

RAIDER PAIGE ALBER BREAKS RECORDS IN VOLLEYBALL



Paige Alber (pictured right) is joined by her teammates celebrating her record breaking Ace during their match up against the Liberty Center Tigers. Pictured left to right are #22 Careen Winans, #18 Lexi Moore, #4 Harper Myers, #3 Kacy Hornish, #13 Caroline Winans, #8 Paige Alber

Wayne Trace Lady Raiders traveled to Tiger Country on Monday evening, August 27th for some high school volleyball action. Liberty Center defended their home court against the Raiders in both JV and Varsity action.

Varsity - Liberty Center over Wayne Trace: 25-14, 18-25, 11-25, 25-6, 15-10

Junior Varsity - Liberty Center over Wayne Trace: 15-25, 26-24, 25-19

The Lady Raiders celebrated a different victory from

this match up. Raider Senior Paige Alber broke the school record for number of aces in a match. Paige had 11 aces in the 5-set match last night, replacing the old school record of 9! Great Job Paige!

VILLAGE OF PAYNE RECEIVES \$515,895 STATE GRANT FOR CRITICAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

Village of Payne is one of 90 projects receiving state

grants to address critical water and wastewater infrastructure projects in Ohio communities. In total, 64 counties will receive \$135 million.

The funding comes from Ohio Governor Mike

DeWine's Ohio BUILDS (Broadband, Utilities, and Infrastructure for Local Development Success) water infrastructure grant program, administered through the Ohio Department of Development.

The award will support Village of Payne with replacing water lines on Merrin St. and replacing existing water meters with newer digital ones.

"From the first dollar awarded through this program to now, we've made hundreds of transformative investments in the future of our communities," said Gov-

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NSCC RECEIVES UPDATES ON VAN WERT CAMPUS



Dr. Jon Tomlinson (NSCC Dean of Van Wert Campus, center), presents to the Board of Trustees at the 8/25/2023 meeting.

The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, August 25th at the Archbold campus. As part of the meeting, the Board received an update on the Van Wert campus, including ongoing recruitment and fundraising efforts in Van Wert and Paulding counties, as the College begins the process of renovating the former Kennedy Manufacturing facility in Van Wert to eventually become a full-service campus.

IMPORTANT WORK HAPPENING IN PAULDING

& VAN WERT COUNTIES

A panel of NSCC employees, including the Dean of the Van Wert Campus Dr. Jon Tomlinson, Executive Foundation Director Robbin Wilcox, and Marketing & Communications Manager Jim Bellamy, presented the ongoing activities related to student recruitment (PR and advertising) and fundraising. Dr. Tomlinson noted the confirmed articulation agreements with area four-year schools, Wilcox shared information on the numerous

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

September 5

- NAMI Suicide Awareness Public Meeting @ ADAMhs office, Archbold, 7pm
- NA Meeting @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

September 7

- Kingdom Warriors @ Cecil Comm. Church,

September 8

- AGrow Expo @ Mercer Landmark
- SWCD Golf Scramble @ Auglaize GC, 8:30am
- PCHF Luncheon @ JPHS, 11:30a-1:30p

September 9

- Payne's Rock the Block Fall Festival! See ad on page 4!
- Fishing Event & Potluck @ Ant. Cons. Club, 11a-2p

September 10

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

September 15

- NSCC VW Golf Outing @ Hickory Sticks GC, 9am
- Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival begins in Paulding! See ad on page 9!
- Little Big Band @ Huber, 7p

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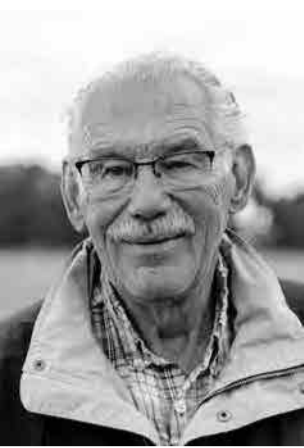
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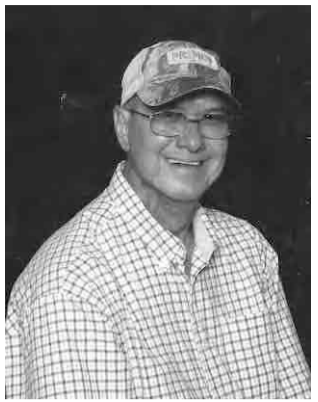
David J. Cole, 76, of Hicksville, Ohio, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, August 27, 2023, at his residence. David was born February 11, 1947, in Hicksville, Ohio, the son of the late Derrill J. and Lena Rose (Pearson) Cole. After graduating from Hicksville High School in 1966, David enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving from November 1966, until his honorable discharge in November 1970. Upon returning from his time in the service, he continued his education at ITT - Fort Wayne, obtaining his associate degree in electrical engineering. David married Susan A. Gillen on February 11, 1983, in Paulding, Ohio, and she survives. David ran the Surplus Supplies store in Hicksville for 20 years, retiring in 2018. Prior to running the store, he worked as an electrical engineer at ETA Engineering in Kendallville, Indiana, and in electrical maintenance at Dietrich Industries. David enjoyed his ham radio and was a member of the Antique Radio Club. He was also a member of the Hicksville American Legion Post 223 and Hicksville Eagles Aerie 2556. David also enjoyed working outdoors, be it in his own lawn or while digging ponds and reservoirs with John McCalla Excavating.

David is survived by his wife, Susan of Hicksville; three children, Dee Jay (Christen) Cole of Junction City, Kansas, LenaRose (Cort) Jensen of Blair, Nebraska, and Dustin (Billie Jo Moore) Cole of Hicksville; nine grandchildren, Sidney Cole, Jayden Cole, Kylie Cole, Kenner Jensen, Kailynn Jensen, Aiden Cole, Karson Crites, Kaylynn Crites, and Hunter Cole; one great-granddaughter, Debra Jay Cole; four siblings, Daniel J. Cole of New York, New York, Diane J. (Les) Smith of Waterville, Ohio, Dawn J. (Randy) Bassett) of Hicksville, and Debra J. (Jim) Ross of Whitehouse, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services for David J. Cole will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, September 1, 2023, at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, with Pastor Daniel J. Cole officiating. Military rites will be accorded by the combined honor detail from the Hicksville American Legion Post 223, Farmer American Legion Post 137, and Sherwood VFW Post

5665. Arrangements are under the care of Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 706 North Main Street, Hicksville, Ohio 43526.

Condolences may be sent to the family, or the online guestbook may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com



Richard Lynn Fulk (Rick), age 72, passed away, 23 August 2023 in Fort Wayne, IN. He was born 1 February 1951 in Payne, Ohio where he was raised until he was drafted in March 1971 and discharged from the Army March 1972. He lived in Antwerp, Defiance, and Fort Wayne after discharge.

A Celebration of Life will held September 17, 2023 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. At the Payne American Legion Post 297.



ANTWERP, OH:

Nila Dunderman, 84, of Antwerp, passed away Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at her home.

Nila was born in Ft. Wayne on November 21, 1938, a daughter of the late Velma (Guethe) & John Leslie.

On December 26 1954, Nila married the love of her life, Larry and started their life together. She became the mother of five children and kept busy caring for them and creating a loving home. She was a devoted wife to Larry for 68 years. In her spare time, Nila became the president and lifetime member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary, and volunteered as a girl scout leader and helped with costume design for many 3rd grade operetta performances. Nila had a soft spot for many animals, but especially her dogs. She always knew how to tell a good story and could be quite feisty at times. She will be remembered most for her generous heart who gave everything for her family, whom she loved dearly.

Nila will be sadly missed by her husband, Larry; children, Cynthia Cordero & Randy and Charles Dunderman; 9 grandchildren; & 15 great grandchildren.

Nila was preceded in death by her children, Lawrence Dunderman & Tina Huebner; & grandson, Michael Panico.

She will be laid to rest privately in Maumee Cemetery.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.



PAYNE, OH:

Elmer J. Baker, age 68, passed away on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at his home in Payne.

Elmer was born on March 25, 1955 in Van Wert, OH to the late

Elmer and Thelma (Rodman) Baker. On December 17, 1988, he married Cheryl (Woodard) Tillotson who survives. Elmer retired in 2009 from Federal Mogul in Van Wert after 17 years, where he was a lead man on the manufacturing line. Elmer was a devoted member of Payne Church of the Nazarene. He loved metal detecting, fishing, writing music and playing guitar in his spare time.

Along with his loving wife, Elmer is survived by sons: David (Tracie) Tillotson, Graytown, OH; Jeremy (Deanna) Tillotson, Fort Wayne, IN; daughters: Bobbi Baker, Herman, MO; Ashley Simonin, Lima, OH; sister, Joann (Roger) Barker, Defiance, OH; 8 grandchildren.

Elmer was also preceded in death by brothers: John and Glen Baker; sisters: Erma Friend, Rose Marie Maples, Carolyn Goins, Nellie Mae Hartman, and Toni Searfoss.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, September 8, 2023 at Payne Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Mike Harper officiating. Burial will follow in Lehman Cemetery, Benton Township.

Visitation will be from 3:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation from 10:00 A.M. until time of services on Friday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Elmer's memory to Payne Church of the Nazarene, 509 E Orchard St, Payne, OH 45880 or Paulding County Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, 401 E. Jackson St., Paulding, OH 45879.

Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.com.

HEAVEN IS A GLORIOUS PLACE

By: Doris Applegate

Heaven is a glorious place
Angels behold God's loving face

Holy, holy they do sing
Making praises loudly ring.

Majestic mountains rise
supreme

Hills and valleys are lush
and green

Flowers and grass they
flourish here

A rare perfume fills all the
air.

No darkness, gloominess
or night

Just heavenly, golden,
beautiful light

No sin, or sorrow, death or
fears

No grief or sighing and no
tears.

No sickness, disease or
aching pain

'No one there with muscles
lame

Just endless days of health
and gladness

Youth regained with no
more sadness.

Life eternal, joy and peace
And from earth's troubles
sweet release

Jesus Christ is everywhere
That's why I'm longing to
go there.

If you would like to go
there too

When life on earth does
end for you

Please give your life to
Christ today

He is the one who made
the way.

He came to earth and gave
His life

The complete and only
sacrifice

No other way is there for
us

In Jesus Christ we all must
trust.

Heaven is a glorious place!
AMEN

Scripture of the Week

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

— Proverbs 22:6

MATT'S MISHAPS



Only a couple hours of heavy rain can turn this rural road near our overseas apartment into a dangerous rushing river.



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

—Matt

Watch where you drop
NW Ohio & NE Indiana's historic terrain has left us with relatively flat and productive soil after the settlers. It would be a dream combination for many places in the world, like the steeply mountainous and volcanic rock that typifies where I live overseas.

Not only is flat and productive topsoil great for crop production, but also in tempering the hazards of heavy rainfall. Topsoil absorbs moisture and flat lands moderate the speeds of the over accumulation of rainfall.

An hour of heavy rain where we live overseas can mean racing flash floods as water doesn't absorb into rock. In the rural areas torrents of water rocket down mountains that loosens and pulls along everything in its path. In urban areas, water overwhelms the sewer systems lifting the manhole covers for excess water to escape onto the streets. I have learned to stay inside after misjudging how little rainfall

it takes to lift manhole covers in a storm. I now avoid traveling by motorcycle during and after heavy rain as manholes without the covers are very dangerous as you drive along a street that is water covered and you can't determine where the hole is until you drop in.

Rain can even be dangerous to cars over here. We have a gravel parking lot along our apartment building in our neighborhood. However, only twenty or so spots are being used of the eighty spots there once were. I was walking to the grocery store after a few days of rain when I saw police and tow trucks in the neighborhood parking lot. I asked what the problem was and the police officer said, "Sink holes!" I thought, "What!?" They had built the gravel parking lot by filling in stone between and over large volcanic boulders along the hill. The heavy rainfall had shifted the smaller stones and fill and sink holes were appearing throughout the parking lot.

I have learned to look where I ride and even where I park.

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TRENDY OR COMFORT?

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

If you are anything like me, you may find yourself looking at various styles and trends.

Sometimes I look online or in a magazine just to familiarize myself with what's "trendy" or "cool" as we used to say.

Some day, just go to a mall and look at the shoppers to people watch. This is quite entertaining and you can observe and learn a lot.

Now, personally, I thought it was so cool when I got my ears pierced, but I never thought I would see the day when almost every body part could be pierced.

I am getting used to seeing newer trends such as nose piercings, naval piercings eyebrow piercings and tongue piercings.

Another observation is the different hair colors. I am amazed to see colors such as bright red, purple blue, and green. Some of these sound ok for younger folks, but not for seniors (like myself) Well, one day someone convinced me to get some purple in my hair. Oh my, I didn't like it; and neither did anyone else.

Then it seems as if lots of folks have a tattoo. Tattoos have also been around for a long time and a lot of guys got them while serving in the military.

Tattoos have become very popular and did you know that makeup can also be tattooed on your face.

When reading about Tattoo art, I learned that Thomas Edison drew up the blueprints for the first electric ink pen. From there, tattooing became more popular and it is almost like a "right of passage" to get a tattoo. Do I have a tattoo? Of course. Guess where it is? It is a rose tattooed on my toe. Sometimes I refer to mine as a toe-too.

Today there are tattoos which cover a whole section of body parts and I have even seen someone with the top of their head tattooed.

Another item that has always grabbed my attention is false eyelashes. I have tried every eyelash product there is and nothing seems to work. I tried the magnetic, growth mascara, single eyelash application and whatever I can do

is make my lashes long. So far no luck.

While at my hairdressers the other day, I was asked if I had heard about "nose hair" extensions. I shockingly said, "No," so I was shocked to see and hear about this latest fashion trend. I don't know of anyone who has nose hair extensions, but have seen many pictures of them. I wonder how those fashion setters blow their nose, scratch their nose, kiss and if and how they wash them?

Now one thing certain is how fast trends come and go. In fact, through the years many trends go away and



resurface a decade later.

You know as we grow older we don't go for trendy or cool looks. If you are anything like me, I dress for comfort.

Are you a people watcher? Do you dress in the latest trend or for comfort? Do you have a tattoo?

Let me know and I'll give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

CECIL COMMUNITY CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2023

Women Meeting - Cecil Community Church hosts the Kingdom Warriors on September 7th at 6:00 p.m. All Women invited

Fishing Event & Potluck at Cecil Community Church on September 9th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. With a Noon Potluck. Please RSVP for details at 419-769-0959.

Food Distribution - Cecil Community Church will host a Food Distribution on September 16th from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous MEETING - Cecil Community Church hosts NA Meetings every Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

New Living Free Insight Group - Cecil Community Church will host a NEW Living Free group on Wednesdays beginning September 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for 14 weeks.

Concert - Cecil Community Church plans to host the Blue Grass Praise Band on September 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Cecil Community Church is located at 203 S. Main St. Cecil, Ohio 45821

CHANGING FOOTPRINTS SHOES COLLECTION UPDATE



Here are just some of the shoes Changing Footprints has gathered this week from all over Allen County. We are distributing them to various social service agencies almost as fast as we are getting them in. You can help us help the poor and homeless by dropping off your unneeded footwear of any kind or condition. All unusable athletic

shoes are sent to Nike Grind or Zappos recycle programs, keeping them out of landfills. 80% of all donations stay in northern Indiana and are processed by an all-volunteer, unpaid group of hard working people. We never charge anyone for these shoes. Go to changingfootprints.org and look for "shoe drops" to find a donation bin near you.

44th HONOR FLIGHT FROM FORT WAYNE

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana is slated for its 44th Honor Flight from Fort Wayne on September 13th, 2023. Eighty-nine veterans from the Fort Wayne area are booked and confirmed for the flight. Included will be 2 Post WWII Veteran, 9 Korean War veterans, 11 Cold War veterans, 59 Vietnam veterans, 1 Panama Veteran, 4 Desert Storm/ Shield Veterans, 3 Iraqi Freedom Veterans. A special note that there are 4 women veterans that are included in the group. As of this date 3,224 veterans have traveled from Fort Wayne to Washington, D.C. on an Honor Flight.

This flight will include several Veterans that have more than one generation of service traveling together, including the Bultemeyer family from Decatur Indiana. Four members of the Fritz Bultemeyer family including Fritz, Louann, and sons Jared and Von served in the US Army and will be enjoying a day in the nation's capital, visiting the monuments built in honor of all the veterans who have sacrificed for our freedom. Honor Flight North-

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events/sponsorships and memberships in both counties, and Bellamy discussed the depth of marketing already taking place in the two counties (digital marketing, print, radio and billboards were mentioned).

The presentation concluded with NSCC CFO Jenny Thome and Facilities Director Kevin Gerken sharing construction updates, including cost estimates and current status of the campus renovation project. A Construction Manager will be announced the week of August 28th, and a special date will be set for the initial Agreement.

NSCC IS THE #1 COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN OHIO

NSCC President Dr. Todd Hernandez shared the recent news about the WalletHub best community colleges study, with NSCC being

ranked the #1 community college in Ohio. Board Chair Scott Mull congratulated the College for this recognition, noting the great work done by faculty, staff, and administration to help guide learner success.

In other Board action:
• Approved the promotion of Susan Cheeseman to Director-Grants Development, Vickie Rhodes to Agency manager, Heidi Keller to Coordinator-Accreditation, and Renee Bostelman to Academic Pathways Coordinator.

• Approved the employment of Greg Smith as Interim Commander-Law Enforcement Academy, Daniel Robarge as Maintenance Technician, Keri Eason as Director-Institutional Research, Lindsay Folkerth as Faculty-Composition, Chelsie Ebaugh as Faculty-Composition, and Jose Silva as Admissions Recruiter.

• Approved tuition rates

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

MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtzberry
Earl Bartlett Endsley was born in Defiance, Ohio, April 18, 1894. The son of John Sherman, born May 21, 1860



in Coshocton County, Ohio. And Rosa Belle (Wilson) Endsley, born November of 1868 in Henry County, Ohio.

John and Rosa were married March 4, 1890 in Henry County, Ohio. By 1900, the Endsley family were living in Grover Hill, Ohio. John, a farmer and Rosa a homemaker and mother taking care of three children. Earl, born in 1894, Loma Ella, born in 1895, and Darrel John, born in 1898.

By 1910, the Endsley family was living in Latty Township. John was farming and Earl was working on the farm. John and Rosa added a son Phais D. born in 1902, Clay V. born in 1905, and Vera Winona born in 1907. The couple had an infant child born and died in 1905. A daughter Veda Belle was born May 12, 1914. On June 5, 1917, Earl, working on the family farm and tending to livestock, registered for the draft at the East Latty Township precinct. He was listed as medium height and build, gray eyes, black hair. Earl signed up in Paulding and joined the National Army, July 22, 1918. He was assigned to the 5th Company, 2nd Training Battalion, 158th Depot Brigade. He will serve until August 8, 1918. He was then assigned to Company K, 335th Infantry.

for the 2023-2024 academic year (in-state: \$192.33, out-of-state \$378.66).

• Approved using scholarship funds to offset the \$5 per credit hour increase, so as to not pass the expense on to learners for the spring 2024 semester.

• Approved a new Weapons Policy following all state and federal laws pertaining to weapons, including section 2923.122 of the Ohio Revised Code).

• Approved miscellaneous employment contracts, as well as six resignations.

Earl was sent to New York where he boarded the ship, "Karmala" and departed September 3, 1918 headed for France. Earl served with Company K. 335th until October of 1918. Earl was then assigned to serve with Company I. 28th Infantry. He was stationed in the Meuse-Argonne sector.

On November 6, 1918, 5 days before the war was over, he died of lobar pneumonia. His father, John Sherman Endsley was notified of his death. Earl Barlett Endsley was laid to rest in the St. Michael American Cemetery in France, grave 6, row 25, block A. A memorial stone was placed in Mt. Zion Cemetery outside of Grover Hill.

In 1930, Earl's mother, Rosa Belle Endsley, had an opportunity to travel to France and visit her son's grave. This



EARL B. ENDSLEY

program was a United States Government paid program called World War One Mother's Pilgrimage which was started in 1929. Earl's mother, Rosa Bell, choose not to go. Earl's father passed away in 1941 and Rosa Belle passed away in 1959. Most of the family are buried in Mt. Zion or Middle Creek Cemetery outside of Grover Hill, Ohio.

...Until Next Time!

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10:00 AM	LEGION	POKER RUN REGISTRATION
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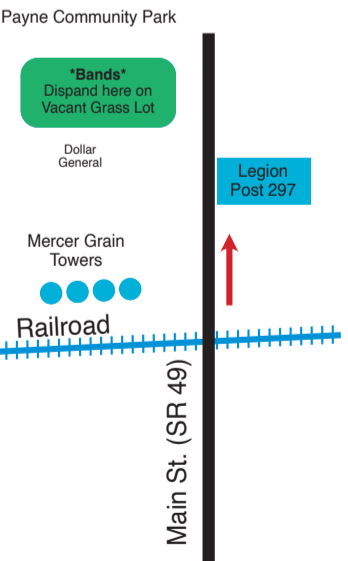
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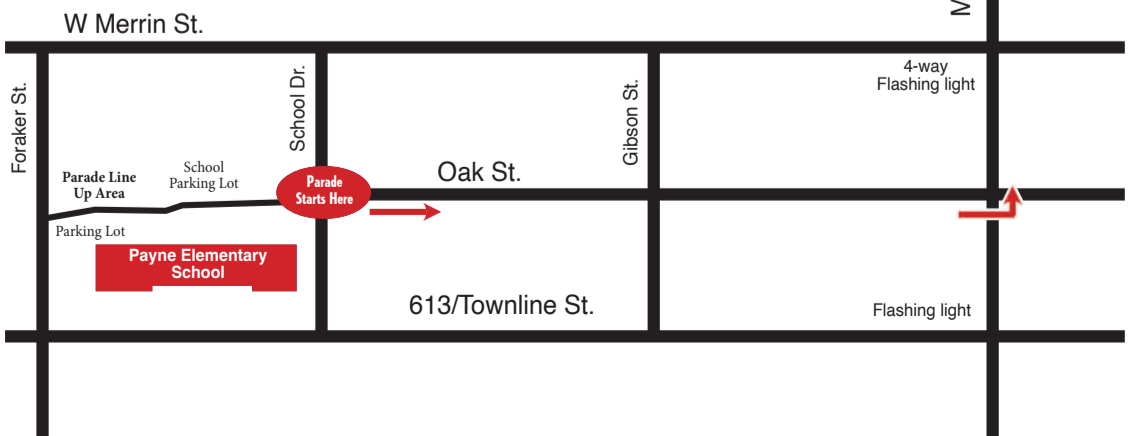
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dr. Chaps
As I suggested in my last letter, "U.S. Military Against Christians," this is a continuation of that message. This part mostly concerns a single U.S. Navy officer with 16 years of honorable services as a Chaplain and his action to right wrong.
Democrats' Secretary of Navy issued a illegal policy saying, "Chaplains who pray in Jesus name outside of chapel can be court-marshaled." Be-

fore I continue, stop and think very seriously about this. Why is it that every ruling against morality, God, education and free speech that take America down another level come from Democrats?

I've read about numerous instances similar to the one I present now. I'll call him Dr. Chaps for that is the nickname he got for exposing this totally illegal injustice to light. This story should open liberal eyes as to just how desperate Satan's Democrat warriors are. They will stop at nothing in their drive to oust God and take over America much like their communist idols in Russia have.

Just look at how these communist loving gooks have attacked Trump for so many years. They know how strong he is and his dislike of crooks, and now they have another to contend with. This relates action taken by Dr. Chaps to bring to light the sneaky way in which Satan's warriors work to destroy us.

Before taking this action to bring this "Democrat Injustice" to light for our American public, he said the following:

"If the plan is to punish Chaplains for praying in Jesus' name outside of chapel, I want to be first."

Dr. Chaps, in full dress uniform, held a nation-wide press conference on national television directly in front of the White House. His action directly violated the navy's illegal anti-Christian policy but got their evil attention just as he wanted.

The navy tried to keep this quiet but Dr. Chaps demanded a court trial. I believe Dr. Chaps to be more intelligent than those trying to destroy God and America. He got his trial but the navy judge

ruled he was "Guilty of worshipping in public." He was given a honorable discharge with no benefits. They stole his pension, medical insurance and anything else he had coming.

Faithful Americans now entering 520 newspapers reported this gross radical liberal injustice and that rallied 300,000 Americans, 35 pro-family groups and 75 lawmakers to come to Dr. Chaps aid. Their response worked. It took an act of Congress, but Satan's sick act was ruled illegal and Dr. Chaps vindicated and restored to duty.

Evil can only succeed if good people do nothing. I've been writing for over 20 years in hopes of enlightening some of the blind. Are you remaining quiet for some stupid reason when speaking up might save someone or your voice today might help save America from turning communist?

It is much more than likely that we will become a communist nation if Americans permit Democrats to win the 2024 election. Radical liberal Democrats have been putting things in place for over 60 years in their drive to gain total control of our nation. The very first thing to be attacked, in every past national takeover case in history was God. Do you remember when Democrats forbid prayer and God in schools?

Take this as you wish, but it is exactly how I see our past and present Democrat presidents. Carter gave us our first nation destroying high cost of living. Clintons (both) rated just plain bad. Obama was/is just plain evil. Biden is nothings more than a puppet waiting for his puppet-master to pull his string. His nick-name "Do nothing Biden" fits him perfectly. In his around 50 years in Washington, he has never created anything positive for America. I would speak for his impeachment but the first one in line as a replacement is Harris, who comes across to me as a complete idiot as fas as having the position she holds.

This is a warning to you, especially, Democrats, you've had a good life so far but you are now on Satan's land and in his hands. You have two ways to turn - that is left or right. Left stands with Satan and right leads to God. I believe all top Democrats are tied to Satan's apron strings. Where do you stand?

The only way to help yourself and America survive is to get with God, that's today-not tomorrow. God's way is the only answer. Are you smart

enough to realize that or dumb enough to not even try to understand what I say. Life is plain. It's either God or hell. It's clear that today's Democrat party has chosen hell for you.

—Richard Mastin
Hicksville, OH



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A special needs trust is a legal instrument that helps concerned parents like you set money aside for your child's future care. Best of all, it does it without reducing your child's eligibility for public assistance programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI) (1). For obvious reasons, it is important that it be prepared with the input of qualified tax and legal advisors. Let's take a look at how these trusts work:

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mium requirements are met) and any cash value they generate will continue to grow tax-deferred until your death.

Make sure you use a qualified professional.

Your child's future is too important to leave anything to chance. While special needs trusts have been around for years, they are complex legal instruments that have to be set up properly. Be sure to work with an attorney who1 has plenty of experience in this area, as well as a thorough knowledge of wills and estates.

It takes a special person to care for a special needs child—and to adequately prepare for the child's future. With a special needs trust, you

can take comfort in the fact that you have done everything you can to give your child the resources he or she will need to lead a long and happy life.

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WARRIORS EVEN RECORD WITH WIN OVER COUGARS



Warrior Brayden Smith scores his second touchdown against Central Noble in the second quarter of the first home game! More pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODBURN - Junior Ty Louden was 22 of 32 through the air for 262 yards with four touchdowns to lead the Woodlan Warriors to a 30-16 victory over visiting Central Noble in Friday night non-league football action.

Louden's top target on the night was senior Braden Smith, who hauled in nine catches for 164 yards and all four scores. Jayse Kuntz added five receptions for with senior Luke Meyer picking up two receptions.

Carter Fleek, Drew Fleek

and Mason Moore all had one catch as well for Woodlan, which evens its overall record at 1-1 on the season.

Drew Fleek ran for 104 yards on 20 carries with Louden picking up 19 yards on six tries.

Defensively, Carter Fleek topped Woodlan with ten stops on the night while senior Grant Frecker added eight tackles. Junior Drew Fleek also totaled six tackles for the Warriors with Smith and Jack Culler picking up five stops.

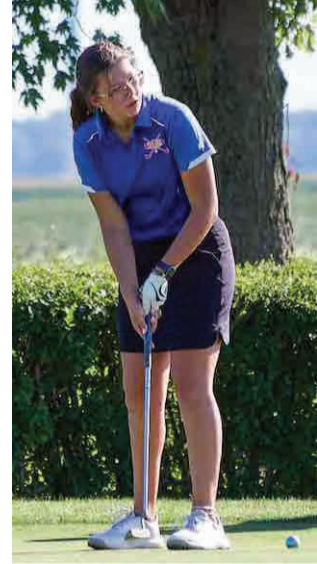
Nicholas Piedra had the lone Warrior sack on the night.

The Woodlan defense recorded three interceptions in the contest as senior Riley VanCamp picked off two Cougar passes and Jayse Kurtz added one interception.

Vinny Bottoms recorded an extra point kick and a 35-yard field goal for the Warriors with Drew Fleek getting two extra point kick conversions.

Woodlan opens ACAC football action on Friday in its annual rivalry game with Heritage as the Warriors visit Monroeville. The Patriots are 2-0 on the season following wins at Belmont (34-0) and over Fairfield (39-13).

LADY RAIDERS KNOCK OFF EDGERTON



Lady Raider Ryann Jay sizes up her putt. More photos at westbendnews.net

PAYNE - Wayne Trace posted a 201-212 Green Meadows Conference victory

over Edgerton in girls golf play at Pleasant Valley Golf Course outside of Payne on August 31st.

The Lady Raiders were led by Ella Crosby with a 44 and Logen Bland added a 45 for the red, white and blue. Brenna Parker and Raegan McGarvey totaled 55 and 57, respectively, with Audrey Dougal and Ryann Jay posting scores of 65 and 66.

For the Wayne Trace junior varsity, Tori Young carded a 53 with Olivia Baughman adding a 60 and Keegan Hohman recorded a 68.

Edgerton was paced by Jaden Dietsch with a 47 and Lola Giesige recorded a 51. Laynee Wright and Grace Herman finished with scores of 54 and 60 as well for the Lady Bulldogs.

RAIDERS GOLF WIN!



Raider Brody Rosswurm works his ball out with a wedge. More photos at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace boys golf played a great match on Thursday, August 31st. WT won with a 146, Edgerton had a 180 and WT JV shot a 192. Kyle Sutton led the Raiders with a 34, Brody Rosswurm 35, Conner Davis 37, Jared Varner 40, Grayson Sutton 48, and Tyson Gerber 54.

ANTWERP XC RESULTS FROM DEFIANCE EARLY BIRD MEET

Saturday, August 25, 2023 the XC teams competed at the Defiance Early Bird Meet, a non team scoring scrimmage race.

In junior high action, the Lady Archers ran very well and were led by 25th place finisher Alia Clem, 26th place finisher Gianna Laker, and followed closely by Charlotte Hook.

The Junior high boys had a great race, and had all five runners finish within a minute and a half! They were led by 15th place finisher Gage Barker, followed closely by Tucker Doster, and Isaac Buehrer.

The Varsity Girls also ran very well. They were led by 23rd place finisher Leigha Doster, followed by Reese Durbin, and Gabriella Snyder.

The Varsity Boys also ran well. They were led by 15th place finisher Kamren Johnson, Alex Zijlstra, and John Bailey.

BEARCATS SHUT DOWN PANTHERS

Host Spencerville blanked Paulding for three of the four quarters in Friday's high school football game as the Bearcats recorded a 35-8 win over the Panthers.

Spencerville led 14-0 after one quarter following touchdown runs from Carter Layman (two yards) and Nate Coulter (70 yards) in the

ANTWERP XC COMPETES @ EDON



Tuesday, August 29, the XC teams contested a meet in Edon with Holgate, Hilltop, and Edgerton also in attendance.

In junior high girls action, the lady archers were unable to score as a team but were led by 1st place finisher Alia Clem, followed closely Gianna Laker, Anneliese Zijlstra, and Aleta Sorrell.

The junior high boys had a great race, and finished second as a team. They were led by 4th place finisher Gage Barker, followed closely by Bryceton Barker, Tucker Doster, Isaac Buehrer, and Camden Herber.

The Varsity Boys were up next and finished 2nd as a team. They were led by race winner Kamren Johnson, Alex Zijlstra, John Bailey, Aiden Hook, and Connor Shiple.

The Varsity Girls rounded out the meet in downpour, but the weather did not deter them as they brought home their first team win of the season! The lady archers placed 7 runners in the top 10. They were led by 2nd place finisher Leigha Doster, followed by Reese Durbin, Gabriella Snyder, Emily Laker, Lyla Clem, Taylor Steibling, Emma Saul, and Jen Lawhorn.

opening stanza.

The Bearcats extended the lead to 21-0 at halftime with a seven-yard scamper for a score by Coulter.

Paulding picked up its lone points in the third quarter when Jacob Fife scored on a seven-yard run to pull the Panthers within 21-8.

However, Spencerville added an 11-yard touchdown pass from Will Sensabaugh to Carder Orr along with a 40-interception return by Sensabaugh to seal the 35-8 victory.

Jack Woods and Kobe Foor both had a dozen tackles to top the Paulding defense with Colton Bashore posting six. Jesse Shaffer (three), Avery Cooper (three), Jalen Manz (three), Dillon Shough-Germann (two), Luke Beckman (two), Sam Reinhard (one) and Larson (one) also had tackles for Paulding.

The Panthers recorded 249 yards of total offense in the loss, running for 130 and throwing for 119.

Foor and Caleb Larson rumbled for 55 and 52 yards, respectively, to lead the Paulding ground attack. Jacob Fife (12 yards), Gavin Williams (six) and Jesse Shaffer (five) completed the Panther rushing efforts.

Colten Hunt threw for 85 yards, completing 7 of 15 passes, while Fife passed for 34 yards and completed three of ten attempts.

Larson also had four receptions for 64 yards and Blake Rhonehouse posted three catches for 48 yards. Jackson Griffith, Hunter Coutts and Shaffer also had receptions for the maroon and white.

PANTHERS DROP MATCH TO PETTISVILLE

Pettisville outlasted host Paulding 15-11 to capture a five-set victory over the Lady Panthers in non-conference high school volleyball action Thursday evening.

The Blackbirds won game one 25-22 and took the third set 25-23 while the Panthers captured set two 26-24 and game four 25-18.

Marley Parrett posted nine kills, two aces and five digs for the maroon and white with Brianna Bermejo chipping in nine kills and 16 digs. Jocelynn Parrett totaled eight kills, 19 digs and an ace and Riley Stork contributed six kills, one block and four digs. Grace Goyings also added 16 assists, two kills, one ace and one block for the maroon and white with Maci Kauser recording 29 digs, six assists and three aces.

Paulding picked up a 25-18, 25-19 win in the junior varsity match while the Lady Panther freshmen squad defeated the Blackbirds by scores of 25-10 and 25-12.

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WARRIORS FALL SHORT TO BLACKHAWK CHRISTIAN



Rounding out the month of August in high school soccer, Woodlan played host to Blackhawk Christian. The Braves topped the Warriors after the periods ended: 0-9. Pictured here is Woodlan's #16 jumps and intercepts, head butting the ball and getting passing to his teammate. More pictures at westbendnews.net

SUTTON PACES WT TO TRI-MATCH WIN

In a battle of Green Meadows Conference boys golf teams, Wayne Trace recorded a tri-match win over Antwerp and Tinora at Eagle Rock Golf Course in Defiance. The Raiders finished the day with a 165 to nip the Rams, who took second at 167. Antwerp placed third after totaling a 194. Wayne Trace's Kyle Sutton led the way for the red, white and blue, setting a new school record with a round of

29 to claim medalist honors for the day. Brody Rosswurm added a 42 for the Raiders and Conner Davis posted a 46. Tyson Gerber finished with a 48 with Jared Varner carding a 49 and Konnor Wannemacher chipping in a 53. B.J. Morlock led the way for the Rams with a 40 and Logan Stein added a 41 for the green and white. Other scores for the Rams were Aiden Rittenhouse (43), Parker Hancock (43), Grayson DeLarber (48) and Ryder Backhaus (49). Antwerp was paced by Brayden Moreno with a 37

and Draven Baumert chipped in a 47. Zaine McMichael (52), Griffin Kosch (58), Karson Donat (58) and Dylan Hahn (61) completed the list of Archer golfers.

TRIO PUSHES INDIANS BY PANTHERS

A trio of Wauseon players finished with a 41 each as the visiting Indians recorded a 166-191 victory over Paulding Tuesday afternoon in high school boys golf action at Auglaize Golf

Course. Zach Puehler, Carter Stuckey and Mykale Schneider all had 41's for the Indians with Jack Alstaetter adding a 43. Gavin Van Deilen posted a 46 and Ethan Schnitkey had a 53 to complete the Wauseon list of players. Paulding was led by Nico Stahl with a 43 and Nick Hatcher carded a 48 for the Panthers. Other maroon and white golfers were Austen Kinder (49), Aiden Miller (51), Max Stork (53) and Xander Schwab (62).

LADY ARCHERS TAKE TOUGH LOSS TO KNIGHTS



The Lady Archers struggled against the Knights in Thursday night volleyball action, but Emma Townley was on her game in as she earns the point on this spike! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Thursday night volleyball action was fierce. Antwerp hosted Crestview and the Lady Knights dominated the court in both JV and varsity play. They took their wins back with them as the evening ended. JV: 23-25 (L); 17-25 (L) Varsity: 13-25 (L), 10-25 (L), 12-25 (L) Archer Varsity Match Stats: Amelia Graham: 8 kills, 8 digs, 15/16 serving Maddy Peters: 17 assists, 7 digs Emma Townley: 2 kills, 5

digs, 7/8 serving Caroline Rohrs: 8 digs, 5/7 serving Caydence Shull: 5 kills

ARCHERS STAY UNBEATEN WITH WIN OVER EDON



Archer Tavin Sholl scores a touchdown with this receiving pass to aid in Antwerp's win over Edon. Photo by Harlee Moore

Antwerp made the trip to Williams County Friday night where the Archers pulled away for a 54-24 victory over Edon.

Carson Altimus completed 18 of 25 passes for 293 yards and five touchdowns to lead the Archers to the victory. The senior signal-caller also ran for a score and totaled ten rushing yards.

Camden Fuller led the Archer receivers with seven receptions totaling 139 yards and three scores while Landon Brewer picked up seven catches for 97 yards and one touchdown.

Reid Lichty caught three passes for 20 yards and led the blue and white with 120 rushing yards on 18 attempts, including one touchdown.

Both teams scored 16 first quarter points and the two teams were tied at 24-24 in the final three minutes of the

first half. However, Antwerp scored a pair of touchdowns in the last two minutes to take a 40-24 halftime advantage. The Archers put the game away with two more scores in the third quarter to set the final margin at 54-24.

Antwerp finished the night with 438 yards of total offense with Edon totaling 267.

Keegan Gray-Wyckoff and Cohen Hitzeman each had a sack for the Antwerp defense with Gray-Wyckoff recording two tackles for a loss. Derek Hines, Altimus and Dayne Sholl also had a tackle for a loss for the blue and white.

Dayne Sholl topped the blue and white with seven tackles while Fuller, Gray-Wyckoff and Syris Gale finished with five stops apiece.

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Brandon Pulver gets his first Modified win at Angola. Photo by: The Winners Circle Photos

By: Ron Burt

It was great seeing a few of you at the Kokomo Smackdown last week. I could only attend one of the three nights (Thursday) but I was able to watch the last 2 nights on the racing channel. Thank goodness for these media outlets that cover major and local short track events. The best USAC drivers in the country were at the Badest Bullring, Kokomo Speedway has been nicknamed. It was an unbelievable performance by Justin Grant winning all 3 nights. The reigning USAC Sprint champion became the first to score a 3-night sweep of Smackdown XII & earned \$44,500 for his monumental achievement. Grant told the media after his victory, "This weekend's been a dream. I feel like I'm going to wake up tomorrow and it's going to be Wednesday." But for every other driver who faced off against Grant during the three nights at Kokomo, the Ione, California driver was their worst nightmare. Grant moved from California to Indiana more than a decade ago, Kokomo Speedway became one of his adopted homes. Now, all these years later, he's tied with the great Dave Darland as the winningest driver in USAC National Sprint Car competition at Kokomo Speedway. Justin went on to tell the reporters, "Kokomo Speedway is where I got my start and it's where I cut my teeth. This event has always meant the world to me. The success I've been able to have here is just incredible and it feels incredible to be standing in victory lane here anytime." Rounding out the top 5 on Saturday night, 2nd Kyle Cummins, 3rd Logan Seavey, 4th Brady Bacon and 5th Robert Ballou.

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Justin Grant Wins the USAC Kokomo Smackdown. Photo by: Christopher Pedersen

On Thursday at Smackdown, Justin Grant scored the victory and took home \$6,000.00 behind him was 2nd Brady Bacon, 3rd Robert Ballou, 4th Carson Garrett and 5th Jadon Rogers. Friday night Grant took the win again and another \$6000.00 first place payout. Finishing behind your winner on night number two was, 2nd Brady Bacon, 3rd Shane Cottle, 4th Jadon Rogers and 5th Kyle Cummins.

Saturday at Angola Motorsport Speedway Tommy Cook found the winners circle in the Late Model class. Modified driver, Brandon Pulver won his first feature race. In the Street Stock feature, Zach Henderson waved the checkered flag and in the FWD class Chip Heintzelman scored the win.

Oakshade Raceway had their championship night. Carter Murday started on the pole of the 25-lap UMP Late Model feature event. During the second lap he lost a rear tire sending him to the pits. Colin Shipley then took over

the lead. Shipley entered the night 2nd in points and needed Devin Shiels to slip up so he could have a shot at this year's track championship. Shipley held the lead all the way to the white flag. Behind the race leader Casey Noonan and Devin Shiels battled side by side just off Shipley's rear bumper. Several caution flags kept the field tight. The last one came out on lap 19. In turn two on the final lap of the epic three car battle, Shiels was able to duck under Shipley and hang on for the win and unofficially clinched his fifth Oakshade Raceway UMP Late Model track championship. Colin Shipley would finish 2nd, Noonan slipped up in turn three of the final lap allowing Brad Wade to get by for 3rd. Noonan ended up finishing 4th. Jason Haskell from Chatham, Ontario, had to restart at the tail of the field earlier in the race and battled back to finish 5th. The Sportsman feature went to Rusty Smith who took over the race lead after Cater Schlenk had car trouble and retired to the pits. Smith put the hammer down and never looked back to earn his first win of the season. Gabe Mueller fought hard to get the Dominator Stock victory. Eric Carr came into the final points race for the Compact class with a commanding point lead and drove his way to his fourth A Main win of the season which unofficially earned him his fourth consecutive track championship in the division. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohioportsblitz@yahoo.com



ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On August 18, an officer responded to N. Main St for an individual suffering from an apparent drug overdose. The individual was taken by EMS to the hospital.

On August 18, at the intersection of Woodcox and Madison an officer was called out for an assault. The officer conducted an investigation and one person was charged with assault.

On August 18, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to a wire hanging down in the street in the 200 block of Canal. It appeared as if a larger truck snagged it and knocked it down.

On August 19, a resident of S. Main St reported they believed someone had entered their vehicle and stole around \$300. The said incident occurred 4-5 days earlier.

On August 21, Antwerp Police Department responded to an individual suffering a mental break down and having suicidal thoughts. The Antwerp EMS transported the individual to the hospital.

On August 21, Paulding County Sheriff reported a 911 hangup from a business on W. River St. It was determined it was dialed accidentally on a

cell phone. On August 22, a vehicle was stopped on River St. for exceeding the posted speed. The driver was cited for speeding and driving under suspension.

On August 22, an officer was stationary at the end of Park Ave. due to numerous complaints of vehicles speeding. The officer was parked in the grass area of the Park Ave. Villas and the apartment manager asked him not to sit there.

On August 23, a resident of E. River St. reported they had given permission for an individual to drive their car, but it was to be returned by 7:00 p.m. and as of 11:30 p.m. it had not been returned. The officer investigated and located the car in Decatur, Indiana.

On August 23, a resident of Rd. 1031 Antwerp stated he had purchased a motorcycle on that day and placed the title in the saddle bag. He had traveled east of Antwerp from center of town and believed the title had blown out. If the title is found please bring it to the police department.

On August 23, a resident of Woodland Dr. reported a door to door salesman. The officer located the individual and explained he needed a permit to go door to door.

On August 23, a vehicle was stopped for exceeding the posted speed. The driver was cited for speed and expired plates.

On August 24, a vehicle was stopped because the driver had a suspended driver's license. The driver was cited.

On August 25, a resident of N. Main St. reported that he was trying to get personal items from a home that he had recently moving out of and the homeowner wouldn't let him. The incident was documented.

On August 25, someone reported a dog left inside of a black car at Dollar Tree. The caller then reported that the owner had returned.

On August 25, a resident of Antwerp Manor reported that they received a check and was attempting to cash it. It was determined that the check had been sent from a person online and appeared to be a scam.

On August 26, a resident of the village reported that after she reported an assault, she had been contacted by the suspect's husband who encouraged her not to file charges. A report was prepared and forwarded to the Paulding County Prosecutor.

On August 27, the police department received a report of children riding bikes in the middle of the road near W. River St. The officer located the individuals and requested they ride their bikes safely.

On August 28, a resident called the police department in reference to several things going on. It was determined the caller was suffering from drug induced mental illness. The family was contacted.

On August 28, a local business reported the theft of a license plate. The plate was entered as stolen.

On August 28 Antwerp School requested that an officer go to 511 N. Main St. to verify if anyone was residing in apartment 104. An officer responded and determined the tenant had moved out.

On August 29, a domestic dispute was reported on Main St. A report was prepared and

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Sudoku Puzzle

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the report forwarded to the Paulding County Prosecutor.

On August 29, a resident reported a theft. The case was investigated and forwarded to the Paulding County Prosecutor.

On August 29, the school resource officer asked that the police department assist in notifying the parents that they had a sick child. The officer went to the resident on S. Main St. and notified the mother.

On August 29, a report was received in reference to a possible accident in the village over the weekend with one of the occupants receiving injuries. It was determined the incident occurred outside the village.

If you would like to report any suspicious activity or if you have any questions,

please contact the Antwerp Police Department, 419-258-2627. They are always ready to serve the residents of the Village of Antwerp!

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:
**LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER
PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,**
vs.
HEZEKIAH WINN, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 23 090

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

**165 Rear Road, Washington Township
Parcel Number: 32-07S-001-03**

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

The opening bid is Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen and 08/100 (\$9318.08) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel on Thursday, October 12, 2023 by on-line bidding at:

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

If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale on October 26, 2023 for the same minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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FRIDAY:

- 7am** Paulding Co. Fire Fighters Assoc. Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
- 10am** Opening Ceremony
- 12pm** Awesome Darlings (west stage)
- 1&3pm** Sundown (east stage)
- 2pm** Steve Scott & the Scott Brothers (west stage)
- 4pm** Steve Scott & the Scott Brothers (west stage)
- 5pm** Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
- 5-7pm** Bluegrass Jam Session (west stage)
- 6pm** Tri-State Super Field Pull
- 7pm** Bulldogs (east stage)

SATURDAY:

- 7am** Paulding Co. Fire Fighters Assoc. Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
- 9am** Antique Tractor Pull

- 12pm** Awesome Darlings (west stage)
- 1&3pm** Whisky Before Breakfast (east stage)
- 1pm** PowderPuff division
- 1:30pm** Kids Tractor Pull
- 2&4pm** Dead Pickers Society (west stage)
- 5-7pm** Bluegrass Jam Session (west stage)
- 7pm** New Frontier (east stage)

SUNDAY:

- 7am** Paulding Co. Fire Fighters Assoc. Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
- 9am** Truck Show (JPHS)
- 11am** Graber Family (west stage)
- 12pm** Horse Pull (grandstand)
- 12pm** Crossing Jordan (east stage)
- 1pm** Graber Family (west stage)
- 2pm** Crossing Jordan (east stage)

OHIO 4-H PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE FOCUSES ON WORK ETHIC CERTIFICATION



These Ohio 4-H professionals completed the Mike Rowe work ethic training and several others have started the process.

Ohio 4-H youth development will be one of the first 4-H programs in the nation to offer high school students a work ethic certification.

Designed by Mike Rowe, best known as the host of television's Dirty Jobs, the work ethic curriculum will be offered under the Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future initiative. Ohio high schoolers will have the opportunity to learn about the importance of work ethic, personal responsibility, delayed gratification, and a positive attitude when it comes to future employment.

"In 2008, Mike Rowe saw a need to connect with a skilled workforce and offer youth the opportunity to engage with the demand for a career in the trades," said Margo Overholt-Seckel, program manager, Ohio 4-H Workforce Development and Pathways. "His foundation created the MRW Work Ethic Certification."

Four Ohio 4-H profession-

als completed the training and can now offer the work ethic curriculum. Several other 4-H and community development Extension educators and professionals in the process of completing the training.

Students who complete the program will receive a nationwide industry credential that demonstrates their ability to be an asset in the workplace.

Currently, the certification will be offered to students virtually every Monday and Wednesday, Sept. 18-Oct. 4, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Learn more and register at go.osu.edu/mrwworkethic.

"As more Ohio State University Extension personnel become certified facilitators, we will also offer in-person trainings. Stay tuned," said Overholt-Seckel.

The Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future initiative partnered with mikroweWORKS Foundation, the Charles Koch

Foundation, Koch Industries, and Wichita State University Tech to offer the certification program.

Ohio 4-H is the youth development program of OSU Extension, the outreach program of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Ronald J. Speiser, Oakwood, OH; Junk ordinance (2 counts); Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs, \$500 of fines suspended; Clean property up within 60 days or suspended fines may be reimposed

Hunter F. Bauer, Paulding, OH; OVI/UA .08 breath; Guilty, Complete 40 hours of community service within 6 months, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, License suspended from 7/22/23 to 10/20/23; No tail lights, Case dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Case dismissed

Francisco Vigil, Detroit, MI; Driver license <6 months; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Haley S. Metz, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John R. Waldhauer III, Napoleon, OH; Assault, Guilty, 180 days jail, 166 day jail suspended, Defendant to pay all costs, Pay restitution in the amount of \$275 through the clerk's office, Placed on standard probation, No contact with victims, Complete a risk assessment, Online classes, Report to probation today upon release; Criminal trespassing, Count B dismissed

Walter B. Gawronski, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence, Guilty, License suspended 9/11/23 to 9/11/24; Shall install ignition interlock device, May petition court after 6 months to have removed if no violation, Proof of insurance provided, Standard probation, 20 hrs of community service, Weekly drug tests; Failure to control, Count B dismissed

Christina L. DeLong, Antwerp, OH; Reckless operation, Guilty, ALS vacated, 40 hours community service, Defendant may pay \$404.00 in lieu of completing the community service, Defendant to pay fines and costs, License suspension 7/1/23 to 8/1/23; Marked lanes, Guilty, Defendant to pay fine; Headlight illumination, Count C dis-

missed
Ivan Rivas, Paulding, OH; No driver's license; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Genaro Z. Rodriguez, Toledo, OH; OVI/under influence; Count A dismissed

Prince J. Porter Jr., Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Jamie D. Coombs, Paulding, OH; Possession of methamphetamine; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Bond continued

Blaine J. Gier-Grant, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Grzegorz J. Sarat, Justice, IL; Prohibited turn; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Carrie K. Lane, Akron, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

NAMI FOUR COUNTY'S MEETING WILL FOCUS ON SUICIDE AWARENESS & PREVENTION

The meeting on Tuesday, September 5, which is open to the public, starts at 7:00 p.m. at the ADAMhs Board office, T-761 State Route 66 south of Archbold.

Suicide is one of the leading causes of death in the United States, according to data compiled by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Last year, some 49,449 persons completed suicide - about 2.6 percent more than in 2021. And, men were nearly four times more likely to die by suicide than women.

By age, 6,529 persons 10 to 24 years of age died by suicide last year. Some 16,843 between the ages of 25 and 44 died; 15,632 between the ages of 45 and 64; and 10,433 persons 65 and older died by suicide.

Other C.D.C. numbers are even more astounding: 12.3 million adults considered taking their own life. About 3.5 million of those persons went so far as to devise a plan for completing suicide, and 1.7 million adults attempted suicide.

Billie Jo (B.J.) Horner, the local NAMI chapter president, said that depression or some other mental health disorder is usually the common thread leading to thoughts of suicide.

"We emphasize that depression is treatable and suicide is preventable," said Horner, who is also involved with the Four County Suicide Prevention Coalition and one of the area's Mental Health First Aid instructors.

The September 5 NAMI meeting will focus on how to recognize the signs of suicide and steps that can be taken to prevent suicide.

In addition to Horner, Tammy Breininger will share her story of loss to suicide. It will be two years ago on October 26 when her son, Jason, completed suicide.

Since then, Breininger has used art to help raise awareness about suicide and suicide prevention. She has also recently joined the Four County Local Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (L.O.S.S.) team to help others who have experienced the loss of a loved one to sui-

BABY BUNNIES VISIT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Shown here from the left clockwise: Josiah Ward, Garrett Wilhelm, Jaylani Ward, Eli Hernandez, Everett Wilhelm, Jazlynn Ward, Damyen Bland, JaNaya Ward, Johanna Federighi, and Savannah Coil.

Ann's Bright Beginnings Summer Program were recently visited by baby bunnies, provided by Wyatt Wilhelm. Wyatt brought several of his bunnies to the center and explained the different breeds

and the different parts of a rabbit. He was a very knowledgeable guest! It's not too late to sign your child up for preschool in September! Call 419-399-KIDS (5437) for more information!

cide.

NAMI Four County is an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest education and advocacy group for family members, friends and persons living with a mental illness. For more information about the local chapter and its free programming, visit its website: www.nami-fourcounty.org.

LADY ARCHERS SWEPT BY WILDCATS

The Antwerp Lady Archers fell to 1-3 on the season as the blue and white

was swept by visiting Miller City in high school volleyball action Thursday evening.

The Wildcats took the opening set 25-9 before following that up with wins of 25-14 and 25-15 to capture the match.

Amelia Graham finished with eight kills and a dozen digs for Antwerp while Emma Townley chipped in 12 digs and four kills. Caroline Rohrs aided the Lady Archer cause with 14 digs and Maddy Peters recorded seven digs and 17 assists for the blue and white.

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 ernor DeWine. "Having a strong water infrastructure not only safeguards the health and well-being of our residents, but it makes our neighborhoods more resilient and better prepares local leaders for sustainable economic growth."

The announcement is the fifth round awarded through the program, which opened in July 2021. In total, nearly \$500 million has been awarded to 343 critical infrastructure projects through the Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure grant program.

The Village of Payne (Paulding County) will receive a \$515,895 grant to improve water service reliability and increase firefighting capabilities in the area. Project activities include constructing 4,140 linear feet of 8-inch waterline, gave valves, 10 hydrants, various fittings, and 84 water services within a public alley right-of-way. Additional water meters for the remainder of households in the village will also be installed. The project will benefit 1,139 people.

"This additional round of funding will help communities from one corner of the state to the next replace aging, overwhelmed infrastructure, ensuring that Ohioans have access to clean drinking water," said Lt. Governor Husted. "These projects will not only greatly improve the quality of life for residents in these areas, but they also boost economic growth related to business expansion and housing development."

In total, the program received more than 1,200 grant applications requesting nearly \$1.4 billion in funding. "Businesses that choose to set up shop in Ohio do so, in large part, because of the generational investments we've made in local infrastructure," said Director Mihalik.

Funds awarded will help reduce or eliminate the local financial burden associated with critical infrastructure needs such as the construction of new water systems, the replacement of aging wa-

ter lines, and the installation of new water mains. Grants will also fund projects to prevent sewer system backups and replace failing household sewage treatment systems with new sewers.

John Hall, Board of Public Affairs President stated, "This project is part of upgrading our water system to try and cut down on water leaks. The Installation of the water meters will give a more accurate reading and usage on the water bills and streamline the billing process."

Interim Mayor Lora Lyons followed with, "The Board of Public Affairs, along with the Council, have worked collaboratively to find funding to improve our infrastructure. These much-needed grant dollars will not only improve our resident's quality of life but will also enhance their safety by helping restore pressure that was causing some of our fire hydrants to fail. This grant also means that we can do the west side of Merrin Street water line without assessing the costs to our residents. With today's economic climate, this grant will truly be a relief to our residents."

The Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure grants are a continuation of Governor DeWine's H2Ohio initiative, which launched in 2019 to focus on ensuring plentiful, clean, and safe water for communities across the state.

Ohio BUILDS focuses not only on strengthening Ohio's communities through water infrastructure upgrades, but also supports other necessary investments in targeted solutions that impact quality of life such as broadband expansion, brownfield redevelopment, the demolition of blighted buildings, and more.

Additional information on the Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure grant program can be found on the www.villageofpayne.com

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HELP WANTED

CLERK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

The primary objective of this position, under the general direction of the Board of Commissioners and the County Administrator, is creating and maintaining a complete record of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, including typed minutes of meetings; resolutions, and corresponding documentation; scheduling meetings and public hearings; preparing bi-weekly meeting agendas; preparing news releases; indexing of resolutions; management of public records; professional working relationship with County officials and the public.

Qualified applicants must be detail oriented, highly motivated, organized, work well under stress, be able to meet continual deadlines, maintain confidentiality, the ability to read and interpret Ohio Revised Code, and have good communication and practical decision-making skills.

Completion of secondary education or equivalent with two (2) to (4) years' experience of advanced administrative support is required. Knowledge of local government, Ohio Revised Code, Ohio's Sunshine Laws (governing open meetings and public records), and experience in the legal field is a plus. Must possess, or have the ability to obtain, a notary public. Must possess a valid State of Ohio Motor Vehicle Driver's License and have an acceptable driving record and insurability.

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Vulcraft Indiana is seeking applicants for the position of Truck Shop Mechanic in the Sales Service Department. The successful candidate must be committed to the pursuit of excellence in safety, quality, costs, and overall profitability of the division. This position is a hourly swing shift ROA bonus position.

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Safety is the most important part of all jobs within Nucor; therefore, candidates must be able to demonstrate the ability to initiate, lead, and uphold safety policies, practices, procedures, and housekeeping standards at all times.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- 3 years' experience in diesel commercial motor vehicle diagnosis and repair.
- Electronic engine controls and computer-based diagnosis.
- Diagnosis and repair of gasoline engines, hydraulic and electrical repair
- Class B CDL driver's license to be obtained within 1 year.

Individuals who would like to learn more about opportunities at Vulcraft-Indiana should register at:
<https://jobs.nucor.com> or
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All communications will be via email, must provide a valid email address

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Nucor is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer-M/F/Disabled/Vets-and a drug-free workplace

HELP WANTED

Jackson Township, Paulding County is seeking a part-time employee, for road work, cemetery work and plowing snow. A class A CDL is required, must be self-motivated and have mechanical abilities.

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The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments
Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

HELP WANTED

VANTAGE CAREER CENTER
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Anticipated Vantage Career Center Position Posting

Position: Mon., Aug. 28, 2023 – Mon., Sept. 11, 2023
Start Date: Part-Time Cook (Non-Certified staff) ASAP

Job Objectives: Works in a team environment to prepare and serve meals for students and staff following regulations of the USDA National School Lunch Program and Department of Health. To view minimum qualifications and the full posting please visit www.vantagecareercenter.com, employment.

Vantage Career Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding, Fair Grounds
2nd Weekend- Grover Hill, VFW
3rd Weekend- Payne, (Paved lot east of Homier's)
4th Weekend- Antwerp, (13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month
 Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)
 Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)
 Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)
 Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)

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

HERITAGE LIONS CLUBS RECYCLE EYEGASSES PROGRAM



Pictured are approximately 2,000 eyeglasses collected by the Heritage Lions in Hoagland. They are ready to be delivered to Kevin McDermit of the Arcola Lions Club. Here is the journey of recycled eyeglasses in Lions Clubs all over the world:

1. Lions Clubs collect used eyeglasses at various community locations.
2. The glasses are shipped to the nearest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where trained volunteers sort, clean and determine the prescription strengths of the glasses.
3. Volunteers at the recycling center carefully package the prepared glasses and store them until they are required for eyeglass-dispensing missions. Glasses that are not suitable for reuse are recycled for scrap, with the earnings benefiting local Lions projects.
4. At the mission site, eye care professionals and trained Lion volunteers perform vision screenings and dispense the appropriate recycled

glasses, free of charge, to children and adults in need. Dr. Eric Purdy of Bluffton and Fort Wayne has traveled all over the world helping the poor with their eye problems.

Last February Lions Clubs from all over Northern Indiana contributed to gathering, preparing and shipping over 30,000 eyeglasses to Honduras. Many third world countries have no access to eyeglasses. Helen Keller challenged the Lions a hundred years ago to help the poor to see. You can place your unneeded eyeglasses, sunglasses or reading glasses in any of the hundreds of collection boxes located throughout northern Indiana.

OHIO DEPT OF AGING SEEKING COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO HOST FALLS-PREVENTION WALKING EVENTS FOR '10 MILLION STEPS'

The Ohio Department of Aging's (ODA) popular 10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls

campaign is back once again for Falls Prevention Awareness Month in September 2023, and ODA is calling on community partners to do their part to raise awareness on older adult falls by hosting local walking groups and events.

"Our 10 Million Steps campaign starts with you," said ODA Director Ursel J. McElroy. "In 2023, we can help more people learn about falls prevention with the help of every Ohioan. If you have an older adult in your life, we would love to have you support 10 Million Steps by walking at least one mile."

10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls is an annual campaign to encourage Ohioans of all ages to walk at least one mile during the month of September. During last year's campaign, participating Ohioans walked over 55 million steps, logging a total of 22,100 miles - the equivalent of walking around the perimeter of Ohio nearly 20 times.

Community-based walking events and groups provide opportunities for older Ohioans and others to get valuable exercise while learning about other things they can do and local resources available to help prevent falls. Regular exercise is one of many things people can do to lower their risk of falling.

Potential event and group hosts include individuals, companies, senior centers, local health departments, local governments, hospitals and health systems, doctor's offices, community action organizations, schools, churches, service organizations, and more.

A walking event is held at a specific time and location for individuals to gather and walk together. A walking group can consist of two or more individuals walking together or separately on one or more occasions.

Individuals, groups, and organizations interested in hosting a walking event or group can find planning guides and register their event at the 10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls webpage, www.aging.ohio.gov/10millionsteps. Events and groups that are open to the public will be listed on the webpage beginning in early September.

Ohioans who would like to contribute individually to 10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls may do so by posting pictures of themselves walking to social media with the hashtags #10MStepsOH and #PreventFalls.

Approximately one in three Ohioans age 65 or older will fall this year. STEADY U Ohio is a falls prevention initiative, led by the Ohio Department of Aging and supported by Ohio government and state business partners, to coordinate and strengthen falls prevention activities around the state. Find falls prevention tips and resources at www.steadyu.ohio.gov.

LADY WARRIORS CAPTURE NORSE INVITE TITLE

The Woodlan Lady Warriors won the championship of the Norse Cross Country Invitational held Saturday at Northfield High School.

Senior Mae Emehiser led the Lady Warriors by taking third individually in 20:56

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER EMPLOYEES SPEAK TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Susan Paulus (Caregiver Support Group Leader, Paulding County Senior Center) and Kari Morhart (Director, Paulding County Senior Center) as the guest speakers at the August 31, 2023, club meeting. Susan and Kari came at the invitation of Harry Weibe (Kiwanis

Member). Susan spoke to the Kiwanians about the Caregiver Support Group at the Paulding County Senior Center that meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10am. Their motto is 'We share burdens to make them lighter and share our joys so they multiply.' All caregivers are welcome/encouraged to attend.

followed by Katy Niles in sixth place with a time of 22:49. Other Woodlan finishers included Vivienne Cook (seventh, 23:18), Cara Chen (12th, 24:03), Layla Hodson (15th, 24:37), Bethany Lockridge (22nd, 26:00), Caroline Hambrick (26th, 26:28) and Jordyn Kline (27th, 26:38).

On the boys side, Woodlan finished fourth behind a seventh-place finish from Nathan Culler in 18:48. Brady Garrison (12th, 19:17), Collin Klepper (23rd, 20:13), Caleb Palmer (25th, 20:27), Cooper McDaniel (29th, 21:00), Ayden Detrick (49th, 23:51) and Brady Schurg (64th, 26:55) rounded out the Warrior runners.

Brooklyn Hetrick posted an 11th place finish in 15:15 to lead the Woodlan junior

high girls finishers. Lexi Ice was 13th in 15:45 followed by Haelee Mellon (18th, 16:20), Lenae Lothamer (22nd, 17:05), Addy Carter (23rd, 17:30), Addisyn Gentz (24th, 17:33), Chloe Fogle (27th, 18:00), Addison Steibling (28th, 18:02), Makayla Mellon (30th, 18:09) and Kennedy Watts (35th, 19:11) to complete the Lady Warrior runners.

Eli Washler won the junior high boys race with a time of 11:58 with Malachi Thulner taking sixth in 12:37. Other Warriors finishers were Cruz Lipscomb (11th, 13:09), Liam Swetphikul (24th, 15:15), Braxtin Lengacher (26th, 15:17), Miles Watson (27th, 15:21) and Porter Garrison (38th, 16:53).

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