

## MAJOR CHANGES AT PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER



Marsha Yeutter passes the Director job to Kari Morhart as she says goodbye to her friends and family.

Paulding County celebrated two professional and amazing women this past week.

Marsha Yeutter, executive director of the Paulding County Senior Center started way back at the turn of the century working as the five county Senior Center Coordinator in Defiance, and managed that position for 14 years before coming solely to Paulding County. It was on June 28 that the county, her friends and family came together and celebrated all of her work and accomplishments to make this a great place for all the elderly families.

Marsha stated that they currently produce about 200 meals per day for in house and

outside the facility which includes NOCAC's summer program and Meals on Wheels. There are about 14 employees that she manages which includes all the drivers for Meals on Wheels. The nine drivers do not only deliver food but also helps those who can't drive to the grocery store or to the Senior Center to spend time with others for games and other social events.

Marsha intends to slow down a little and take a vacation to Branson, MO before starting part-time as a paraprofessional at Good Samaritan School in Defiance. Her last day at the Senior Center is July 7, 2023.

Kari Morhart is taking the  
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## PAULDING COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will meet on Monday, July 10 at 11:30 a.m., for a potluck luncheon at the Cooper Community Room located next to the Oakwood Library at 206 North First Street in Oak-

wood, Ohio. Topics of discussion will be recent changes in the Ohio Department of Education and the new salt cave in Paulding. All Paulding County retired teachers are invited to attend. The group would like to extend a special invitation to teachers retiring in 2023 and to teachers inducted into the Paulding County Hall of Fame in 2023.

## 2023 COMMUNITY DAYS KIDS ACTIVITIES

2023 Convoy Community Days Kids Activities will be held on Saturday July 8th.

- Buckeye Pedal Pullers Kiddie Tractor Pull registration in the parking lot at 10:00am with the pull beginning at 11am for ages 4-12 years old. State & National sanctioned pulls with top 3 in each age group qualifying to move to next level.

- Kids carnival games, bounce houses, dunk tank at 11am- 1pm in the tent near the baseball fields.

- Crestview FFA Animals 11am to noon.

- Convoy Fire Department & EMS will display and demonstrate the equipment at the park at 11am.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN JULY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is busy with Summer Reading activities. The library will be closed July 4 to observe the Fourth of July holiday. Watch us in the Summer Blast Parade on Friday, July 14.

The Adult/Teen section will continue Coffee Talk every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Be sure to join us, it is always a good time with lots of laughs and lively discussion, plus a snack! Cookbook Club continues with our next meeting being Monday July 17 at 5:30 p.m. Our theme this month will be "Picnic Food". New members are always welcome, call 419-399-2032 for details. As part of our Summer Reading Program, we will be celebrating "Christmas in July" with crafts, treats, decorating and wrapping ideas. Next time you are in, be sure to take a few minutes and paint a rock for our "Brock the Snake". We want to see how long we can get Brock to grow! As usual

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## KENN-FELD GROUP & TTG EQUIPMENT ANNOUNCE MERGER AS TRULAND EQUIPMENT, JOIN STRENGTHS TO CREATE REGIONAL DEALER GROUP



Kenn-Feld Group and TTG Equipment will merge as TRULAND Equipment, the CEOs of the two companies announced Wednesday. The equal merger of the two John Deere Dealer groups is scheduled to occur on August 21, 2023.

This move brings together eighteen John Deere locations across Indiana and Ohio, allowing TRULAND Equipment to provide their customers with greater service support and inventory choices. TRULAND Equipment will also provide new opportunities for their employees with increased scale.

"This partnership was a several-year process, and we really took our time to make sure this was a good fit for our two companies as well as for our customers," said Tom Burenga, CEO of Kenn-Feld Group. "By combining our experience and capabilities, we are building a stronger organization that is better positioned to thrive while offering an expanded product portfolio to our customers."

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will continue to serve its customers in all eighteen of its locations in the region and is poised for growth in both service offerings and number of employees.

Jameson Ringger, CEO of TTG Equipment, emphasized that TRULAND will stay focused on maintaining a local feel and relationship-based business model. "We are two local companies joining together into one local company. While the name on the sign will change, the team will not. We are dedicated to cultivating lasting relationships with our customers, providing new opportunities for our employees, and investing in our community. This move is a win for all three."

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## Community Calendar

### MON & WED

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

### July 3

- Rock on the River @ Antwerp Park, 6pm

### July 5

- PC Board of Elections meeting @ office, 9am

### July 6

- Patio Concert @ The Huber, 7p

### July 7

- St. Louis Besancon Annual Rummage Sale, New Haven, 8:30a-6p (7/8, 8:30a-12p)

- PC Board of Elections testing @ office, 9am

### July 8

- Convoy Cornhole Tournament @ Edgewood Park, 11am

### July 9

- Trap Shoot @ Ant. Cons. Club, registration, 12:30pm
- Who was Herb Monroe? Presentation @ Herb Monroe Park, Paulding, 3pm

### July 10

- PC Retired Teachers Luncheon @ Cooper Comm. Rm., Oakwood, 11:30am

### July 11

- Destination Business Workshop @ Paulding 1st Pres Church, 9-11am
- Pontoon Rides on the Auglaize @ Five Span Park, 11a, 1p, 6p

### July 12

- PCHF Golf Outing @ Auglaize GC, 9am



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**OBITUARIES**

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**Carol J. Brandenburg**, 77, of Antwerp, Ohio passed away at home Thursday, June 29, 2023. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.  
 ANTWERP, OH:  
**Martha Louise Straley** of Antwerp, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, June 28, 2023 in Fort Wayne, Indiana at age 57. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.  
 PAYNE, OH:  
**Susan Elaine (Cadwallader) Tinlin**, of Payne, Ohio passed away suddenly at the age of 79 on June 19, 2023. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio.

**PARSON TO PERSON**

**By: Dr. James Bachman**  
*Dear Parson,*  
*I John 1:9 indicates when we confess our sins, God forgives and cleanses us. Does that mean we get off scott-free?*

This passage was written to and for Christians. Though the hell debt has been paid forever by Christ, there is still a price for even God's children to pay. Galatians 6:7 says, "...for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

There is a loss of reward (I Corinthians 3:11-15), and also natural consequences. If I were driving drunk, crashed, and lost my arm, I could get forgiveness, but I would not get my natural arm back.

There is good news, however. Payment after forgiveness comes in the form of blessing in disguise. Hebrews 12:11 - "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." The Lord told Paul he would suffer for His sake (Acts 9:16). Over the years of Paul's ministry, he received the same kind of persecution he had dished out. In return God gave him grace to endure and power (II Corinthians 12:9-10), comfort and ministry (II Corinthians 1:4), and rewards (II Timothy 4:7-8).

Sin is never good, but forgiven sin is better than unforgiven sin, which brings God's chastening as well (Hebrews 12:6-8).

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

**"CARING & SHARING" VBS AT ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH**

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church (601 Flatrock Dr. Paulding, OH) is having their Vacation Bible School July 24, July 31, August 7 9:00-11:30 a.m. ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH 601 FLATROCK DR. PAULDING, OH ) for children 3 years of age through Grade 5

Any offerings taken in will be given to the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry.

Registration forms available at www.stpaulpauldng.com

**TWIN OAKS HOSTS ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Twin Oaks will be having an ice cream social on Saturday, July 15 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Twin Oaks Fellowship Hall, 200 E. Main St, Oakwood, OH.

There will be homemade ice cream in the flavors of vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, raspberry, peach and maple.

Also available will be chicken quarter dinners which include scalloped potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll and a cookie.

**2023 CONVOY COMMUNITY DAYS CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

2023 Convoy Community Days Cornhole Tournament will be held on Saturday July 8th at the Convoy Edgewood Park at 643 N Main St in Convoy Ohio.

Registration will begin at 11am with bags flying at noon. Get registered by calling Gary Schaadt at 419-203-5577.

100% payout • Sandwiches & beverages will be available.

**CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY RECEIVES COMMUNITY SUPPORT & PLANS FUTURE EVENTS**



[Stamp out Hunger]: Paulding high school football team members helped collect food donations on May 13.



[Bus trip donation]: Left to Right: Laurie Barnes, pantry board president, and Marge Schlatter, pantry board treasurer, receive check from tour escort Sue Beck and volunteer Ann Olwine. The building fund donation was raised from a portion of the trip ticket cost and on-board gift raffles.

The Caring & Sharing Food Pantry receives great community support to help them stock their shelves, serve Paulding County residents dealing with food insecurity and get closer to building their new building. "I just want to say thank you to people in all corners of Paulding County," said Laurie Barnes, pantry board president. "We could not do what we do without financial donations, food drives and dedicated volunteers."

The U.S. Post Office Stamp Out Hunger occurred on May 13, sponsored by the Paulding post office. Village residents gave some 500 pounds of food, and the Paulding Panther high school football team helped the PO team collect the donations and helped unload it at the pantry.

In early June, the pantry received 400 pounds of meat from Cooper Farms.

On June 9, a sold-out Royal Excursions charter bus journeyed to Holmes County Ohio to visit Amish country and raise money for the pantry building fund. Led by independent tour escort Sue Beck of Paulding, the trip raised nearly \$1,300.

Every Friday, the pantry receives a food donation from Van Wert Walmart as part of their participation in Feeding America. It's this delivery that helps stock the pantry market with produce, meat, baked goods and shelf-stable food. It takes several volunteers to make this happen, including students from Vantage Career

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL CONTINUOUSLY CARING, CLOSE TO HOME**

We have seen many changes to healthcare in our region within the last 6 months. With additional changes on the horizon, we wanted to share the status of Paulding County Hospital with the communities we proudly serve.

It is the ongoing goal of our Board of Directors and our Administration that we remain a viable, stand-alone, critical access facility here in

Center during the school year.

Other fundraising events are coming soon to raise money for the pantry building fund.

On July 22, 2023, the 3rd Annual Scott St. John "Marmaduke" Cruise In is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. Music will be provided by My 102.7 and Fat Pig Smokehouse will be there. The pantry board will offer homemade ice cream and bottled water for free-will offering. The event's proceeds will go to the pantry building fund.

The pantry is participating again this year in the 127 Yard Sale on Aug. 2-5. Their booth will be set up inside at the First Presbyterian Church of Paulding at 114 West Caroline.

Over the past 14 months, financial donations to the building fund have totaled more than \$515,000 toward the fundraising goal of \$560,000. Gifts from businesses, families, memorials, churches and community organizations have added up quickly. The new food pantry will be located at 318 N. Walnut Street in Paulding.

Building Fund donations can be sent in care of the Paulding County Area Foundation at 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

For more information about the pantry, volunteering opportunities and fundraising activities, follow the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry on Facebook. You also can contact the pantry, at (419) 399-9562 or info@caring-and-sharing.org.

Paulding County. Thanks to the diligent efforts of our previous and current administrations, we have and continue to remain a critical asset to our community.

With a wide array of specialty services Paulding County Hospital continues to support the needs of our patients and their families, close to home. We conveniently offer family practice provider offices in four convenient locations throughout the county. The clinics are located in Antwerp, Oakwood, Paulding and

**Scripture of the Week**

"The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name."

— Zechariah 14:9

**MATT'S MISHAPS**

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

—Matt



**Productive in unideal circumstances**

I had the honor to grow up in a pretty much idyllic childhood. Most of us were born with a silver spoon in our mouths when we compare our childhood with those in the rest of the world. Maybe one of the reasons it was an idyllic childhood for me was because it wasn't perfect - I had to actually work through trivial and less than trivial experiences. Bailing hay or straw on sunny, hot, humid and dusty afternoons in Indiana is some of the best training for life.

Overseas, one of the first lessons I give new workers is on how to be productive in less than ideal circumstances. They will never get anything done if they wait for the situation to be ideal, before they can start working. Many are growing up in conditions that would be considered luxurious by the world's standards or by our previous generations. I once had a team from the States come to help. They did a great job, but it was not easy for them.

Before one meal, their prayer included a petition for the Lord's help in the hot temperatures without AC and to be able to live without ice in their drinks. A national worker was standing by me at

the time and asked, "What was that praying for ice in their drinks thing all about!?" - it was something he had never done!

In our early years, I shared an office space with another worker, but it was often noisy to work there. The other worker returned to the States and it was no longer affordable to keep that place. downsized and rented a "garage-storefront" space to work from, but rats, cockroaches and a plummeting currency exchange rate meant that place would come to an end. I now do office work from a dinner table or a chair in our family room. It is in the mid-80's and humid. I am sweating like mad and have a beach towel on the chair to soak up perspiration. I have a 1 liter glass of water at my side to keep my fluids up while I work. I have no basement to



**No, don't be afraid to travel outside the USA! Drinking ice with beverages is now becoming more common, but it may come with just one ice cube. American beverages like Coke are available in every corner of the world.**

escape to as I did as a kid growing up with no AC. My childhood was idyllic.

Years back I read the story of one of America's most influential writers and leaders who ran various organizations. His son said his dad did all his office work while sitting on the end of his bed and used a clip board as a desk. He never had a corner office. I think I can get something done when things aren't perfect, because perfect conditions just aren't idyllic.

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

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

Payne. Two of our offices located in Oakwood and Payne are offering extended hours to better meet the needs of the community.

We continue to see a growth in the services we offer to the community with the addition of CT Heart Smart scans this year. Coming soon, we will be welcoming a new primary care provider, Dr. Matthew Hogan, DO to Antwerp Regional Health Center. Please help us in welcoming Dr.

Matthew Hogan, DO to Paulding County Hospital, he will begin seeing patients in the clinic this fall.

Thank you for continuing to support our local hospital. At Paulding County Hospital it is our honor to provide continuous exceptional care for you and your loved ones, close to home.

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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.

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## NO ARK TODAY?

**Penny For your Thoughts**  
By: Nancy Whitaker

Most of us have heard the biblical story of Noah and the ark. This is a Bible story of how God destroyed the earth by water and gave Noah orders to build a boat that was to be a certain size.

While some are skeptical; many question, but believe. God had told Noah to build this vessel and to take 2 of each species of animal and his family into the ark as He was going to destroy the world by a big flood.

Many people laughed at and scorned Noah, but when the ark was finished and the animals and people were aboard, it began to rain. In fact, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights and the world was destroyed.

I am sure Noah was glad he obeyed God and therefore saved his family and the animals. Scientists have estimated that Noah was on the ark for almost a year.

Let's skip some time here and say it is 2017 and Noah lived here in the U.S. instead of biblical times. God spoke to Noah while he was sitting on his front porch and told him to build an ark or a huge boat because earth was going to be destroyed by water. God told Noah to take 2 of every living creature and his family.

In a flash of lightning, God delivered the specifications for an ark. Fearful and trembling, Noah took the plans and agreed to build the ark. "Remember," said the Lord, "You must complete the ark and bring everything aboard in one year."

Exactly one year later, a fierce storm cloud covered the earth and all the seas of the earth went into a tumult. The Lord saw Noah sitting on his front porch weeping. "Noah," God shouted, "Where is the ark?"

"Lord, please forgive me!" cried Noah. "I did my best, but there were big problems. First, I had to get a permit for construction and your plans did not comply with the codes. I had to hire an engineering firm and redraw the plans."

"Then I got into a fight with OSHA over whether or not the ark needed a fire sprinkler system and floatation devices. Then my neigh-

bor objected, claiming I was violating zoning ordinances by building the ark in my front yard, so I had to get a variance from the city planning commission."

"I had problems getting enough wood for the ark, because there was a ban on cutting trees to protect the Spotted Owl. I finally convinced the U.S. Forest Service that I needed the wood to save the owls. However, the Fish and



Wildlife Service won't let me catch any owls. So, no owls."

"The carpenters formed a union and went out on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labor Union. Now I have 16 carpenters on the ark, but still no owls."

"When I started rounding up the other animals, I got sued by an animal rights group. They objected to me only taking two of each kind aboard."

"Just when I got the suit dismissed, the EPA notified me that I could not complete the ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take very kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of the Creator of the universe."

"Then the Army Corps of Engineers demanded a map of the proposed new flood plane. I sent them a globe."

"Right now, I am trying to resolve a complaint filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that I am practicing discrimination by not taking godless, unbelieving people aboard!"

"The IRS has seized my assets, claiming that I'm building the ark in preparation to flee the country to avoid paying taxes. I just got a notice from the state that I owe them some kind of user tax and failed to register the ark as a "recreational water craft."

"Finally, the ACLU got the courts to issue an injunction against further construction of the ark, saying that since God is flooding the earth, it is a religious event and therefore, unconstitutional. I really don't think I can finish the ark for another 5 or 6 years!"

Noah wailed.  
"The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine and

the seas began to calm. A rainbow arched across the sky. Noah looked up hopefully. "You mean you are not going to destroy the earth, Lord.?"

"No," said the Lord sadly. "I don't have to. People already have."

When I first read this piece about Noah and today's world, I thought, "How times have changed."

It took a lot of faith and perseverance to build the ark and I can just imagine Noah trying to explain what he was doing. I might have been chicken to get on the ark, I bet

the place smelled after a while from the humans and animals. I am also scared of the 2 mice which was on board. Then in enclosed quarters, there may have been a fight or 2.

Many explorers through the years have claimed they located the old ark. But according to research they say it has not been found. What would you do if you observed someone building a boat this big? Would you offer to help or have enough faith to get on it? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for your Thoughts.

## ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS LEARN ABOUT CREEPY CRAWLERS



Shown here with their creations are from left: Lakelynn Sauber, Mateo Ash and Ellie Kowalski.

Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers have been buzzing through an insect unit. Recently, they made Ladybug windsocks! These children attend the Tuesday/

Thursday class with Mrs. Brandenburg and Mrs. Wann. For more information regarding our programs, call 419-399-KIDS (5437).

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our friendly staff is here to help you with all your reading and genealogy needs. Public computers, wi-fi, copying, printing and fax services are also available. Hope to see you soon.

The Children's Room has numerous things happening. Two story times with Kirk on Wednesday July 12 and 26 at 11:00 a.m. The children's room is pleased to announce the coming of DinoRoar on Wednesday July 19 at 12:30 p.m. with the arrival of a t-rex. There will be a "Fossil Find" July 10th to the 29th. Stop by and see what you can find in rocks from the Community Fossil Garden. Lots of activities inside the children's room, stop by rain or shine. Make your own Friendship bracelet and make one for a friend.

**Antwerp Branch**  
The Antwerp branch Movie Monday at 1:00 p.m. every Monday in July. Story-time at the Park is on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Craft Day is every Friday. Make Friendship bracelets on Thursday July 6 and 13, while supplies last. The Adult Book Club is Monday, July 10 at 6:00 p.m. Cookbook Club is on Monday July 17 at 5:45 p.m. Teen/Adult tie dye class for age 15 and up is

July 27, Space is limited, signup required. Every Saturday in July is Sidewalk Art during library hours.

**Grover Hill Branch**  
The Grover Hill branch will be having Munchkin Story time on Monday July 6 with Miss Addie Clemens for some summertime "Lemonade Stand" refreshment and on July 24 for "I Scream for Ice Cream". The story starts at 10:30 a.m. Senior Bingo in July is filled up, call ahead for future Senior Bingo. The Book Club meets at 4:00 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month. A roundtable discussion for the nineties Americana story "Where the heart Is" by Billie Letts will take place on July 26th. The Grover Hill Friends of the Library will be hosting an Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social as a fundraiser featuring the famous Grover Hill Lions Club, desserts and hot dogs. The Fundraiser will take place at the Lions Club on Saturday July 22nd from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Sign up once daily for the monthly drawing.

**Oakwood Branch**  
The Oakwood branch will be hosting Kids Summer Bingo on July 1 at 11:00 a.m. for kids ages 6-12. We would like you to sign up and have a parent present. Each Monday  
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reins from Marsha in the position of Executive Director after working for nearly two years as an Activity Director for Laurels of DeKalb. Kari stated, "We are a welcoming place with friends - a home away from home." as she helped prepare for the party. Her qualifications speak of each stepping stone job in the past that has led to this position. "I just love working with the elderly, and I have a pas-

sion for their events," continued Kari, "This might be the best part of people's lives to see the light and be welcomed in our community."

Kari said that this position is perfect for her because she can be closer to her children that attend school in Paulding.

With Kari taking the helm at the Senior Center, everyone can be assured it will be in good hands just as it was with Marsha!

**The deadline for the West Bend News is THURSDAYS at 5pm for the following issue. Send your news, ads, and classifieds to info@westbendnews.net Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.**

## MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Walter Edward Carlisle was born March 24, 1893 in Brighton, Lorain County, Ohio. The son of Joseph, born June 22, 1854 in Ross County, Ohio and Alice Liberty (Gaither) Carlisle, born August 31, 1854 in Pique County, Ohio.

This couple was married in 1885. The birth of a son, Harry W., January 7, 1886, Laura Alice, May 30, 1888, Walter E., March 24, 1893, Pern Albert, May 1, 1895, Grace Irene 1898.

By 1900, this family was living in Blue Creek Township, Walter was in school and Joseph was raising his family as a farmer. May 3, 1907, Walter's brother, Harry W., died. He was buried in Dealey Cemetery, outside of Payne.

By 1910, the Carlisle family was still living in Blue Creek Township living on Parker Road (not sure where this road is located). Joseph still farming, Walter had quit school, probably to help work the family farm. While working at the Tipton Elevator in Tipton, Ohio, Walter registered for the draft June 5, 1917. He went to the Blue Creek precinct and was listed as 5'8" tall, slender build, gray eyes, brown hair and single. Walter met and married a gal named Delilah M. Hennick May 18, 1918 in Paulding. Walter was accepted to serve in the National Army out of Paulding, May 25, 1918. He served with 159th Depot Brigade, this was a training unit. He served until February 7, 1919, where he was Honorably Discharged. Walter's brother Pern Albert, also registered for the draft June 5, 1917, out of the Haviland precinct. Pern was working at the Haviland Clay Works, married, tall medium build, light blue eyes, brown hair. Records show that he was not chosen.

By 1920, Walter and Delilah were living in Paul-

ding on Parker Pike. Walter was a salesman at a grocery store. A son, Walter S. was born January 9, 1920, followed by, Kenneth Wayne born 1921 and died the same year. Gerald Elden June 21, 1922, Mary A. May 24, 1924, Sela R. 1926, Garnett Mae November 26, 1927, and Raymond February 6, 1929.

By 1930, Walter and family were living in Latty on Jefferson Street. Walter was a day laborer doing road repair work. A son Herbert Eugene was born in 1931 and died in 1932, Marvin Leroy born August 25, 1932. By 1935, the Carlisle's had moved to Grover Hill. Children were born, Doris, January 21, 1936, followed by Laura Belle April 7, 1937 and Earl Rex born 1938 died in 1939.

By 1940, Walter and Delilah, were still living in Grover Hill. On January 27, 1940, Walter's father, Joseph, passed away, he was buried in Dealey Cemetery.

During 1940, the Carlisle family moved to Paulding, living at 325 Sugar Street. Walter was working as a boiler man at the Sugar Beet factory in Paulding. In 1942, Walter at the age of 50, registered for World War Two draft. His two sons, Walter Sherman and Gerald Elden, living at home with Walter and Delilah, and working at the Sugar Beet factory, registered also. They both served in World War Two.

January 4, 1944, Walter's mother, Alice, passed away. She was buried with Joseph at Dealey Cemetery. On October 22, 1949, Walter passed away and was buried in Dealey Cemetery. On March 17, 1962, Delilah passed away and was buried with Walter at Dealey Cemetery.

As my research expanded into this article, I realized I know two of Walter's grandchildren, from two separate children, small world!

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# PARKVIEW HEALTH GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION WELCOMES 30 NEW RESIDENT PHYSICIANS



**Dr. Joseph Lane smiles as he receives his white coat during Friday's ceremony for the Parkview Graduate Medical Education program. Lane is one of 12 resident physicians in Parkview's new transitional year program.**

Thirty resident physicians were welcomed to Parkview Friday with a white coat ceremony marking the start of their residency through the Parkview Health Graduate Medical Education program.

It's the second class of individuals to make the transition from student to physician through the program, which grew year-over-year with the addition of a new transitional year residency. Last year's inaugural class had 19 physicians starting their careers with Parkview.

"Parkview is thrilled to welcome these students as they finish their formal studies and now move into their chosen fields of practice," said Susan Steffy, MD, chief medical officer, Parkview Graduate Medical Education. "Physicians never stop learning, and our graduate medical education program ensures that these first-year doctors will continue to learn and grow with the guidance of Parkview's team of experienced clinicians."

The 2023 class of new physicians includes 14 in the internal medicine residency and four in the general surgery program. The internal medicine program is a three-year residency, while surgery resident physicians are beginning a six-year commitment.

This year also welcomes the first class of 12 physicians into the transitional year program. The one-year program serves as a prerequisite for advanced medical residen-

cies, including physical medicine and rehabilitation, which Parkview will add in 2024.

Physical medicine and rehabilitation will welcome two resident physicians per year. In 2024, Parkview will also add an OB-GYN program, with five resident physicians per year. Both are four-year programs.

This year's class of 30 includes a diverse roster of physicians, with six completing their degrees at the Indiana University School of Medicine as well as graduates from other U.S. universities and several international institutions. This year's resident physicians and their programs are as follows:

First-Year Internal Medicine Resident Physicians

- Baraa Al Jebawi, MD, American University of Antigua College of Medicine

- Holly Alter, DO, Lincoln Memorial University - DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine

- Andy Alvarez Herrera, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine

- Tanvi Borse, MD, Seth Gordhandas Sunderdas Medical College

- Prashanth Donepudi, MD, American University of Antigua College of Medicine

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- Ya Gao, MD, American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine

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- Cecelia Hale, DO, Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine

- Molly Jain, MD, Saint James School of Medicine

- Ibrahim Nawaz, MD, Shifa College of Medicine

- Anil Regmi, MD, Nepal Medical College

- Manuela Tchate Sizyandji, MD, Avalon University School of Medicine

- Numra Urooj, MD, King Edward Medical University First-Year General Surgery Resident Physicians

- Kathy Bach, MD, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

- Steven Cochrun, MD, University of Alabama at Birmingham Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine

- Rishabh Shah, MD, Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Medicine

- Sunay Srinivas, MD, University of Texas Medical Branch John Sealy School of Medicine

Transitional Year Resident Physicians

- Aatif Basher, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine

- Eleazar Fariscal, DO, New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine

- Alexander Huang, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine

- Spencer Jude, MD, University of Utah School of Medicine

- Joseph Lane, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine

- Verda Mirza, DO, Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine

- Shiv Panigrahi, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine

- Isaac Schumacher, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine

- Lucas Simmons, DO, Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine

- Nicholas White, MD, University of Kentucky College of Medicine

- Winston Winkler, MD, Washington University School of Medicine

- Jason Wodley, DO, Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine

According to the Indiana Graduate Medical Education Board, continued investment in the state's physician pipeline is critical to meeting in-

creasing demand, especially in rural and underserved areas, and for improving health outcomes and quality of life for all Hoosiers. Residency programs also play a role in economic development – the board projects the statewide economic impact of current and planned medical resident programs will reach \$332 million by 2025.

"As Parkview Graduate Medical Education enters its second year, we are laying the foundation for programs that will impact our region for decades beyond the formal training of these resident physicians," said Ray Dushman, MD, president, Physician and Clinical Enterprise, Parkview Health. "Our residency programs will improve physician recruitment and access, creating both economic and health benefits. We are thrilled to welcome 30 more resident physicians and expand our impact on the well-being of our communities."

To learn more about the Parkview Health Graduate Medical Education program, visit [parkview.com/GME](http://parkview.com/GME).

## TWO BILLS FILED WITH HOUSE CLERK TO ADDRESS VOTE RAIDING & CLARIFYING CURRENT LAW REGARDING PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Two bills were filed at the Ohio Statehouse to ensure election integrity and stop voter raiding in Ohio.

HB208 and HB210 both push for clarification of current Ohio law, and assuring Ohio law is followed in Primary Elections. Both seek to clarify existing law, assuring you vote in the party primary you are a member of and pre-registered for.

HB 208 is modeled after PA law that requires electors to register for their party no later than 30 day prior to the state primary election. HB 210 is based on KY law that mandates electors register for their political party by Dec 31 of the prior year. Both bills grandfather those already registered to a party who don't want to change affiliation.

Both laws would prohibit election day voter raiding and switching ballots as you walk into the ballot booth making it a conscious decision not a political decision.

In support of the bills, Secretary of State Frank LaRose said, "The simple solution is this, instead of letting people show up in a bus paid for by some leftist group, why not make them decide to switch parties far in advance? Make them actually register as a member of the Republican party or actually register as a member of the Democrat party. That is the best solution."

Former Congressman Jim Renacci has been working closely with OFRG on this issue and said, "It's great to see two bills now starting to move thru the Statehouse. I personally think that December 31st bill is the best (HB210), but I am sure there is a good compromise on the horizon. I was able to meet with speaker Stephens and discuss this issue with him. I hope he will join us and support this effort in the people's house. This will be a big win for those who want to make sure our elections are as secure as possible in Ohio."

# PARKVIEW HEALTH HOSTS CITY'S FIRST PHYSICIAN EXCHANGE WITH FOUR GUESTS FROM PLOCK, POLAND



**Mirro Sim Lab 2: Holy Trinity Hospital's Dr. Pawel Sobieski, left, tests his skills with a simulation manikin while his colleague Dr. Piotr Branczewski observes and Mitchell Maison-neuve, right, a healthcare simulation specialist, assists in the Simulation Lab at the Parkview Mirro Center for Research & Innovation.**

Parkview Health recently welcomed four representatives from a hospital in Plock, Poland, as part of the first-ever physician exchange with Fort Wayne Sister Cities International.

From June 13-18, Parkview hosted three physicians from Plock's Holy Trinity Hospital, Dr. Pawel Sobieski, Dr. Marek Roman Brzezinski and Dr. Piotr Branczewski, along with Holy Trinity CEO Marek Stawicki. During their visit, the guests met with Parkview physicians and leaders, and both groups shared information about their facilities, services, cities and culture.

The City of Plock is one of five Sister Cities with the City of Fort Wayne. In the past 33 years, the two cities have hosted exchanges for high school students, musicians, artists, photographers, teachers and police officers, and now the first physician exchange with Parkview Health.

"Listening, learning and sharing are how we grow and advance, not just as healthcare providers, but as a community," said Ray Dushman, MD, president, Physician and Clinical Enterprise, Parkview Health. "This cultural exchange was beneficial for both cities, as we shared invaluable knowledge and time together. We were humbled to host the first physician exchange with Sister Cities and are grateful to have learned so much from our guests."

A 250-bed facility with more than 700 medical staff, Holy Trinity Hospital has been caring for the city of Plock for more than 600 years. Much like Parkview's hospitals, Holy Trinity offers a full range of healthcare services, but the Polish hospital

is best known for its orthopedics and obstetrics wards.

The four guests explained that Parkview and Holy Trinity Hospital are playing a key role in providing humanitarian aid to Ukrainian refugees. In 2022, roughly 70% of Ukrainian refugees entered Poland, with an estimated 2 million refugees still living there today. Ukrainian refugees receive the same rights as Polish citizens, including jobs, free healthcare, education and social assistance.

Though this visit was the first physician exchange for the Sister Cities, it was not Parkview's first connection with Plock. Parkview's Iwona Podzielinski, MD, a gynecologic oncologist with the Packnett Family Cancer Institute, is from Plock and was actually born at Holy Trinity Hospital. Through Dr. Podzielinski, Parkview has been building relationships with the Polish city.

During a 2022 Parkview leadership meeting, Dr. Podzielinski shared a touching story about the impact of the current war on her home country. Compelled by her perspective, Parkview invited a group of Polish dancers to perform at another leadership meeting a few months later.

"Both Plock and Parkview hold a special place in my heart," said Dr. Podzielinski. "Parkview has helped me to share my heritage and support my hometown in various ways. It was an honor to be a part of our first physician exchange, an experience that created a positive impact for all involved."

During the exchange, the four guests enjoyed visits to multiple Parkview locations, including the Parkview Mirro Center for Research & Inno-

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ation, where they enjoyed learning about cutting-edge technology and equipment in the Advanced Medical Simulation Lab. They also spent time at Parkview Regional Medical Center and the Packnett Family Cancer Institute, shadowing physicians in gynecologic oncology, orthopedic surgery, general surgery and surgical oncology. At Parkview Hospital Randallia, the guests learned about the Parkview Graduate Medical Education program.

The group was also treated to local cultural experiences, including a TinCaps game at Parkview Field. Though the Polish guests had never been to a baseball game, they were willing to try their hand at the sport and threw the ceremonial first pitch.

**Polish Exchange Group:** Pictured in front of the Packnett Family Cancer Institute are, from left, Dr. Pawel Sobieski, general surgery, Holy Trinity Hospital; Dr. Piotr Branczewski, orthopedic surgery, Holy Trinity Hospital; Marek Stawicki, CEO, Holy Trinity Hospital; Dr. Marek Brzezinski, obstetrics and gynecology, Holy Trinity Hospital; and Dr. Iwona Podzielninski, gynecologic oncology, Packnett Family Cancer Institute.

**Mirro Sim Lab 1:** Dr. Kevin Pei, left, who serves as

medical director for simulation at the Parkview Mirro Center for Research & Innovation, and Dr. Marek Brzezinski watch as Dr. Piotr Branczewski, seated, tries his hand at robotic surgery with a da Vinci training device. Brzezinski and Branczewski were visiting Parkview from Holy Trinity Hospital in Plock, Poland.

**Mirro Sim Lab 2:** Holy Trinity Hospital's Dr. Pawel Sobieski, left, tests his skills with a simulation manikin while his colleague Dr. Piotr Branczewski observes and Mitchell Maisonneuve, right, a healthcare simulation specialist, assists in the Simulation Lab at the Parkview Mirro Center for Research & Innovation.

**Mirro Sim Lab 3:** Holy Trinity Hospital's Dr. Pawel Sobieski, left, watches Dr. Kevin Pei, medical director for simulation at the Parkview Mirro Center for Research & Innovation, demonstrate surgical training equipment in Parkview's Simulation Lab.

**PRMC Tour:** As part of Fort Wayne's first physician exchange, four guests from Holy Trinity Hospital in Plock, Poland, visited multiple Parkview Health locations. The guests are pictured with leaders from Parkview Regional Medical Center as they toured the hospital's emergency department.

**TinCaps Game:** During their visit to Fort Wayne, guests from Holy Trinity Hospital in Plock, Poland, were treated to a TinCaps game. Pictured with TinCaps mascot Johnny, left, are Dr. Piotr Branczewski, Dr. Pawel Sobieski, Marek Stawicki and Dr. Marek Brzezinski. Though the guests had never

been to a baseball game, they were willing to try their hand at the sport and threw the ceremonial first pitch.

**USDA FOREST SERVICE INVESTS \$188M TO KEEP FORESTS WORKING, CONSERVE PRIVATE FORESTLAND**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced a \$188 million investment through President Biden's Investing in America agenda to conserve some of the most economically and ecologically significant forestlands across the nation.

The funding will support 34 projects to conserve more than 245,000 acres of working forests that are critical to rural economies in 22 states and one island territory, as part of the agency's Forest Legacy program. \$100 million of this funding comes from President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, which provides an additional \$250 million for similar projects next year, and \$88 million comes from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

"These forests, identified by state, tribal, and non-profit partners as vital to local communities, are critical to the health of our planet and the livelihoods of millions of Americans," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "As private forest landowners continue to face pressures to convert forests, the Forest Legacy program keeps working forests working. Thanks to President Biden's Investing in America agenda, we are ensuring that the most important forested landscapes continue to provide economic and social benefits to the communities that depend on them for their lives and livelihoods."

The Forest Service shared news about the fiscal year 2023 Forest Legacy investments earlier today at an event in Rangeley, Maine where Governor Janet Mills, and partners including The Nature Conservancy and Trust for Public Land, celebrated the completion of the Quill Hill to Perham project -- a nearly 14,000-acre Forest Legacy program project that supports wildlife habitat, recreation and contributes \$6 million to the local sustainable timber economy.

America's public and private forests provide critical habitat for wildlife, support outdoor recreation, provide families with food and other resources, protect clean water, and are vital to forest

products economies. They play a significant role in the local social and economic fabric, especially for disadvantaged and tribal communities, and support carbon sequestration and climate resilience.

States, with input and in coordination with tribes and non-profits, will use land easements and purchases to conserve the most ecologically and economically important forests that are under threat of being converted to non-forest uses.

The Inflation Reduction Act is part of the Biden-Harris Investing in America agenda to grow the American economy from the middle out and bottom up, by rebuilding our nation's infrastructure, driving over \$470 billion in private sector manufacturing investments, creating good-paying jobs, and building a clean energy economy to tackle the climate crisis and make our communities more resilient.

For a complete list of fiscal year 2023 projects, or to learn how states can apply for fiscal year 2024 funding, visit [www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/forest-legacy/program/fy23-funded-projects](http://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/forest-legacy/program/fy23-funded-projects). States can also contact their Forest Service regional office for more information.

For more on how the Forest Service works with states to conserve forestlands through this program, visit the Forest Legacy program webpage.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean-energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

**MERCY HEALTH WELCOMES NEUROSURGEONS BRIAN HOEFLINGER, MD, DAVID LEWIS, MD, & JENNIFER FENDER, PA, JOIN MERCY HEALTH PHYSICIANS**



Mercy Health continues to welcome former McLaren St. Luke's providers to our health care organization, most recently with the addition of two board-certified neurosurgeons, Dr. Brian Hoeflinger and Dr. David Lewis.

Formerly of McLaren St. Luke's Brain and Spine, Dr. Hoeflinger, Dr. Lewis, and Jennifer Fender, PA, will continue to serve patients at the same location under a new name, Mercy Health - The Neuroscience Institute, St. Luke's. With combined experience of more than 35 years in the community, Dr. Lewis and Dr. Hoeflinger specialize in minimally invasive surgery and advanced neuroradiology techniques.

With a focus on general neurosurgery, Dr. Hoeflinger treats patients of all ages, specializing in disorders of the brain, spine, and nerves. He offers patient-focused care and works with his patients to form a partnership. "The provider/patient partnership is the cornerstone and foundation to which a trusting relationship is developed regarding a patient's care," Dr. Hoeflinger said.

The most common issues that patients seek out care from Dr. Lewis are disorders of the spine, which tend to cause pain, weakness, and/or numbness in the arms and legs. As a team, Dr. Lewis works with his patients to determine the best course of treatment. "I recognize that the best way to treat issues may not be via a surgical procedure. I will not recommend

surgery unless I am confident it will help fix the problem," he said.

The team at Mercy Health - The Neuroscience Institute, St. Luke's specializes in the comprehensive treatment of disorders affecting the brain, nervous system, meninges, skull, pituitary gland, spinal cord, vertebral column, and cranial and spinal nerves. Dr. Hoeflinger treats a wide array of conditions including hemorrhages, hydrocephalus, head or spinal cord trauma, spinal disc herniation, infections, and tumors.

Dr. Lewis earned his Bachelor of Science from The Ohio State University and his medical degree from the University of Toledo College of Medicine. He served his residency in Neurological Surgery at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

Dr. Hoeflinger earned his Bachelor of Arts in biology from the University of Toledo and his medical degree from the University of Toledo Medical Center. He completed a fellowship in Research Training from Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Ann Arbor and a Neurological Sugary residency from the University of Rochester School of Medicine in Rochester, NY.

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# McCOLLEY RECOGNIZES WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK CHAMPS



State Senator Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) recognized the Wayne Trace High School girls state championship 1600 meter relay team today during senate session. The team of Sydnee Sinn, Kiara Bahena, Careen Winans and Caroline Winans won the Division III 1600 meter state title in a record time of 3:54.85, smashing the old mark by a

second and a half. "It is an honor to recognize the accomplishments of such remarkable student-athletes," said McColley. "Their accomplishments are a glowing reflection on their communities, their schools and their families."

This is the second state title in a row in this event for the school. Sydnee also won the state title in the 400 meter

dash, setting another Division III Ohio girls track and field record with a time of 55 seconds. She won a total of four state championships in her legendary career.

Sydnee and Kiara both have a GPA of 4.0 and have been named as valedictorians of the 2023 graduating class of Wayne Trace High School. Sydnee is also Senior Class President.

for the Raiders, throwing five innings allowing seven hits and three earned runs with four strikeouts. Cooper Wenzlick struck out the side in the sixth for Wayne Trace.

Kobe Foor took the loss for the Panthers, fanning four and walking three in five innings of work.

Ian Hutchinson had a single and a double for the maroon and white while driving in two runs with Foor doubling and scoring. Blake Rhonehouse, Greyson Harder, Hunter Coutts and Gavin Coil all singled for Paulding with Rhonehouse and Coil also scoring. Coutts also picked up a run batted in for Paulding.

Tucker Antoine homered, scored once and drove in two runs for Wayne Trace with Breven Anderson singling twice, doubling once, scoring three times and posting two runs batted in. Carter Clemens also had two singles and scored twice with a run batted in.

Tyson Gerber singled twice and drove in three for Wayne Trace while Kyle Forrer doubled, picked up three runs batted in and scored once. Jack Schoenauer added a double and scored twice for the Raiders with Miller singling once and scoring once.

Cooper Wenzlick also scored twice for the red, white and blue with Bradley Lee driving in one run. Nathaniel Osborn scored once for Wayne Trace.

## RAIDERS OPEN ACME TOURNAMENT WITH ROUT OF EDON

Wayne Trace scored nine times in the third inning as the Raiders rolled to a 15-0 victory over Edon in the opening round of the ACME tournament on Sunday at Fairview High School.

The red, white and blue opened the scoring with a three-run second before breaking the game open with a nine-run third to make it 12-0.

Wayne Trace then closed out the scoring with three more runs in the fourth frame to set the final score at 15-0.

Cooper Wenzlick had a single, two doubles and a home run to lead the Raiders with Breven Anderson adding a single and a double. Kyle Forrer chipped in a pair of singles for Wayne Trace.

Tucker Antoine, Tyson Gerber, Brady Miller, Jack Schoenauer and Tanner Laukhuf chipped in a single each for the red, white and blue. Wenzlick scored three times to lead Wayne Trace

# PAULDING FFA HAS A SUCCESSFUL FAIR WEEK



Pictured left to right is a group of Paulding FFA members working in the Alumni Sausage stand during fair. Back row left to right Kobe Foor, Jack Woods, Lucy Breier, Luke Beckman and Addy Pease. Front row left to right Matt Bail and Katie Beckman.

By: Grace Goyings, Paulding FFA Reporter

During the Paulding County Fair, the Paulding FFA had many members participate in a variety of activities throughout the week. This year's fair was June 10th-17th, with many activities going each day from livestock shows to still project judging.

On Monday, several members participated in the annual Jr. Fair King and Queen contest. Carter Manz was this year's King. 1st runner-up king was Mason Schlatter and Jamy Hunt was 1st runner-up queen. 2nd runner-up king was Colby Singer and 2nd runner-up queen was Ally Jo Merriman.

On Thursday, the Paulding FFA hosted the 1st Annual Animal and Me livestock show which was a huge success and we are excited to expand the program next year!

Every Paulding FFA member had at least one project at the fair this year. This year there were over 40 animal projects and over 80 still projects.

The still projects this year

included Wood hanging basket stands, wooden mug holders, SAE poster and metal Boot scrapers. Jamy Hunt won a plaque for the BEST SAE project poster and Dominik Batt was the BEST Metal Working project.

The chapter also had a lot of members win awards with their livestock projects as well as several members placing 1st and 2nd in many of their livestock classes. Katie Beckman won the Showman of Showmen contest on Friday where she showed all the species of livestock during this event winning a belt buckle for all her efforts.

The members were also very busy helping in the FFA Alumni Sausage Stand and serving on the Paulding County Jr. Fairboard helped to run the livestock shows.

The Paulding FFA had a very successful year at the Paulding County Fair, the chapter is excited for next year! Paulding FFA appreciates everyone for their support of our members at the livestock sale and throughout the year.

with Antoine, Forrer, Gerber and Anderson all touching home plate twice. Miller, Schoenauer, Laukhuf and Nathaniel Osborn scored the remaining runs for the Raiders.

Anderson and Wenzlick posted three runs batted in each and Gerber drove in two runs. Laukhuf, Antoine, Carter Clemens and Schoenauer also picked up one run batted in.

Antoine also posted the win on the mound, throwing five frames giving up one hit and one walk while fanning ten in five innings of work.

## RAIDERS OPEN ACME TOURNAMENT WITH ROUT OF EDON

Wayne Trace scored nine times in the third inning as the Raiders rolled to a 15-0 victory over Edon in the opening round of the ACME tournament on Sunday at Fairview High School.

The red, white and blue opened the scoring with a three-run second before breaking the game open with a nine-run third to make it 12-0.

Wayne Trace then closed out the scoring with three more runs in the fourth frame to set the final score at 15-0.

# PAULDING FFA HOSTS 1ST ANNUAL ANIMAL & ME LIVESTOCK SHOW AT THE PAULDING COUNTY FAIR



Pictured here are the participants from the Animal and Me Livestock show along with their Paulding FFA members who helped them show their livestock during the show.

By: Staci Miller, Paulding FFA Advisor

On June 15th, the Paulding FFA hosted the 1st Annual Animal and Me program at the Paulding County Fair.

This program is happening at County Fairs all across Ohio, from metro areas like Warren County to rural counties like our own Paulding County. The program links individuals with developmental disabilities with FFA members to learn about animals. This program provides the individuals with an opportunity to

experience showing an animal project and practice their public speaking and communication skills.

The Paulding FFA was so excited to help sponsor and run the program for 2023. The FFA members served as mentors to the participants as they showed their livestock at the fair.

The members helped their buddies show rabbits, goats and feeder calves during the show. The Paulding FFA, along with the Paulding FFA Alumni, partnered with the

Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities to put on this show.

Each member and participant received a t-shirt they wore during the show. At the conclusion, of the show each participant received a trophy and the winner of each class received a large rosette.

The Paulding FFA is so excited to grow this program in the future and make it a yearly event at the Paulding County Fair. The Paulding FFA appreciates everyone who participated, and attended the show, it was a wonderful day for all who were involved!

A special shout out to the Paulding FFA Alumni who provided the awards and t-shirts to the participants and Howell's Doodles for sponsoring a sausage sandwich to each participant.

## RAIDERS CRUISE PAST RIVAL PANTHERS

Wayne Trace scored five times each in the third and fourth innings to roll to a 13-3 ACME baseball victory over county rival Paulding last week.

The Raider scored twice in the second before adding five in the third to expand the margin to 7-0. After Paulding plated one run in the fourth, the red, white and blue scored five more times in the bottom of the fourth to push the margin to 12-1.

In the fifth, the Panthers extended the game with two runs to trim the deficit to 12-3 before Wayne Trace picked up one run in the sixth to close out the 13-3 victory. Brady Miller got the win

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# PAULDING FFA OFFICER TEAM ATTENDS OFFICER RETREAT



Pictured here is the 2023 Paulding FFA officer team front to back consists of President Jamy Hunt, Vice President Kobe Foor, Secretary Jalyn Klopfenstein, Treasurer Tyler Schlatter, Reporter Grace Goyings, Sentinel Addy Hunt, Student Advisor Brooklyn Schlatter, Parliamentarian Brooke Kilgore, and Chaplain Tytus Manz

**By: Grace Goyings, Paulding FFA Reporter**

The Paulding FFA officer team this year consists of President Jamy Hunt, Vice President Kobe Foor, Secretary Jalyn Klopfenstein, Treasurer Tyler Schlatter, Reporter Grace Goyings, Sentinel Addy Hunt, Student Advisor Brooklyn Schlatter, Parliamentarian Brooke Kilgore, and Chaplain Tytus Manz, along with Agriculture Teacher and FFA advisor Mrs. Staci Miller, and FFA advisor Jen Bradford.

On June 20th-22nd, the Paulding FFA officer team went to an officer retreat in Frazesburg, Ohio. Officer re-

treating provides a time for the students to get to know each other and work better as a team. Along with fun activities, during this time, the budget and the yearly calendar are made so the FFA is prepared for the upcoming year.

On Tuesday, the team performed many team-building exercises to help strengthen their relationships with each other. On Wednesday, the team got to go kayaking as a group. They also took some time to develop the Program of Activities (POA) for the year. The team discussed the goals they had for the chapter and some new ideas to help

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## LADY PANTHERS POST WIN OVER WT

The Paulding Lady Panthers scored in each of their four at-bats as the maroon and white defeated Wayne Trace 7-4 in a five-inning

chapter grow with their FFA advisors.

On the last day, the team talked about their favorite parts of the retreat and some things they had learned. Then it was time to head back home. The team learned a lot of new skills, bonded during this trip, and are ready for an exciting new year full of Agriculture Education, Career Development Events (CDEs), Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs), community service projects, and FFA! The officer team would like to thank the Paulding FFA Alumni for supporting the officer retreat.

ACME softball game Tuesday evening.

Both teams scored once in the first before the Lady Panthers picked up a single run in the second to post a 2-1 advantage.

Paulding extended the margin in the third with a trio of runs, pushing the margin to 5-1, but the Lady Raiders answered with one run in the top of the fourth to close within 5-2. The Lady Panthers then added to the lead with two runs in the bottom of the fourth expanding the lead to 7-2.

Wayne Trace closed out the scoring with two runs in the top of the fifth to set the final margin at 7-4.

Tia Mendez recorded the victory for Paulding, tossing five innings on the mound allowing five hits, four runs (three earned) and two walks while striking out six.

Logen Bland suffered the loss for the Lady Raiders, pitching four frames giving up seven runs on a dozen hits and two walks with two strikeouts.

Bland singled once and

drove in two runs for Wayne Trace with Raegan McGarvey adding a single and one run batted in. Allison Schilt singled and scored once for the Lady Raiders.

Maci Kauser led Paulding with a triple and a home run, scoring twice and driving in two runs. Mendez, Jocelynn Parrett and Jalyn Klopfenstein all had a pair of singles for the Lady Panthers with the trio scoring one run each. Klopfenstein picked up a run batted in as well.

## ANDERSON SHUTS DOWN LOCOS

Breven Anderson scattered two hits and one walk over four innings of work to pitch the Wayne Trace Raiders to a 10-0 five-inning victory over Montpelier at Fairview High School Wednesday afternoon.

Anderson fanned six Locomotive hitters in picking up the victory on the mound for the red, white and blue. Connor Davis threw the final frame, allowing one hit and striking out two.

Wayne Trace scored all the runs it needed in the bottom of the first, getting a trio of runs for a 3-0 advantage.

Tucker Antoine reached on an error to start the frame before stealing second and advancing to third on a wild pitch. Antoine then scored when Anderson grounded out for a 1-0 Raider advantage.

Cale Winans and Cooper Wenzlick re-started the Raider rally with consecutive singles before Kyle Forrer struck out for the second out. Carter Clemens then drove in both Winans and Wenzlick with a two-out, two-run double that extended the margin to 3-0.

The red, white and blue then picked up two more runs in the home half of the second. Brady Miller singled to start the inning and advanced to third on a Montpelier error. Tanner Laukhuf followed with a run-scoring single that drove in Miller pushing the lead to 4-0.

Laukhuf took second on a Locomotive error and moved to third on a passed ball by the Montpelier catcher. Laukhuf then scored on a sacrifice bunt by Anderson as Wayne Trace widened the margin to 5-0.

In the third, Wenzlick walked and Forrer was hit by a pitch before Clemens reached on a Locomotive error to load the bases. Tyson Gerber picked up a run-scoring single that scored Wenzlick and Forrer scored when Miller hit into a fielder's choice.

Gerber scored on a wild pitch for an 8-0 Raider advantage with a Laukhuf walk putting runners at first and third. With Laukhuf stealing second, Antoine was safe on a Montpelier error while Miller and Laukhuf came around to score to extend the margin to 10-0.

Hayden Sharps took the loss for the Locomotives, striking out three and walking three in four innings of work.

Griffin Cooley and Tyler Plourde had the lone Montpelier hits, both singles.

Clemens finished with a double and two runs batted in while Winans, Wenzlick, Schoenauer, Gerber, Miller and Laukhuf had a single each. Laukhuf, Miller and Wenzlick all scored twice for Wayne Trace with Antoine, Forrer, Winans and Gerber touching home plate once each. Anderson and Clemens both drove in two runs for the red, white and blue while An-

toine, Gerber, Miller and Laukhuf picked up one apiece.

Wayne Trace advances to sectional championship action at Fairview on Thursday with a 4:00 p.m. contest against either Fairview or Montpelier. The Raiders have clinched a berth in the district ACME tournament as the top two teams move on.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENTS RELEASED

The Ohio High School Athletic Association released the girls basketball divisional assignments for the 2023-2024 high school basketball season last week with most local squads staying as they were in 2022-2023.

In Division IV, thirty-four area squads will battle it out trying to advance down the tournament trail.

All the members of the Buckeye Border Conference and the Putnam County League are in Division IV with six squads each from the Midwest Athletic Conference and Northwest Conference both taking part.

Delphos St. John's, Marion Local, Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville and St. Henry are in Division IV out of the MAC while teams from the NWC in Division IV include Ada, Columbus Grove, Crestview, Leipsic, Lincolnview and Spencerville.

Antwerp, Ayersville, Edgerton and Hicksville out of the Green Meadows Conference are in Division IV as well as Patrick Henry from the Northwest Ohio Athletic League. Lima Central Catholic, an independent, is also in Division IV.

Division III includes seventeen teams from around the area with NWOAL members Archbold, Delta, Evergreen, Liberty Center and Swanton taking part along with GMC members Fairview, Paulding, Tinora and Wayne Trace.

Allen East, Bluffton, Delphos Jefferson out of the NWC are in Division III along with MAC members Coldwater, Fort Recovery, Parkway and Versailles. From the Western Buckeye League, Ottawa

Glandorf is the lone school in Division III.

Eleven area schools are in Division II this season, including Bryan and Wauseon from the Northwest Ohio Athletic League and Napoleon out of the Northern Lakes League. Division II also includes Celina, Defiance, Elida, Kenton, Lima Bath, Lima Shawnee, St. Marys and Van Wert out of the WBL.

WBL member Wapakoneta will play in Division I this upcoming season.

## RAIDERS RALLY PAST FAIRVIEW

Wayne Trace scored in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game at 5-5 and then won it in the eighth on a Cooper Wenzlick in recording a 6-5 victory over Fairview Thursday night in ACME baseball sectional action.

The Raiders led 3-0 after two innings before Fairview rallied with five unearned runs in the fourth for a 5-3 advantage.

Wayne Trace picked up one run in the bottom of the fourth to get within 5-4 before tying the contest in the home half of the seventh. The red, white and blue then won the game on Wenzlick's solo home run in the eighth.

Cale Winans picked up the victory for the red, white and blue, striking out the side in the top of the eighth. Kyle Forrer and Wenzlick combined to throw the other seven frames, finishing with seven strikeouts giving up just one walk and eight hits.

Logan Olinger, Noah Shiningler and Drayden Grinnell-Dennis all had two hits apiece for Fairview with Nathan Olinger and Breaven Williams adding a single each.

Logan Olinger, Gavin Garza, Noah Shiningler, Nathan Olinger and Jack Karzynow all scored runs for the Apaches. Grinnell-Dennis drove in three runs for Fairview while Logan Olinger and Garza picked up a run batted in each.

Williams suffered the loss for the black and gold, surren-

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Sealed bids must be presented in a sealed envelope and include bidders' name, address, date and bid amount. Bids must be submitted to the trustees before our July 11th meeting before 7pm. The trustees will open the bids at the July 11th meeting and contact the winner.

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# THE LEFT TURN



Max Adams wins at Gas City I-69 Speedway. Photo Credit: Indy Racing Images



Ryan Davis gets the victory at Oakshade Raceway Park. Photo Credit: Charlie Orns



Zach Wigal in the lead. Photo Credit: Campbell Photography

**By: Ron Burt**

USAC Midwest Thunder Midget driver Zach Wigal has now won three features in 2023. His most recent win was last Friday at Williamsburg's Moler Raceway Park. He started outside row 2 in the feature, and by lap three had the lead, and never looked back leading the remaining 17 laps as he made the win look routine. His crew knows how to set up his car. It just grips the track and Zach can put the car low or up next to the cushion and dominate the field. Zach is one of the sports young guns to keep an eye on. Indiana driver, Jakeb Boxell came home second with reigning series champ Stratton Briggs from Anna Ohio third. Zach won his heat race. Ottonville's, Abby Hohlbein won her heat race and placed 8th in the feature. Matt Lux scored the other heat race win. Here's the current USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget Top 10 Points: 1-Zach Wigal-469, 2-Bryce Massingill-433, 3-Stratton

Briggs-401, 4-Josh Yenser-376, 5-Ian Creager-361, 6-Gunnar Lucius-357, 7-Matt Lux-355, 8-Jakeb Boxell-332, 9-Abby Hohlbein-292, 10-Alex Watson-285. The next USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget Race will be July 3rd at Waynesfield Raceway Park.

At Limaland Motor Sports Park, Nate Dussel won the 25-lap NRA Sprint feature, followed by 2nd Jared Horstman and 3rd Max Stambaugh. The UMP Modifieds had a make-up feature from May 12th. Todd Sherman picked up the win. In the regular nightly 20-lap feature Troy Cattarene took the checker followed by 2nd Todd Sherman and 3rd Jerry Bowersock. Brenden Rassel won the 15-lap Thunderstock A-main.

The big crowd at Gas City I-69 Speedway watched Max Adams get the victory in the 410 Non-wing Sprint A-main. Tye Mihocko was a close 2nd, followed by Colin Grissom. Clayton Bryant won the Modified feature, Dalton Smith

won in the Hornets and Bryce Norris won the Indiana Winged Racesaver Winged Sprint A-main.

On Saturday evening at Angola Motorsports Park, your feature winners were, Late Model Hunter Jack, Modified Jonathan Gatton, Street Stock Zach Henderson and FWD Mark Mason.

Mr. Excitement, Rusty Schlenk picked another Oakshade Raceway UMP Late Model feature win in Saturday night's Oakshade/Attica Late Model Challenge Series. This was his 2nd win in a row at Oakshade and 7th of the season over-all. Devin Shiels kept close the entire race and came in 2nd. Colin Shipley was third. After 3 straight Sportsman feature wins Josh Robertson had to settle for second. Ryan Davis had the victory this week after being close several times recently. Carter Schlenk came in 3rd. The entire race was a dog fight between these three with lapped traffic coming into play. The Dominator Super Stock A-main ran caution-free and featured a great battle for the race lead during the first half of the race. Dylan Burt started on the pole and took the early lead. Adam Lantz went to the outside of Burt and the two drivers battled side by side, lap after lap. Lantz was able to take over the race lead on lap seven and went on to pick up his third win of the season. Burt was 2nd and Adam Noonan 3rd. Cory Gumm took early command of the Compact feature event and went on to pick up his fourth win of the season.

At Fremont, Paul Weaver started in 10th and by lap 10 he had the lead in the 305 Sprint feature and drove off to victory and picking up his 73rd career win at the track. He's now 3rd on the all-time Fremont win list. J.J. Hickie won his first 410-Winged Sprint feature at the Action Track. The Dirt Truck feature was won by Shawn Valenti.

Daily coverage of 17 tri-state racetracks and several racing series can be found on my sports blog, Ohio Sports Blitz on Facebook. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out!

**OHSAA SETS DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENTS**

The Ohio High School Athletic Association recently released the boys basketball divisional assignments for the 2023-2024 season. Wapakoneta is the lone school out of the Western Buckeye League and the area that will be in Division I while eleven local schools are in Division II.

Napoleon from the Northern Lakes League along with Bryan and Wauseon from the Northwest Ohio Athletic League all will take part in Division II.

Joining that trio in Division II from the WBL are

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scoring four hits, three earned runs and two walks with two strikeouts. Charles Shingler pitched three frames, giving up five hits, three earned runs and five walks while fanning two.

Cooper Wenzlick had three hits, scored once and drove in two runs to lead the Raiders with Breven Anderson adding two hits, two runs

Celina, Defiance, Elida, Kenton, Lima Bath, Lima Shawnee and St. Marys.

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## PANTHERS ROLL TO WIN OVER BOMBERS

Paulding scored in each of its five at-bats and the Panthers rolled to an 18-4 win over host Edon Wednesday in ACME softball action in Williams County.

The maroon and white scored twice in the first to take the lead for good before adding a single run in the second for a 3-0 advantage.

After Edon plated two runs in the home half of the second, the Lady Panthers extended the lead with a quartet of runs in the third and five more in the fourth to push the margin to 12-2.

Paulding then plated six more runs in the top of the fifth to widen the gap to 18-2 before Edon closed out the contest with two runs in the bottom of the final frame.

Tia Mendez tossed four frames for the victory, fanning seven Edon hitters while allowing one hit, three walks and two earned runs.

Maci Kauser recorded three singles, scored three times and drove in two runs for the Paulding offense while Schwab added two singles, three runs scored and an RBI. Mendez also chipped in a single and a double while scoring twice and driving in two runs.

Jocelynn Parrett posted a single, scored twice and picked up three runs batted in with Riley Stork adding a single and a double to go along with two runs scored and three runs batted in. Jalyn

scored and a run batted in. Tucker Antoine added a home run, one run scored and one run batted in.

Tyson Gerber posted a single and a double and Tanner Laukhuf chipped in a single. Winans and Micah Sinn also scored runs for the Raiders with Forrer and Clemens picking up a run batted in each.

Klopfenstein recorded two singles and picked up two runs batted in and Darcy Taylor singled and drove in one run.

Mariah Klopfenstein finished with two singles and a double with one run scored and one run batted in. Marley Parrett totaled three singles and scored three times as well for the Lady Panthers.

Raleigh Sanders and Libby Breier both singled for Paulding and Samantha Leal doubled and scored once. Sanders scored a run as well for Paulding with Sanders and Leal both driving in one run.

## PC BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING & LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING

The Board of Elections July meeting is Wednesday July 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the office.

Board of Elections will be running the Logic and Accuracy Testing Friday July 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the office, 105 W. Perry St. Paulding OH 45879

## 2023 CONVOY COMMUNITY DAYS FRIDAY NIGHT

**July 7th Downtown:**

Dine in at Cheers & Gears, Convoy Tastee Freeze, Gibson's Barnyard BBQ & Knight Pizza, and shop at Secret Garden Floral & Gifts.

Car Show Under the Water Tower, 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Dash plaques for first 40 car entries, door prizes, 50/50 drawing, \$10 entry fee with 23 awards presented to vehicles built prior to 1987. Music, snacks & a fun-filled evening.

Convoy Opera House will be open 5:30-8:30 p.m.

SINGO Bingo - 6:00-8:00 p.m. Convoy Village Square Downtown Convoy. Family Friendly Entertainment, free play to win prizes, bring your chair and marker.

## DRAINAGE FIELD DAY AT OHIO STATE LIMA CAMPUS FARM SCHEDULED FOR JULY 25

The Ohio State University at Lima will host a Drainage Installation Field Day on the campus farm on Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

Field demonstrations by the Ohio Land Improvement Contractors of America, or OLICA, will begin at 9 a.m. and will continue in an open-house-style format throughout the day.

The event is free and open to the public. Parking will be available off Thayer Road. Maps of the campus with

parking and registration areas marked are available as part of the registration process.

Lunch will be provided at noon. Bruce Clevenger, farm management field specialist with OSU Extension, will make a short educational presentation about crop yields and the economic benefits of drainage and drainage water management. Space is limited for lunch, so RSVP by July 16. Register here or visit go.osu.edu/limadrainageday for more information.

Schedule: 9 a.m.-noon: field demonstrations; Noon-1:30 p.m.: lunch and educational presentation; 1-3 p.m.: demonstrations continue in the field.

The field day is brought to the area by The Ohio State University at Lima; Ohio State's Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering; and OSU Extension, in cooperation with the Ohio Land Improvement Contractors Association, and OLICA Associate members.

The rain date is Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

## ODOT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR WEEK OF JULY 3, 2023

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert Counties for the week of July 3, 2023. All outlined work is weather permitting.

Due to Independence Day, ODOT crews will not be working on Tuesday, July 4. Contracted construction projects may continue as usual.

### DEFIANCE COUNTY:

U.S. 24 PROJECTS

U.S. 24 westbound entrance ramp from Baltimore Street is open following a closure for slope repair.

U.S. 24 eastbound, just past the Maumee River will have shoulder closures for approximately two weeks for slope repairs.

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.

### 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.

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closed on June 9 for approximately five months for a storm sewer project that includes new catch basins, sidewalks, curbs, and gutter. Local traffic will be maintained. The project is utilizing the detour already in place for the bridge replacement project over the Maumee River just south of the village

**PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS**

**Criminal/Traffic**

**Disposition Report**

**Dezarea B. Harshman**, Napoleon, OH; Criminal trespassing; Pled no contest, found guilty; 30 days jail, 28 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Shall have no contact with victims and residence

**William R. Brooks IV**, Cleveland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Anthony J. Rose Sr.**, Delphos, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Matthew A. Poturalski**, Toledo, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Olufunmilayo B. Bab-Oke**, Decatur, GA; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant completed course

**Nicholas J. Sholl**, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state; Costs waived

**Gary Hough**, Van Wert, OH; Driving under suspension; Guilty; 30 days jail, 30 days suspended; Show proof of insurance by 6/29/23

**Abel Quintero**, Miamisburg, OH; OVI/under influence, Pled no contest, found guilty, License suspended from 3/18/23 to 3/18/24, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Fines and costs to be taken from bond, Standard probation, Submit to evaluation, Appointments may be via phone, Counseling may be completed at VA; OVI/refusal, Count B dismissed; Cross divided highway, Count C dismissed

**Aaron R. Vance**, Wauseon, OH; OVI/under influence, Guilty, License suspension from 4/24/23 to 4/24/24, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Driving under FRA suspension, Count B dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Danielle K. Stokes**, Oakwood, OH; Driving under suspension, Guilty, Defen-

dant to pay all fines and costs; Registration, Count B dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Count C dismissed

**Bella Grey**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Cody Eblin**, Decatur, IN; Driving under FRA suspension; Guilty; Show proof of insurance by 6/26/23; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**UF ANNOUNCES SPRING 2023 DEAN'S LIST**

The dean's list for the spring 2023 semester at the University of Findlay has been announced. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Local students include: **Fletcher Cook, Paulding; Tianna Cooper, Grover Hill; Jagger Landers, Antwerp; Jaret Miller, Paulding; Faith Nestleroad,**

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in July we will have a Childs Summer Read Aloud at 11:00 a.m. July 5 will be tie dying shirts in the park, 12:00-3:00 p.m., and some water fun. Bring your own whir please. Monday July 10 Kids ages 8-13 can come in and make their own beeswax candle, sign up required. Senior Bingo will be Thursday, July 13 at 11:30 a.m. Oakwood's Adult Book Club will meet at 5:30 p.m., July 13, all adults welcome, Food Truck Theme. Saturday, July 15 at 11:00 a.m. will be a kids cookie decorating class for ages 6-12, must sign up and have an adult present. On the week of July 17 stop in and decorate our sidewalk with chalk. Thursday, July 20 adults can sign up to make a Bees Wax candle and learn how these simple candles can benefit you, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Monday, July 24 is our No Waste Kitchen class sign up and learn how to turn your kitchen waste into homemade vinegar. We have monthly summer reading program drawings, kids craft to make here or take home. Stop in and check out what's new.

**Payne Branch**

The Payne branch will continue with Story time in the park on Tuesdays at 11:00 p.m., weather permitting. Some of the crafts coming up are sand foam and rock painting. There will also be a Bring Your Pet to the Park. Follow us on Facebook for more surprises in the month of July. Coffee Talk is every Wednesday at 11:00 p.m. Bring a friend and join us!

Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will meet Monday, July 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the south wing at Main. Friends' membership is always open. Our Friends group help support literacy initiatives for children and adults all year long. Our main fundraiser is the used bookstore located in the Main Library's Annex. Come see our new look. Volunteer hours are available for community service credit. Bookstore hours are 9:00 a.m. - Noon on Saturdays and 3:30-6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Check us out!

Black Swamp Bookworms will meet Monday, July 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Main. We are reading "To Try Men's Souls" by Newt Gingrich and William Forstchen. Call 419-399-2032 to reserve your copy

**Antwerp; Joseph Reineck, Paulding; Blake Schuette, Antwerp.**

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom. Established in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay, the University of Findlay has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master's degrees, and five doctoral degrees. More than 3,500 students are enrolled at Findlay, and the University is nationally recognized by U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review.

soon. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 3/6/23**

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker as well as Council Members Sarrazine, Gerig, and Watts. Councilman Martin and Councilwoman Thompson were not present. Sarah Jones and others with the Allen County Planning Commission were also present.

Chief's Report: The chief mentioned that at the Board of Works and Public Safety meeting that took place earlier this evening, the board discussed two standard operating policies for the department and that in the near future, the entire set of policies will be presented to the Board of Works and Public Safety for their review.

Superintendent's Report: The superintendent gave an update on the utility departments.

Mayor's Report: The mayor explained a recently discovered issue. Apparently, the solar panels at the water plant were never properly activated within AEP's system and only now will the city receive credit for their produced power. The mayor gave an update on the sidewalk project to resume on Center Street on March 29th. The project should be completed by the end of June.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the February 20th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the February 20th meeting as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. The clerk-treasurer presented end of year financials for the council to consider. This included revenue and expenditures guidelines, fund beginning and end balances, as well as fund balance comparisons since 2016 for better understanding of long-term trends in spending. The clerk-treasurer presented calculated totals that are either owed to the city by residents or to residents from the city on all accounts that were billed improperly. The clerk-treasurer is asking for approval to issue checks to those accounts that were over-billed and issue invoices for all accounts that were under-billed during the last calendar year look-back period. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved as proposed, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. The clerk-treasurer presented a request to sponsor a local MDA event. After discussion, it was determined that while this was a worthwhile event, since it was not being held within the city, it therefore would not be considered at this time.

Councilmen's Report: Nothing to report.

Audience: A resident asked for a sewer credit on his utility bill due to an issue involving a leak in his crawl space. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to modify his utility bill to reflect the average sewer usage for his upcoming bill as well as the two most recently generated bills, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. Sarah went over details regarding the All-In-Allen Comprehensive Plan and why the city would consider Resolution 23-270 (Adopt All-In-Allen Comprehensive Plan). After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to read Resolution 23-270 in full, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to approve the first reading of Resolution 23-270, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Resolution 23-270, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Resolution 23-270 is adopted as presented.

Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Go to www.cityofwoodburn.org to see previously approved minutes and recent community news.

WEST BEND NEWS  
**Crossword Puzzle**  
INDEPENDENCE DAY - JULY 4TH

- Across**
- 1. The leaders who played a key role in the establishment of the country.
  - 6. Processions featuring marching bands and floats.
  - 10. Iconic statue in New York Harbor symbolizing freedom.
  - 12. The principle of being free from oppression or control.
  - 14. Document declaring independence from Great Britain.
  - 15. Traditional method of outdoor cooking and celebration.
  - 16. A large cloth spread on the ground for seating and dining outdoors.
- Down**
- 1. Colorful explosions that light up the night sky.
  - 2. Symbolic representation of the United States government.
  - 3. The war fought for independence from Great Britain.
  - 4. Popular American food often enjoyed during Independence Day celebrations.
  - 5. Cooking method for grilling meat and vegetables.
  - 6. Love and devotion for one's country.
  - 7. The colors representing the United States.
  - 8. Decorative cloth in patriotic colors used for celebrations.
  - 9. Iconic symbol of American independence in Philadelphia.
  - 11. The state of being independent and self-governing.
  - 13. Outdoor meal enjoyed with family and friends.

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

**LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**HEZEKIAH WINN, ET. AL., DEFENDANTS,**

Case No. CI-23-090  
Judge Tiffany Righter-Beckman

TO: Hezekiah Winn; Unknown Spouse of Hezekiah Winn; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Hezekiah Winn; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Unknown Spouse of Hezekiah Winn; Wyatt Underwood; Unknown Spouse of Wyatt Underwood; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Wyatt Underwood; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Unknown Spouse of Wyatt Underwood; John Bibb; Unknown Spouse of John Bibb; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of John Bibb; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Unknown Spouse of John Bibb

**LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN ADDRESS**

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Hezekiah Winn, Wyatt Underwood and/or John Bibb to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate recorded in Volume 6 Page 305; Volume 5, Page 6; Volume 5, Page 10 of the Paulding County Records.

The real property in question is as follows:  
**Auditor's Parcel #32-075-001-03**  
**Property Address: 165 Rear Rd.**

You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication hereof, or a default judgment socking sale of your real estate will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Ann Pease, Clerk  
Court of Common Pleas  
Paulding, County, Ohio

By: *Tiffany Righter-Beckman*  
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,  
*[Signature]*  
Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)  
Paulding County, Ohio  
Prosecuting Attorney  
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Paulding, Ohio 45879  
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**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

VS.

WILLIAM LEONEL AGURCIA PONCE

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

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

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

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*[Signature]*  
Joseph R. Burkard (#0059106)  
Paulding County, Ohio  
Prosecuting Attorney  
120 S. Walnut Street  
Paulding, Ohio 45879  
419-399-8270

**Real Estate Taxes Are Due Wednesday, July 12, 2023**

**Mobile Home Tax are Due Friday, July 31, 2023**

**Failure To Receive A Tax Bill Will Not Avoid Penalty or Interest Charges.**

For your convenience, there is a new burgundy colored drop box along the sidewalk on the East side of the courthouse.

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If you would like to make a payment on line, please visit our website at [www.pauldingcountytreasurer.com](http://www.pauldingcountytreasurer.com) and look for the green Point and Pay link on the tax tab.

Also, the Treasurer's Office will be temporarily relocated in the prior Commission's office, downstairs in the courthouse starting July 17th.

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**NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES NEW THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION**



L to R: NSCC Board of Trustees representative Sandra Barber, Jennifer Behnfeldt (NSCC nursing faculty and Professional Association representative), and NSCC President Dr. Todd Hernandez.

The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, June 23 at the Archbold campus. As part of the meeting, the College announced it has reached a new three-year agreement with the Professional Association. The new agreement has been ratified by a vote from the professional staff and by the Board of Trustees. The new agreement provides wage increases of 6.7% in year one, 4.3% in year two, and 4.3% in year three.

**PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE**

NSCC President Dr. Todd Hernandez noted, "We are pleased to reach this agreement with our professional staff at NSCC. Our faculty deliver high-quality education and training to our learners, preparing them for tremendous career opportunities throughout the region. I want to thank the negotiating teams for their diligent work during this process."

**NEW BUDGET - A 24% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR**

Another priority item on the agenda was reviewing and approving the new 2023-2024 budget. The new budget is \$37,698,857, which is an increase of 24.13% over last year's budget. Two capital projects help account for the increase: B wing renovation

at the Archbold campus, and renovation of the College's new Van Wert campus.

In other Board action:

- Approved the employment of Kristine Shaffer, Administrative Assistant-Community & Workforce Development.
- Approved the promotions of Renee Bostelman to Success Center Coordinator, Shantelle Cline to acting Chief of Police, and Megan Schroeder to Academic Advisor.
- Approved Suicide Prevention Policy (raising awareness about mental health and suicide prevention).
- Approved new Safeguarding Customer Information Policy.
- Approved the amended Capital Expenditures Policy.
- Approved miscellaneous employment contracts, and the renewal of probationary faculty and non-teaching faculty contracts.
- Approved four resignations.

Northwest State Community College is an accredited two-year, state-assisted institution of higher education that has served northwest Ohio since 1969. Northwest State is committed to providing a quality, affordable education with personal attention and small class sizes. The College offers associate

degrees with numerous transfer options, short-term certificate programs, and workforce training programs designed to meet the needs of local businesses and industries. For more information, visit NorthwestState.edu or call 419.267.5511.

Caption: NSCC Board Vice Chair Sandra Barber (L) is joined by Jennifer Behnfeldt (Professional Association representative / NSCC faculty), and Dr. Todd Hernandez (NSCC President) after signing their new three-year agreement.

**FUEL TAX CREDITS SECTION 45Z**

The Biden Administration passed the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act and farmers may benefit from this legislation. Under section 45Z, the legislation provides a tax credit for the domestic production of clean transportation fuels. The 45Z tax credit applies to fuels produced after Dec. 31, 2024 and sold before Dec. 31, 2027. It includes \$369 billion in spending and tax credits for climate and energy programs over 10 years.

Instead of paying farmers to sequester soil carbon, this legislation pays farmers to reduce their carbon foot print by using sustainable fuel or producing sustainable fuel. The legislation extends the biodiesel and alternative fuel credits through December 31, 2024. It extends the \$1.00/gallon Section 40A biodiesel and renewable diesel credit and the \$1.00/gallon biodiesel mixture credit, which was due to expire after 2022. Several other alcohol, biodiesel, and alternative fuel credits were renewed including a \$.50 alternative fuel credit. In most cases, the tax credits are collected by processors but some of the benefits can be passed on to farmers to increase "sustainable" production usage of sustainable fuels and fertilizers.

Here are a couple of examples. Suppose a beef farmer grazes beef on pasture and uses a minimal amount of fuel and fertilizer to grow those animals. Beef sold from this type off grazing operation is sold to a meat packer who qualifies for the tax credit. This meat packer should pay the farmer a premium for producing this type of beef. So far, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has not yet written the final rules for how to make this program work.

Another example, a farmer uses no-till and cover crops to produce corn sold to an ethanol plant. Since the farmer is using less fuel to till the soil and losing less carbon to the atmosphere, this is considered a sustainable practice. The farmer might also be using ethanol from the corn he produces which is considered a sustainable practice. Also, the no-till is preserving the soil carbon and the cover crop is putting carbon back into the soil, considered sustainable practices. If the farmer plants

a legume or clover cover crop and reduces commercial fertilizer usage, this is also considered sustainable. Commercial nitrogen fertilizer is produced from natural gas while legumes and clovers take nitrogen from the atmosphere. These are all considered sustainable practices which are beneficial for reducing greenhouse gasses for "climate change" according to this legislation. Trying to add up an calculate all the sustainable farming practices is going to be daunting!

For an ethanol plant and farmers, the savings could be significant. A bushel of corn produces roughly 2.77 gallons of ethanol fuel. On a per acre basis, 200-bushel corn may yield 554 gallons of ethanol at about \$1.00/gallon in tax credits worth about \$554. These are rough calculations and assumes 100% efficiency which is seldom if ever achieved. However, some experts say the tax credits could be worth up to \$400 per acre. How much of that the farmer can take advantage of remains to be seen.

Payments from ethanol plants will be based on how much farmers lower their "carbon intensity" (CI) score. Standard corn has a CI score of 29.1 which is produced with commercial fertilizer and regular fuel. The Inflation Reduction Act wants a weighted average below a CI score of 25. For example, a CI score of 0 is worth about \$1.57 per bushel on 200-bushel corn or \$314 per acre. The ethanol plant will not pay 100% but may pay 25% to 30% which is still \$78-\$94/acre of corn produced with this CI score.

Tax credits for sustainable aviation fuel are even higher at \$1.25/gallon in a qualified mixture plus a supplement amount equal to 1 cent for each percentage point the fuel reduces the life cycle of greenhouse gas emission by more than 50% compared to petroleum-based jet fuel. The maximum saving could be an additional \$.50 per gallon for a total possible aviation tax credit of \$1.75/gallon.

To get this sustainable aviation tax credit, the fuel must meet ASTM International Standards which means it must be derived from biomass, waste streams, renewable energy sources, or gaseous carbon oxides, and must reduce life cycle emissions by 50%. What type of farming operation might qualify? Biomass includes straw, switchgrass, wood chips etc. that might be made into sustainable aviation fuels. Waste streams might include manure from livestock facilities, methane, even biosolids if they used to produce aviation fuel. Even if it is not used for aviation fuel, the credits should apply as "alternative" fuel credits. More details will be coming so farmers can take advantage of this program.

—James J. Hoorman  
Hoorman Soil Health Services

**PARKVIEW HEALTH'S BECKY GONZALEZ RECOGNIZED AS 2023 HR STANDOUT**



Becky Gonzalez, director of human resources operations, Parkview Health, has been recognized as a statewide HR Standout in the 2023 Indianapolis Business Journal HR Impact Awards. The award recognizes human resources professionals who excel in their roles leading or facilitating HR for their companies.

Gonzalez joined Parkview in 2007 as an HR manager and has served in her current role as director of HR operations since October 2019. In her role, she oversees day-to-day HR needs for Parkview and its more than 15,000 clinical and professional co-workers.

"Becky has given her heart and soul to her role and helped move HR in a new and exciting direction," said Hallie Custer, vice president of human resources, Parkview Health. "Because of Becky's leadership, our first priority is our co-workers and how we can wrap our arms around them and give them the support that they need - both personally and professionally."

Gonzalez was recognized as an HR Standout for her innovative approach to managing staff retention and engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic. Gonzalez and her team helped to address labor challenges by developing the Co-worker Assistance, Retention and En-

agement (CARE) Program. The CARE Program was created and utilized not only to support co-workers with financial or basic needs assistance due to economic shutdowns during the pandemic, but also to fill skill gaps, fight burnout or help co-workers find new positions within the health system via a new match program.

The CARE program assisted more than 500 employees in 2022 and has helped thousands since its inception. The now seven-member CARE team provides ongoing support and was expanded this year with addition of the new Co-worker Connect Line, a phone number that makes it easy for co-workers to connect with resources for their mental, physical, financial or professional needs.

Gonzalez also served as one of many subject-matter experts for the 2020 "Roadmap to a Healthy Re-opening" webinar series, organized by Greater Fort Wayne Inc. and the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership. More than 3,000 people registered for the free webinar series, which offered pandemic-related guidance for businesses and the general public.

"Becky is the epitome of an HR Standout, demonstrating servant leadership and a passion for helping others," said Dena Jacquay, chief administrative officer, Parkview Health.

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Princeton, then Law School, and a PhD. President of Princeton, governor of New Jersey, and winner of the Nobel Peace prize. The 28th president of the United States, Thomas Woodrow Wilson.

Again, after 12 years of public school, I am surprised how little I know about the presidents. You would think students would be required to learn the presidents. I have no personal knowledge but Glenn Beck says Wilson was one of our worst presidents.

A few of the things he did, he authorized segregation, ousted African Americans from federal office, and opposed woman's suffrage. He introduced the federal income tax and led us into World War I. He helped establish, "The League of Nations." It amazes me how many world leaders are bad leaders.

In the Bible Israel and Judah had 40 plus Kings and only a few were good kings. As for presidents, I think the majority were good, but we did have some doozys. Perhaps someday I will study more presidents.

—James Neuhausser

**ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD MEETS DISCUSS SUMMER AGENDA**

The recent Antwerp School Board meeting took place on June 28 at 5:00 p.m. at the Antwerp Local School.

Bob Herber stated the Ohio Parent Bill of Rights act was voted on by Representative Roy Klopfenstein. The law requires that parents are informed and their approval needed to teach their children about gender surgeries. There is another issue of controversy that will also effect the state board of education's power and will put the authority back to the local school boards to be discussed at another time.

Dennis Recker stated there was nothing to report with the Vantage School as they had not had another meeting.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Kristine Stuart presented the financial report for this

Tommy was a little rich kid. He grew up in the south during the Civil War. His family lived in Augusta, Georgia, and was not greatly affected by the war. They were well to do and had somehow escaped the ravages of the war. Tommy had everything you could want but he did have a problem. He was a slow learner, dumb as a box of rocks.

Tommy couldn't read, and no one could teach him. His parents hired tutors, they even worked with him themselves, but he just couldn't read. At age 12 he was still being read to by his two sisters. They were reading classics, Scott and Dickens, which he thoroughly enjoyed. At age 13 he could read a bit, painstakingly.

His father, seeking something in which Tommy could excel, hired a tutor to teach him the social graces. He did excel at this and became quite refined. His folks also observed something else. He had a natural leadership ability. When he was with other children he was always the leader.

But his difficulty proved in a way to be a help. Since he had to rely upon a spoken word, he became an accomplished speaker, which would help him in his chosen profession. His difficulty also taught him something else, never give up.

Tommy never did read very well. He had a problem which today would be diagnosed as dyslexia. The inability to discern a printed page. It only made him appear stupid. You might say Tommy did succeed. Graduating from

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interest: \$41,597.95

101% of the projected revenue was received and it is projected that the school is not in deficit spending for the fiscal year 2024. FY 24 year has been approved by the school board.

Dr. Marty Miller stated that there has been staff training and that is where Travis Lichty was instead of the school board meeting.

Lindsay Litzenberg is taking a new position in the middle school after leaving Lincolnview where she taught 6th grade. The student handbook is also being updated to include absentee homework requirements.

Elementary Principal Tracy Stokes thanked the teachers and students that participated in Summer School. The students also thanked the teachers for how much they learned in small groups.

Dr. Miller was nominated for Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Outstanding Ohio Superintendent Performance Award and was a finalist. An article was posted in a recent issue of West Bend News.

The Wellness and Recreation facility will be getting approved also. Dr. Miller said there is property being turned over to the Village of Antwerp.

Harold Gottke is working hard on getting the computers all prepared for the 23-24 school year. There is a program that is being tested right now with students that are playing games setup by the school that are educational. The purpose of these tests is to see if the loss is less than normal for the summer months.

Marty also stated that there are focus points they are working on for this next year.

**VAN WERT FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK WELCOMES NEW TEAM MEMBERS**

Van Wert Federal Savings Bank, a long-standing financial institution headquartered in Van Wert, Ohio, announced the formation of a team led by President and CEO Mike Cahill.

Cahill is a seasoned banking professional with over 20 years of experience as CEO, president, CFO and executive vice chairman and has served as a board member of Tower Financial Corporation, Centier Bank and the Indiana Bankers Association. Additionally, he currently serves on the faculty of the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado.

Joining Cahill is a select group of industry veterans who possess extensive knowledge and expertise.

Van Wert Federal Savings Bank is increasing the convenience of modernizing its operations, adding commercial banking products and services to its long-time array of consumer banking products, and expanding its reach.

Cahill's vision is to become a regional commercial bank that is owned, managed and operated by those who live and work in the communities it serves.

"Our organization is embarking on an exciting chapter. We are eager to make an even larger positive impact on our current and future customers and the community at large," Cahill said.

Chairman of the Board of Van Wert Federal Savings Bank Gary Clay said the team's collective expertise and

unwavering dedication to excellence is a perfect match for the company's vision.

Professionals that recently joined the team include:

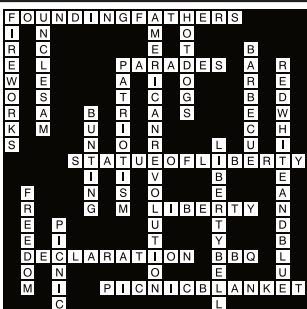
- Mike Cahill, president & CEO
- Rich Brackin, chief financial officer
- Andrea Myers, chief administrative officer
- Andrew Holy, vice president of commercial banking
- Tyler Mason, vice president of commercial banking
- Brian Collentine, chief information officer
- Greg Bruns, vice president of consumer and mortgage lending
- Penny Parrish, mortgage loan officer
- Johanna Quarles, branch manager
- Keaton Brown, mortgage loan officer
- Kelly Dawson, commercial banking administrator
- Adrienne Nevergall, policy and procedures coordinator

• Deb Reynolds, teller

• Kalee Green, commercial banking operations Manager

"With the hiring of this team, the bank is well-positioned to continue its growth and success for many years to come," Clay said.

For more information, please visit Van Wert Federal Savings Bank's website.



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About Van Wert Federal Savings Bank

Chartered in 1889 in Van Wert, Ohio, Van Wert Federal Savings Bank is a federally-chartered stock savings bank with a 5-star BauerFinancialTM rating. For more information about Van Wert Federal Savings Bank, visit the website at www.vanwertfederal.com.

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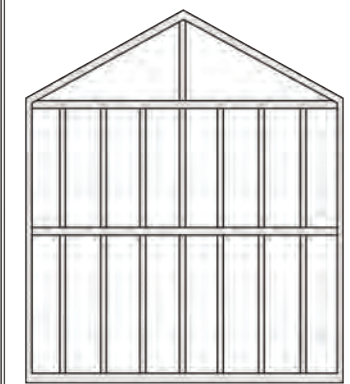
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# CHRISTMAS CRUISE THRU DONATION TO THE HICKSVILLE SPLASH PAD EFFORTS



Pictured presenting a very generous \$10,000 donation Christmas Cruise Thru Board members Chris Warner, Christina Schwiebert, Kari Wann, John Fifer Jr., Ed Caryer, Hicksville Community Fund members Cheryl Vetter and Lisa Slattery, far right Denise Sutter Christmas Cruise Thru Founder.

The Christmas Cruise Thru has been working extremely hard to save money over the past 11 years in a contingent account in case the organization needs to replace their equipment at a last minute notice. However, it became clear to the board that the Hicksville Splash Pad has an urgent need to generate funds so that the children and families in our area can have a beautiful, fun, safe place to cool off next summer. "It's extremely important for everyone to dig deep

and give what they can," said founder Denise Sutter. "The public has donated generously to the Cruise Thru, so we feel confident that they will not let us down in rebuilding our contingency fund." The Christmas Cruise Thru and the Splash Pad have the same mission and rely on the communities' help to succeed. Families have been making precious life-long memories and traditions since 2013 by attending The Christmas Cruise Thru, and the splash pad will have the

same impact on families. We need to act NOW! The Christmas Cruise Thru Board would like to challenge all non-profit organizations, businesses and individuals to do their part to assist in this project. Calling on all non-profit organizations in Hicksville and surrounding areas: Do you sit on or volunteer for a board/organization? Ask how they are doing their part to help. Let's get this project done," said The Christmas Cruise Thru Board Members.

## FLAIR ON THE SQUARE HAPPENING IN BRYAN ON JULY 29

Flair on the Square is an art, food and music festival taking place in downtown Bryan, Ohio, on Saturday, July 29, 2023. This is the first year for the event, which is

free and open to the public. The entire event runs from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., with different activities taking place throughout the day around the courthouse square.

Nineteen artists are part of the juried art fair, where works in various mediums

will be on display and available for purchase. An emerging artists exhibit, located in Parlor 1861 on the east side of the square, will feature works from area high school students.

Event attendees can watch live glassblowing, pottery and painting demonstra-

tions, and children are invited to try make & take art projects. Face painting, caricatures and chalk art will all be part of the event as well.

Live music kicks off at noon, with six acts scheduled throughout the day. New Frontiers, a Journey tribute band, will perform the headlining show from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating.

The Bryan Farmers Market will be on site with baked goods and locally-grown produce. Four food trucks will offer a variety of cuisine ranging from hibachi to ice cream.

"Flair on the Square provides a wonderful opportunity to promote the arts in northwest Ohio," said Pam Bard Steel, chair of the event's steering committee. "We have a fun day planned with amazing artists, bands, demonstrations, the local farmers market and great food."

For more information and a detailed schedule of activities, visit [FlairOnTheSquare.com](http://FlairOnTheSquare.com).

This event is made possible thanks to the generous support of community sponsors, including Bard-Steel Family Foundation, Spangler Candy Company, Bryan Rotary Club, Anderson & Vreeland, Bryan Area Foundation, Ohio Art and others.

## VW GO HISTORICAL MUSEUM DONATES TO OPBTS

The Van Wert County Historical Society Museum at 602 N. Washington Street is the place to be this fourth

## THIS WEEK ON PCBW: ELECIA WOBLER



Hear it here! This week on PCBW we'll hear from Elevia Wobler, owner Keepsake Beads EAW & Boutique.

Listen in as Elevia discusses the initial development of the keepsake bead business and what it personally means to her and how the business has grown, and continues to grow, as an importer within the county.

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of July. Be sure to visit the concession area before getting your spot to watch fireworks. There will be hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, drinks and more. Food will be served from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

All proceeds will go to the 2023 Operation Back to School operating budget.

The Pre-K through 8th grade Operation Back to School will be held Sunday, July 30 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Fountain Park. It is important to pre-register for best outcome.

The High School Operation Back to School event

will be held Wednesday, August 23 from 2:30-6:00 p.m. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged for this event also.

Visit [www.vanwertfirst.net/operation-back-to-school](http://www.vanwertfirst.net/operation-back-to-school) for more information. You will also find places to register, donate and volunteer for the event(s).

Hope to see you on the 4th!

Operation Back to School is an annual event presented by First United Methodist Church and supported by local churches and businesses. This is the 8th year serving our community.

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