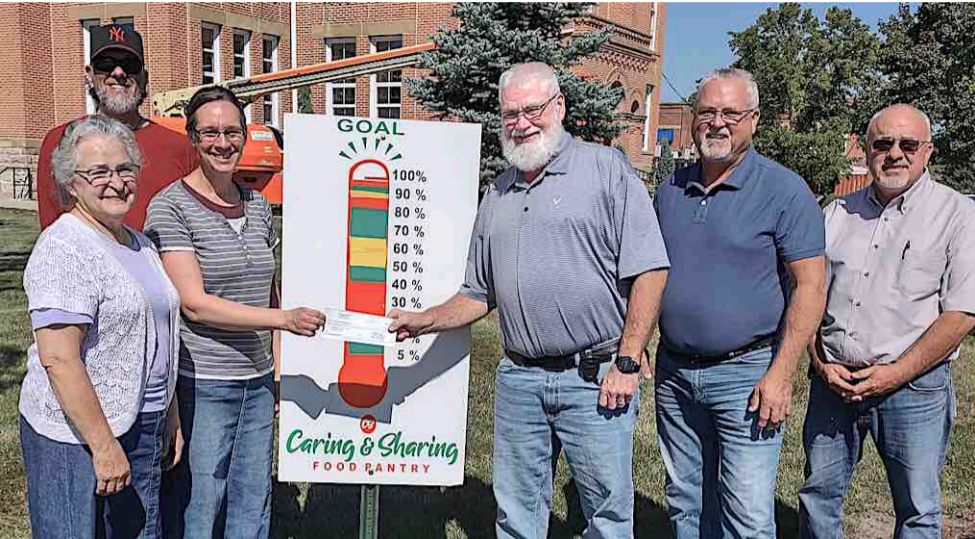


PAULDING EAGLES CONTRIBUTES \$15K TO CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY BUILDING FUND



Left to right: Marge Schlatter and Nova Saigo, pantry board members; Jodi Schneider, pantry executive director; Harold Gottke, Jeff Clark and Mike Kauser, Eagles trustees.

The Paulding Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2405 presented the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry a check for \$15,000 toward its new building at 318 N. Walnut Street in Paulding. This donation takes

the total building fund to 98% complete! Construction on the 3,900-square foot facility is underway and is expected to be complete in early 2024.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is an international non-

profit organization that unites fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills, and by promoting peace.

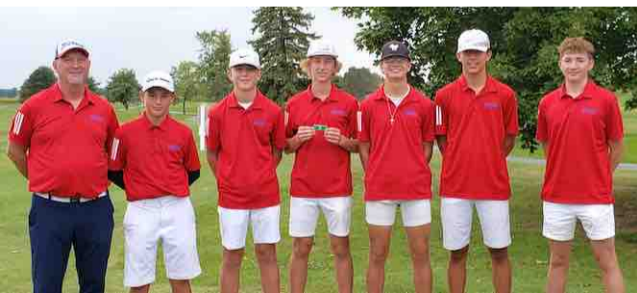
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LADY RAIDERS TAKE SECOND AT GMC TOURNEY



Wayne Trace's girls golf team posted a runner-up finish in the Green Meadows Conference Girls Golf Tournament at Ironwood Golf Club in Wauseon Tuesday. Ayersville won the tournament with a team score of 392 while Wayne Trace took second with a 409. In the picture of the Lady Raiders are (L-R) Ryann Jay, Tori Young, Logen Bland, Brenna Parker, Raegan McGarvey, Ella Crosby and Head Coach Jeremy Daeger.

WAYNE TRACE WINS GREEN MEADOWS CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP



The Wayne Trace boys golf team captured the 2023 Green Meadows Conference championship on Tuesday by winning the league tournament at Ironwood Golf Club in Wauseon. The Raiders shot a 321 as a team to take the league title and were led by Green Meadows Conference Boys Player of the Year Kyle Sutton, who shot a 71 on the day. In the picture are Head Coach Chris Rosswurm, Konnor Wannemacher, Kyle Sutton, Brody Rosswurm, Conner Davis, Tyson Gerber and Jared Varner.

41st ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT



First Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Paulding OH is hosting its 41st Annual Women's Retreat, "From Faith to Faith to Faith", on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 9 am until 12:30 pm. Doors open at 8:30 am. The church is located at the corner of Caroline and Cherry Streets in Paulding, one block from the courthouse square.

This year, our featured guest, Pheba Banerjee, will speak about her journey from India to northwest Ohio, and from Hinduism to faith in Jesus Christ.

The core verse of her message is Romans 5:8: "...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

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ANTWERP SCHOOL CELEBRATES ACCOMPLISHMENTS & BUILDING PROJECT



Marty Miller and Leila Spyker.

The meeting began with the board recognizing the academic accomplishments of senior Leila Spyker. Leila was recently awarded the National Rural and Small-Town Award by the College Board (see photo).

Vantage Board Rep. Dennis Recker shared that Antwerp has 36 students attending Vantage Vocational school and provided a breakdown of the programs Antwerp students are in-

involved with.

MS/HS Principal Travis Licity thanked staff, students, and the community for a successful Homecoming week event. Reviewed major events coming up in the next few weeks.

Elementary Principal Tracey Stokes reviewed major events coming up in the next few weeks.

Superintendent Dr. Miller reported to the Board that

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PERI CHAPTER 10 MEETING

NOTICE!! All 96 state members: PERI Paulding County Chapter 10 will hold its meeting at the Paulding County Senior Center, 410 E. Jackson St. At 10:00 a.m. On Wednesday, October 4, 2023

WOODBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET

The Woodburn Historical Society will meet on September 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. At the Woodburn Community Center. If you live in the community or have or have had a business. We'd like to hear your memories. Come and share. Hope to see you there.

—Gloria Gerig

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p
- September 26**
- Jerett Godeke speaks @ JPHS, 6:30pm
- September 27**
- Woodburn Hist. Soc. Meeting @ Comm. Ctr, 7pm
- September 29**
- Quilt Show @ Grace Meth. Church, Hicksville
- September 30**
- Sample New Haven, 11a-1p
 - PC Republican Banquet @ OSU Ext bldg, 5pm
- October 1**
- IDPA Pistol Match @ Ant. Cons. Club, Registration, Noon, Match, 1pm
 - Celebrate Camp Open House @ 4-H Camp Palmer, 12-4p
- October 4**
- Blessing of the Pets @ St. John Luth, Hicksville, 6-7p
 - PERI meeting @ PC Senior Ctr, 10am
- October 4-5**
- NH United Women in Faith Rummage Fundraiser, 9a-5p
- October 5**
- Paulding Chamber Annual Banquet @ Grant's 5:30pm
- October 8**
- Trap Shoot @ Ant. Cons. Club, registration, 12:30pm

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OBITUARIES



BLESSING OF THE PETS AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH



St. John Lutheran, 812 East High Street, Hicksville will have a Blessing of the Pets on October 4th from 6 - 7 pm. It will be held at the church's car port as a drive thru. It is being held on October 4th, the commemoration of Francis of Assisi renewer of the church 1226. He is widely regarded as a patron saint of animals and ecology. Plan to bring your pets in your vehicle and Minister Alex will bless them. For more information call 419-542-6269. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
Does the Bible indicate homosexuals should have the same rights as everyone else?

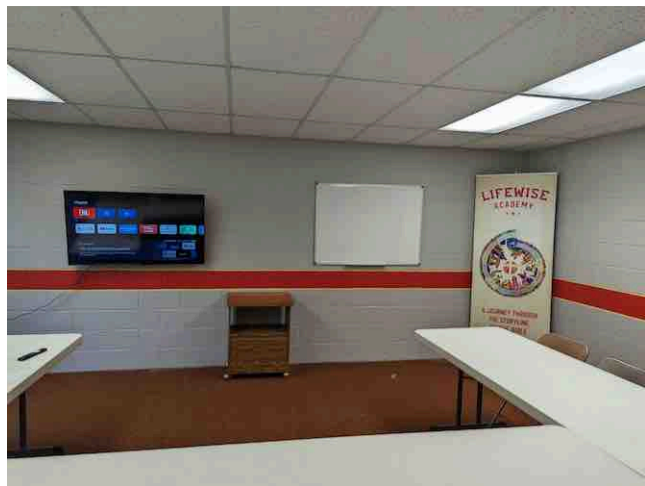
God, who loves everyone, also hates sin. He pronounced judgment on murder, rape, adultery and homosexuality. "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them." - Leviticus 20:13. (See also Genesis 9:6; Deuteronomy 22:25) They were to be cut off or cast out. They lost the rights they had before their wicked lifestyle.

God indicates in Ezekiel 3:18 that we should warn the wicked of his wicked way to save his life. I have had the joy of seeing a number of homosexuals turn to Christ and leave their wicked lifestyle.

What has happened in our humanistic world is that we have thrown out God and His absolutes. Now everyone wants to be empowered to do whatever he or she wants and have it be socially accepted and promoted.

That doesn't change the truth of God's moral absolutes nor anyone's eventual accountability to God Him-

LIFEWISE ACADEMY HOLDS FIRST CLASSES AT ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL



LifeWise Academy in Antwerp, Ohio commenced its first classes on September 5, 2023. LifeWise Academy currently enrolls students in 6th grade. Students travel from the Antwerp School to Antwerp Global Methodist Church, where they meet to receive Bible-based character education.

"Thanks to our supportive community, we are up and running and serving 16 students," said Traci Koenig, LifeWise Academy Director at Antwerp. "We are excited to be able to provide character-based Bible education to students at Antwerp Local Schools.

Students can still sign up to enroll at www.lifewise.org/antwerpoh

LifeWise lessons are part of the school's academic assist time, held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Students learn the Bible

chronologically as part of the curriculum. Each lesson relates a Bible passage to a relevant character trait that the students are encouraged to practice in their families and communities.

LifeWise Academy comes alongside administrators and teachers as a supportive ally in the fight for better character development, mental health and academic achievement.

LifeWise Academy is based in Hilliard, Ohio and is a released time religious instruction program that provides Bible-based character education to public school students. With parental permission, students are released from school during the day to attend classes that are off school property forty minutes per week.

For additional information about LifeWise Academy, visit lifewise.org.

self. If you want to know what God thinks of the gay lifestyle, check out the following passages in His Word, the Bible: Genesis 18:20-21 - "And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know." (see also 19:5-7 and verse 13). Leviticus 18:22 - "Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind: it is abomination." I Kings 14:24 - "And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel." Romans 1:26-28 - "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust

one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient." Jude v.7 - "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, and set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

Some would argue that the gay lifestyle is by mutual consent. That is not always true, but even when it is, that does not make it right. Suppose an incestuous father convinced his nine-year-old daughter that he is just expressing his love for her, and she innocently consents. Does that make it right?

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

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prosperity, gladness and hope. The Paulding Eagles supports the Paulding County, OH, community in many ways with gifts to charities, school groups and other community projects.

Financial donations can still be sent to the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry Building Fund directly to P.O. Box 391, Paulding, OH 45879. Please write Building Fund on the check. Any donations received to this fund will be used for constructing and furnishing the new building. The fund will also support the addition of a walk-in cooler and walk-in freezer at some point

in the future.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the mission of the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is to engage the local giving community and volunteers to help serve our neighbors and work against food insecurity in Paulding County. It operates solely based on food and financial donations from the community and with the support of Feeding American and West Ohio Food Bank, of which it is a member.

For more information, follow the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry on Facebook. To contact, the pantry call (419) 399-9562 or email paulling-foodpantry@gmail.com.

Scripture of the Week

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

— Romans 15:7

MATT'S MISHAPS



Rufus is one of the many small-town businessmen who take pride in their work and their word.

"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



Hand & Mouth

I have a twenty-year old Chevy that looks like a baby Jeep-like vehicle that some call a "Barbie Jeep". It is truly the runt of the family of American off-road vehicles. I had some underbody work done on this vehicle by Rufus at Kanagy Crown on Antwerp Road in Grabill, IN. We talked over the work to be done, pricing, etc., and with a shake of the hand and by word of mouth, Rufus did a great job as we agreed.

Living overseas has taught me that business happens in a different way there than in small-town Indiana often times. For an apartment I had bought all the furniture we needed directly from the factory that made it in order to save money. It was not assembled, sanded, nor stained. I knew I could handle that job myself. I had completed different pieces of

furniture when I realized I just didn't have the space anymore to complete the table and hutch. I found a local business to sand and paint those last pieces who offered me a fair market price, but not cheap. I agreed and hired a truck to move the furniture to the business and met the owner that was to sand and paint them. After I said "hello" to the owner and mentioned the work and the price we agreed upon, he replied, "the price is now 25% more as we didn't make the previous agreement in writing." Knowing I would be in between a rock and a hard place, he had waited to inform me after the moving truck pulled away. He knew I would lose money to hire the truck back to pick up the unfinished furniture and leave if I didn't agree to his new price. I had no negotiating leverage (nor ability in the new language and culture), so reluctantly I went ahead with the overpriced work.

I still have a bitter taste in my mouth about how that furniture owner did business and took advantage of me. I have learned to be a little bit more wary when doing business transactions, and a lot more thankful for the people I can do transactions with by just a handshake and spoken word.

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

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

On September 4th our hearts were terribly broken. We lost our boy, our Ross. A thousand memories pass through my mind every day. His presence in our family and in our home is deeply missed. Through this great loss we have experienced great love, though. The Paulding County community has raised us, lifted our family up in prayer. We can feel it and have been comforted by those prayers.

We want to thank the amazing people of this community for the outpouring of love and friendship given to us. Your food, hugs, flowers, photos, cards, videos, and support were greatly appreciated. Not only did we see how much we were loved, but we got to see how much Ross was loved by everyone who knew him.

I know Ross was looking down with amazement and pride at all of the people gathered to honor him. And the Run for Ross was unbelievable. Ross's recent goal was to recruit more kids for cross country, to show them how much fun running could be. He got his wish for a day because people of all ages were gathered at the reservoir, running for Ross! Thank you to every single person who came out last Saturday. And thank you especially to Coach Jeremy, the Paulding Cross Country team, and all that helped make R4R a reality. The event was so meaningful to our family. A beautiful morning with wonderful people.

The kids, every single one of them, who came to pay their respects and express their feelings about Ross, touched our hearts deeply. Never forget that you can make a difference in the lives of those around you. We love all of you so much.

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PREEN FOR A DAY

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

It seems as each creature on earth either grooms themselves or as they call it, preening. It has been said that the male species is always the prettiest in the animal kingdom and that may be true in the animal species, but not in humans.

We women spend money on making ourselves look attractive by wearing makeup, getting our hair done, buying clothes and lots of shoes. A lady's bath or shower time is usually longer than a man's. Let's face it though, we all want to look good.

There is an old country tune by Kris Kristopherson called, "Lord it's hard to be humble," and it goes on to say, "it's so hard to look in the mirror, I get better looking each day." Maybe Kristopherson feels that way, but I need all the help I can get.

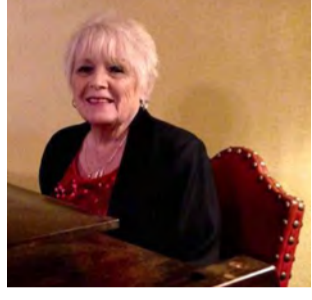
Have you heard the saying, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness?" You may think it is a biblical saying, but actually John Wesley said it in one of his sermons. I often wonder how the pioneers stayed clean if they only took a bath once a week or maybe even once a month?

Being clean, taking a bath and brushing our teeth are all a part of all of our preening habits. Most of us are clean and pursue the style of life that helps us look our best. Even the animals. For most animals staying clean is just as important as eating. If birds did not have clean feathers, they could not fly fast enough to catch their dinner or they may wind up being another critter's dinner.

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Oxpeckers and egrets are two types of birds that patrol the backs of large mammals and ostriches. They pick tiny insects and parasites from their host's fur and feathers. In exchange for the cleaning, the birds get lunch. Some birds use the same technique to remove debris from a hippo's teeth.

The other day, I saw a bird literally getting down in a mud puddle taking a bath. Then I got to thinking about how each animal in the animal kingdom have their own unique way of grooming themselves.



We have all seen cats grooming themselves and each other. While friendly cats and litter mates often groom each other, felines may also groom their humans by licking their skin or hair. Such behavior is generally a way for cats to show affection. Just as mother cats lick their young, grooming communicates a cat's fondness for a person, as well as a sense of belonging.

Chimpanzees pick bugs and parasites off themselves and each other. I have seen the chimps and monkeys at zoos doing this, but was told that by doing so, they keep the bugs off themselves which could cause them to be ill.

Lions and tigers lick their fur and I did read that the saliva on their fur helps them cool down in the hot weather. Elephants also preen by using their trunks to spray water on themselves, plus they too, roll in the dust.

I guess I have always "preened" myself. I must have 25 shades of lipstick, eye shadows, and foundations. I have creams to remove wrinkles, take away bags under my eyes, remove dark spots, remove unwanted hair, and to make my eyelashes grow. I use oils that helps me to relax and makes me smell good. Does it work? Maybe not. but it makes me feel better.

Do you groom and preen? Do you think cleanliness is next to Godliness? Do you think the male species are the best looking? Well, it's time for me to go do my "preening" for the day. Let me know if and how you groom and get ready for the day and I will give you a Penny for your thoughts.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1958 REUNION



The Paulding High School class of 1958 recently held their 65th class reunion at the Paulding Pancake House and Restaurant. There were 14 former classmates that gathered together for a time of fellowship and remembrances. Back Row: Betty (Fulk) Clark, John Kauser, Terry Mitchell, Shirley (Kupfersmith) Baldwin, John Mohr, Alice (Thomas) Lawson, Janice (Durre) Phlipot. Middle Row: Catherine (Hasch) Harpster, Phyllis (Goodenough) Retcher, Genelta (Howell) Levos. Front Row; Janice (Black) Touchton, Linda (Ross) Reinhart, Veronica (Santo) Kromer, Beverly Schaadt, Joni (Parson) Weber

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH IN HICKSVILLE HONOR MUSICIANS



We are so blessed most churches do not have any musicians and we have three. Today was the perfect day to honor them. Colleen Richter has been playing since high school, Sharon Colley started playing after a former musician became ill and Rebekah Smith has played since her Freshman year in high school in Macon, Ga. She has a total of over 60 years and the other two would probably combine to over 150 years of making

beautiful church music. All three not only play at our church but share their talents at other churches, funerals and weddings. Each was presented a floral arrangement, card and cross ornament with their name, favorite hymn and today's date. These were created by the Country Petal Flower Shop!

This was a surprise for the ladies...thanks to their relatives and friends who came to support them.

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Pheba shares that, through this verse, "the Lord opened my heart to the truth of the gospel and I came to believe that Christ who is the creator God, took my sins and was crucified, buried, and resurrected on my behalf to make me a child of God."

As a 16-year-old teenager in India, Pheba met a Catholic friend, which sparked in her the desire to know about Christianity. She came across a Gideon Bible and started reading it. In her own words, "I initially thought that Christ was just another one of the gurus but later, through reading the Book of Romans, I came to realize the folly of idol worship, the religious/caste system of Hinduism, and my personal sins."

Pheba came to us through a chance discussion with a Gideon speaker who was visiting Paulding First Presbyterian Church several months ago. We are delighted that God brought us into each others' paths, and that she is willing to share her experiences with us. Pheba is currently the Director of Pastoral Care at The Sanctuary in Bryan Ohio, where she and her husband have been "sharing the love of Christ with the homeless in a practical way" for about two years. Retreat attendees can bring items for donation to The Sanctuary to this year's retreat.

"Pheba's enthusiasm and warmth make her a dynamic speaker for our retreat this year," shared retreat co-planners Becky Craft, Becky Riley, and Barb Searing. "The story of her faith journey as a

teenager in India with Hindu culture all around her, including her own family of origin, to a strong faith in Jesus Christ, plus her youthful spark have been a total inspiration to our planning team." If anyone considering attending this year's retreat has a teenage daughter/granddaughter/youthful church friend, Pheba's message of determination and faith would be most suitable for young people to come and hear.

In addition to thought-provoking teaching, the retreat includes marvelous music from pianist Susan Kayser and organist Susan Crossland. Brunch will be served by the men from the Presbyterian Church, and there will be rich fellowship with other Christian women. While the retreat ends at 12:30 pm, ladies are welcome and encouraged to linger and visit as long as they wish.

Nursery care is available for children from infants through age 4. Be sure to mention this need when you register so we are adequately staffed. You are asked to bring a sack lunch for your child.

Pre-registration is requested by Friday, October 13, 2023.

Registrations can be made by mail to the church office (PO Box 366, Paulding OH 45879); by calling 419-399-2438 (church office); or online at <https://www.firstpresbyterianpaulding.com/womens-retreat/>. Ladies may call or text retreat coordinators Barb (419-769-0327), Becky C. (419-786-0021) or Becky R. (260-385-0505) with any questions.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Herman Delmore Fuller was born in Oakwood, Ohio, December 14, 1887. The son of Alexander F. born December 13, 1857 and Eveline (Burt) Fuller born April 2, 1867 in Ohio City, Van Wert County, Ohio. They were married July 3, 1886 in Paulding. From this couple's marriage they had two children, Herman and a daughter named Ora W. born August of 1889. Something happened with this marriage, divorce I presume. In 1897, Alexander marries a gal named Anna Mubach, born in Switzerland in 1869. She along with her family, immigrated to the United States in 1885. Anna was married May 22, 1891 to a fella named John L. Badman. They were married in Putnam County, Ohio. They had two children, Scott born in 1892 and Mabel in 1895. By 1900, while living in Brown Township, Alexander was a farmer, and the children as well as the step children, were all in school. On June 21, 1905, Alexander and Anna brought into the world a daughter Viola Hazel. By 1910, Herman was working on his father's farm as a farm laborer. The rest of the children were in school.

On March 30, 1912, in Paulding, Herman married a gal named Laura Anena Bidlack. She was born January 4, 1897 in Oakwood, Ohio. In 1913, a son, Lyman S. Fuller was born. Herman, Laura and son Lyman, moved to 625 East Lawrence Street, Mishawaka, Indiana. Herman was working as a machinist at a company called Gellet Moten. Herman registered for the draft, June 5, 1917 at the local board for the county of St. Joseph, Indiana.

He was listed as tall and slender build, blue eyes and dark brown hair. On June 27, 1918, Herman joined the National Army out of South Bend, Indiana. Herman was assigned to serve with the 158th Depot Brigade. Serving until September 24, 1918. He then was assigned to Company D. 45th Battalion United States Guards. He was promoted Sergeant, October 1, 1918. Honorably Discharged February 28, 1919. By 1920 Herman spent some time in school at Valparaiso College and at Ross College of Chiropractors at Ft. Wayne. In 1921, Herman, Laura and son Lyman, were living in Ft. Wayne at 908 Cass Street. Herman's business address was 3104 Fairfield Avenue, Ft. Wayne. Sometime after that, the marriage had failed along with Herman's health. He had to give up his livelihood and all activities. He was staying with his mother Eva Litzenburg, who for nearly a year she most tenderly cared for him in every way that human hands could. On March 4, 1924, Herman Delmore Fuller passed away. Funeral services were in charge of the Rev. S.J. Mericle and the Rev. R.C. Hurley. Burial was at the Prairie Chapel Cemetery outside Oakwood. He was placed in lot 134, grave 1. In the 1920's, Laura married a widower named Bernard Otto Muinch. This couple had two children together, Catherine and William. Laura outlived another husband and passed away in 1946. On April 27, 1933, Herman D. Fuller finally got his military tombstone. The Dan Giltz Oakwood Post #341 American Legion took care of this matter. The stone was signed for by, Don Ivan Fruchey, post commander and World War I veteran. The whereabouts of Herman's son Lyman are unknown.

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Nov 28	Origami Owl, 9am-2pm

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL

CAST ANNOUNCED FOR OFF STAGE PRODUCTIONS' FALL COMEDY



Van Wert, OH Off Stage Productions Inc. is proud to announce the cast and crew for our Fall 2023 Dinner Theatre production of "Four Old Broads", a comedy by Leslie Kimball. Director Matt Krol is pleased to welcome six veteran Off Stage actors who will be familiar to audiences of recent shows, one actor returning to Off Stage after more than a decade, and one who is making her Community Theatre debut! The cast is as follows:

- Beatrice Shelton: a former Burlesque star Amy McConn
- Eddy Mae Clayton: a former nurse Mary Weisman
- Imogene Fletcher: the newest resident Connie Friemering
- Pat Jones: a rude and pushy nurse Michelle Foster
- Maude Jenkins: soap opera obsessed Senior Stephanie Wagner
- Sam Smith: retired Elvis impersonator & Cassanova Dan Bulaw
- Ruby Sue Bennett: quiet, romance-loving nurse Jennifer Rigdon
- Alexia/Lurleen: soap opera actress/emcee Julie Miller
- Carlton: soap opera actor Matt Krol

DIRECTOR: Matt Krol
COSTUMER: Julie Lang
 Restored burlesque Beatrice Shelton desperately needs a vacation – and NOT another trip up to Helen, Georgia to see that "precious little German village for the umpteenth time." A Sassy Seniors Cruise through the Caribbean may be just the ticket if she can just convince her best friend, Eddy Mae Clayton, to stop praying and go with her. Unfortunately, things have not been very pleasant at Magnolia Place Assisted Living since Nurse Pat Jones began working there. The newest resident, Imogene Fletcher, is suddenly losing her memory. Maude Jenkins is obsessed with her favorite soap opera and planning her own funeral. Sam Smith, retired Elvis impersonator, keeps trying to

bed every woman in the building. A mystery unfolds with laughter as the gals try to outsmart the evil Nurse Pat Jones and figure out why so many residents have been moved to "the dark side," what exactly IS that mysterious pill, and what happened to Doctor Head? Hilarity ensues as Imogene goes undercover and Maude enters the Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Pageant to throw Pat off their trail. If they can solve the mystery, they may make it to the cruise ship after all.

Performances will once again be held in the commons area at Vantage Career Center. Enter door 14 off the back parking lot where plenty of parking is available. Show dates are October 20, 21, 22, and 27, 28, & 29, 2023. Friday shows are "Popcorn Nights" - \$16 admission charge includes free popcorn with the show. Saturday evening and Sunday Matinee shows are Dinner Theatre -- \$30 Admission includes a delicious three course catered meal, coffee, and this wonderful show!

Reservations for Members open Monday, October 2, 2023

Reservations for the General Public open Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Call the box office number 419-605-6708 on or after these dates to reserve your tables or seats!

Box office hours: Monday through Saturday – Noon until 6:00 PM, no Sunday calls please

DEFIANCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROMOTES JOHNSON

Defiance County Economic Development has promoted Paige Johnson to Assistant Executive Director. She more recently held the position of Business Development & Operations Manager. Johnson has only been with the organization a little over a year and already has accomplished a lot in a short timeframe.

"Paige dives right in and

truly has a servant's heart. In the last year, she has established a mentorship program, held multiple business roundtables, along with certified trainings, and now she is spearheading our Four Flags of Freedom Campaign, where we are raising funds to place four massive American Flags, along U.S. 24," stated Executive Director Erika Willitzer. (Visit www.FourFlagsofFreedom.com for more information)

In her new role, Johnson will take on more of a role assisting businesses with the workforce and expansion needs. Prior to coming to Defiance County Economic Development, Johnson worked at economic development at Fulton County Economic Development, and prior to that has extensive experience in accounting. She holds degrees in both business and accounting.



"I am very excited to embrace my new role as the Assistant Executive Director here at Defiance County Economic Development. I am beyond thankful to have Erika Willitzer as not only a boss, but a mentor who I can count on for support and advice in all aspects of my role. Working with Erika is more than just carrying out tasks, it's about learning, growing, and accomplishing together. And I know that as a team we will continue doing great things for Defiance County for many years to come," said Johnson.

Defiance County Economic Development's mission is to generate new investment into the county, along with creating high paying jobs. Ultimately, creating prosperity for all.

"Paige is a perfect fit not only because she has all the talent, but because she has no hidden agendas. She only wants to help others! We're very excited to have her on our team, and even more excited to see all the good she'll accomplish in Defiance County, Ohio," added Willitzer.

A SONG OF JOY

By: Doris Applegate

"Oh happy day that fixed my choice on thee, my Savior and my God. Well may this thankful heart rejoice, and spread its blessings all abroad.

He taught me how to watch and pray, and live rejoicing every day. Oh, Hallelujah! Happy day when Jesus took my sins away."

This is the song of those who have given their life to Jesus Christ and are forgiven of their sins and of every wrong that they have done, and are guiltless.

We can have a song in our heart each day that we live, because we have eternal life.

As we read and study the word of God, and seek to do what it says, we will grow in spirit and in truth, as dear children of God. We are now in the family of God, and



Pictured are: Left to right: Andy Messman (Antwerp Local Facilities Director), Kristine Stuart (Antwerp Local Treasurer), Harold Gottke (Antwerp Local IT Director), Brian Davis (Antwerp Village Administrator), Martin Miller (Antwerp Local Superintendent), Ben Kauser (Kauser Excavating), Ryan Heitkamp (Garmann/Miller Architects) Luke Baucher (Garmann/Miller Architects), Brandon Chupa (Rupp/Rosebrock, Inc), Ryan Degroff (Stark's Plumbing & Heating, Inc.)

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construction has begun on the Wellness and Recreation Center (see related Ground-Breaking Commencement Photo). Dr. Miller also shared that Friday, September 22nd is an In-Service Day. Topics for the In-Service include Project Based Learning, and game-based math and reading programs. Information was also shared with the Board regarding a school safety drill that will be held in mid-October in conjunction with local law enforcement.

Dr. Miller shared two

heirs of God, "Having all that God has" and co-heirs with Jesus Christ, God's song "Having everything that Jesus has."

Tho maybe hard for some to understand but this is the word of God. (Roman 8-17) In this verse we see that we also may suffer with Jesus Christ, but we also will be glorified! The suffering of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that will be revealed in us (Roman 8-18). "It's joy unspeakable and full of glory" that God desires for everyone are you included in God's wonderful plan?

HEALTHY STATE ALLIANCE RECOGNIZES NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

Observed in September every year, National Recovery Month seeks to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 20.9 million adults in the United States who ever had a substance use problem considered themselves recovering or in recovery.

"The transformation stories of thousands within our communities through their recovery are truly inspiring," said Dr. Rajiv Parinja, Mercy Health psychiatrist. "National Recovery Month offers us an invaluable opportunity to honor these individuals and acknowledge that recovery is possible. It underscores the importance of extending support to individuals embarking on their recovery journey and offering them comprehensive treatment options within our communities."

Through a strategic initiative known as the Healthy State Alliance, Mercy Health and The Ohio State Univer-

items of good news with the Board including: U.S. News and World Report recently released their rankings of the "Best High School in America" and that Antwerp H.S. was ranked 58th out of 741 High Schools in Ohio and top 20% in the nation. In addition, Dr. Miller stated that Ohio's State Report Card on schools was released last week and Antwerp Local earned 4.5 stars on the 5-star system.

Dr. Miller also informed those in attendance to mark their calendars for Wednesday, October 11th. U.S. Paralympic athlete/World track

and field record holder and motivational speak Blake Leeper will speak at Antwerp Local with MS/HS students during the school day and conduct an evening session with parents and students.

The Board approved a list of volunteers for the fall athletic season, approved an extended trip for the yearbook staff to NSPA/JEA Fall convention in Boston, MA November 1-5, 2023, and approved two calendar changes; a two-hour In-Service Delay for October 27th and all-day In-Service day for April 8th, 2024.

sity Wexner Medical Center have come together to combat the opioid epidemic through education, research and clinical care alliances. Together, the organizations are observing National Recovery Month to raise awareness about addiction and mental health challenges while highlighting the potential for recovery.

"In the spirit of unity, we are honored to stand together as two leading health systems during National Recovery Month," shared Dr. Carson Felkel, system medical director, behavioral health for Bon Secours Mercy Health and a leader within Healthy State Alliance. One such tool is the use of peer supporters, individuals with lived experience of mental illness or addiction who have been trained to provide recovery support services to others. Peer supporters play a pivotal role in the journey of recovery from addiction. Connecting with individuals who have faced similar struggles can foster a unique sense of understanding, empathy, and camaraderie. Peer support contributes significantly to the recovery process, reminding

individuals that they are not alone and empowering them with the strength to overcome obstacles on their path to healing.

The Mercy Health markets in Youngstown, Lorain, Springfield and Cincinnati all use peer supporters to support patients receiving care within the emergency departments and hospitals. The peer support complements a robust medication for opioid use disorders (MOUD) service available in all Mercy Health emergency departments, perinatal offices in Youngstown and Toledo and outpatient practices in Lima and Youngstown.

Additionally, Mercy Health and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center will offer a virtual half-day continuing education Opioid Symposium for healthcare providers on Saturday, September 30. This comprehensive event will feature cutting-edge and relevant knowledge from experts who dedicate their time to fighting the opioid epidemic.

To learn more about Healthy State Alliance, visit healthystatealliance.org.

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'A Story Book Christmas' at Festival of Trees 2023

November 3-11 are the dates for John Paulding Historical Society's upcoming Festival of Trees. The theme chosen this year is "A Story Book Christmas."

Use your creativity to decorate a tree or room. Do you have a favorite holiday storybook? Maybe you have special memories about a Christmas tale read to you by your

grandparents? Or perhaps you would like to share your vision of a perfect "storybook" Christmas in your imagination?

The Festival committee, chaired by Elizabeth Miller, is working on plans for this very popular annual event. About 1,500 people visited us last year. By far, it is the museum's largest and most important fundraiser of the year. We always try to make it bigger and better than before.

Many have asked for more live entertainment during the Festival. We're looking for soloists or groups who would be willing to share their musical talents with an appreciative audience.

Do you play piano, violin, guitar or other instrument? Are you a vocalist either as a soloist or part of a duo or choir? Do you have a band? Do you lead a youth group through 4-H, church, Scouts or at school? We would love to schedule you for half an hour or more. Several days and times are available. Please contact us for more information.

The museum wouldn't exist without volunteers, and the Festival of Trees is no exception. Would you like to be a greeter, help serve a meal or help decorate the museum? Perhaps you would be interested in adopting an exhibit room to decorate, such as the Parlor, Kitchen or Music Room? What about sharing a special Christmas collection that you might have?

We also are looking for groups, individuals and businesses who want to decorate one of the dozens of Christmas Trees that fill our three buildings.

Consider donating items for our Silent Auction. We

would greatly appreciate gift baskets, gift certificates, holiday decor, handcrafted items, antiques, event tickets, or a monetary donation to help defray expenses.

If you're interested in volunteering, decorating a tree, performing or sponsoring a meal, there are several ways to contact the committee. Phone Elizabeth at 419-551-1545, Eileen at 419-769-0643 or leave a message at 419-399-3667. Also, you can email us at jphs45879@yahoo.com, or stop by the museum on Tuesdays. We hope to hear from you. Each of you is important to the museum's continuing success and its mission of "Preserving the Past for Future Generations." We thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.

—Melinda Krick, President, John Paulding Historical Society

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Death Watch

I have observed much in my 87 years have you ever watched a friend or loved one die? I have many times and I know many of you have also. Have you ever watched a nation die? Well, you are witnessing it right now but you liberals are either too dumb or to blind to see it.

The loved one I speak of is America and right now I see her gasping for breath. The Democrat takeover plan was designed as a slow move so people wouldn't suspect anything until it was too late. Satan had another small victory every 4 - 5 years. At the rate we are sinking today I believe most of you will witness America's death rites. That is unless you wake up and realize we need God back in our lives. That's right now and not later. Later frequently never comes.

Their take-over plan was drawn up in the 1930's. Democrats took their bold shot in 1963 when they took God and prayer out of school. They also censored pastors because they realized the only way to gain total control of America and you was to first remove God.

If that is what you want, something that will resemble Russia, I say go right ahead and vote for any and every Democrat that runs for office. Go ahead and help build their Gestapo party. We have never had worse un-American leaders than Obama-Biden and the Biden-Harris administrations. I think I would compare them with AL Capone, Hitler and Putan.

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You can either go God's way or Satan's way. Our leading Democrats, Obama, Biden, Harris, Pelosi, Schumer and others are perfect examples of Satan's warriors. They care for their power and riches, not you.

I believe Satan has controlled your Democrat leaders for many years. Why else do they continually tear down God and education? They want Americans dumbed down for better control of them. Why do you think they want millions of illegals that are ignorant of our ways and government?

Ever since Democrats, their media comrades and teachers union started taking our youth and country apart, We have steadily gone down hill. I don't believe transgenderism would even be a consideration if it wasn't for the Biden-Harris administration and the anti-God, anti-America teachers union. I also think Obama and Biden belong on America's top terrorist list.

Who better than weak minded teachers to push transgenderism on unsuspecting, undeveloped, preteen minds? They even instruct these little kids not to say anything to their parents about it. After all, wasn't it Biden who said they are our kids (the government) not yours?

Biden is a walking disaster and huge disgrace for America. Who else but an anti-Christian would hand a gay flag between our American flags? But then, when you are controlled by Satan, you are likely to do anything irrational. I think today's Democrat party and teacher's union are so full of dislike for God that they could almost breathe fire at anyone who does believe.

These next statements are rebuttals made against letters I had printed in another paper before I found West Bend News. I believe these statements were the direct result of things taught and /or not taught in today's classrooms.

1. "Don't mix religion and politics" They don't want our youth knowing America was founded on and grew to the world's best based on Christianity.

2. "Our morality is different than yours" Mine comes from the Bible while theirs is from the gutter and teachers

THREE NAPOLEON RESIDENTS JOIN OHIO'S "SAVED BY THE BELT" CLUB



Napoleon residents Colin Sabins, Brewer Sabins and Allison Boles joined Ohio's "Saved by the Belt" Club today after their safety belts saved them from sustaining life-threatening injuries. The crash occurred on state Route 191 in Williams County on July 22, 2023.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Lieutenant Rustun K. Schack, Defiance Post commander, presented them with "Saved by the Belt" certificates signed by Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Andy Wilson and Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent.

"Colin, Brewer and Allison are living testimonies to the effectiveness of safety belts," Lieutenant Schack said. "Everyone needs to buckle up every trip, every time."

Data from 2022 shows 527 people in Ohio were killed in traffic crashes where a safety belt was avail-



able, but not in use. For up-to-date statistics and information on safety belts, log onto the Patrol's Safety Belt Dashboard at HYPERLINK "https://www.safetybeltdashboard.ohio.gov/" https://www.safetybeltdashboard.ohio.gov/.

The "Saved by the Belt" Club is a joint effort by the Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. This club is designed to recognize people who have benefited from their decision to wear safety belts.

They also received "Saved by the Belt" license plate brackets.

instructing them on the use of condoms while saying nothing about abstinence.

3. "Our president's religion doesn't matter" It matters a whole lot but that young person was blinded by his liberal teachers. That reply came after I had my letter printed concerning President Obama's Muslim religion. You do know that his religion and his 20 years under an anti-Christian.

Anti-America pastor sure wasn't a plus for becoming president.

America's life or death will be determined by the 2024 election. Do you want freedom or socialism? I don't think there will ever be any turning back if you vote wrong. Better start researching your choice today.

Richard Mastin
Hicksville, OH

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Family Dollar, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows

Bryan: Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General

Cecil: 127 Maramart

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

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

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

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

Hicksville: Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices

Ney: Marathon

Oakwood: Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip

Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County

Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library

Payne: Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library

Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank

Scott: Scott Post Office

Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

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

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

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

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WAYNE TRACE 2023 HOMECOMING COURT



Wayne Trace High School's 2023 Homecoming Court: (l-r) Sophomores: Clay Stoller & Caerayne Winans, Seniors Hudson Myers & Kacy Hornish, Dylan Hildebrand & Paige Alber, King Kyle Stoller & Queen KatieAnna Baumle, Seniors Brooks Laukhuf & Meg Thompson, Juniors Brady Miller & Lorie Sinn, Freshmen Zach Stoller & Ella Crosby

ANTWERP'S 2023 HOMECOMING COURT



Antwerp High School's 2023 Homecoming Court: (l-r) Freshman: Gage Clevinger & Briley Bagley, Junior Tavin Sholl & Maddy Peters, Seniors Landon Brewer & Meagan Pendergrast, King Carson Altimus & Aewyn McMichael, Ben Savina & Lucy Wales, Sophomores Griffin Kosch and Miley Jewell.

LADY ARCHERS SPLIT IN GMC PLAY

A trio of Green Meadows Conference girls golf teams made the trip to Suburban Golf Course outside of Bryan where Edgerton posted a win over Antwerp and Hicksville on Thursday.

Montpelier also took part in the match with three individuals participating as well.

Edgerton won the match with a 221 behind a 42 from match medalist Lola Giesiech and a 48 from Jaden Dietsch. Laynee Wright recorded a 59

for the Bulldogs and Zaelyn Eitnrear had a 72.

The Lady Archers were the runner-ups on the day with a 255 with Madison Schmidt shooting a 58 and Maylynn Carnahan chipped in a 64. Kara Pierce posted a 66 for Antwerp followed by Sara Farr at 67 and Lyla Clem totaled a 69.

Aleyah Keeley paced Hicksville with a 56 and Madalyn Hedger recorded a 63 for the Lady Aces. Gabriella Fisher added a 66 for the Defiance County quartet and Jordys Vance carded a

76. Montpelier individuals included Madelyn Hopper, who shot a 54, and Taylor Bard, who recorded a 55. Hannah Martin also took part for the Lady Locomotives with a 67.

ANTWERP XC @FAYETTE INVITATIONAL

Saturday, September 16, 2023, the XC teams competed at the Fayette Invitational.

The junior high girls started off the day with some personal bests and a team placing of 4th out of 12

schools! They were led by 8th and 9th place finishers Alia Clem and Gianna Laker! They were followed closely by Charlotte Hook, Anneliese Zijlstra, and Aleta Sorrell.

The junior high boys were up next and also had a strong showing with several personal bests and a team scoring of 3rd out of 12 schools! They were led by 9th & 10th place finishers Gage Barker and Bryceton Barker! They were followed closely by Isaac Buhrer, Tucker Doster, and Camden Herber.

Next up were the Varsity Girls. The Lady Archers placed 4th out of 14 schools in a tightly contested race. Nine points separated second from fifth.

They were led by twelfth place finisher Leigha Doster, followed closely by Gabriella Snyder, Reese Durbin, Emma Saul, Lyla Clem, Emily Laker, Taylor Steibling, and Jen Lawhorn.

The Varsity Boys closed out the day, and even though they could not score a team they still produced some very strong finishes. They were led by seventeenth place finisher Alex Zijlstra, followed closely by John Bailey, Connor Shiple, and Aiden Hook.

The Archers return to action Tuesday as they travel to Paulding for the County Meet.

WARRIORS TAKE EIGHTH IN SECTIONAL GOLF

DeKalb, Fort Wayne Concordia and Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger took the top three spots in the Angola girls golf sectional at Zollner Golf Course Friday as the trio advanced to the regional tournament.

The Barons won the sectional with a score of 337 while the Cadets posted a 374 to finish second and the Saints totaled a 385 in picking up the final regional berth.

Fremont finished fourth at 394 followed by Leo (399), Fort Wayne Northrop (410), Fort Wayne Snider (425) and Woodlan (431).

Taking the individual regional berths were Fremont's Khloe Glendening with an 89 followed by Leo's Alexa Bremer (90) and Northrop's Danika Eagle (91).

Sophia Kever led the way for the Lady Warriors with a 105 while Olivia Robinson added a 107 and Taylor Kline posted a 108. Paige Wylie chipped in a 111 for Woodlan and Saige Lipscomb finished with a 130.

Other scores for Leo were Taylor Freeman (94), Morgan Schrock (104), Annah Saylor (110) and Lindsay Cain (114).

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HOMECOMING COURT

2023 Paulding High School Homecoming Court has been announced:

Freshman Attendants: Jalen Manz & Estie Pease

Sophomore Attendants: Blake Rhonehouse & Lucy Breier

Junior Attendants: Cully Thompson & Jocie Hawk

Senior Attendants: Kobe Forr, Patrick Paholak, Jacob Fife; Elli Barton, Maci Kauser, Jocelynn Parrett

Banners for this year's Homecoming Parade will be Cheer, Band, FFA, Freshman class, Sophomore class, Junior class, and Senior class.

2023 Football Carrier is Jake Hawk and Crown Carriers are Quynn Arend and Ly-

FAIRVIEW TAKES ANTWERP IN VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



Antwerp's Amelia Graham gets multiple digs, saving the Archers several times with her performance! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Lady Archers volleyball hosted the Fairview Apaches on Tuesday night Sept 19th.

Antwerp freshman team won 2-0: 25-22, 14-25, 21-25 Fairview JV took their win, 2-0: 12-25, 22-25

In Varsity play, the Apaches dominated the court & won in 3 sets: 14-25, 9-25, 8-25.

Antwerp game stats:

Maddy Peters: 7/7 serving, 3 kills, 10 assists, 9 digs

Emma Townley: 9 digs, 6/7 serving

Maegan Pendergrast: 5/5 serving



Fairview's Kelly Crites is a powerhouse when spiking the ball time after time back to the Archers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

dia Reinhardt.

Grand Marshall will be Jon Snodgrass. Past King and Queen are Carlea Kuckuck and Dawson Lamb.

Homecoming is Friday, September 29th where Paulding Panthers will face the Hicksville Aces in varsity football action. Before the game, the parade will happen at 6:30 p.m.

WARRIORS BREAK TWO GAME SKID WITH WIN

The Woodlan Warriors stopped a two-game losing streak Friday night as the visitors rolled to a 33-3 victory over host Southern Wells in ACAC football play.

Woodlan took control of the contest in the first half, opening a 26-3 lead at the intermission before coasting to the thirty-point victory.

The Warriors posted a dozen points in the first quarter to seize a 12-3 advantage after one quarter. Woodlan picked up two more scores in the second stanza, totaling 14 points to expand the margin to 26-3 at the midway point of the contest.

Woodlan then closed out the game's scoring with a fourth quarter touchdown to set the final at 33-3.

The Warrior defense limited the Raiders to 117 rushing yards in the contest over 37 plays as Southern Wells was led by Case Boxell with 93 yards.

Woodlan, which is now 2-

3 on the season overall and 1-2 in the ACAC, will resume conference play as the Warriors host Jay County on Friday.

ACAC NOTES - Bluffton and Adams Central stayed tied atop the league standings as both were winners on Friday. The Tigers defeated Jay County to move to 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the ACAC with the victory. The Flying Jets are also 5-0 overall and stand at 2-0 in conference action. Heritage dropped a game behind the leaders as the Patriots fell to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the ACAC following a 38-0 loss to Adams Central Friday night. Jay County is now 3-2 overall and 1-2 in the league with South Adams standings at 3-2 overall and 0-2 in the conference. Southern Wells stands at 1-4 in all contests and 0-2 in the ACAC.

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Recent enhancements to Parkview Health's Virtual Walk-In Clinic are making it even easier for patients to receive care, whenever and wherever they need it. The changes are being announced as Parkview and The American Telemedicine Association celebrate Telehealth Awareness Week.

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WARRIORS DOMINATE ARCHERS



Warrior Seniors Taylor Kneubuhler and Kyra Parker are able to block Antwerp's Amelia Graham's shot in Thursday night's game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Thursday evening, September 20th, the Antwerp Lady Archers played host to over the border rival Woodlan Warriors.

This was a tough battle for the Archers in defending their home court.

Freshman: 15-25, 14-25
JV: 25-27, 9-25
Varsity: 14-25, 14-25, 23-25
Antwerp Overall: 4-10;

GMC: 0-3
Antwerp Stats:
Maddy Peters: 17 assists, 7 digs, 9/10 serving, 2 aces
Amelia Graham: 9 digs, 8/8 serving, 4 kills
Alexis Otto: 5 kills
Emma Townley: 13/13 serving, 2 aces, 11 digs, 3 kills
Caroline Rohrs: 16 digs, 12/13 serving, 4 aces
Haydyn Lengacher: 5 kills, 1 dig

LADY RAIDERS TOP COUGARS



Wayne Trace Sophomore Torree Sinn spikes the ball back to the Cougars and gets the ace for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Monday September 18th, Wayne Trace played host to the Van Wert Lady Cougars. Wayne Trace won over Van Wert in 3 sets: 25-12, 25-16, 25-13

Wayne Trace Statistical Leaders:
Amber Stoller - two kills, two digs
Caren Winans - one kill, one assist, one ace, five digs
Ava Zartman - three aces, six digs

Harper Myers - 15 kills, five digs, one block
Kacy Hornish - two kills, 14 assists, three aces, five digs
Kaitlin Slade - five digs
Kathleen Stoller - two kills, two digs
Lexi Moore - nine kills, one block
Lorie Sinn - one dig
Paige Alber - 17 assists, five aces, seven digs
Torree Sinn - four kills, one block

Parkview's Virtual Walk-In Clinic is now open 24/7, and is available for patients located in all 50 states. The service is also completely integrated into Parkview MyChart, which creates a seamless experience for users and allows all providers (whether in-person or virtual) to access medical information for care. Additionally, patients now have the option to schedule same-day appointments for the Virtual Walk-In Clinic, subject to availability.

"Parkview's Virtual Walk-In Clinic has always been a convenient option for non-emergency care, but we've made it even better by expanding our offering and

streamlining the experience," said Dr. Sara Herstad, Virtual Care section lead, Parkview Physicians Group. "By making it easier to access our virtual services, we're helping to eliminate gaps where patients would have otherwise delayed or avoided care. We're also creating better continuity of care by making their information readily available to all of their providers, whether in-person and virtual."

To create these enhancements, Parkview recently partnered with KeyCare, a network of independent virtual care providers. KeyCare uses an Epic-based telehealth platform, which allows for integration with Parkview's

Epic-based system, including MyChart.

Parkview providers located in Indiana and Ohio will continue to care for the majority of patients who use the Virtual Walk-In Clinic during regular business hours. However, KeyCare's providers extend service availability by caring for patients during overnight hours and during periods of high demand, when additional providers may be needed to reduce wait times. KeyCare providers can also care for patients in all 50 states, allowing patients to access Parkview's Virtual Walk-In Clinic when traveling.

Previously, patients who needed after-hours care or care while traveling had to use a separate application and create an additional account. The service could not access or share medical information with MyChart.

"Whether it's the middle of the night, or you're across the country, Parkview's Virtual Walk-In Clinic will be there for you," said Maximilian Maile, senior vice president of digital health, Parkview Health. "Our recent enhancements create a singular, seamless experience, and we can't wait for our patients to see how easy it is to access the care they need, no matter the time or the location."

The Parkview Virtual Walk-In Clinic is accessible via MyChart on any smartphone, tablet, or computer. Providers are available to treat and diagnose many non-emergency medical issues and, if necessary, send a prescription to the patient's pharmacy of choice.

Common conditions treated include:

- Cold, cough, flu
- Allergies
- Pink eye
- Sore throat
- Respiratory issues
- Sinus problems
- Skin problems

Insurance is accepted; however, during extended service availability and overnight hours, periods of high volume, or when patients are located outside of Indiana or Ohio, visits are \$49. You do not need to be established with a Parkview provider to use the Virtual Walk-In Clinic.

The Virtual Walk-In Clinic is available for patients of all ages. Patients under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present during online visits.

For more information on Parkview's Virtual Walk-In Clinic, visit Parkview.com/VirtualWalkInClinic.

LAROSE SIGNS ELECTION INTEGRITY AGREEMENTS WITH MULTIPLE STATES

Ohio Continues to Lead National Effort to Modernize Election Data Sharing

COLUMBUS - Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose announced today that his office has formalized data sharing agreements with three key states, bolstering a nationwide effort to keep elections accurate and accountable.

LaRose signed the new agreements individually today with chief elections officers in Florida, Virginia and West Virginia. Each state will implement state-specific data sharing and security protocols to allow for the secure exchange of voter infor-

mation, giving both states in the agreement the ability to analyze records for evidence of cross-state voter fraud and duplicate voter registrations.

"This is a major new development as states look to move beyond the old model of sharing voter data through an unaccountable third-party vendor," said LaRose. "Ohio took the lead on this election integrity project, and it's only one aspect of the work we're doing to keep our elections honest as we prepare for the next presidential election year."

LaRose also worked with the Ohio General Assembly this summer to enact the DATA Act, a landmark new law that modernizes the way Ohio retains voting records and the first state legislation of its kind in the nation. The Secretary of State's new Office of Data Analytics and Archives is working to implement a statewide system that enables Ohio's 88 county boards of elections to easily transfer election records to the Secretary of State for retention and public review. The DATA Act also established for the first time consistent and clear definitions of electronic election records, allowing for a more effective cross-state voter data sharing infrastructure.

"We anticipate announcing additional agreements with other states that want to work together with Ohio to secure our elections and uphold the integrity of our democracy nationwide," said Amanda Grandjean, LaRose's Senior Advisor and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, who led the effort to

BULLDOGS WIN BIG OVER PAULDING



Senior Maci Kauser saves the ball with this bump! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Varsity played hard, but took a four set loss to Edgerton Tuesday night, September 19th: 18-25, 11-25, 25-17, 15-25

Paulding JV won: 25-19, 21-25, 25-15

Lady Panther Freshmen also won: 25-18, 25-16

Paulding Game Stats:
Brianna Bermejo led with 9 kills, 14 digs, and was 100% serving

Kayleigh Dunham was big at the net with 5 kills and 4

solo blocks

Elli Barton ended the night with 5 kills, 5 digs, 2 assists, an ace, and was 100% serving

Tori Schlatter had 3 kills, 3

digs, and 1 ace

Addison Pease earned 3

kills, 10 digs, 10 assists, and was 100% receiving

Grace Goyings had 3 kills, 14 assists, 11 digs, and was 100% serving

Maci Kauser ended the

night with 17 digs, 33/35 serve

receptions, 1 assist, and 1 ace

secure the new agreements on behalf of Ohio. "These new agreements came from a 27-state working group that formed earlier this year in hopes of finding a more durable and accountable solution to cross-state data

sharing that fit each state's individual needs. I'm confident this will continue to grow as each state works through the necessary legal and cybersecurity protocols that at the core of each agreement."

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THE LEFT TURN



Lantz wins prestigious race at Oakshade Raceway. *Charlie Orns Photo*

By: Ron Burt

I will have coverage next week of the James Dean Classic for Gas City I-69 Speedway. At the time we are going to press only 9 points separate Justin Grant 2093 and Brady Bacon 2084. Kyle Cummins sits back a distant 3rd with 1966. Only 5 races left to decide the crown for the 2023 season for the USAC Sprints.



Zeb Wise (26) battles Tyler Courtney (7) at Fremont. *Action Photos Ohio*

This past week Logan Seavey on September 15th won the feature at Circle City Raceway in Indianapolis for USAC Sprints. He only led one lap, the last lap, but that was the one that counted. It was so close it was a photo finish at the line with Shane Cottle. The following night in Haubstadt, Indiana, at Tri State Speedway Brady Bacon won and took home \$20,000.00. It was the richest event ever held at the Speedway.

The USAC National Midgets will also race Thursday, with many drivers doing double duty racing both events. There's one driver in the USAC Midgets to watch at Gas City. Logan Seavey started a streak of 11 consecutive top-5 finishes with the USAC National Midgets that started at Gas City in June during Indiana Midget Week. At Gas City Seavey was 110 points out of the championship lead and was 6th overall in the standings. After leading the final two laps of a 30-lap feature with Emerson Axsom, Seavey scored his and Abacus Racing' first ever USAC victory. Since that point, the team has been nearly unstoppable, winning four, finishing second on three occasions, taking third another three times and a

fourth. Logan Seavey currently has a 171-point lead as the series returns to the 3/8 dirt oval.

In the USAC Midwest Thunder Midgets. Zach Wigal, the 16-year-old Ohio driver we've been following picked up his 6th feature win of the season in this very competitive class. With only a handful of races left he's still in the championship hunt. Zach is only 29 points behind the leader Bryce Massingill from Troy Ohio. His recent win at Circle City Raceway last week was needed and big for him. Ottoville's Abby Hohlbein is in 7th place in the point standings. The USAC Thunder Midgets are off this week because of the James Dean Classic.

At Oakshade Raceway in Wauseon, Adam Lantz won the Papa Boiler Dominator Super Stock Spectacular for the 2nd time in his career. Craig Dippman took 2nd followed by Dylan Burt. Cater Murday won his 3rd UMP Late Model feature of the summer. The unofficial 2023 Sportsman track champion, Josh Robertson from Defiance, picked up another victory. The Compact Stock A Main had a rough start with caution flags waving but once things settled down Eric Carr, who started on the pole, pulled away from the field to lead all the way to the checkered flag. It was the 5th feature win of the season for the unofficial 2023 track champion.



Brady Bacon wins at Tri State. *Christopher Pedersen Photo*

The Tezos All Star Circuit of Champions were at the "Action Track" Fremont Speedway for two nights of the 16th Annual Jim and Joanne Ford Classic for the Winged 410 Outlaw Sprints. New Jer-

sey's Kyle Reinhardt drove around Parker Price Miller on the last corner of the last lap to take the \$6,000 win Friday by just .093 seconds. Rounding out the top 5 was Tim Shaffer, Kerry Madsen, and Zeth Sabo. The Dirt Trucks were also in action. Keith Sorg won the feature with Jamie Miller 2nd and Jeff Babcock 3rd.

On Saturday Zeb Wise led the last half the 16th Annual Jim and Joanne Ford Classic at Fremont Speedway and survived a late race challenge from Friday night's winner and a caution with just two laps to go to pick up the \$10,000 payday and his first ever Tezos All Star Circuit of Champions. It was Zeb Wise's eighth All Star win of 2023 and the 12th of his career with the series. This gives his Rudeen Racing team momentum heading to the season finale at Eldora Speedway next Saturday and the \$80,000 team title. Wise took the lead from two-time and defending All Star champion Tyler Courtney on lap 20. Wise started in the outside-pole position, slipping back to third at the initial start before making his charge to the front. The top 5 drivers held nothing back and put on a show for the fans battling side-by-side through lapped traffic. Finishing behind Zeb Wise, 2nd Kyle Reinhardt, 3rd Kerry Madsen, 4th Parker Price Miller, and 5th Cole Duncan.

Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER 7, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

All People who are not registered or need to update their name and/or address and wish to vote in the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, must register or update their name and/or address no later than Tuesday, October 10, 2023. You may register on-line at olvr.ohiosos.gov; or on the Paulding County Board of Elections website (<https://www.ohio.boe.gov/Paulding>) Also, at the agencies listed: Paulding County Board of Elections, 105 E. Perry St. Paulding; any other Ohio County Board of Elections office; Office of any Deputy Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles; public Libraries, public High Schools; Vocational Schools; County Health Depts; County Treasurer's office; or on the Ohio Secretary of State website (<https://www.ohiosecretaryofstate.gov>).

Persons NOT certain of their registration validity may check on the office website: (<https://www.boe.ohio.gov/paulding>) or call the office at 419-399-8230.

Regular Hours for the Paulding County Board of Elections office are: Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon (Closed for Lunch) 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Extended Office Hours for Early Voting:

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Mon. Oct. 30th / 7:30 am to 7:30 pm

Tues. Oct. 31st / 7:30 am to 8:30 pm

Weds. Nov. 1st / Thurs. Nov 2nd / Fri. Nov 3rd / 7:30 am to 7:30 pm

Sat. Nov 4th / 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sun. Nov. 5th / 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

You are qualified to vote if: 1. You are a citizen of the United States; 2. You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote; 3. You are NOT incarcerated (in prison) for a felony conviction under the laws of this state or another state of the United States; 4. You have NOT been declared incompetent of voting purposes by a probate court.

All candidates that will be on the November 7th General Election are listed on the front page of the office website (<https://www.boe.ohio.gov/paulding>) listed under Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots in the following link: "46-day Notice - Candidates and Issue List." Should you have any questions, please call the Board of Elections office at (419) 399.8230.

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Nick Oliver, assigned to Champaign County, was a 4-H judge at the Champaign County Fairgrounds for Ohio birds, fishing, and pond exploration in participation with The Ohio State University extension office. Officer Oliver was happy to see how the children's knowledge of the outdoors expanded as they completed their projects.

State Wildlife Officer Matt Teders, assigned to Madison County, contacted an angler at Madison Lake State Park. He determined that the angler did not possess a fishing license. Officer Teders also observed drug paraphernalia and requested assistance from the Madison County Sheriff's Office. The angler was cited for fishing without a license and indicted for possession of drugs. The suspect was found guilty and sentenced to a \$150 fine and nine months in jail.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

State Wildlife Investigators Brian Bury and Travis Abele observed two men trolling with eight rods from a boat on Lake Erie. In Ohio, anglers are permitted to use up to three rods per person. The boat's captain initially misled the officers into believing a third angler was asleep in the boat, but Investigator Bury discovered there was not a third person, and the anglers were using too many rods. Each angler was issued a summons for fishing with more than three rods. Both men were found guilty in Ottawa County Municipal Court and paid \$145 in fines and court costs.

In July, State Wildlife Officer Austin Dickinson, assigned to Defiance County, along with District Two Outdoor Skills Specialist Jaron Beck, hosted an introduction to fishing class during the annual kids fishing derby at Independence Dam State Park. The class, which was well attended by youth and adults, focused on fishing equipment, knot tying, species identification, habitat preferences, and casting practice. Many attendees had little fishing experience and were eager to try out their new skills at the fishing

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PANTHERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER APACHES



Paulding sophomore Blake Rhonehouse finds himself in the end zone catching the ball for the Panther touchdown! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Paulding improved to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the Green Meadows Conference as the Panthers cruised to a 34-20 victory over Fairview Friday night at Keyser Field.

Quarterbacks Jacob Fife and Colten Hunt combined to throw for 244 yards and three touchdowns to lead the maroon and white to the victory. Fife was six of seven through the air for 131 yards and a pair of scores while Hunt completed 11 of 18 passes for 113 yards and one touchdown.

Blake Rhonehouse topped the Paulding receivers with six receptions for 78 yards and Caleb Larson chipped in four catches for 77 yards. Jesse Shaffer also recorded three catches for Paulding with Jalen Manz totaling two. Jackson Griffith and Kobe Foor picked up receptions as well for the maroon and white.

Shaffer topped the Panthers with 43 rushing yards on 13 carries and Foor pickup 30 yards over ten attempts. Larson also totaled 27 yards on four carries.

Jack Woods paced the Paulding with 17 tackles on the night with Shaffer and Rhonehouse totaling eight apiece. Foor and Jalen Manz both picked up seven to aid the Paulding defense with Larson and Carter Evans having three apiece. Colton Bashore and Dillon Shough-Germann each recorded two tackles for the maroon and white.

Paulding comes back to action on Friday night as the Panthers travel to Williams County to take on Edgerton. The Bulldogs are 1-4 on the season with the lone win coming over Hilltop (46-12) in week two.

RAIDERS GRAB BIG WIN ON HOMECOMING NIGHT

Friday, September 15th was Wayne Trace football's homecoming against the Hicksville Aces. The Raiders scored a big win for Homecoming weekend against the Aces: 56-6.

Raiders Scoring Summary:
WT - Tucker Antoine 4 yd run (Cooper Wenzlick kick)
WT - Tucker Antoine 7 yd run (Cooper Wenzlick kick)
WT - Kyle Stoller 19 yd pass to Jude Stoller (Cooper Wenzlick kick)

WT - Kyle Stoller 62 yd interception return (Cooper Wenzlick kick)

WT - Kyle Stoller 21 yd pass to Brady Miller (Cooper Wenzlick kick)

WT - Tucker Antoine 37 yd run (Cooper Wenzlick kick)

WT - Cooper Wenzlick 43 yd run (Cooper Wenzlick kick)

WT - Cooper Wenzlick 34 yd run (Cooper Wenzlick kick)

H - Garrett Turnbull 5 yd pass to David Taylor (kick)

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Hicksville's Cross Zeedyk is the receiver on the field with the ball, gaining yards for the Aces when Raider senior Kyle Stoller finally takes him down. More pictures at westbendnews.net

David Taylor 3-18, George Green 1-1
 Wayne Trace (3-2, 2-0 GMC):
 First Downs - 15
 Rushing Attempts - 20
 Rushing Yards - 176
 Passing Attempts - 14
 Passing Completions - 9
 Passing Yards - 156
 Total Offense - 332
 Had Intercepted - 1
 Fumbles - Lost - 2 - 0
 Penalties - Yards - 2 - 15
 Hicksville (1-4, 0-2 GMC):
 First Downs - 11
 Rushing Attempts - 32
 Rushing Yards - 43
 Passing Attempts - 26
 Passing Completions - 13
 Passing Yards - 100
 Total Offense - 143
 Had Intercepted - 2
 Fumbles - Lost - 1 - 0
 Penalties - Yards - 4 - 33
 Score by Quarters:
 WT - 21 28 7 0 = 56
 Hicksville - 0 0 0 6 = 6

Wayne Trace Rushing - Cooper Wenzlick 5-85, Tucker Antoine 6-52
 Jordan Lotz 5-33, Kyle Stoller 1-15, Connor Blankenship 1-1,
 Jack Schoenauer 2-(-10) Hicksville Rushing - George Green 12-25, Cross Zeedyk 10-23, Brant Langham 3-10, David Taylor 1-2, Garrett Turnbull 6-(-17)
 Wayne Trace Passing - Kyle Stoller 8-12-145, Cooper Wenzlick 1-1-11,
 Jack Schoenauer 0-1-0 Hicksville Passing - Garrett Turnbull 13-26-100
 Wayne Trace Receiving - Jude Stoller 3-41, Brady Miller 2-55,
 Tucker Antoine 2-33, Cole Morehead 1-16, Amos Sinn 1-11
 Hicksville Receiving - Brant Langham 6-32, Owen Stuckey 3-49,

ARCHERS GET HUGE WIN OVER RAMS



Archer Senior Landon Brewer sets up for a field goal. Photos by Harlee Moore

Carson Altimus passed for one score, ran for two more and returned an interception for a touchdown to lead the Antwerp Archers to a huge 32-14 victory over visiting

Tinora Friday night at Archer Field.
 With the victory, the blue and white improved to 5-0 overall and 2-0 in the Green Meadows Conference as

Public Notice

The Paulding County Hospital Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for October 5, 2023 has been rescheduled for October 3, 2023.
 By order of the Board of Trustees,
 Ronald Goedde,
 Chief Executive Officer

Public Notice

The Antwerp Local School District's unaudited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 is available for public inspection at the Treasurer's office located at 303 S Harrmann Road, Antwerp, OH 45813
 Kristine M. Stuart,
 Treasurer

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

For the election cycle of January 1st, 2024 up to and through December 31st, 2027, the City of Woodburn has no contested seats. The elected positions consist of 4 District seats for Council, 1 At-Large Council, the Clerk-Treasurer, and the Mayor. Given this scenario, the current elected officials have decided to waive the general election which was scheduled to take place on November 7th, 2023. The primary reason for this decision was to save money as the outcome is already confirmed. Feel free to call City Hall or the Allen County Election Board with any questions that you might have at this time. Thank you.
 —Timothy Cummins
 Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Woodburn

Antwerp looks to defend its league championship from 2022.
 Altimus finished the night 10 of 17 through the air for 146 yards, including a touchdown pass to Landon Brewer. Brewer totaled three receptions for 86 yards overall with Camden Fuller totaling three catches for 34 yards.
 Kayden Winslow picked up two catches for 15 yards to aid the Antwerp cause with Reid Lichty and Tavin Sholl adding receptions as well.
 Altimus topped the Archer rushing attack as well with eleven carries for 66 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Lichty was held to three yards over ten carries by the Tinora defense.
 Tinora actually outgained the Archers 331-211 overall, including a 243-65 advantage in the ground game. The Rams picked up 15 first downs

while holding Antwerp to seven in the contest.
 However, Antwerp's defense proved to be the difference with an Altimus interception return for a score as well as a Camden Fuller fumble recovery for a touchdown.
 Syris Gale paced the Antwerp defense with 16 tackles while Lichty finished with 13 and Zane Wolf picked up a dozen stops. Winslow and Derek Hines also reached double digits with 11 tackles apiece.
 The Archer defense picked up five turnovers on the night as Brewer and Lichty picked up fumble recoveries and Brewer finished with an interception.
 Antwerp returns to action on Friday as the Archers visit Fairview (0-5 overall, 0-2 GMC) in Green Meadows Conference play.

PAULDING COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY MEET AT PAULDING RESERVOIR



Varsity cross country shape up their race at Paulding Reservoir on September 19th. Photos by Lions Eye Photography



Antwerp Varsity cross country team takes 1st place at the County Meet at Paulding Reservoir on September 19th. Photos by Lions Eye Photography

Tuesday night, September 19, 2023, the XC teams competed in the Paulding County Meet.
 The junior high girls started off the night by winning their race as a team! They were led by 2nd and 5th place finishers Alia Clem and Gianna Laker. They were followed closely by Charlotte Hook, Anneliese Zijlstra, and Aleta Sorrell.
 The junior high boys were up next and also won a Paulding County Championship. They were led by 1st and 2nd place finishers Gage Barker and Bryceton Barker! They were followed closely by Tucker Doster, Isaac Buhner, and Camden Herber.
 Next up were the Varsity Girls. The Lady Archers also earned the team win, placing

three runners in the top five. They were led by race winner Leigha Doster, followed closely by Emma Saul, Emily Laker, Taylor Steibling, and Jen Lawhorn.
 The Varsity Boys closed out the day, but were unable to score as a team. They did however place two runners in the top ten. Alex Zijlstra finished 5th, John Bailey 10th, and Aiden Hook 16th.
 Paulding Boys XC Team are County Champs! Congrats to the following placers. Max Daeger - 2nd; Achilles Mead - 3rd; Cully Thompson - 4th. Abby Elkins claims second place for the Panthers on the girls side. Congratulations to JH girls runner, Tyler Foor for being county champ!

WEST BEND NEWS
Crossword Puzzle
TREE IDENTIFICATION

- Across**
- Known for its fragrant flowers and hard wood.
 - Known for its pink to purple blossoms in spring.
 - Known for its rapid growth and silver-gray bark.
 - A tall evergreen tree with slender needles.
 - Often found in wetland areas.
 - Known for its vibrant fall foliage and sweet sap used for maple syrup.
 - A common deciduous tree with vibrant autumn colors.
- Down**
- Recognized by its distinctive vase-like shape.
 - Also known as the yellow poplar, it has tulip-shaped flowers, and the state tree of Indiana
 - Valued for its dark, rich wood and edible nuts.
 - State tree of Ohio known for its distinctive nuts.
 - Aromatic evergreen tree with small blue berries.
 - Valued for its fruit and dark wood.
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 The first sale date will be on the October 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:
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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 October 12, 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.
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Celebrate Open House will take place at 4-H Camp Palmer located in Fulton County. 26450 County Rd. MN, Fayette Ohio 43521 located adjacent to Harrison Lake State Park. 4-H Camp Palmer is owned and operated

by eleven counties in north-west Ohio and is an outreach of Ohio State University Extension.

4K at 4-H Camp Palmer on Saturday, November 4, 2023. This event is sponsored by Friends of Camp Palmer beginning at 9:30 am. Runners, walkers, camp enthusiasts welcome! All registered participants will have access to multiple activities including zip line! All proceeds will go toward enhancing the camp experience and grounds for thousands of youths to enjoy, learn, and grow. Register: <https://rb.gy/dou48>

Please join us! Contact Kristy: Helberg.4@osu.edu or Bill: goodson.34@osu.edu for any questions. 419-237-2247

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derby as well as on their own. Introductory fishing information can be found at wildohio.gov.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officers

Michael Budd and Scott Cartwright, assigned to Tuscarawas and Carroll counties, respectively, responded to a report of a white-tailed buck deer wearing an orange collar. The deer did not have a fear of humans and interacted with children and pets.

The officers captured the deer, removed the collar, and relocated it to a wildlife refuge where contact with humans would be unlikely. Once they grow, wild animals are active and independent, which can make them dangerous and destructive. Furthermore, it is illegal to possess, own, control, restrain, or keep any wild animal. Good intentions can hurt; keep wildlife wild.

State Wildlife Officer Jason Warren, assigned to Lake Erie, and State Wildlife Officer Mark Williams, assigned to Ashtabula County, checked for fishing licenses at Headlands Beach State Park. Officer Williams witnessed an angler slip on the break wall and fall into Lake Erie. Officer Williams pulled the angler out of the water and back onto the break wall. The angler was shaken but otherwise uninjured.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

While following up on the 2022-23 white-tailed deer hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Tyler Fields, assigned to Scioto County, received information that a nonresident hunter had harvested a deer without a valid nonresident hunting license and deer permit. Officer Fields and State Wildlife Officer Cole Tilton, assigned to Vinton County, conducted an interview with the suspect. The officers discovered that the hunter had not purchased a hunting license or deer permit before harvesting a nine-point buck. The suspect was issued a summons for the violation and was ordered to appear in court. He was found guilty and ordered to pay \$155.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Houston Wireman, assigned to Shelby County, State Wildlife Officer Brad Bueing, assigned to Mercer County, State Wildlife Officer Mark Schemmel, assigned to Auglaize County, and Wildlife Officer Cadet Alex Almeter helped with a youth fishing derby. More than 200 children from Mercer and Auglaize counties attended this event, which was hosted by the Lake Improvement Association. Approximately 100 volunteers helped with the event.

FLAT ROCK CREEK FALL FESTIVAL KICKED OFF AUTUMN SEASON WITH SUCCESS!



Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival 2023 is in the books for another year. The weekend was full of good food, good music, lots of crafts and local artisans and farm foods. Pictured here is the Graber Family Singers who performed on Sunday afternoon, September 17, 2023.

State Wildlife Officer Mathew Bourne, assigned to Clark County, investigated a white-tailed deer harvested during the 2022 deer gun season. He contacted the individual who game-checked the eight-point buck and discovered that the deer was harvested before the individual purchased a deer permit. Officer Bourne also learned that the individual had purchased a resident lifetime hunting license by providing false information. The individual had resided in Florida for the past three years and used resident licenses and permits to hunt. The suspect was charged in Hillsboro Municipal Court, found guilty, and ordered to pay \$370 in fines. The resident lifetime hunting license was revoked, and the eight-point buck was forfeited to the Division of Wildlife.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic

Disposition Report

Alexis E. Garduno Delgado, Indianapolis, IN; No operator license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Noah T. Coyne, Paulding, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Rahmatullah K. Ali, San Antonio, TX; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Isaiah D. Tools, Normal, IL; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jay Frieden, Greenwood, IN; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Concepcion Villa Franca, Paulding, OH; Disrupt service; **Count A dismissed**

Yosmany Hernandez Rodriguez, Miami, FL; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ali Mardan, Noblesville, IN; Failure to yield to emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Michelle M. Rooks, Cecil, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Case dismissed; Defendant has shown proof of a valid license

James Ramey Jr., Antwerp, OH; Fishing without a license; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jose L. Giron, Irving, TX; Permit violation; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Mark A. Barrett, Paulding, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Placed on standard probation; Secure a valid license

Heather D. Strickling,

Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cassidy V. Cerventes, Maumee, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid per diversion agreement

Dilon J. Bevins, Defiance, OH; Physical control, Guilty, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; OVI/under the influence, Count B dismissed

John Stat Agent B Jackson, Payne, OH; Zoning violation (3 counts); Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; Compliance date set for 10/18/23 at 10:30 a.m.

Daniel C. White, Paulding, OH; Physical control; Guilty; 30 days jail, suspended; ALS vacated; Defendant shall complete a remedial driving course

Richard A. Andrews, Delphos, OH; Driving under suspension; Count A dismissed

Timothy K. Hanna, Ney, OH; Reckless operation; Pled no contest, found guilty; Warrant and warrant block shall be recalled

Benjamin L. Jackley, Hoagland, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel A. Eccard, Defiance, OH; FRA suspension, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Justin M. Jackman, Defiance, OH; Failure to control, Guilty, Proof of insurance provided, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Haider N. Kamal, Sterling Heights, MI; Overwidth; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

JOHNNY APPLESAUCE

A legend, an oddball, a real man. He was dressed in a gunney sack, (toga,) a cooking pot on his head, and very little else. No shoes, no coat. The bottom of his feet were as thick as shoe leather. He looked odd to those who saw him, and he was who he was. He was a vegetarian and seldom ate meat. He wouldn't kill anything, not even a

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A beautiful Crab Apple tree in Grabill. I've often wondered why nobody makes jelly.

mosquito.
There was a man in the Bible that wore camel's hair, a girdle of skin, and ate locusts, and wild honey. Yes, John Chapman looked as weird as John the Baptist in the Bible. Johnny Appleseed was a member and preacher of, "The New Church." (The Church of Swedenborg.) He had church services wherever he went and witnessed to everyone he came in contact with. Never had a cabin, slept outdoors or with anyone who invited him in.

John was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, in 1774. His father served under George Washington. John served an apprenticeship with a nurseryman, and learned how to grow apple trees. John and his brother Nathaniel, started moving West, first to Pennsylvania, and then to the Western Frontier, (Northwest Territory.) Through Ohio and into Indiana.

Johnny Appleseed was a kind person, but he also was a shrewd businessman. He knew that as settlers moved West, they would need food, and he had a dream of feeding the world with apples, so that no one would go hungry. He would go west and choose places he thought settlers might come and plant apple orchards.

He would go to cider mills and get seeds by the bushel. He planted trees in neat rows to make an orchard.

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The only way to get a true apple tree is by grafting. The ancient Romans knew about grafting, and so did Johnny. But his religion did not permit grafting because, "It caused plants to suffer." This did not matter to the settlers. They used the apples to drink... Applejack. The water was not fit to drink, but hard cider made an excellent drink. If you left hard cider freeze and picked out the ice it made a strong alcoholic drink.

There was a controversy that was raised because of prohibition. Alcoholic drinks were strictly forbidden, but farmers were still making Applejack from Johnny's trees. The FBI came through and chopped down every apple tree they could find.

Johnny died in fort Wayne Indiana, just prior to the civil war in 1845. He is buried in Johnny Appleseed Park, beside the St Joe River. Some think this was not the actual burial spot, but this is something we probably will never know.

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PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (13) persons on Thursday, September 14, 2023

Robert E. Shaw (12/10/1989), Paulding, OH; Failure to appear as required by recognizance, F4

Brandon M. Adkins (8/15/1995), Oakwood, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

James R. Sulfridge (6/7/1979), Continental, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5; Operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a drug abuse or a combination of them - OVI, M1

Joanie Marie Taylor (11/21/1982), Defiance, OH; Trespass in a habitation when a person is present or likely to be present, F4

Zachary D. Kesler (3/18/1985), Antwerp, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Trent L. Wells II (9/19/2000), Defiance, OH; Nonsupport of dependents, F5

Julian Martin Zamora (1/21/1951), Payne, OH; Domestic violence, F3

Joseph Michael Hampson (10/8/1977), McDonald, PA; Grand theft, F4

Jamie Derward Coombs (6/16/1978), Paulding, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F2; Receiving stolen property, F4; Unlawful possession of dangerous ordnance, F5

Tonya L. Thompson (10/24/1959), Paulding, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Brandon F. Schlueter (7/21/1986), Paulding, OH; Sexual battery (7 counts), F3

Brandon J. Bird (10/30/1994), Cecil, OH; Failure to provide notice of change of address, F3; Failure to register, F3

Amanda J. Hopkins (5/16/1986), Melrose, OH;

Aggravated possession of drugs, F5; Attempt to commit an offense, F4

ONEOHIO RECOVERY FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS HEAR FROM GOV. DEWINE ON IMPORTANCE OF OPIOID ABUSE

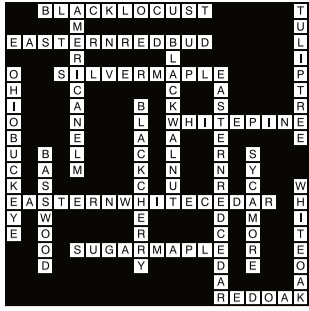
The OneOhio Recovery Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization charged with statewide distribution of more than \$800 million for addiction prevention, treatment and recovery efforts, held its monthly public meeting on September 13, 2023, at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce offices in Columbus.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine attended the meeting, where he outlined his vision for the Foundation and his confidence in its mission to make a positive impact in the state's fight against the opioid epidemic.

The 29-member board also welcomed and heard remarks from Alisha Nelson, recently appointed by the governor from three board-submitted nominees to serve as the Foundation's first permanent executive director. Nelson, a longtime leader in Ohio's behavioral health community, officially assumed her role on September 11.

Also at their September meeting, the Board:

- Welcomed State Representative Phil Plummer, Dawn Tyler Lee, and Deborah Matz as the newest members of the Board of Directors. Plummer was recently appointed by Speaker of the House Jason Stephens to replace Kevin Stanek, Tyler Lee was recently appointed by Region 1 to replace Josh Cox, and Matz was recently appointed by Region 5 to replace Ilene Shapiro.
- Voted to hold the Foundation's annual meeting in October.
- Recognized September as National Recovery Month and heard a presentation by Foundation Board member Keith Hochadel (Region 6),



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who has been in recovery for more than 26 years. Hochadel shared his personal story about the impact of the opioid epidemic on his life. He currently serves as executive director of Men's Challenge, a faith-based organization in Alliance, Canton, and Massillon that helps men recover from a variety of life's challenges that can keep them from finding good jobs.

- Received a presentation by Key Bank, the Foundation's investment advisor, regarding strategic investment options for the Board to consider in an effort to ensure the Foundation's permanency beyond receipt of the final opioid settlement payments.
- Received and approved a finance report from Chief Financial Officer Jim Quinn, and heard reports from the chairs of the Audit and Finance and Grant Oversight Committees, as well as Con-Vista Public Affairs, the Foundation's strategic communications advisor.

The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at offices of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, 34 S. 3rd Street, Columbus.

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STEAM on the Quad is aimed at kids in grades K-8 and built to improve their knowledge and interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Humanities, and Math through hands-on activity. A variety of activities will be hosted by the 4-H programs of Putnam, Hardin, Allen, Hancock, Lucas, Auglaize and Logan counties; the Ohio State Lima departments of education, earth sciences, English and theatre; and a variety of student clubs, community businesses and organizations. For the first time, the Toledo Zoo and COSI will also be on the grounds.

STEAM on the Quad is free and open to the public. Register online at go.osu.edu/STEAM23.

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IGNITE DANCE ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE & RIBBON CUTTING



The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce welcomed Allison Banks, owner/operator of Ignite Dance Academy to the Antwerp business community last Saturday, September 16, 2023. Pictured here are (front row, l-r): Kelbi Eicher, Addison Griffiths,

Sophia Griffiths, Juliet Dillion, Ava Auch, Caspian Dillion, and Maylen Griffiths; (back row, l-r): Natalie Griffiths, Kara Eicher (Antwerp Chamber), Crystal Banks with Banks Dillion, Denise Coleman, Sue Fowler (Antwerp Chamber), Rachel

Dillion (parent/tot class teacher), Allison Banks (dance studio owner/instructor), Jeanette Womack (Antwerp Chamber), Isabelle Hollis (Ignite ballroom instructor), Michelle Walker and Mike Schneider (Antwerp Chamber).

PAYNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES SMITTY'S OUTFITTERS



Brandon & Manda Schmidt (owners of Smitty's Outfitters) receiving a free Payne Chamber of Commerce membership card from Brian Martin, Vice President of the Payne Chamber of Commerce

Recently, the Payne Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new business to the Payne business community. Smitty's

Outfitters is located in downtown Payne out of their home — for now — as they get themselves grounded in the

business.

From Smitty's Outfitters:

Our family has a great love for the outdoors. We love to travel to the various State Parks that Ohio has to offer and explore the different trails and waterways. Our biggest drive for Smitty's though is our 14 year old daughter who is diagnosed with Autism and Epilepsy. She also loves the great outdoors and we want to create a future for her that involves the things she loves. Our hope for Smitty's is that it continues to grow and we can secure a future for her and employment for our daughter.

"Smitty's is an offsite outfitter. We rent Kayaks, canoes, and tents that renters can commute anywhere in the state of Ohio. We want people to be able to enjoy the great outdoors without having to worry about a time restraint. Onsite outfitters have a start

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PHOTO OPPORTUNITY AT THE LIBRARY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library in Paulding is offering a unique opportunity for the public to take Christmas pictures in front of the historic decorated fireplace at the Main location. The fireplace will be beautifully decorated for Christmas photos, starting October 2 and ending October 14, during library hours. Photos are ideal for Christmas Cards or make the perfect gift for family and friends. Call the library for more information at

NEXT PCBW GUEST: COMMUNITY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



Hear ye, hear ye! Our next guests are from Community Healthcare Professionals (CHP) Home Care & Hospice group.

Hear from Alycen Urban, Event Coordinator of the local CHP Beacon of Hope Dinner & Charity Auction; Paula Stout, Nursing Supervisor; and Cindy Sinning, Business Development for Paulding County. Learn to understand the history of this group that developed from Visiting

Nurses and the services they provide, but also employment opportunities and scholarships for nursing students.

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15 OZ
79¢
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24 OZ JARRED SAUCE
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32 OZ
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10lb Bag RUSSET POTATOES
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