

## GROUND BREAKING FOR CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY



ON August 24th, Caring & Sharing hosted their Groundbreaking ceremony at their new building site, 318 N Walnut St., Paulding. Speaking to the crowd was Jodi Schneider, executive director of the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry. Blessing was given by Pastor Ian Ferguson, First Presbyterian Church of Paulding. Diggers included Jeff Clark of Hartzog Construction, pantry board members and Pastor Ian Ferguson.

## 2023 OAKWOOD ANNUAL HOMECOMING

Oakwood will be celebrating their annual Homecoming over Labor Day weekend as they have done for the past 150 years. Organizers try to

add something new each year while also trying to cut back on the workload. But there are annual favorites that always work their way into the schedule. Kicking off the weekend will be the landing

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## VAN WERT COUNTY AG SOCIETY RELEASES 2023 EVENT LINEUP

The Van Wert County Agricultural Society, the managing organization of the Van Wert County Fairgrounds, is pleased to announce the schedule of events for the 167th Van Wert County Fair.

The 167th Van Wert County Fair, which runs August 29, 2023 through September 4, 2023 will bring family-friendly entertainment to Van Wert, while also providing an opportunity to showcase and educate fair patrons on the hard-work and dedication the Junior Fair youth

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## DIRECTOR MIHALIK VISITS PAULDING COUNTY



From left to right in picture: Kristen Schilt, PCED office; Estee Miller Maumee Valley Planning; Lu Cooke, Jon Husted office; Lisa McClure Commissioner, Antwerp Village Mayor Jan Reeb; Steve Jordan Antwerp Village Council, Brian Davis Antwerp Village Administrator, Tim Copsy PCED Director, Lydia Mihalik Director, Ohio Department of Development.

Lydia Mihalik, Director of the Ohio Department of Development (ODOd), visited Paulding County during visits in northwest Ohio this week. Director Mihalik made two stops while in the village.

The first stop originated at the city administration offices, located in the old historic railroad depot on the west side of the village. Mihalik was greeted by Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) Director Tim Copsy before being introduced to Antwerp Village Mayor Jan Reeb, Administrator Brian Davis, and Councilman Steve Jordan. Also attending were: Estee Miller representing as a board member of the Ohio Land Bank and Maumee Valley Planning Organization; Paulding County Commissioners Mark Holtsberry and Lisa McClure; Lu Cooke, NW Ohio Liaison for Lt. Governor Jon Husted; Antwerp Local School Super-

intendent Marty Miller and Treasurer Kristine Stuart; and Kristen Schilt, Office Manager for the PCED office.

Following introductions, Copsy briefly shared data about the county prior to the group introducing many of the funded projects taking place in the village. Estee Miller shared the success of the county land bank using the \$1.5 million in funds ODOd allocated to each Ohio county last year. The county land bank completed 27 projects in the county (the most of any county in the six-county area). A list is already compiled for commercial and residential blight removal for the 2023-2024 allocated funding.

Village Administrator Davis thanked Mihalik for the recent \$577,000 grant for water tower rehabilitation in the village before expanding on what the funds would be used

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## Community Calendar

### MON & WED

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

### August 30

- Family to Family class by NAMI @ St. Johns UCoC, 6p

### September 3

- IDPA Pistol Match @ Ant. Cons. Club, 1pm
- Oakwood EMS Poker Run, kickstands up @ 11am

### September 8

- AGrow Expo @ Mercer Landmark
- SWCD Golf Scramble @ Auglaize GC, 8:30am
- PCHF Luncheon @ JPHS, 11:30a-1:30p
- Ebel's Customer Appreciation Days!

### September 9

- Payne's Rock the Block Fall Festival, downtown, all day
- Ebel's Customer Appreciation Days!

### September 10

- Trap Shoot @ Ant. Cons. Club, registration, 12:30pm
- PC Sen Ctr Car & Truck Show, Paulding square, 2-5p

### September 15

- NSSC VW Golf Outing @ Hickory Sticks GC, 9am
- Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival



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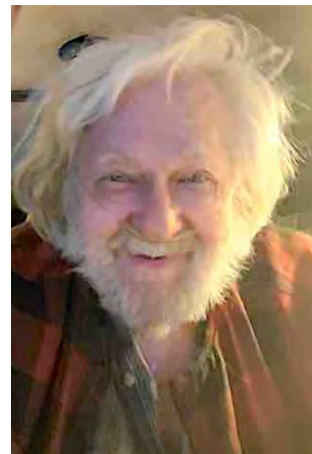
## OBITUARIES



p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Burial in Wiltsie Cemetery.

Memorials are to The Rock or American Cancer Society

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com



ANTWERP, OH:

**Larry Gene Gerken**, 81, of Antwerp, passed away August 22, 2023 at Paulding County Hospital.

Larry was born on July 25, 1942 in Defiance, Ohio, a son of the late Lavina (Retcher) & Richard Gerken.

Larry graduated from high school in 1960. At the age of 17, he joined the U.S. Army during the Berlin Wall Crisis and proudly served his country. On September 7, 1966, Larry married the love of his life Jeannie, and even went as far as building her a double A-frame house himself, of which he would consider his greatest accomplishment. Larry worked at Johns Manville for about 8 years and later retired at the age of 50 from BF Goodrich in 1992. One of Larry's favorite things to do would be to go garage selling or "treasure hunting" for all type of antiques. He also enjoyed fossil hunting, fishing, and taking his family on vacations every summer to many different state parks and locations.

Larry will be sadly missed by his children, Ron (Nicole), Mandi (Jim) Clemens, Kelly Tuttle, & Robb (Pam) Gerken; siblings, Gary (Linda), Darlene (Alan), Marilyn (the late Richard), & Randy (Sally); 14 grandchildren; & 12 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Jean "Jeannie" Gerken, who passed away January 10, 2014.

Service is Friday, August 25, 2023 at 10:30 AM at the Antwerp Global Methodist Church, 202 E River St., Antwerp, Ohio 45813, with viewing one hour prior.

He will be laid to rest in Bethel Cemetery, Cecil, with military honors.

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**Mihilik began her visit in Antwerp with introductions to Village officials. Pictured here is Mihilik chatting with Mayor Jan Reed and Councilman Steve Jordan.**

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for and what it meant to the small rural community.

Copsey then provided information and an update about the Holly Beach Splash pad (named after the late school teacher Holly Kobee). The splash pad received \$125,000 from the last Ohio state capital budget funding cycle. The pad is currently being installed at Riverside Park in the village. Copsey thanked the director for the \$111,000 grant for road infrastructure funding to begin a road easement into the 80+ acre development at the US24 Exit 3/ Highway 49 intersection.

ALS Superintendent Marty Miller shared about the exciting new athletic complex addition that will soon be built at the school. The ALS School Board decided to put their covid funding dollars into a facility that would help with the mental and physical health and benefit all local residents, teachers and students. The new \$1.487million 5616 square foot facility will also allow the wrestling team to come back onto the school campus from the old 1936 school gym facility downtown, where they practice today. One of the most exciting pieces is that there will be a new classroom built in the building that will house preschool students. Early sign-up numbers indicate that the next preschool class will be the largest preschool class to ever register in the district. Additionally, due to the new facility proximity to the existing softball and baseball fields, the building will host a concession stand, public restrooms and a press box.

Copsey then explained the new 40,000 square foot \$15million addition to the village's largest employer, Paragon Tempered Glass. The private investment was supported by a \$50,000 grant from JobsOhio and a local tax abatement incentive. The addition will house new automated processing and tempering lines and will add 9 new employees to the existing 109 employees.

Director Mihalik expressed her excitement for the community and Paulding County overall. She also pointed out that the new village mural was absolutely beautiful. It was then noted some grant funding programs are not always totally depleted in Ohio and she believed that with the collaboration taking place in Paulding County and Antwerp today, there should be no reason a path couldn't be found to incorporate more grant funding into additional and new projects. Mihalik then reiterated a quote from Lt. Governor Jon Husted, "Those who collaborate win. Those who don't fall behind." She added, "It is clear that there is collaboration taking place here."

The discussion began to wind down as Mihalik asked what more ODoD could do to help? Copsey shared a potential project of bringing water and sewer to the US24/Highway 127 intersection. With the heavy truck traffic from all directions now at that intersection, development there could certainly benefit the county. Davis pointed out that the village water system is coming to end of life and grant funding assistance there would be appreciated. Mihalik indicated that once plans are developed they should be shared with ODoD for review to see if there might be help available.

The group then travelled to their second stop at the corner of Railroad Street and Main Street. This is the location of the old Pocock building that owner Jeff Cook is rehabilitating with a nearly \$1million investment. The building now houses the locally owned Antwerp Pharmacy and More than Boutique retail stores at ground level, as well as a future apartment and two VRBO rentals upstairs. Progress on the upstairs projects continue. A tour of the building followed.

Outside the building, the group watched work taking place on Railroad Street from Main Street, one block west to Cleveland Street. The local work is being completed by Kauser Excavating and Flat Rock Concrete. The funding for this project was coordinated through Maumee Valley Planning and assisted by Paulding County Community Block Development Grant dollars, approved by county commissioners. Redeveloping the street and sidewalk will allow better water drainage for the rehabilitated building, and more street parking to accommodate the additional vehicles produced by the stores, apartments and VRBO rentals.

Mihalik, and her Senior Administrative Assistant Julie Kirk, thanked the group for their time and introduction to Paulding County before heading east to their next visit.

## GET READY, GET READY

**By: Doris Applegate  
Scribed by: Cynthia  
Nichelson**

We must realize that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the way, the truth and the life. And Jesus is the only way to God the Father, eternal life and home in Heaven. Since we are at the end of this age and coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to set His kingdom on earth we must trim our lamps with the oil of the Holy Spirit and be as a wise virgins, and not as the foolish virgins who were without oil in their vessels.

When the call came to meet the bride groom these foolish virgins were not ready and were not able to meet the bride groom. When

## Scripture of the Week

"Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble."

— Pslam 119:165

## MATT'S MISHAPS

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

—Matt



### Smelly good luck

"Good luck" is seen differently by different people and different cultures. Despite horseshoes and rabbits' feet, most Hoosiers are not excessively motivated or concerned about whether or not luck exists and if it is at play in a given situation.

Living overseas, we have experienced people who are really concerned about "luck" or lack of it. The people most concerned about luck over here are taxicab drivers. Their dashboards and visors are decorated and cluttered with dozens of good luck charms of every type and kind.

Our overseas country has even taken an optimistic approach to call it "good luck" if you step in dog poo. Dog owners over here (and there are many) have not historically cleaned up droppings after their pet leaves it behind on sidewalks. I can't count the number of times I have had to clean smelly dog poo from the bottoms of my sons' shoes as they grew up. De-

they asked the other virgins to share their oil. The wise virgins said: "We can not give you of our oil because we would not have enough for ourselves. Being unwise is not good, because of a lack of oil, the unwise were not ready and lost every thing. What a sad ending because of lack of oil.

Oil is a type of the Holy Spirit which we receive if we accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and live for Him. These are the only ones who will be ready at the second coming of Lord Jesus. We must trim our lamps and stay filled with Holy Spirit Oil. It is time for every born again believer to get ready. If you are not born again, it is time for you to accept the Lord Jesus Christ and before given of all your sins. Today is the day of salvation. So let's all be ready. Amen

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spite trying to be on the lookout when walking, our shoe soles seem to have a magnet to droppings. It is so common a mishap that people over here say it is "good luck" to step in dog poo and be ready for the benefits to come after stepping in it.

However, times change, and local officials recognize the big problem of heavily trafficked sidewalks and an overabundance of dog droppings. In trying to motivate people to clean up after their dogs, municipalities use the tough approach with heavy fines if caught not cleaning up. They have used the friendly approach by creating cartoon dog poo characters to encourage dog owners to good behavior. And yes, they



**A happy dog dropping character encourages dog owners to pick up after their pet or face a fine of \$1,700.**

are telling dog owners that it is now "good luck" to pick up your pet's poo.

Whether good or bad luck, we always leave our shoes in the entry of our apartment and don't wear them in the house.

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**JUST DO IT ONLINE**

**Penny For Your Thoughts**

**By: Nancy Whitaker**

I am a big fan of the being online and also social media, and so is a lot of people. Through the wonders of a computer and the internet, I can see pictures of my great grand babies (yes I am that old), talk with my family and friends, plan an event, join various groups, play games, post and see recipes and even buy tickets to an event. You can even quit your job or get fired via online.

I have been online for 25 or 30 years and it seems as if I learn something new each day. If someone I know goes to the hospital, one of my friends will post a prayer request. I can look at maps, plan a trip, book a hotel and make reservations for dinner.

Some people ask, "Why do you need the internet. Back in my day we did not have it." They also comment, "Well, even if I got it free, I still would not want it."

Yes, some bad things have happened on social media and the internet. Someone even video taped himself committing a crime. (not too smart). We can also get news from anyplace in the world as it happens.

Social Media also has some community standards. For one thing you can have your account suspended if you don't obey the rules. I usually get online to see pictures of my family and to see how "my friends" are doing. I also love reading and sharing recipes and I am finding out I really have no use for a cookbook.

The other day when I checked my social media page I had a message from Facebook. (FB) It said, " We have removed a post of yours because it doesn't meet community standards." They had a picture of my post and it was Chicken and Noodles

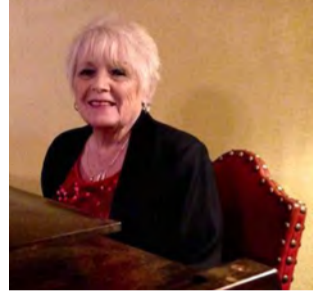
I was absolutely floored

because there was nothing I could see that would offend anyone and I had copied from a Cooking Blog. So I messaged the security team and asked them why a chicken noodle recipe was considered unfit?

In about 10 minutes they responded that they had looked at it wrong and they had reposted it.

The way social media works is that someone will request you to be their friend on social media and you can say "Yes or decline."

I usually make my decisions on friends by checking to see if they have any mutual



friends that we both know.

Another thing I do is check theaters around the area and see what is playing at the movies. This is a handy tool because you can watch the trailer and also read reviews. I am not sure how to do it, but you can also watch movies online.

If you know most of your friends, you can wish them Happy Birthday because social media will remind you when the date is.

Now, I realize the internet has taken a toll on post offices, because cards and letters can be emailed. I believe it has also hit some retail stores as now you can order gifts, food and shop online. Instead of facing Black Friday shopping, I can sit here in the comfort of my own home and shop.

Don't get me wrong, I still love reading the newspaper the old fashioned way, shopping in a store, ordering in a restaurant from a hand held menu and talking to my family and friends in person.

Our cell phones can do most things also. There is something called texting, but that is a whole other subject.

I get so happy when I see my younger grandkids have a cell phone (or a duplicate toy one) and sit there playing games. They learn at a young age.

Yes I am a big internet lover, but I also cherish the history of earlier times and I still consider myself "Old Fashioned" if you can be that anymore. You know the things I used many years ago are now considered antiques. (me too)

Are you on the internet or

have a cell phone? Do you ever look up or "Google" any subject online? Let me know

and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

**19th ANNUAL PONY PARADE @ MILAN CENTER**



On Saturday, September 16, 2023, Milan Center Feed and Grain will host their 19th Annual Pony Parade. Area children decorate and show off their ponies, carts and wagons. Last year over 60 drivers and 300 riders ranging from ages 4 to 14 participated in this fun annual event for the community.

To register for the Pony Parade, pick-up a registration form at Milan Center's store Monday - Friday 8-6 or Saturday 8-5 or visit our website [www.mcfeeds.com](http://www.mcfeeds.com). Our store is located at 15402 Doty Rd in New Haven, Indiana. Register for the parade by September 13th to ensure an entry prize.

Family, friends and the community are encouraged to come show their support. Bring your chairs or blankets and find a spot along the parade route. The parade will start at Milan Center on Doty Road and will travel South on Milan Center Road to Irving Road and return to Milan Center Feed and Grain.

Throughout the day there will be several activities to en-

joy. The morning will start off at 9:00 a.m. with coffee, donuts and a bake sale. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the old Milan Center school basement. In the afternoon, there will be a horse-powered ice cream machine with plenty of ice cream to enjoy. The pony parade will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Donations for the lunch and proceeds from the bake sale will benefit Cornerstone Workshop and Activities, an Amish non-profit organization, providing services for disabled adults in Allen County.

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of Life Flight at the Fire Station. Tractors will be on display near the water tower, and there will be a DJ at the Landing Strip.

On Saturday from 7:00-10:00 a.m. the Firemen will hold their annual breakfast. Tee off at 9:00 a.m. at Auglaize Country club for the annual Golf Outing with a chance for a \$500 hole in one prize, among other prizes. The Tractor Pull and other tractor events will take place from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The Alumni Banquet at 5:00 p.m. is open to all who attended or taught at Auglaize Brown. At 6:00 p.m. there will be Karaoke for kids and adults at the Landing Strip and the EMS will hold a Texas Hold'Em tournament.

Sunday the annual breakfast at the Legion Hall will be held from 7:00-10:00 a.m. and the Annual Health Walk will begin at 9:00 a.m. Tractor games and demos will continue starting at 10:00 a.m. as well as the Community Church service. The EMS poker run begins at 11:00 a.m. and there will be a Cemetery Walk at Sherman at 4:00 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. there is a pizza eating contest for both kids and adults followed by music in the street with Voo Doo Lane providing the music.

Monday the parade starts at 11:00 a.m. followed by a Big Wheel Race and kids' activities in the park along with lots of food. The Library will have their famous ice cream, the church will have food and also food in the park at the Food Stand. At 1:00 p.m. Singo will

be held in the shelter house for Family fun. There is no cost with lots of prizes for the game that is a combination of Name That Tune and Bingo. Other events happening throughout the weekend include a Fairy Garden contest and 50-50 raffle at the Library and a Landmark Search.

For questions or more info message Oakwood Homecoming on Facebook or email [mikeanddeedi@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeanddeedi@yahoo.com).

**VOLUNTEER CENTER HOSTS DESIGNER PURSE BINGO FUNDRAISER**

On Friday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m. doors will open for the 4th Annual Designer Purse Bingo hosted by the Volunteer Center. The fundraiser will be held at Ceruti's Summit Park II, 6601 Innovation Blvd. with purse bingo games beginning at 7 p.m.

The event will feature 20 games of bingo with 24 high end designer purses from Kate Spade, Dooney & Bourke, Valentino and Michael Kors and more to be awarded as prizes. Dinner is included as well as a large silent auction, raffle, 50/50 and more. Tickets are sold individually at \$50 each or \$500 for a table of eight. Visit [www.volunteerfortwayne.org](http://www.volunteerfortwayne.org) or call 424-3505 for details.

Executive Director Ani Etter states " This event promises a night of fun with friends and family, a chance to take home a fabulous purse, all while assisting a

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**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**

**By: Mark Holtsberry**

Julius Reimy Dobbelaire was born June 21, 1895 in Moorslede, West Flanders, Belgium. The son of Leonard



Isidor and Silvia Pelagia (Cappelle) Dobbelaire. Julius fought in War World 1 with the Belgium Army. Serving from 1914-1918.

Julius immigrated to the United States in 1920 and became a Naturalized citizen. Julius married a gal named Marie Bertha Vynckier. She was born in Tiooslede, Belgium, April 12, 1897. The married couple had four sons. George Joseph born November 4, 1920, Gerard Remy born August 27, 1923, Morris Robert born January 21, 1928 and Paul Albert born April 28, 1929. By 1930, the Dobbelaire family was living in Middleton, Wood County, Ohio. Julius was a farmer.

A son Robert was born in 1933. On November 18, 1933, Bertha sails to Belgium on the ship S.S. Westerland to Antwerp, Belgium. She returned home January 26, 1934. By 1935, the Dobbelaire family had moved to Haskins, Wood County, Ohio. A daughter, Doris Marie, was born in 1935. On December

20, 1935, Julius and his son George, boarded the ship Washington. Leaving New York to sail to Plymouth, England. A son, Henry Julius, was born in 1938. By 1940, the Dobbelaire family had moved to Brown Township. Julius was a tenant farmer. In 1942, Julius had registered for the World War Two draft. His son George, on February 15, 1942, also registered. George was listed as 5'9", 165 pounds, light complexion, blonde hair and blue eyes. He joined the Air Force, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He flew missions with the Flying Fortress of the 8th Air Force, 100th Bomber Group over Germany. George retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. On June 30, 1942, son Gerard, also registered for the draft. He was listed as 5'8", 150 pounds, ruddy complexion, blonde hair, blue eyes and self employed. He was not selected. A son Morris, registered to serve in World War Two, but he was still in school at Oakwood High School. He was listed as 5'9", light complexion, blonde hair, and blue eyes. Morris will serve in Korea with the 6th Armor Division. On February 24, 1947, Julius Reimy Dobbelaire passed away. He was buried in Live Oak Cemetery. Marie Bertha Dobbelaire, passed away February 17, 1988 at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. She was buried with Julius at Live Oak Cemetery.

If you drive past Live Oak Cemetery, you can see his tombstone from the road. I think of the man who fought for his country, then took a chance to come to America to seek a better life. To this day, his grand-children, and great grandchildren still live here in Paulding County.

*... until next time!*

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**Antwerp VFW Auxiliary**  
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## KNIPPEN SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



Pictured: Randy Price (President/CEO), Samantha Kuhn (Marketing & Communications Manager), Braden Knippen (Youth Tour Delegate), Maddy Lamb (Marketing Specialist), Eric Herman (Communications Coordinator).

The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Braden Knippen (Youth Tour Delegate, Paulding Putnam Electric Coopera-

tive) as the guest speaker at the August 24, 2023, club meeting. Braden came at the invitation of Randy Price (President/CEO, Paulding

Putnam Electric Cooperative). Braden spoke to the Kiwanians about his trip to Washington DC on the Youth Tour.

## VANTAGE ADULT EDUCATION HONORS NURSING GRADUATES



Congratulations to the Vantage Adult Education 2023 Licensed Practical Nurse graduating class; Brittany Silance (Van Wert), Madison Jenkins (Delphos), Brianna Fair (Venedocia), Coty Baer (Van Wert), Madison Geise (Van Wert), and Alyssa Hileman (Woodburn, IN.).

Vantage Career Center honored six students of the Adult Education Practical Nursing Program by holding a special pinning ceremony, which highlighted the graduates' efforts, success and dedication to the nursing profession as they advance in their careers.

Vantage Adult Education Director Angie Fahy opened the program and welcomed family and friends who attended the ceremony in support of the graduates, while Superintendent Rick Turner commended the students for their hard work and dedication to their career goals and continued training.

During the ceremony, Practical Nursing Administrator Erin Askins highlighted that the pinning ceremony is a nursing school tradition. "The pin itself has an oil lamp, which symbolizes the oil lamp used by Florence Nightingale, who was the founder of nursing. The

nursing pin symbolizes that those who wear the pin will follow Florence Nightingale's lead as a nurse. The nursing pin proves that these ladies have what it takes to provide competent and compassionate care to the people in our communities."

Class speaker and graduate Brianna Fair also delivered a speech sharing her experience as a nursing student and declaring that, "We have all worked very hard to get here today & we are happy that we are surrounded by people who we care about the most." She also quoted Florence Nightingale by saying, "Let us never consider ourselves finished nurses... we must be learning all of our lives."

Special awards were presented by Practical Nursing Instructor Sara Beining to students who achieved the highest test scores in the following categories: Brittany Silance highest score for

HESI Fundamentals of Nursing Exam and HESI Maternity Exam; Coty Baer highest score for HESI Exit Exam, Alyssa Hileman highest score for HESI Medical-Surgical Exam and HESI Pediatrics Exam, and Madison Jenkins highest score for HESI Pharmacology Exam.

During the pinning ceremony, family members of the graduates were welcomed to present the students with the Practical Nursing graduate pins. The 2023 Licensed Practical Nurse graduating class includes: Brittany Silance (Van Wert), Madison Jenkins (Delphos), Brianna Fair (Venedocia), Coty Baer (Van Wert), Madison Geise (Van Wert), and Alyssa Hileman (Woodburn, IN).

Closing remarks were delivered by Sara Beining, Practical Nursing Instructor. "This pinning ceremony is a symbol of the student's hard work and dedication that they have put into their classes, lab, and clinicals this past year. Throughout this program, we've witnessed firsthand the growth of each individual student and their ability to rise to the occasion in a way that nursing professionals are expected to do." Beining concluded by stating, "as all your wildest dreams are coming true, I hope you remember where you came from. I hope you are fearless in beginning your nursing careers and continue to feed your passion for nursing because I know you are ready for it." Beining then welcomed each graduate to the nursing field and applauded them for their accomplishments.

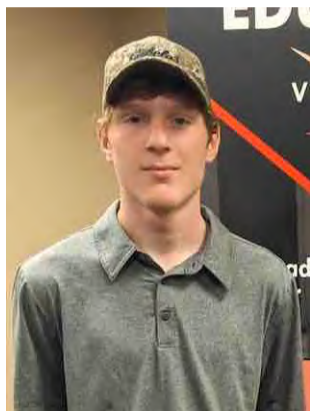
Among the Practical Nursing graduates were their families and friends, Adult Education Director Angie Fahy, Superintendent Rick Turner, Practical Nursing Administrator Erin Askins, LPN-RN Transition Administrator Jean Sullivan, and Nursing Instructors Sara Beining, Brook Crosby, Kimberly Fowler, and Madeline Schroeder.

A special thank you was mentioned of the following hosting clinical facilities of this year's graduating class: Vancrest Health Care, Van Wert Manor, Ohio Health Van Wert, Ridgeview Behavioral Health, Mercy Health St. Rita's, Wee Care Learning Center, and the following local school districts; Crestview, Parkway, Wayne Trace, and Van Wert.

Classes will begin for the Class of 2024 on September 5th 2023. The Practical Nursing Program consists of

1318 hours completed in 11 months, with clinical and laboratory components. Clinical experiences will take place at local hospitals and long-term care facilities. After earning their LPN License and completing a minimum of 750 hours as an experienced LPN, students will then have a direct pathway into the Vantage LPN - RN Transition program. Classes for the 2024-2026 LPN - RN Program begin August 29, 2024. For more information about the Vantage Adult Education Practical Nursing program, please visit <http://www.vantagecareercenter.com/practicalnurseprog.aspx>.

## VANTAGE ADULT EDUCATION ROBERT BRANDT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ANNOUNCED



Parker Mihm, a 2022 Vantage high school graduate of the Network Systems program, was awarded the Vantage Adult Education Robert Brandt Scholarship, presented by the Paulding County Foundation.

The Robert Brandt Adult Education Scholarship was established in 2014 in memory of Bob Brandt, Vantage's first superintendent. The \$500.00 scholarship is awarded to Vantage high school alumni who are returning for post-secondary career technical training, which will result in an industry certification, a program completion certificate, or a postsecondary degree through a partnering institution. Students must also show self-reliance, passion for goal, and initiative. Parker has enrolled in the Adult Education Police Academy program, and was selected for the scholarship by Adult Education Director Angie Fahy after considering recommendations by a cross selection of adult education staff. Congratulations, Parker!

## PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,  
Sometimes I have doubts.  
How can we really know God exists?

God promises that anyone that seeks Him with all their heart shall find Him (Jeremiah 29:13). The problem is that most people don't want to seek or believe in God because they don't want to answer to Him (Romans 1:21-32). God does not cease to exist because someone does not acknowledge Him or believe in Him, any more than you cease to exist because a blind man does not see you.

I cannot prove to you or anyone the existence of God if you refuse to receive the truth. Rather, the Bible says that I should offer you reasons why I believe (I Peter 3:15). Our faith is to be reasonable. You also must then render reasons why you do or

## TRACTOR PULLS & HORSE PULLS AT 2023 FLAT ROCK CREEK FALL FESTIVAL



There is so much to do at Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival. Music, crafts, merchant vendors. Some of the other highlighted events planned for the weekend are the tractor pulls, horse pulls and truck show.

Friday, September 15th at 5:00 p.m. will be the Kids Pedal Tractor Pull, followed by the Tri-State Super Field Pull at 6:00 p.m. This event will have Doubletree Tractors up to 5000 pounds competing; in Round 2, Tri-State Super Field Doubletree tractors over 5,000 pounds.

On Saturday, the Antique Tractor Pull will take place at 9:00 a.m. The PowderPuff division is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. followed by another Kids Tractor Pull at 1:30 p.m.

The Dick Koenig Memorial Horse Pull is set to take place at the Grandstand on Sunday September 17th at 12:00 p.m. This event is the heavy weight class and will

follow the Michigan Dynamometer Association rules. Come watch these strong animals pull sleds down the track.

On Sunday, September 17, 2023, the 21st Annual ATHS Vintage Truck Show is set to take place beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the John Paulding Historical Museum parking lot and lawns. This year as always will feature antique and special interest vehicles. This is no admission charge for this event, rain or shine and lunch will be available inside the museum. If you would like to enter your truck, there is online registration at [kausertrucking.com](http://kausertrucking.com). All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Historical Society.

Make sure your calendars are marked for this annual community festival that is anticipated by many folks near and far.

do not believe, realizing the eternal consequences.

God has revealed Himself in CREATION, the BIBLE, His SON, and His ACTIVITIES. If God does not exist you must come up with some reasonable explanations for many glaring FACTS of life.

I. Creation - Where did all material things with their incredible microscopic and telescopic design come from? God said He did it (Genesis 1:1). Explosions bring disorder nor order, and time makes for degeneration according to the second law of thermodynamics. So much for evolution.

II. The Bible - God says His Word is true (John 17:17). The Bible makes thousands and thousands of statements, all as fact historically, scientifically, socially, medically, and in many other areas. I have yet to see one to be proven false. Have you read the whole Bible? Have you seen any proven errors? What are they?

III. His Son - Jesus is God

in the flesh (Matthew 1:23). He could be seen, heard, and touched. His bodily resurrection was the capstone of proof that He was God. There is said to be more historical proof of His resurrection apart from the Bible, than for the life of Napoleon. How would you explain His resurrection if He is not God?

IV. God's Activities - How do you explain the multitude of substantiated miracles in the Bible and in history? How do you explain the one-hundred percent accuracy of the prophecies of the Bible? How do you explain the multitudes of changed lies of those who truly receive and follow Christ? How can one explain the well over one hundred answers to my prayers each day?

The choice is up to you, but with all the evidence on one side and nothing on the other, I find believing in God extremely simple.

Send questions and comments to: [jamesbachman@juno.com](mailto:jamesbachman@juno.com)

## The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

1 - EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.

2 - CLAIMS ASSISTANCE - Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

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

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14  
We all need to wake up to the evil that is being pushed upon us by the ACLU, Planned Parenthood, and billionaires, who do not live here, in our November 7th

election and vote NO. They do not care about our pre-born babies, our children, mothers, or families--their care is about money and power. Please do your research. Thank you.  
Blessings,  
—Judy McCalla, Respect for Life, Hicksville, Ohio

**PARKVIEW EMPLOYER SOLUTIONS NOW OFFERING SHARED EMPLOYER CLINICS**

Parkview Employer Solutions is now offering shared employer clinics, giving more organizations the ability to access a network of clinics focused on employee health and wellness.

Employer clinics, whether they are exclusive to one organization or shared by multiple employers, help to create more convenient access to healthcare, improve employee well-being, and lower the overall cost of care.

"These clinics are just one of the ways Parkview helps to reduce the overall cost of healthcare for employers and, more importantly, improve the health and well-being of their workforce," said Greg Johnson, DO, MMM, regional market president, Parkview Health. "We are continually looking for ways we can partner directly with employers to create more value for their businesses and their employees."

Parkview's new Shared Employer Clinics allow multiple organizations of all sizes access to healthcare exclusively for their employees at a reduced cost.

Parkview's first shared clinic opened July 17 at 3898

New Vision Drive, Suite C, which is conveniently located on the Parkview Regional Medical Center campus.

Later this year, a second shared clinic will open in Warsaw. The Kosciusko County employer clinic will be co-located with other Parkview Employer Solutions offerings, initially including Occupational Health, Employee Assistance Program, Workplace Wellness and Diabetes Care Direct. Leaders are assessing other employer-focused services that could be added to this location, which is close to the Parkview Warsaw campus on Mariners Drive.

Parkview's employer clinics, whether shared or dedicated to a single employer, are designed around value-based care, a concept that focuses on preventative care and lifestyle medicine to reduce the future costs of treating chronic conditions.

Employers pay one flat monthly rate for access, reducing claims on their health plan. The clinic is then free to employees, who incur no copays or out-of-pocket costs for care through the clinic, including a robust list of lab tests as well as common medications.

Employer clinics are designed to make healthcare more efficient and convenient, ensuring employees receive the care and attention they need, while reducing time away from work. With exclusive access for members, employer clinics offer concierge-type service, including same-day appointments and low wait times. For less complex needs, employees can also choose a virtual visit.

Parkview Employer Solutions also offers its members exclusive data analytics programs to assess risks and future costs. This helps to identify at-risk individuals, or those predicted to be rising risk and rising cost, and proactively engage them in preventative care. Specially trained nurse navigators also follow up with patients to ensure they have completed necessary screenings and follow-up testing.

Additionally, educational programs for weight management, diabetes and hypertension can help employers address key drivers of health costs.

"Employer clinics create value for employers through improved health outcomes and cost avoidance," said

**ADVOCACY FOR THE CREATIVE ECONOMY IN NORTHWEST OHIO DISCUSSION IN VAN WERT**



**Pictured in The Niswonger Green Room: Michelle Agler, VWAPAF Hospitality and Facility Director; Tafi Stober, VWAPAF Executive Director; Angela Meleca, Creative Ohio Executive Director; Seth Baker, VWCF CEO; Laney Nofer, VWCF Dir. of Philanthropy, 82nd District State Representative Roy Klopfenstein; Gary Taylor, VWAPAF Board Member; Brooke Feurst, The Wassenberg Executive Director; Quincy Thompson, VWAPAF Marketing Director (Not pictured: Thad Lichtensteiger)**

The Creative Economy in Northwest Ohio took center stage for shared conversation on Wednesday, August 23rd at The Niswonger in Van Wert. The Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation presenting Van Wert Live events welcomed State Representative Roy Klopfenstein and An-

gela Meleca of Creative Ohio to share insights on the impact of the live performing arts and fine arts in the region. The Creative Economy includes the jobs represented by non-profit organizations, their production partners, and the economic stimulus from tourism that results.

The Van Wert County Foundation's supporting creative organizations include The Wassenberg and The Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation. Both organizations support the purpose of making Van Wert a creative and cultural destination for both residents and guests.

Melissa McKown, vice president, Parkview Employer Solutions. "Many employers in our region have self-funded health plans, meaning they are exposed to a lot of risk. We're trying to help them remove variability through more standardized costs, all the while creating healthier employees for their organization."

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# ARCHERS OPEN SEASON WITH WIN OVER LOCOS



Perfect late summer evening at Archer Field for the first home game of the season.



Antwerp junior Kayden Winslow receives the pass from Carson Altimus. Montpelier defense' failed attempt to take him down allows the Archers to score the touchdown in the second quarter! More pictures at westbendnews.net

The high school football season kicked off in Paulding County on Friday with the Antwerp Archers recording a 42-6 win over Montpelier at Archer Field.

The duo of Carson Altimus and Landon Brewer dominated the Locomotives, teaming up to record touchdown passes of 66, 29 and nine yards in the contest.

Altimus also ran 44 yards for another score while Reid Lichty scampered nine yards for a touchdown. The final Antwerp touchdown was a 60-yard scoring strike from Altimus to Kayden Winslow.

Antwerp jumped out to a 27-6 lead at the end of one period before the Archers added 15 second quarter points to complete the 42-6 margin.

Montpelier's lone score on the night was a 55-yard touchdown toss from Hayden Sharps to Brayden Brink.

The Archer defense recorded three sacks and three tackles for a loss in the contest, with Ben Savina, Keegan Gray-Wycoff and Marcelo

Cruz recording sacks. Xander Smith, Ethan Thomas-Van Kirk and Lichty all had a tackle for a loss as well for Antwerp.

Tavin Sholl, Zac Salas, Lichty, Syris Gale and Smith all picked up four tackles for the Archers and Cohen Hitzeman totaled five stops.

Offensively, Lichty rumbled for 83 yards on ten carries and Altimus ran for 40 yards over on three attempts.

Brewer topped the Archer receivers with six receptions for 166 yards while Camden Fuller and Winslow each hauled in three catches. Altimus ended the night 14 of 16 through the air for 288 yards.

## ARCHERS WIN SEASON VB OPENER

The high school volleyball season opened in Paulding County on Saturday with Antwerp recording a five-set victory over Holgate.

It was the Archers who took the opening set 25-20 but the Tigers answered with wins of 25-16 and 25-20 in games two and three. However, the blue and white evened the match with a 25-22 victory in the fourth set before taking game five 15-12.

Amelia Graham posted a dozen kills and picked up 18 digs with Maddy Peters dishing out 27 assists and recording 14 digs. Caroline Rohrs added five aces to go along with 40 digs and Maegan Pendergrast chipped in six digs.

Caydence Shull added four kills and three digs while Emma Townley finished with 23 digs, 14 kills and six aces.

## LADY ARCHERS FALL TO WILDCATS

Host Kalida posted a straight set win over Antwerp in high school volleyball action Monday night as the Wildcats recorded victories by scores of 25-17, 25-12 and 25-18.

Individual leaders for the blue and white were Caroline Rohrs (13 digs), Emma Townley (11 digs, two kills), Amelia Graham (seven kills, six digs, one ace) and Maddy Peters (five digs, ten assists, two kills, three aces).

The Archers are now 1-1 on the season.

## BIG GREEN SWEEPS ARCHERS

Host Ottoville picked up a sweep of visiting Antwerp Tuesday night in high school volleyball action as the Big Green junior varsity and

# WOODLAN CROSS COUNTRY AT BILL WALKER INVITE



Saturday August 20 Woodlan competed in the Bill Walker XC Invite hosted by South Side. The Ladies Warriors won and the Men Warriors got 3rd place.

The lady Warriors was led by Senior Mae Emehiser winning the Invite with a time of 20:55, followed by Katy Niles in 5th place with a time of 22:37. Next was Vivienne Cook in 9th place with a time of 23:03, then Cara Chen in 10th place with a time of 23:06, then Layla Hodson in 14th place with a time of 23:47, then Caroline Hambrick in 23rd place with a time of 25:02, then Jordyn Kline in 27th place with a time of 26:07 and Bethany

Lockridge in 33rd place with a time of 26:56.

The men Warriors was led by Senior Ryan Hubbard in 5th place with a time of 18:15, followed by Nathan Culler in 10th place with a time of 18:25. Next was Brady Garrison in 14th place with a time of 19:06, then Collin Klepper in 17th place with a time of 19:31, then Caleb Palmer in 23rd place with a time of 20:09, then Cooper McDaniel in 28th place with a time of 20:28, then Brady Schurg in 43rd place with a time of 24:35 and Ayden Detrick in 44th place with a time of 25:11.

Great Meet for the Warrior Cross Country Team!

varsity squads combined to win all five sets on the evening.

The Big Green varsity took the opening set 25-19 and followed that up with a 25-11 victory in the second set. Ottoville wrapped up the varsity match with a 25-14 win in game three.

Caroline Rohrs totaled nine digs for the blue and white with Amelia Graham adding seven digs and four kills. Caydence Shull chipped in four slams as well for Antwerp, which falls to 1-2 on the season.

In the junior varsity match, Ottoville posted victories of 25-17 and 25-19 over the Raiders.

## PANTHERS CRUISE TO 36-0 WIN OVER SWANTON

Colten Hunt threw for 110 yards and Jacob Fife covered another 102 yards to lead the Paulding Panthers to a 36-0 win over visiting Swanton in the high school football season opener Friday night at Keyser Field.

Kobe Foor ran for 108 yards to pace the Paulding ground game, scoring twice over 11 rushing attempts. Fife also rumbled for 86 yards on six carries for the Panthers with one touchdown and a two-point conversion run.

Defensively, Jack Woods had 19 tackles for Paulding with Foor picking up 14 stops, including three tackles for a loss. Woods, Colton Bashore and Avery Cooper had two tackles for a loss and Bashore also recorded nine tackles in all.

Caleb Larson led the Paulding receivers with 96

yards on three catches with one going for a touchdown. Jesse Shaffer, Blake Rhonehouse and Jackson Griffith all had two receptions with Foor, Jordan Manz and Grady Arend adding one catch apiece.

## PANTHERS BEAT COUGARS, FALL TO KNIGHTS

The Paulding Lady Panthers split a pair of volleyball matches against Van Wert County squads last week as the Panthers beat Van Wert before falling to Crestview.

The maroon and white recorded a straight set win over Van Wert by scores of 25-20, 25-13 and 25-18.

Grace Goyings topped Paulding with 14 assists and six digs and Addison Pease dished out 11 assists with three aces and three digs. Brianna Bermejo finished with a dozen kills to top the Panthers and Maci Kauser picked up 18 digs.

Paulding's junior varsity defeated the Cougars 25-9 and 25-17 while the Lady Panther freshmen team won over Van Wert 25-12 and 25-15.

The Panther varsity fell to 1-1 on the season with a 25-19, 25-11, 25-12 loss to Crestview.

Jocelynn Parrett finished with eight digs and two kills while Goyings added six assists and five digs. Kauser chipped in 14 digs, two aces and two kills and Barton posted three kills and two digs.

In the junior varsity match, the Lady Panthers improved to 2-0 with a 25-12, 20-25 and 27-25 win over the Knights.

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# TIGHT WIN BY RAIDERS IN SEASON OPENER



Raider Field was ready for the 2023 football season this past Friday night, August 19<sup>th</sup>!



Wayne Trace hits hard to win the football game as Tucker Antoine drives in to the end zone to score the first touchdown of the game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace Raiders opened their 2023 football season at Raider Field on Friday night, August 19th. Weather was a perfect backdrop for high school football.

Raiders ended the 4th quarter with the win, 32-30.

Scoring Summary:

WT - Tucker Antoine 4 yd run (kick failed)

WT - Jordan Lotz 4 yd run

25-95, Reece Wendel 6-18, Ethan Hartnagel 2-3

WT Passing - Kyle Stoller 14-24-216

FR Passing - Troy Homan 18-28-182

WT Receiving - Tucker Antoine 4-27, Brady Miller 3-38, Jude Miller 2-64,

Cole Morehead 2-43, Dylan Hildebrand 2-17, Hudson Myers 1-27

FR Receiving - Gavin Evers 8-65, Alex Gaerke 3-36, Austin Steinbrunner 3-12,

Reece Guggenbiller 2-55, Reece Wendel 1-11, Ethan Hartnagel 1-3

## BLAZERS DOMINANT IN WIN OVER WARRIORS

Eastside racked up over 500 yards of total offense and limited Woodlan to 106 total yards in a 30-20 victory over the Warriors in the high school football season opener Friday night outside of Woodburn.

Eastside totaled 80 offensive plays in the contest and limited the Warriors to 22 but Woodlan kept things interesting.

The Warriors struck first on the opening kickoff as Carter Fleek returned it 85-yards for a Woodlan touchdown and a 6-0 advantage.

Eastside jumped in front when Linkin Carter scrambled three yards for a score and Ethan Barnes split the up-rights on the extra point kick for a 7-6 Blazer advantage.

The DeKalb County squad added to the lead on its next possession as Wyatt Davis capped the drive with a one-yard plunge for a score. Barnes again converted the extra point kick for a 14-6 lead.

Eastside special team's unit came up with the next points of the game as a Woodlan punt attempt featured a bad snap through the endzone, giving the Blazers a safety and a 16-6 margin.

The Warriors defense stepped up for the game's next score when Drew Fleek picked off an Eastside pass and returned it for a touchdown. Woodlan pulled within 16-14 on the two-point conversion as Drew Fleek connected with Ty Louden to complete the first half scoring.

Carter extended the Eastside lead in the third quarter, scoring both on a 14-yard run and a one-yard scamper that

pushed the Blazers advantage to 30-14.

Woodlan completed the game's scoring when Louden connected with Braden Smith for a Warrior touchdown at the 6:19 mark of the fourth quarter.

Carter led Eastside with 193 rushing yards on 32 carries while Davis added 189 yards on 20 attempts. Gage Spalding picked up 60 yards on 15 tries as well for Eastside with Davis completing 6 of 12 passes for 77 yards.

## SINN, MYERS LEAD WT OVER LCC

Torree Sinn posted 14 kills and Harper Myers added 13 slams to lead the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders to a straight set victory over Lima Central Catholic in the high school volleyball season opener Tuesday evening at the 'Palace.'

The red, white and blue recorded a 25-16 victory in game one followed by wins of 25-18 and 25-14 to wrap up the match.

Lexi Moore chipped in seven slams followed by Kacy Hornish and Amber Stoller with four each. Careen Winans also had three kills.

Caroline Winans picked up 26 digs to lead the way for Wayne Trace with Kacy Hornish recording a dozen and Careen Winans had ten digs. Myers added nine digs with Paige Alber and Kaitlin Slade totaling eight each. Ava Zartman (five), Stoller (four), Ca-

reen Winans (three) and Sinn (two) also had digs for Wayne Trace.

Moore also finished with three blocks while Stoller posted two and Sinn had the remaining Wayne Trace block. Alber dished out 21 assists and Hornish finished with 19 helpers for the Lady Raiders while Caroline Winans and Moore had one each. Slade recorded five aces with Alber getting two while Hornish, Myers and Caroline Winans finished with one apiece.

## RAIDERS FALL TO BIG GREEN

Host Ottoville had its top four scorers all at 42 or less as the Big Green posted a 158-171 win over Wayne Trace in boys golf action at Delphos Country Club Monday.

Michael Turnwald took match medalist honors with a 32 while teammates Jace Langhals, Keaton Schnipke and Blake Kortokrax all had rounds of 42. Evan Altenburger (43) and Aiden Hillvers (47) completed the Big Green list of players.

Wayne Trace was paced by Kyle Sutton with a 36 followed by Brody Rosswurm (43), Connor Davis (45), Tyson Gerber (47), Jared Varner (53) and Caden Tumblin (53).

## LADY WARRIORS WIN FIRST THREE MATCHES

Woodlan's volleyball team is off to another solid start as

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# THE LEFT TURN



Logan Seavey in front at the Bettenhausen 100. Photo by Christopher Pederson



Paul Weaver (1w) wins No. 77 at Fremont Speedway. Photo by Action Photos Ohio



Wil Wiggins II, congratulates Modified winner Preston Walker at Sandusky. Photo by Left Turn Photo Works

**By: Ron Burt**  
 Attica's top drivers found victory lane Friday, Aug. 18th. Cap Henry claimed his fourth 410 Sprint win of the season. Britton, Michigan's Devin Shiels took his fourth Late Model win of the year. Jamie Miller made his 305 Sprint win look easy.  
 Henry took the lead from

Chris Andrews on lap 12 and ran perfectly through lapped traffic in the 410 Sprint A-main that went 30 laps non-stop to record his 16th career victory at Attica Raceway Park. There are only two races remaining in the All-Pro Aluminum Cylinder Heads/Kistler Racing Products Attica Fremont Championship Se-

ries. Henry's win puts him in position to claim his second series title. He now has eight total 410 wins in 2023 having also scored four at Fremont Speedway. Finishing behind Henry was 2nd Chris Andrews, 3rd Byron Reed, 4th Tyler Gunn, and 5th DJ Foos.  
 In Attica Late Model Action, Devin Shiels, 4-time track champion, led all 25 laps of the feature but it wasn't an easy victory. A pair of former track champions, Ryan Markham, and Ryan Missler put the pressure on Shiels several times but couldn't pass the veteran driver. This was Shiels 3rd straight victory at Attica and the 19th of his career at the track. Ryan Missler was 2nd followed by 3rd Ryan Markham, Justin Chance 4th and Kyle Moore 5th.

John Ivy led the first three laps of the 305 Sprint feature, with Kasey Jedrzejek moving through traffic from eighth to lead laps 4 through 7, then Jamie Miller took over. Miller built a 5.5 second lead with 8 laps to go when a multi-car pile-up brought out the red. It didn't slow the three-time Attica track champion down as he blasted away on the high side of the track to score his 39th career division win over 2nd Dust Stroup, 3rd Kasey Jedrzejek, 4th Bryan Sebetto, and 5th Dustin Dinan.

Logan Seavey drove around Shane Cottle on a late restart to win the Bettenhausen 100 in Springfield for the USAC Silver Crown Cars on the historic Illinois Fairgrounds Dirt Mile. Cottle settled for 2nd and Justin Grant was 3rd. Later that same night, Seavey capped the evening with a USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship victory 44 miles down the road at Macon Speedway to become just the 3rd driver to win multiple USAC National feature events in a single day at two different tracks: Billy Vukovich (1967) and J.J. Yeley (2004).

Saturday at Sandusky Speedway, Preston Walker won the Ohio Wheelman Series Modified feature race. Saturday night was Hall of Fame night at Angola Motorsport Speedway. At intermission, Tommy Cook, George Anspaugh, KC Spillers, and Rick Everidge were introduced to the tracks Hall of Fame. Features winners Saturday was, Tommy Cook who was just inducted into the tracks Hall of Fame won the Late Model Feature, Modified winner Steve Minich Jr., Street Stock Robbie Drummond, and FWD Chris

Heintzelman. At Wauseon Raceway, Rusty Schlenk, won the Late Model Feature, Ryan Davis, had the Sportsman victory, William Cundick won the Dominator Stock feature, and the Sport Compacts was won by Josh Bailey.

Last Monday in the 305 Sprint feature, Paul Weaver, 56, of Fremont, Ohio only lives a few blocks from the speedway, earned his 77th career feature win at "The Track That Action Built." Weaver's 6th victory of the year and 4th in a row on Fremont Fence Night catapulted him over long-time win list leader the legendary Art Ball. DJ Foos is back racing after being severely burned in April and led the first 18 laps of the 30-lap feature. Weaver, started 5th, would work his way to the lead on lap 19 and had to fight off a late race challenge from Zeth Sabo on a restart to win. Former 410 sprint track champion Bryan Sebetto came on very strong at the end of the race to place 2nd and DJ Foos managed to get 3rd fight his way through lapped traffic.

## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

**Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report**  
**Giovanni Aguilar**, Delphos, OH; Driving under non FRA suspension; Case dismissed; Costs waived

**Oleg Sosnovskiy**, Des Plaines, IL; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Robert E. Shaw**, Columbia City, IN; Drug paraphernalia (2 counts), Case dismissed per state, without prejudice, Costs waived; OVI/under influence, Case dismissed, without prejudice, Costs waived; Turn signals, Case dismissed

**Domonique J. Rogers**, Cypress, TX; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Benjamin D. Smith II**, Scott, OH; FRA suspension, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived, Warrant recalled; Wrong plate, Case dismissed; Headlights, Case dismissed

**Caleb D. Tracy**, Oakwood, OH; Menacing; Guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Maintain general good behavior; No contact with victim

**Alex J. Hahn**, Defiance, OH; Flee/elude; Guilty; 90 days jail, 88 days suspended; License suspended from 9/1/23 to 3/1/24; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Placed on standard probation; Write a letter of apology to the deputy; Complete 20

## NH LIONS DONATION TO LEARN RESOURCE CENTER



On Friday, July 28th, Lions Dennis Stoll and Terri Hargrove donated \$250 in school supplies for the New Haven Lions club.

## CHAPEL RIDGE LIONS CAR SHOW



On August 11th, the New Haven Lions partnered with the Chapel Ridge Lions and set up a food booth at their car show. We raised \$200 to be used for future projects in the New Haven area.

## NH LIONS CLUB SUPPORT HARVESTER MUSEUM AT HOMECOMING



On August 4th and 5th, the New Haven Lions set up a food booth, selling burgers, hot dogs chips and water at the Harvester Homecoming and donated \$250 to the Harvester Museum.

hours community service; Maintain general good behavior

**Brandi M. McCloud**, Detroit, MI; Highway use tax; Case dismissed; Costs to the defendant

**Timothy J. Lengacher**, New Haven, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived

by defendant

**Oren D. Kehres**, Lima, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Francesco Iancu**, San Antonio, TX; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Joshua J. Woods**, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive;

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the Lady Warriors have posted victories in each of their first three matches this year.

The Lady Warriors recorded a 25-23, 25-20 and 25-15 win over Fort Wayne Snider behind an 11-kill performance from Lauren Snyder with Marissa Smith adding ten slams. Alyssa Anderson also posted seven kills for Woodlan.

Audra Smith and Snyder led Woodlan in aces with four and three, respectively, while Marissa Smith and Kyra Parker both had four blocks. Snyder and Makenna Smith chipped in 13 and seven digs, in that order, with Alyssa Harvey dishing out 17 assists and Audra Smith recorded 14 assists.

Woodlan opened the year

with a four-set win over Churubusco by scores of 25-23, 25-22, 22-25 and 25-19.

Lauren Snyder topped the Warriors with 14 kills while Anderson and Taylor Knuebuhler both chipped in three blocks. Lauren Snyder and Makenna Smith topped Woodlan with 16 and 15 digs, respectively, while Alyssa Harvey and Audra Smith recorded 17 and 14 assists in that order.

The Lady Warriors also defeated New Haven in three sets, winning game one 25-9 before adding victories of 25-19 and 25-9.

Woodlan was led by Lauren Snyder with ten kills and five aces while Parker and Marissa Smith both chipped in two blocks. Makenna Smith totaled six digs and Alyssa Harvey posted 13 assists.

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# ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS SUMMER PROGRAM TOURS THE STATE BANK!



Shown here in the back with Miss Diana are: Wyatt Wilhelm, Jaylani Ward, Marlie Clutter, Dale Clutter, Eli Hernandez, Josiah Ward and Everett Wilhelm. In front are: Savannah Coil, Damyen Bland, Garrett Wilhelm, JaNaya Ward and Jazlynn Ward.

Ann's Bright Beginnings Summer Program has been all over our village this summer. Our local businesses have been so kind to welcome us into their establishments and show us what goes on "behind the scenes". This picture shows the day we visited The State Bank and Trust! We got to see inside the safe, watch the cars

in the drive thru and loved the famous coin counter! Miss Diana showed us around and even gifted us with a coloring book about saving, pencils and stickers! Parents of 3, 4 and 5 year olds! Call Ann's Bright Beginnings at 419-399-KIDS to get them signed up for preschool!! We can't wait to hear from YOU!

Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Thomas W. Golden**, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**William O. Short**, Archbold, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jeffrey J. Winhoven**, Deshler, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

## ODOT ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert Counties the week of August 28, 2023. All outlined work is weather permitting.

**DEFIANCE COUNTY:**  
U.S. 24 PROJECTS  
U.S. 24 eastbound at the bridge over Krouse Road will be restricted to the right lane for pavement 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. Visit the project page: PID 102669

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

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

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

U.S. 127/Harrison Street in the village of Sherwood 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.

State Route 18 between the village of Hicksville and State Route 15 split on the west side of the city of Defiance will be restricted to one lane for crack sealing operations.

**PAULDING COUNTY:**  
State Route 66 between the community of Mandale and County Road 60 will be restricted to one lane at times for tile work.

**PUTNAM COUNTY:**  
State Route 12 just east of State Route 115 will close on Monday, Sept. 11, for approxi-

mately 11 days for a culvert installation project.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT**  
Detour: SR 115 to U.S. 30 to SR 65, back to SR 12.

State Route 66 between the U.S. 224 and the Paulding County line will have lane restrictions for chip seal operations.

State Route 114 between State Route 694 and the village of Kalida will have lane restrictions for chip seal operations.

State Route 694 between State Route 114 and State Route 115 will close Thursday and Friday, Aug. 24-25, for pavement repairs due to the narrow roadway. Access to properties will be maintained, but expect delays between 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT**  
Detour: SR 115 to SR 114, back to SR 694.

**VAN WERT COUNTY:**  
U.S. 224 PROJECTS

U.S. 224 between Hoaglin Center Road and State Route 637/Stemen Road will close on Monday, July 24, for approximately 75 days to replace three culverts. One culvert will be replaced at a time, working west to east. The first two culverts are between Hoaglin Center Road and Slane Road; the third culvert is between Slane Road and State Route 637/Stemen Road.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT**  
Detour: CR 637 to SR 114, to SR 127, back to U.S. 224.

U.S. 224 between State Route 637 and Dog Creek Road will have lane or shoulder closures for ditch cleaning.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is getting ready for a spectacular fall. The library will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day. September is Library Card Sign up, stop and get your library card today it's quick and easy. Having a library card is "Elemental". Look for the library at the Labor Day Parade in Oakwood starting at 11. The library will also be available at the Flat Rock Creek Festival, September 15, 16, and 17, stop by our tent. Looking for a place to take your Christmas Card photos? Stop by the Main branch library October 2 through October 14, the fireplace will be decorated for your Christmas photo opportunity. Call 419-399-2032 for more information or to set up a time for

your family. Attention parents and grandparents, a perfect opportunity for a memorable gift for your family.

The main branch has "Coffee Talk" every Thursday at 1. Dungeon Crawl takes place every Thursday at 5. Bookworms Book club meets at 6:30 in the south wing of the library. The club is reading "Not Penny More, Not a Penny Less" by Jeffery Archer. Copies are now available. Cookbook Club is September 18 at 5:30. Teen Cookbook Club is on Monday September 25, all supplies provided.

The Children's room is getting ready for Storytime starting on Wednesday September 13 at 11 and 1:30. Join Kirk and his storytime fun. Monday, September 25 at 5:30 join the Neil Armstrong Museum as they present information about solar eclipses and teach us how to make a viewer with household objects.

**The Antwerp branch** will be hosting Monica Kelsey, Founder of Safe Haven Baby Boxes, on September 18th at 5:30. Storytimes are every Wednesday at 11. Book Club is September 11 at 6. Cookbook Club is September 25th at 5:45.

**The Grover Hill branch** will be having on September 7th at 5 create a clever harvest chicken for teens and adults. All supplies will be provided. Senior Bingo is on September 14th at 1. Munchkin club storytimes will be September 11th and 25th at 10:30. GHBL Book Club will meet on September 27th at 4. The club is reading "The Chicken Sisters" by KJ Dell'Antonia. The library concludes its month with the Good Neighbor community capers Thursday, September 28th.

**The Oakwood branch** will have storytime every Mondays at 11. Stop by the library after the Oakwood Labor Day parade and vote on your favorite fairy garden. Tuesday, September 5 is our Good Morning Book Club from 11-12. The Oakwood Police, George Clemens and Erin Young will be presenting an internet/social media safety class on Tuesday September 5, 5-6 in the community room. Everyone is welcome. Come in and learn to keep yourself and your children safe. September 14 is Senior Bingo at 11:30. Thursday September 21 adults can sign up to make a sunflower sign from 5-6.

**The Payne branch** will resume storytimes on Tuesdays at 11 starting September 12. They will be reading a story and making crafts, join them. Coffee Talk is every Wednesday at 1, stop by for coffee and conversation. Sign up for an Artisan Bread Making Class on Saturday, September 9 at 11. All ingredients are provided, you need to bring your own bowl and fresh/dried herbs. Space is limited so sign up early. There will be a Beeswax Wrap class for a No Waste Kitchen on Wednesday, September 20 at 1. Materials are provided, and sign-up is required due to space limitations.

Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will meet on Monday, September 11 at 6 upstairs in the south wing of the Main library.

## WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle

### TIME FOR FOOTBALL!

- Across**
1. Players gather to discuss plays and strategy.
  3. Area at each end of the field where touchdowns are scored.
  7. Outcome sought by the team to win the game.
  10. Intermission between the two quarters of a football game.
  11. Extra period played if the score is tied at the end of regulation.
  13. Imaginary line where each play starts.
  17. Player who leads the offense and passes the ball.
  19. Collection of offensive and defensive strategies.
  20. Kick used to exchange possession of the ball.
  21. Scoring play worth six points in American football.
- Down**
2. Player who defends the outermost edge of the line.
  3. Physical and mental stamina required for the game.
  4. Traditional football game celebrated with alumni and festivities.
  5. Three-point scoring play kicked through the uprights.
  6. Area where students and supporters cheer on the team.
  8. Official responsible for enforcing the rules of the game.
  9. Player who carries and runs with the ball.
  12. Defensive maneuver to stop the ball carrier.
  14. Method used to start a half or begin after a score.
  15. Protective headgear worn by players.
  16. Leader who guides and trains the football team.
  18. Defensive tactic involving extra players rushing the quarterback.

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

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

**THE ANTWERP EXCHANGE BANK COMPANY, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**TERRY L. GARLAND, ET AL., Defendants,**

Case No. CI 23 042  
Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

**5024 Road 33, Payne**  
**Parcel Number: 03-10S-025-00**

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

Said premises appraised at Thirty-three Thousand and No/100 (\$33,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the September 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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

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

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on September 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio  
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Bryan S. Gorrell, Attorney for Plaintiff

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HICKSVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

The Hicksville Township Trustees will hold a public hearing for a new ordinance on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, starting at 6:00pm, in the Hicksville Township Building located at 09468 St. Rt. 2 Hicksville, OH.

The Ordinance, SECTION 900 - SMALL SOLAR FACILITIES, will have the final reading and be approval by the Hicksville Township Trustees. When approved, the Ordinance will be law.

—Mike Bailey,  
Zoning Inspector  
Hicksville Township

## HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2023-15

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio has reviewed the Annual Appropriations Ordinance and feels that it is necessary to amend certain fund account totals to reflect the actual amounts to be appropriated,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio:

**Section 1:** The Annual Appropriations Ordinance Number 2022-10 in the amount of \$11,269,062.17 will be amended reflect the following changes:

	Original/Amended Budget Amt.	Proposed Budget Amt.	Amount of Change
1000-340-530-0006 Buildings & Other Structures	\$ -	\$4,250.00	\$4,250.00
5781-539-610 Deposits Refunded	\$ -	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
5781-539-620 Deposits Applied	\$ -	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
			\$24,250.00
<b>Total Amended Appropriations:</b>	<b>\$24,250.00</b>		

**Section 2:** This ordinance is declared to be an emergency and therefore take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

DATED: 08/21/23  
**RONALD JONES, MAYOR**  
**CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER**



# TROOP 31 SCOUT COMPLETES EAGLE PROJECT



Pictured above (left) is Kevin Matthews, Executive Director of Van Wert County Council on Aging and above (right) Wesley Vaughn of Eagle Scout Troop 31.

Wesley Vaughn, son of Helen and John Vaughn recently completed his required Eagle Scout Service Project. He is a member of Troop 31, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church in Van Wert.

Wesley's Eagle Scout Project consisted of the renovation and construction of a memorial garden and stepping stone pathway at the Van Wert County Council on Aging Senior Center. Wesley is working towards his Eagle Scout Award. The project provided him the opportunity to plan, develop and lead others in the various phases of the Memorial Garden and Walkway construction.

The project started with removing all bricks, sand and

mulch from the garden area. All bricks were cleaned by removing dirt and mold from them.

Before the bricks could be reinstalled a four foot wide by twenty foot long path had to be built up with a compacted supportive base made from crushed stone, sand and concrete powder. The bricks were placed flush with an existing concrete walkway and extended past the memorial bench, providing an entrance from the parking lot.

Flowers and river rock were added to complete the Memorial Garden.

Members of Scout Troop 31, friends and family helped complete the project under the leadership of Wesley.

career and internship opportunities in other sections. The students also enjoyed learning about native mammals with furs and skulls on display.

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### Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

The Fourth of July weekend was busy for State Wildlife Officers Jason Keller, Andy Dowdell, and Brad Turner, assigned to Warren, Butler, and Preble counties, respectively, along with Wildlife Officer Supervisor Matt Hunt. The officers

worked on an enforcement project in Butler County. Officers Turner and Hunt noticed a vehicle pulled off the road near Four Mile Creek, where there had been several complaints of individuals using cast nets. Officers Keller and Dowdell investigated and contacted three individuals as they returned to their vehicle. The group possessed two oversized cast nets, 25 undersized bass, and three sunfish in addition to minnows and forage fish. In Ohio, only minnows and forage fish may be taken with cast nets, and all other species must be released immediately. Two individuals pleaded guilty to a wildlife charge and paid a total of \$1,310 in restitution. The bass, sunfish, and cast nets were forfeited to the state.

Wildlife Officer Supervisor David Warner participated in the Greene County Fair's second annual Gene Fischer First Responder Memorial Hog Show along with 30 other first responders. The event was developed by Officer Warner's daughter, Taylor, a 4-H member, to honor Sheriff Fischer. Fischer was a yearly supporter of the Greene County Fair. Supervisor Warner finished in the top three during the event, which raised \$1,500 for the Greene County Youth Activity Fund.

### CROP PROGRESS

As crops crop growth enters the last weeks of August, nights are getting shorter and colder. Crops are trying to fill either pods (soybeans) or kernels (corn). Time is slipping away for many crops. Some soybeans with an early start have good pods and good yield potential. Many double soybeans and those farms hit by drought do not have a lot of pods set yet. Corn may have taken the weather better than soybean this year, however; some corn ears are not fully filled out. For the last two years, hot dry weather in June has hurt crops from getting a good start. Perhaps it's the smoke from Canadian wildfires, but many crops are at least 2 weeks behind normal development. Some farmers are hoping for a late frost this year to let those slow developing crops mature.

Most famers tell me they had some of the best wheat yields ever plus high-quality grain. Wheat yields generally range from 60 to 90 bushel for my farmers. This year the range was 80 to 120 bushel. With less rainfall in spring and early summer, the grain quality was excellent because the incidence of disease was low. The downside, for this fall, basis levels are quite wide. There is a lot of wheat in storage and it may create a short-term problem for fall grain storage of corn and soybeans. Also, the Mississippi river barge traffic is still reduced due to low water levels. If you have on-farm grain storage, this may be a good year to use it.

On another issue, insect crop damage this year appears to be below what is normally observed.

What could cause this to occur? Looking back, the extremely cold weather at Christmas time, when temperatures dropped quickly below zero may have reduced some insects populations. Usually, insect have time to burrow down and acclimate to



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have put into their livestock and non livestock projects.

Mike Poling, Fair Director, states, "We are grateful to our business partners and event sponsors who help us make the Van Wert County Fair a success year-after-year. Patrons can expect a variety of free entertainment made possible by our sponsors in addition to our amusements and rides."

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Patrons can also expect FREE Entertainment acts that will be at the fair throughout the week. Lined up for free music entertainment we have Gold City Quartet, Dueling Pianos, Kaitlyn Schmit and the Move, The Browns, Bluegrass Concert, 7evnth Time Down, Green de Villes, Music Bingo and Trivia!. There are many children's entertainment acts such as Dr. Whiz Bang, The Magic of Farming with Farmer Travis, Ready Go Dog Show, the Jungle Island

Petting Zoo, and DinosaurXperience and Grand Illusions by the Blooms. Additional free entertainment includes Bear Hollow Wood Carvers, the Blacksmith, Michael Misko Magic and Michael Bishop Hypnotist. These events are made possible by generous donors and sponsors who allow us to bring FREE entertainment to the community.

Additional events include a corn hole tournament, the OSU Football Bash, a Jeep Rally, Car Show, Motorcycle Show. Throughout the week you will also find Children Serving Christ, St Mary's The Assumption Catholic mass, Zion Union Church and more. Patrons can also expect over 40 food vendors, a full Commercial Building full of businesses and other vendors as well as the fun Fair games we have all come to know and love.

From Board President, Kathy McCollow, "While attending the fair, please take the opportunity to check out our 4-H program hard at work. This year we have approximately 440 4-H members completing a wide range of projects, as well as numerous FFA members that extend our youth participation to nearly 500 individuals. We are grateful for our 4-H extension agents, ag teachers, and 4-H advisors that encourage, educate, and preserve our agricultural roots. This energetic youth group will one day be our agricultural specialists and future fair board members. Let's show them our support. We can't wait to see you at the fair!"

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### FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

#### Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

While on patrol at Indian Lake State Park, State Wildlife Officer Brian Motsinger, assigned to Union County, contacted a visitor whose dog escaped. Officer Motsinger was able to catch the dog and reunite it with the owner.

State Wildlife Officer Josh Elster, assigned to Pickaway County, was contacted by a landowner regarding an individual fishing without permission. Officer Elster obtained photos showing the suspect and two additional people fishing on the landowner's property. Officer Elster contacted the individuals and charged them for fishing without permission. The three subjects were ordered to pay \$150 in fines and court

costs.

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State Wildlife Officer Anthony Lemle, assigned to Lucas County, and intern Riley Yunker attended a career day for Toledo students. Fifteen middle school students learned about the Ohio Division of Wildlife, the daily job duties of a wildlife officer, and

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## PAULDING JUVENILE COURT SWEARS IN NEW CASA VOLUNTEER



The Paulding Juvenile Court welcomed newest CASA volunteer, Kari Morhart at a swearing-in ceremony on Wednesday, August 23. Kari is a local Paulding County resident and chose to become a CASA volunteer to help advocate for the children in the Court.

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. The CASA program utilizes its employees to train community volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. These volunteers work to ensure the best interest of the child is met both in the courtroom and community. To do so, CASA volunteers work with Job and Family Services caseworkers, teachers, and family members. They also meet with the child at least once a month to monitor case progress. The goals of a CASA volunteer

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Northwest Ohio CASA is a non-profit organization that originated in Henry County in 1991 as Henry County CASA and expanded into Defiance and Williams Counties in 2017 under a grant from Ohio CASA.

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colder weather. The quick drop in temperatures may have reduced detrimental insect populations and some crop diseases this year.

Usually this time of year, it is easy to see nutrient deficiencies in crops but many nutrient deficiencies are NOT as visible this year. July and August had a number of light rains occur. This wet-dry cycle allows soil nutrients to recycle. Depending on the field, there is always some nutrient deficiencies, but less than I have seen in several years. Does this translate into higher yields? Not necessarily. It depends on how well crop roots are developed. Early soil compaction and hot weather in June may limit some crop yields. If the root mass on your crops are excellent, expect good yields. If the root mass is restricted or less than desirable, yields will be lower.

The weather (mainly rain) has been so variable that you can expect variable crop yields too. One farmer said he had several rain gauges on a large field. His rainfall varied from .5 inches on one part of the field to 2.5 inches. That was one rainfall event. Some farmers tell me they have been exceeding dry while just 1 or 2 miles of away they have had excess rain, in some cases way too much. Other just the right amount of rain. It will be a tough year to summarize crop yields due to such variable local weatherconditions. Looking ahead, it looks

like some crops may be harvested later if they need to mature and dry down. For those wanting to plant cover crops, aerial application may be a good option this year if you have moisture. Most cover crops can survive the winter better if planted in September, especially right before a rain. Most need a minimum of 1 inch of rain to germinate. Two inches of rain in the fall helps sustain the growth. Generally, 60 to 90 days of fall growth will improve stands. If crops get harvested early, drilling is still the best method.

There are several applicators who now have drones, also highboy applicators, airplanes, and even helicopters which can sow cover crop seed. Drones are becoming more popular because they can hover and put the seed right where you need it. Drones are also relatively cheap to operate. Highboy applicators can cover a lot of ground, but they do run down the existing crop, especially on the ends of corn. For airplanes, the biggest issue is telephone wires and trees. With airplanes, some seed gets on the neighbors and it's hard to get into field corners, especially with trees. Helicopters can hover, but the blades cause vortexes. Every tool has its advantages and disadvantages. Just make sure you hire a good qualified applicator. Have a safe harvest.

—James J. Hoorman  
Hoorman Soil Health Services

## WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 8/7/23

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Council Members Sarrazine, Martin, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker and Council Member Thompson were not present.

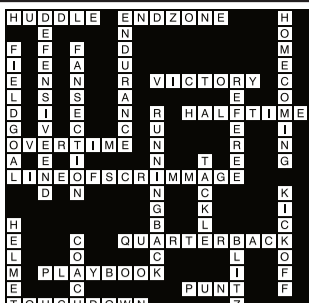
Chief's Report: Nothing to report.  
Superintendent's Report: The superintendent gave an update on the work in progress for the lift station project on Woodburn Road. The superintendent asked for council to consider purchasing replacement light stands for the water tower located within the city limits. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to replace the current lights on the water tower, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor.

Mayor's Report: The mayor went over an annexation proposal petitioned by Woodburn Missionary Church to include a portion of their property that is not currently located within the city limits. The mayor would like the council to consider not only this request, but also an additional annexation that would include land in that same general area. Councilman Watts would like to wait on the church proposal for now and focus more on the potential new addition, Maumee Meadows, that would be built going North of City Hall along the West side of State Road 101. He would like to see a more final decision on Maumee Meadows before deciding on how to proceed with the church. Council was generally in agreement.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the July 17th meeting. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to accept the minutes from the July 17th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Watts, 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 2nd quarter financials. This included expense and revenue reports, fund balances, and bank statements for the council's consideration. For more involved analysis, the clerk-treasurer is available between meetings to answer any questions from council members. The clerk-treasurer is starting to prepare the first draft of the 2024 budget. He is asking for council members to suggest ideas for implementation. The clerk-treasurer presented council with a potential contract for Kevin Hileman, the future clerk-treasurer for the city of Woodburn. This would allow Kevin to job shadow in the office, with pay, prior to taking office at the beginning of next year. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to approve the contract as proposed, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. The Woodburn Band Boosters sent a letter for council's consideration for sponsorship in the upcoming season. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to sponsor the Band Boosters for \$100, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Watts gave an update on the Lifewise proposal that was submitted to council a few meetings ago. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to have a letter of support be drafted on behalf of the city council to be given to Lifewise for presentation to the school board, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor, except Councilman Martin who votes nea. Councilman Watts is willing to draft this letter. Councilman Watts described a fire hydrant that needs addressed to the Superintendent, who confirmed that he is aware of it and that it will be fixed in the near future.

Audience: A resident submitted a request for consideration at the meeting



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tonight to ask for an adjustment on the sewer portion of her utility bill due to an outside spicket running overnight. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to adjust the sewer portion of the utility bill for all affected months, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. A resident inquired about the islands in Burnwood Place as well as the signs there. The superintendent informed her that one quote has been received and that the city is waiting for the second to arrive prior to the work being accomplished. Regarding the signs, it would seem that after a new pole had replaced an old one, the signs were taken down and are now missing. Replacements were ordered and will be placed after their arrival and as time allows.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

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pying the spot where River Street Market stood before the fire that forced the landmark grocery store to close in January 2016. Store manager, Bianca Nicholson is ready for the Antwerp community. This was a soft opening of the newest loca-

tion of the chain, and hours have not been posted yet. Go take a peak as you are out walking on the sidewalks and see how the newest addition to Antwerp cleaned up the East River St. streetscape.

## CASSIDY JONES COMPLETES TRINE UNIVERSITY DEGREE

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## SPYKER AWARDED NATIONAL RURAL & SMALL TOWN AWARD



Antwerp High School senior Leila Spyker has earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. Spyker was awarded the National Rural and Small Town Award in August. This National Recognition Program grants underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connects students with universities across the country. Spyker is eligible for this award because she has a GPA of 4.0, excelled on the PSAT/NM-SQT, earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP

## THIS WEEK ON PCBW: PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER



Hear it here! This week on Paulding County Business Weekly we talk with Executive Director Kari Morhart and Food Program Manager Yvonne Lilly of the Paulding County Senior Center. Listen in as they explain the many different program options and services available to anyone 60 and older. Great discussion on transportation, Meals on

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exams, and attends a school in a rural area or small town. This is the third time in three years a student from Antwerp High School has been selected for this honor.

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