Henry. Three-time 305-sprint champion Jamie Miller also used Attica's high line, charging from his eighth starting spot to the lead by just lap six. The Fre-

mont, Ohio driver earned his second Attica win of 2023. Finishing behind the winner was Brandon Moore, and Seth Schneider. Devin Shiels, who has won the last three consecutive UMP Late Model track championships at Attica, has been trying to get used to a new car this season. Canadian Gregg Haskell in town, looked as though he was going to earn his first Attica win, leading the first 21 laps, however Shiels found something on the top side of turns three and four and took the lead just before a caution with 22 laps complete. Shiels drove away for the victory followed by Gregg Haskell, and Casey Noonan.

At IRP in Indianapolis Bobby Santos won the Hoosier 100. The prestigious

race for Silver Crown Cars on pavement and earning him \$25,000.

On the half mile paved Toledo Speedway, two popular touring series put on great shows Friday, May 26th. Josh Poore won the Ohio Wheelman feature race for the touring Street Stock Class and in the National Compact Touring Series, Will Slaughter took the checker for his first tour feature win of the year.

A major upset took place on Saturday, May 27th. at Anderson Speedway, In only his second career start in a sprint car, rookie driver Jake Trainor captured the prestigious 75th running of the Lucas Oil Little 500, passing Kody Swanson with 54 laps remaining. Caleb Armstrong took second, passing Kody Swanson on the final lap. Trainor, Armstrong, and Swanson were the only drivers to complete all 500 laps. Jacob Wilson finished 4th and Logan Seavey placed 5th; they were both three laps down. On a side note, the night before at IRP, 18-year-old Jake Trainor won the Carb Night Classic for Midgets on asphalt, completing a weekend sweep.

Last Saturday at Angola Motorsports Park on the fast ¼ mile high banked asphalt oval, your feature winners were Late Model Tanner Jack, Modifieds, Johnathon Gatton, Street Stocks Parker Moyer, and Chip Heintzelman Front Wheel Drive Class.

At Oakshade Raceway the Dirt UMP Late Model feature was won by Casey Noonan, the defending Oakshade Raceway Late Model track champion. This was his first win of the year at the northern Ohio track. Getting his 2nd feature win in a row was Carter Schlenk in the UMP Sportsman class. Justin Gamber had a battle on his hands with Gabe Mueller, in the Dominator Stock Class. Gamber was able to pull away to get the win. Compact A Main was won by Eric Carr, who started from the pole and led the entire race.

It's time to mark your calendars for some big upcoming races in the area. We are just one week away from the 29th annual Dirt Late Model Dream at Eldora Speedway, June 8th-10th. The winning driver will take home \$128,000.00. Do you want to meet your favorite drivers that compete weekly at Angola Motorsports Park? On Saturday, June 10th it's autograph night. Oakshade fans, June 17th will be the \$5K to win Barney Oldfield Race for the Dirt UMP Late Models. Attica Raceway Park will host the 35th Annual Ohio Logistics Brad Doty Classic Presented by Racing Optics when the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series invades Attica on Tuesday, July 11th. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

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Stock Pull In, west gate (\*DUNF forms must be completed prior to arrival\*)  
11:30 a.m. - LiveStock Weigh-In  
7:00 p.m. - Demolition Derby in the Grandstand  
SUNDAY, JUNE 11:  
8:00 a.m. - Vet Checks - Livestock barns  
10:00 a.m. - Church Service - Music by Olga Kipp sponsored by Middle Creek UMC in the Senior Pavillion  
1:00 p.m. - Jr Fair Dog Show in the Show Arena.  
2:00 p.m. - PAS Horse Show in the Horse Arena.  
Also at 2:00 pm - Kick Ball Tournament for the Jr Fair members only behind Secretary's Office  
3:30 p.m. - Kiddie Tractor Pull outside the extension building.  
6:00 p.m. - Jr Fair livestock Barn Meeting in the Show Arena.  
7:00 p.m. - Pete Schlegel & Band in concert in the Grandstand.

MONDAY, JUNE 12:  
9:00 a.m. - Jr Fair Goat Show in the Show Arena  
12:00 p.m. - Jr Fair Rabbit Showmanship and the Jr Fair Rabbit Breeding Show in the Senior Pavillion.

1:00 p.m. - 4-H Food & Nutrition Judging in the Youth Leadership Building and Mike Bishop, Hypnotist in the Senior Pavillion.  
3:00 p.m. - Mike Bishop, Hypnotist in the Senior Pavillion and Food & Nutrition Awards in the Extension Building.  
4:00 p.m. - Harness Racing in the Grandstand.  
5:00 p.m. - Prince/Princess & Jr King & Queen Contest in the Youth Leadership Building and Mike Bishop, Hypnotist in the Senior Pavillion.

6:30 p.m. - Jr Fair Parade begins!  
7:00 p.m. - Jr Fair King & Queen Coronation in the Show Arena.  
8:00 p.m. - Cornhole Tournament in the Show Arena.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13:  
8:30 a.m. - Senior Citizen Day (Reserve via Paulding County Sr. Center) in the Extension Building.  
9:00 a.m. - Jr Fair Horse Showmanship in the Horse Arena.  
9:00 a.m. - FFA Still Project Judging in the Extension Building  
11:30 a.m. - Senior Center Lunch in the Extension Building.  
12:00-1:00 p.m. - Senior Center Entertainment, TJ Hill, magician in the Extension Building.

1:00 p.m. - Jr Fair Poultry Show in the Poultry Barn and 4-H Clothing Judging in the Youth Leadership Building.  
3:00-4:00 p.m. - TJ Hill, magician in the Senior Pavillion.  
4:00 p.m. - 4-H Clothing Style Review & Awards in the Youth Leadership Building; Harness Racing in the Grandstand; and a Bean Supper for Veterans Day in the Extension Building.

5:00-6:00 p.m. - TJ Hill, magician in the Senior Pavillion.  
6:00 p.m. - Jr Fair Swine Show in the Show Arena.  
7:00-9:00 p.m. - Michael Christopher Duo Singers in the Senior Pavillion.  
9:00-10:00 p.m. - Jr Fair Youth Dance in the Senior

Pavilion.  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14:  
9:00 a.m. - 4-H Small Animal, Vet Science, Leadership Still Project Judging in the Youth Leadership Building; Jr Fair Market Rabbit Show in the Senior Pavillion; and 4-H Small Animal, Vet Science, Leadership Project Awards in the Extension Building.  
1:00 p.m. - Jr Fair Sheep Show in the Show Arena.  
4:00 p.m. - Jr Fair Beef/Dairy Feeder Show in the Show Arena and Harness Racing \*Rain Date\* in the Grandstand.  
5:00 p.m. - Open Swine Show (Jr Fair only) entries close at the Secretary's Office.  
5:00-6:00 p.m. - TJ Hill, Magician in the Senior Pavillion.  
7:00-8:00 p.m. - TJ Hill, Magician in the Senior Pavillion  
7:30 p.m. - Jr Fair Feeder Calf Auction in the Show Arena.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15:  
9:00 a.m. - Jr Fair Pleasure & Performance Horse Show in the Horse Arena and the 4-H Cloverbud Show & Tell in the Youth Leadership Building.  
10:00 a.m. - Paulding County Animal & Me Show in the Show Arena.  
12:00 p.m. - Rufus the Dufus in the Senior Pavillion.  
1:00 p.m. - Goat Obstacle Course in the Show Arena and Flying Solo Shows in the Senior Pavillion.  
3:00 p.m. - Rufus the Dufus in the Senior Pavillion.  
4:00 p.m. - Flying Solo Shows in the Senior Pavillion.  
6:00 p.m. - Open Swine Show for the Jr Fair only in the Show Arena and KOI Drag Racing in the Grandstand.  
7:00 p.m. - Rufus the Dufus in the Senior Pavillion.  
8:00 p.m. - Flying Solo Shows in the Senior Pavillion.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16  
9:00 a.m. - 4-H Conservation, Science & Engineering Judging in the Youth Leadership Building.  
11:30 a.m. - 4-H Conservation, Science & engineering Awards in the Extension Building.  
12:00-2:00 p.m. - Children Choosing Christ (Theme: Ultimate Mystery) in the Senior Pavillion.  
1:00 p.m. - 4-H Family Consumer Science Judging in the Youth Leadership Building.  
2:00 p.m. - Open Beef Show entries close at the Secretary's Office and Performance Dogs of Ohio in the Senior Pavillion.  
3:00 p.m. - Showman of Showmen Contest in the Show Arena and Performance

Dogs of Ohio in the Senior Pavillion.  
3:30 p.m. - 4-H Family & Consumer Sciences Awards in the Extension Building.  
4:00 p.m. - Performance Dogs of Ohio in the Senior Pavillion.  
5:00 p.m. - Black Swamp Beef Showdown in the Show Arena.  
5:00-7:00 p.m. - Liberty Rose Band in the Senior Pavillion.  
6:00 p.m. - Jr. Fair Horse Contesting Show in the Horse Arena.  
7:00 p.m. - NTPA Tractor Pull in the Grandstand.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17:  
8:00-9:00 a.m. - Farmer Share Breakfast in the Farm Bureau Building.  
9:00 a.m. - Jr Fair Livestock Auction in the Show Arena.  
12:00 p.m. - Polls Open for voting for Ag Society at the Secretary's Office.  
2:00 p.m. - Entries close for Open Goat/Sheep Show at the Secretary's Office.  
4:00 p.m. - Horse Fun Show (Jr Fair only) at the Horse Arena and Voting Polls Close for Ag Society Board of Directors in the Secretary's office.  
4:30 p.m. - Black Swamp Open Goat & Sheep Show in the Show Arena.  
5:00-7:00 p.m. - Neon Straight Jackets Band in concert in the Senior Pavillion.  
7:00 p.m. - Rodeo in the Grandstand with fireworks following.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS  
**Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report**  
**Robert F. Adkins**, Cecil, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior  
**Eric A. Smith**, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Shall have no contact with victim  
**Reyna M. Sanchez**, Defiance, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Lea M. Smith**, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Rafael A. Davial Jr.**, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Nikita Y. Pisklenov**, Arlington Height, IL; CMN WO CDL Poss, Count A dismissed per plea agreement; Highway use tax, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all

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fining and costs

**John C. Jackson**, Ann Arbor, MI; Traf dev/signs, Defendant pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Distracted driving, Dismissed per plea agreement

**Jalen D. Whiteside**, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Heather J. McKenzie**, Paulding, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Show proof of insurance by 6/1/23

**Thomas R. Mosley**, Cecil, OH; Assault, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Placed on standard probation, Evaluation at Westwood, Mental health evaluation, 20 hours community service, Risk assessment, Probation to determine online classes, Report today upon release; Disorderly conduct, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior

**Paige S. Rabineau**, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Sierra M. Sullivan**, Sylvania, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Maria L. Coutts**, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived defendant

**Justin E. Dominguez**, Fort Wayne, IN; Wrong plate; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Broc M. Forrer**, Payne, OH; Driving under suspension, Pled no contest, found guilty; Failure to control, Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Allen E. Leininger**, Antwerp, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**PAULDING STUDENT NAMED TO DEAN'S HONOR LIST SPRING 2023 AT CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY**

Audrey Giesige from Paulding, majoring in Spec Education-Intervnt Spec, was named to the spring 2023 Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 5,082 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation, and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and high student engagement ranking. For more information about Cedarville University, visit [www.cedarville.edu](http://www.cedarville.edu).

**CECIL STUDENT NAMED TO ORDER OF THE ENGINEER**

Seventy-seven in Trine University's Allen School of Engineering and Computing were inducted into the Order of the Engineer during a recent ceremony.

**Alayna Willitzer of Cecil, majoring in Biomedical Engineering, was among the students honored during the April 26 ring ceremony in Best Hall.**

The ring ceremony is the public induction of candidates into the Order of the Engineer, a fellowship of engineers who are trained in science and technology and dedicated to the practice, teaching or administration of their profession.

During the ceremony, en-

gineering students are invited to accept the Obligation of the Engineer and a stainless steel ring is placed on the smallest finger of the working hand. The obligation is a formal statement of an engineer's responsibilities to the public and to the profession. Both the order and the obligation serve to stimulate public recognition by engineers of two basic principles: that the primary purpose of the engineering profession is the protection of the public health, safety and welfare; and that all members of the engineering profession share a common bond.

**REBBER EARNS BACHELOR OF ARTS CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, NEBRASKA**

**Paige Rebber of Antwerp, OH, earned a Bachelor of Arts from Concordia University, Nebraska.**

Concordia University, Nebraska, founded in 1894, is a fully accredited, coeducational university located in Seward, Neb., which currently serves over 2,500 students. Concordia offers more than 100 undergraduate, graduate and professional programs in an excellent academic and Christ-centered community that equips men and women

for lives of learning, service and leadership in the church and world. For more information, visit [cune.edu](http://cune.edu).

**FAIRVIEW FFA PETTING ZOO**

**By: Elizabeth Bok**

Every year the Fairview FFA Chapter host a Petting Zoo for elementary students. The sophomore Plant and Animal Science class is in charge of planning this event.

The Petting Zoo had a large variety of animals for the students to look at. The animals that attended this year were: a dairy calf, beef calf, donkey, pigs, lambs, goats, kittens, chicks, and rabbits.

Along with learning about the animals, the students also get to learn about other agriculture topics. There is a variety of stations for the students to attend to learn about shop activities and different agricultural concepts.

This year there was a tractor, loader, four-wheeler, and side-by-side for the students to look at, learn about, and sit in. There were presentations about digestive systems, oil spills, fishing, and many more.

The chapter enjoys beginning able to provide a fun learning experience for elementary students.

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF HEARING ON BOND FORFEITURE**

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

Case No. CR-22-623 STATE OF OHIO

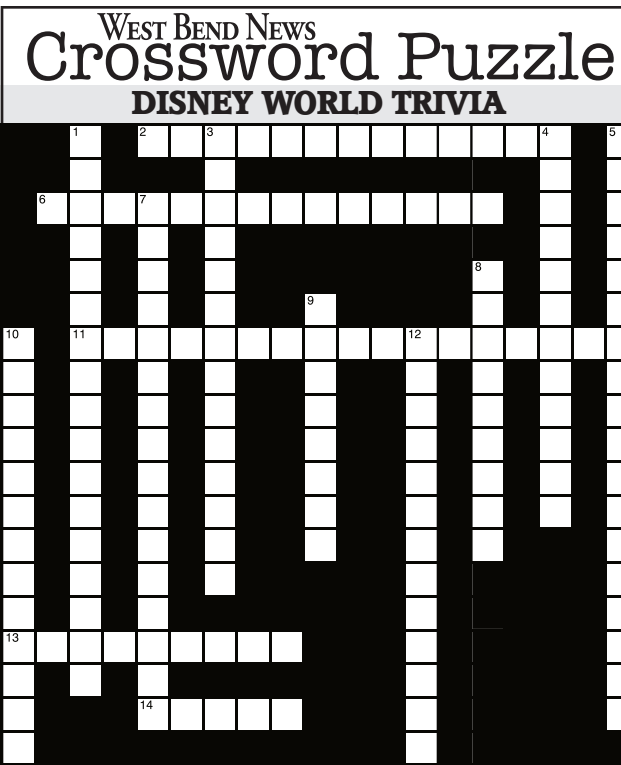
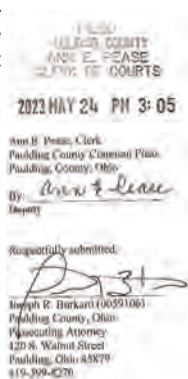
PLAINTIFF VS. WILLIAM LEONEL AGURCIA PONCE DEFENDANT

To: KERSTEN KEITZ LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 100 University Lane, apt. 303, Batavia, OH 45103

Please take notice that a motion to forfeit bond has been filed in the above-captioned matter. You may attend the motion hearing

scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Said hearing will be held at the Paulding County Common Pleas Court located at 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879



**Across**  
2. A park with live animals and themed areas, such as the African savanna and Pandora from Avatar  
6. A geodesic sphere at Epcot that houses an attraction about the history of human communication  
11. A classic attraction at Magic Kingdom featuring spooky effects and ghostly apparitions  
13. A high-speed ride at Epcot that simulates a test drive of a futuristic car  
14. A park with futuristic and international pavilions, as well as the popular World Showcase  
**Down**  
1. A roller coaster at Animal Kingdom themed around the Himalayas and the Yeti  
3. A classic boat ride attraction at Magic Kingdom with international dolls  
4. The first and most iconic of the four theme parks at Disney World  
5. A safari ride at Animal Kingdom with live animals, including elephants and lions  
7. The centerpiece of Magic Kingdom, with a royal suite inside  
8. A nighttime show at Hollywood Studios featuring Disney characters and special effects  
9. Galaxy's Edge  
10. A popular indoor roller coaster at Magic Kingdom  
12. A themed street with shops and restaurants leading up to Cinderella Castle

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

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

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes: LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff, vs.

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

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

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE SHERWOOD BANK, Plaintiff, vs. JESSE D. HULL, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 23 008

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

**624 North Dix Street, Paulding, Parcel Number: 30-20S-022-00**

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

Said premises appraised at Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) 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 July 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

<https://pauldning.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 20, 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.pauldningohsheriff.com](http://www.pauldningohsheriff.com) James K. Weaner, Attorney for Plaintiff

**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://pauldning.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.pauldningohsheriff.com](http://www.pauldningohsheriff.com) Phillip Smith, Jr., Attorney for Plaintiff

# DOE C DOE PROVIDE SERVICE TO ANTWERP



Doe C Doe 4-H club helps Laurel Hopkins with potting soil for the flower planters on Main St. in Antwerp 5/21/23.

## HAPPENINGS AT THE PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

6/5: Exercise - 10:00; Bridge Club - 12:30  
 6/6: Euchere - 9:45; Polish and Shine - 9-11  
 6/7: Bingo w/Van Crest - 10:30; Grocery Shipping - 1:30  
 6/8: Birthday & Anniversary Celebration; Bingo with Ann's Bright Beginnings - 10:00; Drumming - 10:30; Euchere - 9:45; Exercise - 10:00  
 6/9: Bible Study - 10:00; Commodity Distribution

## ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL 4<sup>th</sup> NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2022-23

**\*Denotes 4.0 Gold Card 4.0-3.67** (with no grade less than a B-)  
**SENIORS:** \*Gavin Clevinger, Zachery Devall, Katryna Fish, Shaylee Garrett, Isabelle Graham, \*Hayleigh Jewell, \*Lydia Krouse, Makenna Lawson, Ethan Lichty, Anna Meglich, \*Rayni Rister, \*Ethan Sanders, Aeriell Snyder, Hope Thomas-Roebel  
**JUNIORS:** Landon Brewer, \*Addyson Hormann, Aewyn McMichael, \*Brooke

Molitor, \*Hannah Molitor, \*Leila Spyker, \*Emma Townley  
**SOPHOMORES:** Noah Bradbury, \*Allison Carnes, Elle Clem, Drew Eaken, Jonah Keys, Aiden Lichty, \*Braylen Moreno, Caroline Rohrs, Keira Sargent, Tavin Sholl, \*Eden Shuherk, \*Gracelyn Stoller, Austin Zuber  
**FRESHMEN:** Kalli Billman, Krystal Bradbury, Marcelo Cruz, Leigha Doster, Sara Farr, Zaine McMichael, Tyler Palacios, Mara Philipot, Hampton Rogge, Colten Sargent, Corbin Sargent, Taylor Shull, Raelynne Zuber

**Blue Card 3.66-3.33** (with no grade less than a C+)  
**SENIORS:** Ross Lee, Makenna Smith, Kendra Spieth  
**JUNIORS:** Carson Altimus, Reid Lichty, Jill Magoulas, Emma Saul, Connor Shiple, Kahlea Shook  
**SOPHOMORES:** Maylynn Carnahan, Owen Franks, Derek Hines, Lydia Johnson, Tegehun Marlin, Jace McCreery, Madisyn Peters, Brynn Reinhart, Bryce Sholl  
**FRESHMEN:** Amelia Graham, Miley Jewell, Andrew Johnson, Griffin Kosch, Addison Lehman, Haydyn Lengacher, Estee Lichty, Harlee Moore

**Honor Roll 3.32-3.0** (with no grade less than a C)  
**SENIORS:** Kyliegh Logan, Rachele Maag  
**JUNIORS:** Cohen Hitzeman, David Puckett, Lucy Wales  
**SOPHOMORES:** Faith Clem, Karsen Donat, Dayne Sholl, Magdaline Trabel, Kayden Winslow  
**FRESHMEN:** Ashton Blankenbeckler, Nikalas Brandenburg, Dylan Hahn, Ella Hughes, Lillyanna McKay, Landon Orozco, Ethan Porter, Braxton Schilt, Lauren Walters

## ANTWERP JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 4<sup>th</sup> NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2022-23

**\*Denotes 4.0 Gold Card 4.0-3.75** (with no grade less than a B-)  
**EIGHTH GRADE:** Briley Bagley, Tatum Boyer, Lucy Conley, Roman DeLong, Maddox Friend, Josie Hahn, Aidden Hook, Eliana Hormann, Alyssa Lawson, Tyler Overman, Nathan Sanders, \*Gabriella Snyder, Keira Spyker  
**SEVENTH GRADE:** Bryceton Barker, Gage Barker, Alia Clem, Wyatt Cline, Tucker Doster, Aaden Friend, Brayden Fuller, Camden Herber, Kaira Jones, Taylor Lockhart, \*Noah Lucas, Elyse Meyer, Braxton Peters, \*Franco Rivera, \*Anneliese Zijlstra, Kora Zuber  
**SIXTH GRADE:** Brennan Barker, \*Annabelle Mowery, Garrett Robbins

**Blue Card 3.749-3.5** (with no grade less than a C+)  
**EIGHTH GRADE:** Jonnothan Coker, Avalon Coney, Payleigh Dickess, Maclaren Ehrhart, Keegan Gray Wyckoff, Blake Gribler, Alexisa Hankinson, Lexy Hicks, Isabella Krenkel, Emily Laker, Lincoln Lucas, Weston Rhonehouse, Michael Rohrs, Madison Schmidt, Kage Slattery, Allison Sproles  
**SEVENTH GRADE:** Hudsyn Bagley, Reese Franklin, Avery Honigford, Jason McKay, Allison Rice, Anabelle Saylor, Izaiah Thompson  
**SIXTH GRADE:** Pearce Cottrell, Charlotte Hook, Gianna Laker, Brooklynn Lawson, Evan Overman, Alaina Reinhart, Aleta Sorrell  
**Honor Roll 3.49-3.0** (with no grade less than a C)  
**EIGHTH GRADE:** Hailey Clem, Gage Clevinger, Maddilan Doster, Kole Elston, Aliyah Friend, Emery Jones, Grayson Kelson, Jennifer Lawhorn, Ethan Marlin, Kara Pierce, Holly Richey, Zarecy Salas, Lucas Sproles, Melita Warford  
**SEVENTH GRADE:** Carter Baumert, Alyvia Bell, Arriyana Dunderman, Lilly

# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GOLF OUTING SPONSORS



Jim Stykemain of Stykemain Chevrolet sponsored the Hole In One Contest for the Clint Vance Memorial Golf Outing benefitting Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County. A Hole In One winners on Hole 14 wins \$15,000 towards a car of their choice. Holding the sign are owner, Jim Stykemain and Habitat board member, Laurie Lucas.



Thrivent sponsored the food for the Clint Vance Memorial Golf Outing on June 3rd at Auglaize Golf Course. Shown with \$250 gift card is Cheryl Stromski with Thrivent and Habitat Board member, Laurie Lucas.

# Free Friday

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

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Halsey, Taylor Hogans, Alyssa Phillips, Clara Rohrs, Triston Schilt, Case Trabel, Jazmine Yanez  
**SIXTH GRADE:** Malory Barker, Tyler Bradbury, Elliana Burtnett, Teagen Eaton, Allison Miller, Robert Montgomery, Cate Rohrs

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# I PLAYED IN THE BAND



I Played In The Band  
I Sowed A Seed  
I played in the band, I sang  
in the choir

I wrote a few songs that  
gave a few people hope

Every once in awhile I  
started a fire.

I know -0 about music. I'm  
just an ordinary man and I  
don't particularly excel in any-

thing. I am not a scholar and I  
have no desire to be. I would  
like to try to sing but I don't

think it would end well. Each  
of us have gifts that we excel  
at, and which we enjoy doing.

Many of us get into a job  
which we really don't like but  
still we do our best. I feel that

when we find something we  
enjoy doing we generally can  
excel in that field.

Most of us are ordinary  
people and we have never  
been famous for anything. We

started out with high hopes,  
thinking we would conquer  
the world, but we settled for

mediocracy. I particularly like  
gardening, and I probably  
should have been a farmer,

but I wish I was better at it. At  
this point in life I would like  
to quit gardening but it is

something I am drawn to. I  
was involved in a garden club,  
and it seems there is a certain

percentage of people that are  
attracted to it.

I have often wandered  
what percentage of the popu-

lation are good at music, or  
perhaps good at art. I think  
perhaps these two go together

because we have had band di-

rectors that were also artists. I  
know for a fact that artistic  
people see colors we ordinary

people don't see. I struggle to  
match my clothes.

God has told us Christians  
to be a witness, to sow a seed,

or provide a spark. Sometimes  
the seed grows into a mighty  
oak, and sometimes it doesn't

grow at all. Most often we  
don't see the outcome, and  
sometimes another person

reaps the harvest that we have  
sown. Sometimes the spark  
goes out and sometimes it be-

comes a roaring fire.

Yesterday I learned of the  
Jim Johnson hymns on Face-

book. I am amazed at the clar-

ity of his voice and how he can  
sing these songs acapella. He

tells under what circum-

stances each hymn was writ-

ten, and it is an interesting  
program. I am told that at  
least a couple other Mission-

ary Church ministers were  
good singers. I didn't go to  
their Church, but after I

racked my brain, I know Jim.  
He has a good name.

I sing in the band, was  
written by Larry Gatlin, Bill

Gaither, and Henry Slaughter  
in 2014. I have talked before

about listening to music on  
your pocket phone, and yes-

terday I learned of a new  
artist. Larry Norman, "Why

Should The Devil Have All  
The Good Music?" This was

also sung by Janis Joplin, be-

fore she met a tragic end. She  
was probably the top star at

Woodstock. The end

—James Neuhouser

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**UPRIGHT FREEZER (4yr old), child's roll top desk, Johnson metal kitchen cabinets from 40s 6 pieces, other vintage items, men's jeans, variety of shirts. Town-wide yard sale, June 9-10, 106 E Canal St., Antwerp. P**

**HUGE SALE: More added from last week - furniture. 144 Maumee Lane, Antwerp. June 9th, 9-5, June 10th, 9-12. P**

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

Quinton Laker, Maleah Leslie, Tyson Manz, Adrianna Mead, Gabriella Mullins, Miracle Omonayin, Civil Pumphrey, Alexander Rodriguez-Santillan, Nicholas Schlueter, Delaney Scott, Gabriella Stork, Dylan Weible, Cameron Williams

**GRADE 8**  
**All A's:** Braylon Barnes, Max Daeger, Kayleigh Dunham, Mariah Klopfenstein, Esther Lemieux, Camdyn Manz, Megan Manz, Myrriah Manz, Vivienne Myers, Lucy Porter, Leonel Reyes, Lailah Smith, Audrey Stoller, Darcy Taylor

**All A's and B's:** Destiny Aldred, London Ametewee, Remington Boroff, Isabella Burtch, Avery Cooper, Landon Dasher, Silas Foltz, Jayla Griffith, Mackenzie Leatherman, Kate Manz, Monico Moreno, Estie Pease, Eli Pessefall, Noah Pollock, Tori Schlatter, Brooklynn Verfaillie

**PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL 4th NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2022-23**

**SENIORS**  
4.0: Katelyn Beckman, Vincente Cantu, Mason Doster, Ethan Foltz, Bridget Gribble, Miranda Iler, Wyatt Jefferies, Carlea Kuckuck, Nicholas Manz, Jacob Martinez, Emily Mazariegos, Hayden Mullen, Olivia Porter, Autumn Richards, Brayden Sanders, Ariana Sheaks, Cas-

sandra Weller, Bryanna Winke

3.5-3.99: Peyton Adams, Ashlyn Goings, Skylar Keezer, Kirsten Lane, Gage Lloyd, Carter Manz, Wyatt Pessefall, Savannah Peters, Caydence Rue, Chaz Shull, Chandler White

3.0-3.49: Cayden Breier, Luis Cortes Becerra, Natali Cortes Becerra, Quinten Doster, Joseph Estle, Braxton Ricker, Makayla Suffel, Seth Wilkes

**JUNIORS**  
4.0: Casey Agler, Elli Barton, Landrey Fitzgerald, Aiden Herman, Mattie Hirschy, Jamy Hunt, Maci Kausar, Lucas Kennedy, Sarah Lewis, Layla Logan, Wesley Ludwig, Carla Manz, Aiden Miller, Kelcie Pack, Jocelynn Parrett, Trinity Salazar, Denis Santillan-Rodriguez, Riley Stork, Sarah Wong

3.5-3.99: Harley Collins, Jacob Diemer, Kobe Foor, Joshua Funez, Ronald Goodwin, Meagan Hirschy, Brayden Kingen, Charles McClure, Zachary Metcalf, Patrick Paholak, Adam Stahl

3.0-3.49: Drake Ankney, Hunter Coutts, Sammie Jones, Allyson Merriman, Esther Rocha, Morgan Szurminski, Hailey Wolpert

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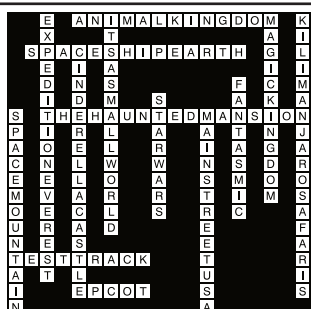
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# VIETNAM VETERAN GROUPS HOLD MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT FLAG PLAZA



Vietnam veterans from two companies of the 101st Airborne gathered for a memorial ceremony and wreath presentation at the Veterans Memorial Garden. (Photo courtesy of Jana Evans)

By: Cynthia J. Thomas, Staff Writer

(Article originally printed in the Branson Globe, May 26, 2023)

On Wednesday, May 10, members of two companies from the 101st Airborne Division held a memorial ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Garden in Branson. The event included speeches about

the groups' memories and events during their time serving in Vietnam, along with the presentation of a wreath with names of their fallen comrades, and playing of Taps by Branson veteran Bob Smithers. About 50 people were in attendance including the veterans, their spouses, and other family members, with at least 15 states repre-

sented and one attendee who traveled from England.

The two groups of 101st Airborne veterans included veterans of Charlie Company 2/502, serving in Vietnam in 1969, 1970 and 1971. Author John G. Roberts served with the group and wrote the story of Hill 714, "Mighty Men of Valor." According to member Bruce Scott, after meeting for several years, they linked up with another group, also including some from Alpha Company, who had been coming to Branson. Together they reached out to Garden Administrator Jana Evans about holding a ceremony at the new Flag Plaza at the Veterans Memorial Garden during their recent reunion. Following the May 10 ceremony, members and families of both companies toured the rest of the garden, and their memorial wreath from the ceremony will be proudly displayed at the Flag Plaza.

The new Plaza, located at the entrance of the Garden in front of the Veterans Honor Wall, is a recent addition to the Garden, thanks to a generous gift from White River Valley Electric Cooperative as a part of the Plugged-In Grant program for 2022. The grants are given annually for community enhancement and betterment projects throughout the Cooperative's service area. The funds helped provide three new black flagpoles with gold tops, four flags including the United States Flag, the Missouri Flag, the combined flag with all six U.S. Armed Forces insignias; and the POW/MIA Flag, plus new lighting for the flagpoles and pavers for the Plaza area.

"This was our hope and dream, that more veterans'

events and more memorial services by families would take place at the Garden." Jana Evans said of the May 10 gathering. "We are so grateful for the generosity of Nathan Stearns and his team at White River Electric for this beautiful flag display that shines at the top of the hill in our Branson Community at Roark Valley and 76 Country Blvd."

For more information about the Garden, or for inquiries about holding ceremonies, visit [www.Veterans-MemorialGarden.com](http://www.Veterans-MemorialGarden.com) or email Jana Evans at [BransonVeteransMemorialGarden@gmail.com](mailto:BransonVeteransMemorialGarden@gmail.com).

Louis Beregszazi of Antwerp, OH, owner of Upper Maumee Canoe and Kayak, is one of the Veterans who attended this annual Memorial reunion. Beregszazi is a veteran of the Vietnam War and he enjoys getting together with his old comrades in attempts to remember what happened and heal from those experiences. Having the time to hang out and talk with these folks is healing and helps the memories of those days be remembered and not forgotten.

### ODOT UPDATE

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert Counties. All outlined work is weather permitting.

#### DEFIANCE COUNTY:

##### U.S. 24 PROJECTS

U.S. 24 westbound entrance ramp from Baltimore Street will close on Monday, June 12, for approximately four weeks for slope repair.

#### TRAFFIC IMPACT

Detour: U.S. 24 eastbound to SR 15/SR 18, back to U.S. 24

### THIS WEEK ON PCBW: JESSICA SATTLER



Hear it here! Our next PCBW guest is Jessica Sattler with the Regional Growth Partnership (RGP) team.

Learn about what RGP is and what they do for our Paulding County community and the region, and how they are funded and tied to JobsOhio.

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#### U.S. 127 PROJECTS

U.S. 127, over the Maumee River, south of the village of Sherwood, closed on May 8 for approximately 365 days for a bridge replacement. Visit the project page: PID 102669

#### TRAFFIC IMPACT

Detour: CR 424 to The Bend Road to SR 18, back to U.S. 127.

• Southbound truck route: SR 15 to U.S. 24, back to U.S. 127.

• Northbound truck route: SR 249 to SR 15, back to U.S. 127.

State Route 18, just west of the village of Sherwood, will be restricted to one lane for drainage work. Traffic will be maintained via a temporary

signal.

State Route 18 between the village of Sherwood and the city of Defiance will have lane restrictions on June 6-7 for pavement testing.

#### PAULDING COUNTY:

State Route 49 between the village of Payne and the Defiance County line will have lane restrictions for berming operations.

#### ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE (CITY OF NEW HAVEN)

Beginning Wednesday, May 31, 2023 through Wednesday, November 1, 2023 Middle Street will be closed between Broadway and Ann Street. No detour will be posted.

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