

STABLER RETIRES AFTER 45 YEARS; PASSES BUSINESS TO HOGANS



Pictured above is Paul Stabler officially handing off his 45 year business to Jared and Jessica Hogans.

"After cleaning carpet and furniture for 45 years with 2 sore knees and too many birthdays, I've decided to retire. I appreciate my many customers for their support over the years.

"That being said, I am pleased to announce the sale of my business to Jared and Jessica Hogans. With your continued support they will

be able to provide you with quality service at reasonable prices for many years to come," stated long-time Stabler Cleaning owner, Paul Stabler.

Jared and Jessica will continue with the carpet and upholstery cleaning as well as basement water remediation. Call 419 670-4995 to schedule with them.

NICK BRAGG RUNNING FOR CARRYALL TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE



Nick Bragg, a lifelong resident of Antwerp, OH is running for Carryall Township Trustee in November 2023's election.

Bragg has been a part of the Antwerp Volunteer Fire Department for nine years, is a business owner and local farmer, and is self-motivated, dedicated hardworking and family-oriented.

Bragg loves small town living, he enjoys the smaller population and the connections of the community. "Neighbors know each other by name, wave to each other on the street, and often work together. Connection is by default part of daily life and not skipped over due to being too busy," Bragg comments.

ELLA ZIMMERMAN EARNS READ ON! LIBRARY AWARD

Paulding County Carnegie Library is pleased to announce that Ella Zimmerman recently attended the 2023 Ohio Education Library Media Association Awards ceremony in Dublin Ohio on October 6. Ella was presented with a certificate and gift card to Barnes and Nobles for the READ ON! Ohio Award for

GROUND BREAKING IN GROVER HILL



On Friday morning, October 20th, officials of Paulding County and the village of Grover Hill met with developers for a ground breaking ceremony. Grover Hill is slated to get a Dollar General retail store. The location is at the in-

tersection of SR 114 and SR 637. This the property acquired by the PC Land Bank in 2019. Pictured at the groundbreaking is Mark Holtsberry, Paulding County Commissioner; Tim Cosey, PC Economic Development

director; Lou Ann Wannenmacher, PC Treasurer; John Moon, Grover Hill Mayor; Mark Figert; Lloy Taylor; Roy Klopfenstein, OH state representative; and Josh Allen, construction developer. More info next issue!



Children and Teens. Ella was nominated for the award by Susan Deatrack, Head of Youth Services at the Paulding library.

PAULDING HALLOWEEN PARADE DATE SET

Paulding Halloween parade will be October 28th, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to be in the parade. Lineup is at 2:50 p.m. at the library. Costume judging after the parade at gazebo in the courthouse lawn.

Sponsored by the Paulding Lions Club and Paulding Kiwanis.

HALLOWEEN DONUTS IN WOODBURN

The Woodburn Lions Club will be making their final Donuts of the season this Saturday, Oct. 28. by the Clock tower in Woodburn from 7:00 am - 11:00 am. Remember to stop at the Woodburn businesses to get your discount coupon. We will be offering special a Pumpkin Spice donut for the Halloween Sea-

son. There will be no pumpkin decorating this year. Check out all of our events on Saturday in this week's issue. Thank you for your support during the past year.

ANTWERP VILLAGE, CARRYALL & CRANE TWP ELECTION VOTING POLL LOCATION CHANGE

The Board of Elections has sent out notifications of the voting location change for Antwerp Village, Carryall Township and Crane Township. The Antwerp First Baptist Church, 5482 RD 424 Antwerp Ohio 45813 is the new voting location. The Board of Elections would like to recognize the First Baptist Church for their generous offer of their fellowship hall. The Board of Elections would like to acknowledge the

Antwerp Catholic Church for the years of use of their Fellowship Hall.

PAULDING COUNTY RECYCLING ROUNDUP

I cannot believe that we're into October already! It's so beautiful out as I traverse the highways and byways of our beloved Paulding County. I don't know about you, but the leaves seem extra spectacular this year.

It's been a full two years since Erie Recycling went out of business and I can, with all confidence, let you know that your WMEA Program is hitting on all cylinders! Our large Villages (Paulding, Payne and Antwerp) all get three trailers each and Grover Hill is holding at one for right now. The third
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Community Calendar

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

October 25

- Antwerp Chamber Chocolate Walk, 5-7pm
- Woodburn Comm. Hist. Soc. Meeting @ Comm. Ctr, 7pm

October 26

- Defiance Trick or Treat, 6-7:30pm
- Latty Trick or Treat
- Oakwood Trick or Treat, 5:30-7pm

October 28

- Women's Retreat @ 1st Pres. Church, Paulding, 9a-12:30p
- Payne Trick or Treat, 4:30-8p
- Antwerp Trick or Treat, 5-6:30p
- Paulding Trick or Treat, 5-7p
- Woodburn Halloween Events - see ad on pg!

November 3-11

- JPHS Festival of Trees

November 4

- 4K Race @ 4-H Camp Palmer, 9:30a

November 9

- Beacon of Hope Dinner & Charity Auction

November 11

- Payne American Legion Veterans' Day dinner, 6pm

November 18

- Antwerp Chamber Wine Bus Tour, leaves @ 9am
- Holiday Craft Fair @ Woodlan HS, 9a-3p



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OBITUARIES

FORT WAYNE, IN:
Robert Goeltzenluhter, 72, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, passed away Monday, October 16, 2023. ARR BY DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 202 W River St, Antwerp, OH 45813.

THE ROOT OF THE TREE

By: Doris Applegate
Scribed by: Cynthia Nichelson

When John the Baptist came preparing the way of the Lord Jesus, he made this statement: "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees" (No more fooling around with dead religion and ideas of wrong thinking). When John started baptizing the people and he saw the Sadducees and the Pharisees he called them a brood of vipers (snakes). He said, "What makes you think that you will escape the damnation of hell?" Bring forth fruits meet for repentance. (Matthew: 3:8)

Many other people ask John what they should do to bring forth fruit meet for repentance and he said, "If you have more then you need of anything, share it with others."

John was teaching the folk to "do unto others as they would have done unto them". The baptism of John was to leave your sins under the water and come up a new person living a Godly life from now on.

Jesus Christ was baptized by John to fulfill all righteousness. When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon Him in form of the dove and directly lead Him into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Jesus overcame every temptation by saying: "It is written" The written word of God is our guide to and overcoming life as well. The devil cannot stand against the powerful word of God. This is one

of our powerful weapons of warfare and when it is spoken out loud it is more powerful.

Always victorious warriors using God's word.
 Amen

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
I am upset with some things taught and not taught to my child in the public school. I express my concerns, but nothing changes. What can I do?

Many parents have turned to Christian education or homeschooling. Public schools are not controlled by the public as much as by state and federal government. Separation of church and state was intended to keep the state out of controlling our Christian education. Now that the state owns the public schools, they use the separation to keep the church out.

The kind of education God wants for your children is centered around Jesus Christ, Who is the way, the truth and the life. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" - John 14:6. When He is kept out, what do you have left? In Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge - (Colossians 2:3). All things were created by Him and for Him - (Colossians 1:16). Thus you can't accurately teach about anything that doesn't find its source and purpose in Christ.

Education without Christ is like handing a child new pieces (facts) of a large puzzle every day, but never giving any connecting pieces. The more they get, the more confused they become.

Christian education is Christian curriculum taught by Christian teachers to Christian students for the purpose of understanding, following and serving Christ better in whatever vocation He leads them.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

NSCC RECEIVES \$1,000 DONATION



Charles Heitmeyer (Tooling Project Engineer at Allied Moulded, 2nd from left) generously donated an additional \$1,000 to the Plastics area in the STEM / Industrial Tech division at Northwest State. Heitmeyer had previously donated \$1,000 in April to the College. This award comes from Progressive Components, on behalf of the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE). Pictured L to R: Scott Peters (President, Molded Marketing LLC), Heitmeyer, Dr. Dan Burklo (VP of Academics at NSCC), and Colin Doolittle (STEM faculty at NSCC).

TRUNK OR TREAT AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville will host a Trunk or Treat event on October 28 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. The church is located at 812 E. High St. Hicksville, OH.

ALL ARE WELCOME!
 Rain or shine! We will be looking for you!

PARKVIEW HEALTH RECOGNIZED W/ HEALTH EXCELLENCE IN PATIENT EXPERIENCE AWARD

Parkview Health has been honored by NRC Health with the 2023 Excellence in Patient Experience Award, recognizing the top-performing hospitals and health systems in the nation for their excellence in delivering outstanding patient experiences across the continuum of care.

Parkview Health was selected for its first-place ranking among medium-sized hospital networks. Recipients join an elite group of winners that have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to improving the care experi-

ence, earning top satisfaction ratings from patients and their families. Winners are annually selected based on receipt of exceptional, real-time patient feedback using Net Promoter Scores (NPS). NPS is a standardized index that measures customer satisfaction and loyalty.

"The excellence Parkview Health has demonstrated to better understand patient needs and inspire an exceptional experience embodies NRC Health's mission to bring Human Understanding® to healthcare," said Helen Hrdy, Chief Growth Officer at NRC Health. "This accomplishment requires the effort of an entire team. Congratulations to Parkview for this achievement!"

The Excellence in Patient Experience Award is given to a hospital system or individual facility based on size. Parkview Health won this year's medium health system award, given to one provider with five to 24 hospitals measuring across the continuum of care. The award is based

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Wednesday of the month will find me out and about with the big trailer picking up in Cecil, Junction, Haviland and then Latty. I am hopeful that at some point in the near future we'll be able to add Oakwood back in. We've had some hiccups along the way, most notably a number of dumping incidents. I would like to remind you that dumping is against the law and that all material that is dumped, with no exceptions, goes straight into landfill. I would also like to remind you, that when you dump, you're creating a lot of work for someone else. Our nocturnal friends like to tear open sacks looking for food and then after they're done, the rest blows all over the surrounding area. Someone then has to pick it up and dispose of it. The last time it happened, 2 of our County Engineer heroes went out and cleaned it up as I was sick. Please keep in mind that this recycling service is provided at no charge to you. I wish we could have unlimited trailers for each location to accommodate ALL your schedules and ALL the recycling that you could possibly come up with. Such is not the case. We have a fantastic program for the size of our budget and 99% of you realize that and support it. I would ask the re-

maining 1% of you to get on board and just accept that we do have limitations.

I would like to provide some numbers so you can pat yourselves on the back!!

For the last three years we are averaging about 100 tons per/year in recyclable materials diverted from landfill. For the size of our County, that is absolutely fantastic. I have been able to add in an additional 30% more pickups than prior to Covid. Part of that are some businesses that only get picked up in the summer. Once school is back in session they resume doing their own. Not that they'll brag or anything, but our Junction recyclers continue to knock it out of the ballpark with their participation in the Program. It's sort of a "happening" over there. People enjoy visiting with each other and a couple folks always bring their dogs along for me to love on. Another one always brings her precious kiddos with her and I get to say hi and admire their newest fashions in shoes and/or sunglasses! I always look forward to the third Wednesday as it gives me time to talk to many of you and get feedback.

One frustration that has been expressed consistently is that the trailers fill up too fast. We are maxed out on budget (in terms of more trailers) so a solution would be that if everyone could

Scripture of the Week

"Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."

— Psalm 51:12

MATT'S MISHAPS

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

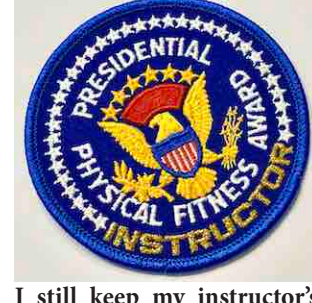
—Matt



Twisting Truth

In order to move overseas, it often requires much paperwork and waiting. Our paperwork process took 8 months, so I took a job as a substitute teacher at a rough Fort Wayne elementary school until we left. Severely cut himself in a chainsaw accident, the gym teacher took early retirement, and I took his job till the end of the school year. Each class was an adventure of taking kids to the nurse's or principal's office because of injury to themselves, others or even to me the teacher. When the time came for the Presidential Physical Fitness Test, most kids were less than excited. I tested the entire school of kids for a week. At the end of the week, only one student in the entire school met the standard for his age. The one passing student's name was read aloud, and he was congratulated over the school's PA. Then the students, teachers, and parents started coming to me. How could only one student pass? Did I conduct the tests incorrectly? Had the standards been raised too high that year? I called the recuperating and newly retired teacher at his home to get his input. He replied, "I forgot to tell you to 'adjust the numbers' so a few kids pass in each grade. I have been doing it

that way my whole career." When we moved overseas, I learned many people preferred twisted truth too. I took a language class to be able to communicate in our new country. During the course, for some reason or another, I was unable to complete an assignment on time. When the teacher began collecting the assignment in front of the class, I told her, "I am sorry, I have not completed the assignment." The teacher responded in perplexed anger and went on to yell at me for quite some time. Next came another student who didn't finish the assignment, but she gave an elaborate and fanciful excuse on why she didn't complete it. Everyone knew it was pure fiction, even the teacher, but the teacher was fine with the reason. After that student, others gave just as unplausible excuses as to why they didn't complete the assignment, and each time the teacher calmly affirmed and forgave them. I since learned that it is considered bad form to not give an excuse (even if it is an obvious lie) in this culture.



I still keep my instructor's patch for the Presidential Physical Fitness Test. I don't know why, as I am afraid to put it on something I'd wear in public and get the angry stares of people who had a less-than-happy experience with it in gym class.

Sometimes being a mishap is the right answer, even if the rest of the people are confused by it.

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

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

empty their sacks full of plastic instead of throwing them in as is. None of the sacks that you throw in can be recycled and they take up MUCH more room than if you empty the contents out. It would also be helpful to collapse all of your cardboard. If you have a lot, then collapse it all and stack in ONE box and throw that in. Just as a reminder, the two trailers with windows are for everything but cardboard.

Cardboard should go in the open top trailer, in spite of how the trailers may be labeled by Werlor's. Once we fill the window trailers up, then there is no choice but to start putting material in the cardboard trailer.

As always, call me with any questions at 419-444-4814 or at the office 419-399-3630. Email is shannon@paauldingcountywmea.com

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

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

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

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BAKED IN A PIE

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

I know I am guilty. I love pie. Pie can finish off a good meal and I have even saw people eat their pie first at dinners.

Have you ever went to a dinner and for dessert there was a big table full of all kinds of pie? If you are anything like me, you might go up and look at the gorgeous pies and get the piece you want first. (yes I have done it)

A local restaurant offers free pie with an entree every Wednesday night. If you don't get there early you might not get your choice of pie. I got lucky this week and got a piece of peanut butter. It was very good.

Of course, today's pie making is not like it used to be. I remember my grandma rolling out pie crusts and using plain old lard and we did not even worry about our diets.

There are still some people who make their own pie crusts, but I found out it is easier to buy frozen crusts. Do they taste as good? (that is determined by dedicated pie eaters)

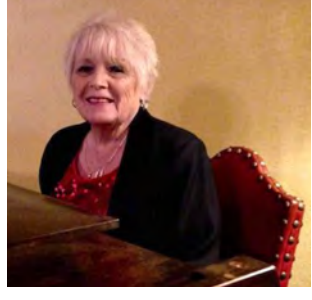
In researching different kinds of pie I might want to make, I found some very strange ones.

Included were: caramel

pie, vinegar pie, beef and beer pie, green tomato pie, green grape pie, sweet chicken pie and ostrich pie. Then do you recall the nursery rhyme "4 and 20 blackbirds baked in a pie?"

Of course we know we have chicken pot pie, but I can't seem to call it a pie. If it isn't sweet, fruity or creamy, it is just not pie.

One time when I was a new wife, I made a mulberry pie. I was so proud of it, but I did not know you had to take the stems off the berries. I was so humiliated I cried. No more mulberry or elder berry pie making for me.



Wouldn't it be fun to be a pie tasting judge? If there is ever a pie contest I hope I get to be a judge.

Now for some reason some people call pizza a pizza pie. I know my grandparents when they first tasted pizza, they were disappointed that it wasn't a pie.

Did you know that the Amish serve raisin pie at funerals? This is not a favorite pie of mine.

Lots of us have good old recipes for pie. What is your favorite kind of pie and how do you make it?

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

HAPPENINGS AT ANTWERP MANOR



Welcome to Antwerp Manor Assisted Living the ultimate trick or treating destination. You will find us at 204 Archer Dr. in Antwerp, Ohio. Our guests may arrive at 5:00 on Saturday, October 28th. Get here early because we tend to run out of candy! Candy donations are always welcome and appreciated.

Our residents are as excited as the kids for another

fun year of trick or treating. This has been a long tradition for us at Antwerp Manor and we are decorated and ready for fun.

Antwerp Manor is welcoming new residents. We have three sizes of apartments available. Call Jennifer to make an appointment for a tour at 419-258-1500 Ext 5. She will be happy to assist you.

promotion of residents' rights in Ohio," said Ursel J. McElroy, Director of the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA). "We launched the Governor's Nursing Home Quality & Accountability Task Force. We also secured historic investments and policy enhancements in the state budget with the support of the Governor and the General Assembly, which advance our goal of making excellence the expectation for every long-term care facility in Ohio. This October, we celebrate Residents' Rights Month and recommit ourselves to this important work."

The 2023 theme for Residents' Rights Month, established by the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care, is Amplify Our Voices. It focuses on the community of long-term care residents coming together to make their voices heard. For residents, amplifying your voice means being outspoken about your preferences and choices, sharing your experiences and who you are.

"As our population of older adults and long-term care residents continues to grow, it is more important than ever that the voices of our long-term care residents - and all those receiving long-term care and services - are heard, and that their needs and concerns are acted upon," said Jackie DeGenova, Long-Term Care Ombudsman for the State of Ohio. "As part of this year's recognition of Residents' Rights Month, we are calling on all Ohioans to consider the rewarding opportunity to help amplify the voices of more long-term residents by joining our team with the Ombudsman program."

Currently, more than 250 paid and volunteer ombudsmen advocate for Ohioans receiving long-term care and services in facility settings across the state. Authorized under the Older Americans Act, the Ombudsman program works to resolve residents' complaints, makes information available to assist in choosing a facility, and conducts community education sessions to support residents and their families regarding their long-term care. To learn more about how

you can get involved in advocating for long-term care residents, or to contact the regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman program in your area, please visit the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman website.

VETERANS NATIONAL MEMORIAL SHRINE & MUSEUM WELCOME HOME VIETNAM ERA VETERANS

Fort Wayne, IN: The Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne is hosting a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event Saturday October 14th from 11am to 3 pm at 2122 O'Day Road location.

Sponsored by the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans (WHVV.org) this is the fifth time the local Shrine and Museum has hosted this event. Each Vietnam era veteran will be given a beautiful full color coffee table book called "Time To Honor". It is presented to all Indiana residents who served in the military during the Vietnam Era 1955-1975. All that is required to receive a book is a copy of your DD214 form or by showing your membership to any veteran organization i.e. American Legion, VFW, DAV, AMVETS or any other service related organization.

Beulah Matczak coordinator of the event says "If you know a Vietnam era veteran make sure they you tell them about this special event. This is a great way to thank all Vietnam Era Veterans for their service to our country. They deserve it and will be properly thanked for their service."

Visit honoringforever.org for more information.

REP. BANKS APPLAUDS 50 YEARS OF THE AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

WASHINGTON — Congressman Jim Banks (IN-03) led a bicameral letter with 61 Republicans to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

Said Rep. Banks: "For half a century, ALEC has fought in all 50 states against burdensome regulations that hamstringing our economy and contribute to inflation. The

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

William Edward Hesel was born February 17, 1890 in Antwerp, Ohio. The son of George Washington Hesel, born in Ohio in 1861 and Lydia Catherine (Dangler) Hesel, born in Ohio on April 20, 1862. This couple was married May 16, 1882 in Putnam County Ohio.

By 1900, the Hesel family with six children were living in Antwerp. William, the second oldest, was in school. William had an older brother named Henry, and younger brothers, Charles, Andrew and Bert. He also had a sister named Bertha.

The family lived on a farm. By 1910, the Hesel family was still living on the family farm outside Antwerp in Carryall Township. William was working as a carriage worker for the fire department.

Before 1917, William had moved to Illinois and was working as an electric crane operator for the Railway Steel Springs Company in Chicago Heights, Illinois. On June 5, 1917, William registered for the draft at the 2nd precinct at the town of Bloom, Cook County, Illinois. William was living at 1512 Vincennes Street. He was single, medium build, gray eyes, brown hair. William served in the Navy on the ship, "U.S.S. Illinois". He was a seaman second class

and served until January 17, 1919, where he was honorably discharged.

After William returned home, he lived with his brother, Charles and his family. By 1920, William had gotten a job as a crane operator at the steel mill in Chicago. His brother Charles hired a live in housekeeper named Teresa Girsch. Well, William took a liking to this Germany girl and on October 27, 1920, they were married. Teresa was born in Germany, January 14, 1898. She is the daughter of Andrew and Katherine (Weiland) Girsch. On August 6, 1927, William's father George passed away. He was buried in Maumee Cemetery. By 1930, William and Teresa, had moved to 32211 Vincennes Avenue in Chicago Heights, Illinois. William was working as a packer for a school supply company.

By 1935, William became a shipping clerk for a packing company. On February 19, 1936, in Paulding, William's mother, Catherine, passed away, she too, was buried in Maumee Cemetery. On November 29, 1937, William's brother, Henry, passed away. He was buried in Maumee Cemetery. On December 22, 1937, while still living in Chicago, William passed away suddenly. The cause of death is unknown.

William was brought back to Antwerp, where on December 24, 1937, William was laid to rest with his family. William was buried in lot 536, grave 4. On February 28, 1938, Teresa signed for William to receive his military upright tombstone. The tombstone arrived by train to Hicksville train station in May of 1938. As for Teresa, she never remarried and passed away, April 15, 1973. She was buried with her parents and siblings in Pontiac, Illinois at the St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery. William and Teresa never had any children.

...Until Next Time!

Biden administration has issued more new regulations at a faster pace than any administration in history, and I am more thankful than ever for Indiana free and prosperous in the face of this onslaught. I was grateful to work alongside ALEC as a State Senator

in Indiana and I look forward to working with them in Washington."

Other signees in the Indiana delegation include Senator Mike Braun (R-IN), Rep. Victoria Spartz (IN-05), and Rep. Erin Houchin (IN-09).

OHIO HONORS LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS DURING RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH 2023

COLUMBUS, Ohio - October is Residents' Rights Month - a time to honor the tens of thousands of Ohioans living in long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or other residential communities.

The annual recognition provides an opportunity for family members, Ombudsman advocates, citizen advocates, facility staff, and others to promote the dignity, respect, and value of those receiving long-term care and services. It also serves as a reminder to those living in a long-term care facility to learn about and exercise their rights.

Ohio Governor Mike

DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted issued a proclamation in recognition of Residents' Rights Month for 2023.

"Ohio is truly the heart of community. That includes our long-term care communities, which are home to tens of thousands of Ohioans," said Governor DeWine. "These residents are rich with life experiences, and many are vibrant, active contributors to their communities. This month is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate these great Ohioans and to remind ourselves of the responsibility we all have to safeguard their rights and ensure access to a high quality of care and a high quality of life for all long-term care residents."

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EVENING EVENTS

- Trick or Treat - 5-7 pm
- Halloween Party - 7:30-8p @ Woodburn Community Center; Free Cider & Donuts • candy bars for participants • Age & Category Costume Contest \$\$\$ Prizes

sponsored by the Woodburn Lions Club

FIREFIGHTER SAL VISITS PAULDING PRESCHOOLERS



The students in Mrs. Kohart's morning class are shown with Firefighter Sal.

Firefighter Sal from the Paulding Fire Department visited the preschoolers at

Paulding Elementary. He showed the students what he looks like when he is wearing

all of his gear and shared important fire safety tips. He even brought his fire truck!

OHIO 4-H PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE ANNOUNCES YOUTH ENGAGEMENT APP



Beginning in October, Ohio middle- and high school-aged youth will have the opportunity to track their Ohio 4-H youth development participation and earn digital badges in the skills needed to be successful in the future.

The Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future initiative partnered with Sutable to design BuckeyeNext, an app in which young people earn points for activities, event attendance, and accomplishments during their 4-H career. Built like a game, youth can easily identify the opportunities available through Ohio 4-H, organize their categories of participation, and track their cumulative progress in real time.

"BuckeyeNext lets youth keep track of their accomplishments in real time," said Margo Overholt-Seckel, program manager for Ohio 4-H Workforce Development and Pathways. "It provides insight about how 4-H experiences align with various skills that employers are seeking in their future workforce."

Youth who participate will create a digital portfolio and transcript that demonstrate how their abilities align with the eight career readiness competencies identified by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

"BuckeyeNext is the result of hard work and hours of thinking outside the box to make recordkeeping easier

and provide certifications for our members," said Jessica Adams, 4-H educator in Miami County. "Our hard work paid off when we were announced as one of three Suitable Innovator Award recipients."

Ohio 4-H youth from 20 counties piloted the platform during the summer at the Ohio 4-H Spark EXPO to track their learning experiences.

"The BuckeyeNext app is very easy and simple to use. It helps with 4-H records because you can look back and remember what all you've done, and the competition part pushes you to do more!" said Sophia Preston, a Fairfield County 4-H member.

Ohio 4-H members can access BuckeyeNext beginning Oct. 2 at <https://go.osu.edu/buckeyenextoptin>. For more information, contact Margo Overholt-Seckel at overholt-seckel.1@osu.edu.

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on scores for the "Would Recommend Facility" question in patient surveys during the time period of April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023.

"At Parkview, our true north is to provide excellent care, every day, to every person who walks through our doors - both physically and virtually - whether it's for an annual physical or a major surgical procedure," said Dena Jacquay, chief administrative officer, Parkview Health. "This award is a direct result of the feedback from our patients about their Parkview experience, so being recognized by NRC Health is a testament to our co-workers' dedication and focus on excellence."

Surveys are an important tool for Parkview's Patience Experience team, which utilizes that feedback to recognize services lines that are providing an exceptional experience for their patients, uncover challenges, or make improvements.

"There's no better way to improve than hearing directly from our patients about what they liked or what they didn't like about their experience with Parkview," said Tanya Hammon, director, Patient Experience. "That feedback allows us to continually review our practices and make adjustments as needed, all in hope of ensuring that patients get high-quality care and a world-class experience every time."

Parkview contracts with NRC Health as a third-party

vendor to distribute, collect, aggregate and analyze responses from post-visit questionnaires completed with patients via email, text or phone. Patients provide ratings for different aspects of their recent visit and also have the opportunity to add comments about their experience. In 2022, more than 270,000 patients answered a survey after their visit. A few examples are provided below.

"The nursing staff and everyone at Parkview was absolutely, excellent. And the nurse that took care of me, Angel, was exceptional, she did a great job keeping my spirits up and explaining things. Kudos to the nursing staff and particularly Angel," wrote one patient who had an outpatient surgery.

"The CMA Tracy was awesome! I really appreciated how she interacted with my child. She was able to get a smile out of him," said a parent at the Liberty Mills walk-in clinic.

"I am beyond grateful and thankful with the care and service I received while I was in the hospital. THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE!" said a Parkview Randallia Hospital patient.

UPDATED MANURE VALUE

Manure is a valuable commodity to farmers for its fertilizer value and its beneficial role in feeding soil microbes and plants. As fertilizer prices have moderated, the value of manure has declined slightly, but its still a good product for the soil if put on thin with live plants (cover crops) to recycle it quickly. Manured fields on average have a yield increase of 4.4%. That adds value to any farm. To get the best results from manure applications, follow these recommendations

Manure should always be tested because nutrients values vary. Take a manure sample close to the date of application to get accurate results. Soil testing is also recommended to avoid over application. Pre-side dress nitrogen tests (PSNT) are commonly taken in the spring or early summer but take these tests close to manure application date. Weather, moisture, soil temperature, and overall soil microbial activity changes PSNT values tremendously.

To protect water quality, apply manure based on the phosphorus (P) plant needs to avoid over application of N. Target fields first with the lowest soil P, then the lowest K, then the lowest N based on soil test. Applying manure nutrients to fields that have high soil test values reduces the value of manure since those extra nutrients do not increase crop yields immediately. Applying manure at the lower P-rate means you may have to supplement your fields with additional commercial N fertilizer but it's safer for the environment and utilizes your manure more efficiently.

The nitrogen (N) value of manure is usually the most difficult to determine due to expected storage and application losses. Solid or semi-solid N manure losses can be 20-40% in manure pack, 25-50% in deep pit poultry manure, and 25-50% in litter, 40-55% in open lots and 40-55% in open lots. In liquid

systems, pits under floors can have N losses of 15-30%, 10-30% in above ground tanks, 20-40% in holding ponds, and 70-85% in lagoons. In manure, only about 50% of the N may be available the first year, while generally 80-90% of phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) are available immediately. Source: Ohio Livestock Management Guide, Bulletin 604.

Valuing manure is based on the commercial value of N-P-K and any micronutrients. For simple analysis, current commercial fertilizer for actual N is around \$0.40 to \$0.60 (assume \$0.50), actual P is \$0.57 and actual K is \$.42, all per pound. For poultry manure with 52# N, 72# P and 38# K per ton of solid manure, the maximum value for these three nutrients is \$83 per ton. However, N losses can be quite high so usually the manure value of N is reduced by 50-75% reducing the value of poultry manure to \$64-\$70 plus there are higher costs for applying manure. The price paid for manure is challenging and is usually negotiable. Depends upon who is hauling it, who is applying it, and how it is applied.

For dairy manure, pen pack values might be 7# N, 5.5# P, and 5# K depending on the amount of bedding resulting in a maximum value of \$8.60 per ton. Again, the amount of bedding and moisture content varies. Liquid dairy manure from a holding pond might have an analysis of 19# N, 14# P, and 14.4# K per 1000 gallons with a maximum value of \$22.50 per 1000 gallons. Adjustments for N losses in storage, handling, and application losses and application costs reduces the manure value.

Similar analysis can be done for hog manure with

pen pack values around 6.6# N, 6# P, and 5# K depending with a maximum value of \$8.80 per ton. Liquid hog manure from a holding pond might have an analysis of 18# N, 16# P, and 13# K per 1000 gallons with a maximum value of \$23.60 without making any other adjustments (storage, handling, application) for manure value. Manure values were obtained from OSU Bulletin 604.

For corn production, corn removes about .37# P and .27# K per bushel. Based on a P-rate, a 200-bushel corn crop removes 74# P and 54# K. To replace the P with pen pack dairy manure (P=5.1#, K=5.2#) requires 14.5 ton but also supplies 75# K. Assuming 50% plant use of N in the manure, the dairy manure supplies about 50# N. On liquid dairy manure, 5,300 gallons of dairy manure supply the P needs but also add 76# K and about 47.7# N, based on 50% N loss. Manure is a valuable resource as a fertilizer but as you can see, putting a value on it can be difficult depending on many factors and assumptions.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

VANTAGE OCTOBER SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD

The Vantage Board of Education held their October Special Board meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 in the District Conference Room.

Treasurer Laura Peters welcomed the following guest to the meeting: Mercer County Educational Service Center Treasurer Kurt Wendel.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), the Board President hereby requests that the Board adjourn to executive session for the purpose of considering personnel matters of the school district.

Adjournment at the call of the President and at the pleasure of the Vantage Career Center Board of Education.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, October 5, 2023 Board of Education Meeting at 8:00 p.m. in District Conference Room, Regular Board Meeting.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Nov. 2023 Issue I & II

I had my letter on Issue I about 95% complete, when I picked up the October 16 issue. It's almost like this Carol Obenour, who I don't know, snuck in and looked at my rough draft of this evil Issue I. I don't believe anyone could have presented the facts about this Issue any better than Carol did. She needs to be commended by you who know her and, while you are at it, let's hear from some of you before you lose this free-

dom. Just what is abortion anyway and why do democrats cling to it like a God? Abortion is the taking of a human life. I believe the highest percentage are because a baby would be inconvenient for their anti-God lifestyle that was forced on them by liberal Democrats, Democrat seated judges and uncaring liberal minded teachers union.

When I graduated from Hicksville in 1954 it was known that some abortions were going on but it wasn't production line killing like Planned Parenthood. Abortion was a secret back street affair. In addition to snuffing out a baby's life, it all too often took the mother's life also. For those mothers that didn't die, many were so butchered that they could never have another child.

Democrats pushed to make abortion legal. America thought that was better but then the Democrat backed teachers' union decided they should teach about safe sex rather than abstinence. Many schools offered free condoms and some used carrots to demonstrate how to use them.

I believe there are eight stages in a human life cycle. Now, if you area true believing Democrats who follows your party leaders and believe them, there area only seven stages. I will list those eight next but before I do, remember this...Democrats have claimed my first stage isn't a human baby. They've said it is just a fetus or blob. I personally had someone very close to me who believed their garbage evil.

Here are what I believe the eight stages of our human lives:

- 1. Prenatal (before what we

- call birth)
2. Infancy & toddler (birth to age 1 or 2)
3. Early childhood (age 3 to 5)
4. Middle childhood (age 6 to 8)
5. Adolescent (age 9 to 18)
6. Early adulthood (age 19 to 45)
7. Middle adulthood (age 46 to 65)
8. Later adulthood (beyond 65)

In every one of those stages we are talking of a human being designed by God. There are people who think they are smarter than God and say we can change that boy into a girl. They may change their physical appearance but that is all. Transgenderism is Satan's evil being carried out by liberals.

Our human fetus has a heartbeat at 8 weeks and feels pain at 10 weeks. Can you imagine how much pain people like Planned Parenthood put these babies through? I'll bet they want you to vote yes even though you and your family lose your rights.

I'm voting "No" on Issue I and also on Issue II. Issue I isn't very clear but you do lose your rights and gives Satan's Democrat warriors more power over you, much like in China and Russia. A "yes" vote on Issue II legalizes recreational marijuana.

In plain english, both Issue I and Issue II are directly from Satan's Democrat warriors and deserve a "No" vote.

—Richard Mastin
Hicksville, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Reader/Voter,

Have you ever heard of a decision by a judge interrupting a law that was contrary to how you understood it? Most likely it was a result of a poorly written bill that became law. When these laws are not clearly written. When they do not state exactly what the intent is then it is up to a judge to decide what it will mean. This should never happen.

The legislating body should be clear when proposing and approving our laws.

On November 7 we voters are being asked to approve such a poorly written measure that if approved will become an amendment to our state constitution.

Please read the entirety of State Issue #1. As you do so read between the lines and imagine how it could be interrupted by someone who believes contrary to your thinking.

If approved, it will be legal to kill precious babies up to

their taking their first breath. If approved, it will be legal for schools to override a parent's authority over their children. If approved, it will be legal for someone other than a parent to make life changing decisions concerning a child's health including mutilating their bodies. I believe this is evil and it should not be approved.

As a moral decision I will be voting NO on Issue #1 and also #2 and I pray that you will do the same.

—Sandra Wann
Antwerp OH

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY 1st NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

ALL A'S

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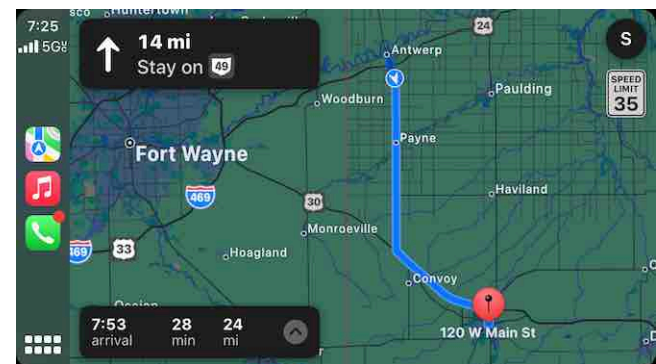
ALL A'S & B'S

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35 MPH ON SR 49?



By: Bryce Steiner

A little over a year ago in passing conversation, I was talking to Lora and Billy Lyons of Payne Ohio. Since Billy works for the Paulding County Sheriff's office, I thought it might be a notable interest to him that the GPS and smart phones show that state Route 49 is 35 miles per hour speed limit between Antwerp, Payne and US 30 in Van Wert County. At the time they were both surprised and thought it was pretty funny.

Funny or not in the last couple years auto insurance rates have increased significantly nationwide. Lora might not only be a council person and mayor of the Village of Payne, but she is also a clerk at an insurance company in Indiana. Lately, along with everything else, insurance prices have increased dramatically, and one of the options to help reduce your insurance rates are to have an app on your phone that will ding you if you go over the speed limit. Since Lora has installed the app, she gets taken a lot even though she's not speeding.

For the person who lives around Antwerp, Paulding, and Payne they probably won't notice unless they install the Insurance app because most people won't need maps

of the area they live in. Only those who are traveling through probably notice.

Lora has contacted ODOT in Paulding to see if and how this can be rectified. Having your insurance rates increase because the roads are marked incorrectly in the US database of speed limits would be unappealing for people to get the apps since they have done nothing wrong.

Why is the speed limit wrong in the database? My suspicion are that it's because there are no speed limit signs other than in the villages all the way from US 30 until you get north of Antwerp. I am also guessing that many of the speed limits are actually set up in conjunction with Google and their cars that drive taking street pictures for their maps application. If you notice while driving, you'll see the speed limit change on your map apps at the same time that you cross the speed limit sign on a highway.

ODOT is scheduled to get back with Lora next week with an answer on how to get this corrected. Maybe soon you will get better insurance rates too once the app is corrected! Have you had this affect you? Let us know online, in the comments below, or send it a letter to the newspaper.

Jameson Reeb, Madison Wiesehan, Emmet Wurster, June Zuber, Sophia Friend, Aubree Frost, Oliver McCague, Zooney Mylek, Quintin Reyes, Rylee Slatman, Brody Smith
FIFTH GRADE: Carter Beregszazi, Quinne Bradbury, Landyn Hermiler, Kaylie Kapperman, Jaxton Leinbach,

Colt Lockhart, Rilee Martin, Easton Ryan, Serenity Smith, Jameson Malfait, Sophira Partin, Adelynn Slatman, Edwin White, Kennedy Zuber, Ian Clark, Audreylynn Comer, Keigan Custer, Owen Dangler, Gabriela Gutierrez, Juliet Jones, Kaidyn Lemon, Bradyn Miler, Samuel Montgomery, Lane Sensabaugh

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OHIO LOCATIONS

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

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Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
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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

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ANTWERP CRUISES PAST PANTHERS



Panthers made a fumble, then Paulding's Goodwin, Foor, and Bashore attempt to keep possession of the ball as Archers Hines and Wolf get ready to tackle. Photo by Harlee Moore.

Antwerp and Paulding hooked up in a Green Meadows Conference football contest Friday night at Keyser Field with the visiting Archers rolling to a 38-6 win over the Panthers.

The blue and white scored twice in the first quarter as Reid Lichty plunged one yard for a score before scampering 21 yards for a second touchdown to put Antwerp on top 16-0.

After Lichty added a two-yard run for his third touchdown of the night in the second quarter, quarterback Carson Altimus and Landon

Brewer hooked up for a one-yard touchdown toss to extend the margin to 30-0.

The Archers wrapped up the first half scoring when Altimus found Kayden Winslow for a 35-yard touchdown pass that put Antwerp on top 38-0 at the intermission.

Paulding broke up the shutout on the game's final play when Sam Reinhard scampered 53 yards for a touchdown to set the final margin at 38-6.

The Panthers were limited to 147 yards of total offense in the contest, throwing for 89 while rushing for 58.

Colten Hunt completed 8 of 15 passes for the maroon and white with Blake Rhonehouse topping the receivers with three catches for 31 yards. Jalen Manz also added two receptions for 20 yards.

Outside of Reinhard's 53-yard run for a score, Kobe Foor added 29 yards on the ground over nine carries.

Altimus ended the evening 22 of 26 for 247 yards with Landon Brewer posting eight receptions for 132 yards. Camden Fuller picked up six catches for 48 yards as well for Antwerp.

OHSAA TRACK AND FIELD STATE TOURNAMENT MOVING TO DAYTON FOR 2024

The Ohio High School Athletic Association has announced that the 2024 track and field state tournament will be held at Welcome Stadium in Dayton. The track at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium at The Ohio State University will be removed in 2025 and replaced with a new track that will take several months to complete.

Welcome Stadium hosted the OHSAA track and field state tournament from 1999-

2003 after the track was removed from Ohio Stadium in Columbus. Dayton Public Schools recently completed a \$34 million renovation project at Welcome Stadium that included a new track, football field, press box, concourse and locker rooms.

The track and field state tournament will return to Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium in 2025 and 2026 to complete the current three-year contract. Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium has hosted the state tournament since 2004, with the exceptions of 2020, when the season was

cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and 2021, when each division was held at a high school in central Ohio.

"We are excited and honored to be hosting the 2024 State Track Tournament at Welcome Stadium," said Dayton Public Schools Interim Superintendent Dr. David Lawrence. "The district and community have invested a lot into the stadium renovation project, and it is rewarding to now be hosting a state tournament as a result of those efforts. As a former participant in the state track meet and avid fan of track and field, it brings great joy to host the meet in our newly renovated and state-of-the-art facility."

The track and field state tournament is scheduled for May 31 and June 1, 2024.

"We are very impressed with the renovations at Welcome Stadium," said Doug Ute, OHSAA Executive Director. "It's great to see what Dayton Public Schools has done to the facility and they were very excited right away when

we called. We are fortunate that the timing of these construction projects lined up so that Welcome Stadium was ready to host before Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium was unavailable."

"We, at Ohio State, are moving forward with a complete track replacement at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium," said Mike Penner, Executive Associate Athletics Director for Internal Operations. "Construction will take place from May to September 2024. Unfortunately, we will not be able to host the 2024 State Track Meet, but we look forward to hosting again in 2025 and beyond."

ANTWERP XC TEAMS COMPETE AT GMC MEET

Saturday, October 14, the XC teams competed at a very wet GMC Meet.

The junior high boys started off the day placing third as a team. They were led by 7th place finisher Bryceton Barker. Followed closely by Gage Barker, Isaac Buhner, Tucker Doster, and Camden Herber.

The junior high girls ran next, and earned GMC Runner-Up honors as a team. They were led by 5th and 6th place finishers Alia Clem and Gianna Laker. Followed closely by Anneliese Zijlstra and Aleta Sorrell.

The Varsity Boys ran next and were unable to score as a team. They were led by Alex Zijlstra and Aiden Hook.

Closing out the day were the Varsity Girls. They placed 4th as a team. They were led by 2nd Team GMC recipient Reese Durbin. Followed closely by Honorable Mention GMC recipients Lyla Clem and Emily Laker. Emma Saul and Taylor Steibling rounded out the team for the Lady Archers.

RAIDERS WIN FIVE-SET MATCH OVER PANTHERS

Wayne Trace posted a 15-11 win in the decisive fifth set as the Lady Raiders recorded a five-set win over county rival Paulding at the 'Jungle' Thursday evening in Green Meadows Conference volleyball action.

Wayne Trace won the first set 26-24 but Paulding rebounded to win game two and three by identical 25-22 scores. After the Lady Raiders picked up a 25-23 fourth set victory, the red, white and blue wrapped up the night with the four-point win in game five.

Lucy Breier and Kayleigh Dunham had 13 and 11 kills, respectively, for Paulding with Brianna Bermejo totaling six and Estie Pease finished with four. Grace Goyings dished out 23 assists while Maci Kauer chipped in 17 digs and Pease recorded ten. Jocelynn Parrett also had a dozen digs for the maroon and white.

Pease also totaled 13 assists for the Lady Panthers and Bermejo picked up seven digs for Paulding, which closes the regular season at 4-18 in all matches and 1-6 in the league.

Wayne Trace, which improved to 10-12 overall and 4-3 in the conference, was led by Harper Myers with 19 kills while Lexi Moore added 17 and Caren Winans posted eight.

Kacy Hornish and Paige Alber totaled 26 and 25 assists, respectively, with Alber also posting four aces. Hornish topped the Raiders with

NSCC RAISES \$16,000 FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AT 3rd ANNUAL VAN WERT CAMPUS GOLF OUTING



NSCC hosted their 3rd Annual Van Wert golf outing on September 16 at Hickory Sticks Golf Club in Van Wert. One of the many golfing teams is shown above.

Northwest State Community College recently hosted its 3rd Annual Van Wert Campus Golf Outing on Friday, September 15th at Hickory Sticks Golf Club in Van Wert. 96 participants enjoyed a fun day of golf, games and prizes, all in an effort to raise NSCC scholarship dollars for Paulding and Van Wert learners. In total, approximately \$16,000 was raised as a result of the event.

Northwest State serves a six-county service area of Williams, Fulton, Defiance, Henry, Paulding and Van Wert counties. Nearly 25% of the six-county population resides in Paulding and Van Wert counties. NSCC is working diligently in hopes that the full-service Van Wert campus is up and running for the fall

2024 semester.

The money raised at the golf outing will go towards scholarships specifically for Paulding and Van Wert learners. NSCC has awarded nearly \$2 million in total Foundation scholarships the past two years. "Paulding and Van Wert learners will benefit from these scholarships, and from the generosity shown by the local communities at this golf outing," said Robbin Wilcox, Executive Director of the NSCC Foundation. NSCC President Dr. Todd Hernandez also provided a brief update on the ongoing campus and service updates to the local communities, noting the pending demolition and renovation on the former Kennedy Manufacturing facility in Van Wert.

18 digs followed by Ava Zartman (15), Kaitlin Slade (13) and Caroline Winans (12).

Moore also recorded eight blocks while Amber Stoller and Sinn each posted three.

Paulding's junior varsity squad wrapped up the season with a 22-25, 25-16 and 27-25 win over the Lady Raiders.

ARCHERS DROP MATCH TO EDGERTON

Antwerp wrapped up the 2023 high school volleyball regular season on Thursday as the Lady Archers were swept

by Edgerton in three sets.

The Lady Bulldogs dominated the opening set, posting a 25-6 victory, before Edgerton cruised to a 25-10 win in game two. Antwerp battled in game three but the Archers eventually dropped a 25-19 decision.

Edgerton finished the regular season with a record of 14-8 overall and 3-4 in the Green Meadows Conference. Antwerp wrapped up its regular season at 6-16 in all matches and winless in seven league battles.

Amelia Graham posted

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PJHS 7-MINDSETS: EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE



Paulding Junior High School uses a social-emotional curriculum called The 7-Mindsets to help students explore positive character traits. After each mindset unit is completed teachers at PJHS select Mindset Motivators who have actively participated in the lessons. Shown in the picture are the PJHS Mindset Motivators for the unit Everything Is Possible.

PAYNE ELEMENTARY FUNDRAISER PRIZE WINNERS



Payne Elementary PTO held a very successful fundraiser this fall. The following students were prize winners. Maia Lotz was top seller and won a family sports pass to all home Wayne Trace Athletic events. Bennett Beaverson was 2nd place

seller and won a \$50 gift card. Emerson Showalter was 3rd place seller and won Raider Spirit wear. Students who sold 10 or more items were placed in a drawing for a \$20 gift card and the winners were Arya Litzenberg and Zailee Johnson.

four kills and six digs for the Lady Archers with Caroline Rohrs chipping in 19 digs. Emma Townley had five digs for the blue and white while Maddy Peters totaled ten assists, nine digs and two kills.

Caydence Shull recorded three kills and seven digs while Alexis Otto finished with five kills, four digs and a

block. Edgerton also won the junior varsity contest, defeating Antwerp 25-20 in game one but Antwerp rebounded to win game two 25-14. The Lady Bulldogs took the third set 25-13.

Antwerp captured the freshman match, defeating the Bulldogs 28-26 and 25-20.

PJHS FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS



Shown in the picture from left are: Austin Hicks, Owen Workman, James Gonzales, Levi Athy, and Mr. Colton Bennett (7th grade writing teacher).

On Saturday, October 14th seventh grade students and staff from Paulding Junior High School volun-

teered at the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Paulding, Ohio.

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS LEARN ABOUT THE NUMBER THREE



Shown here from the left are: Levi Lockwood, Van Snyder and Johanna Federighi. These children are in the PreK class with Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Wann.

Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers are learning about numbers during their class time at school. On number THREE day, they made these beautiful vases with three flowers. The children

worked independently and were so proud of their accomplishment when completed! It's not too late to join our class! Call 419-399-KIDS (5437) for more information! The children

WT BOYS GOLF WRAPS UP SEASON AT STATE TOURNEY

The high school boys golf season went all the way to the Division III state tournament for Paulding County as Wayne Trace concluded a fantastic season with an 11th place finish as a team in the state tournament.

Warren John F. Kennedy claimed the state title with a two-day total of 648, nipping second place Newark Catholic by one stroke.

Among Northwest Ohio schools, Minster led the area by taking sixth overall while Ottoville was eighth and Delphos St. John's finished ninth.

Individually, Wayne Trace's Kyle Sutton took third place after recording a two-day total of 149. Sutton carded a round of 73 on Friday and followed that up with a 76 on Saturday.

Raider freshman Brody Rosswurm shot a 96 on Friday and added an 82 on Saturday to record a total of 178 while junior Conner Davis finished with rounds of 97 and 89 for a two-day total of 186. Junior Jared Varner scored a 96 on Friday and a 95 on Saturday for a total of 191 and fellow junior Tyson Gerber chipped in scores of 108 on Friday and 96 on Saturday in carding a 204.

Congratulations to all the players on an outstanding season and accomplishment of qualifying for the state tournament!

2023 GMC ALL-CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL SELECTIONS

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce the 2023 All-Conference selections for volleyball.

"Player of the Year" for volleyball for the 2023 season:

Kelly Crites (12th), Fairview High School

FIRST TEAM:

Kelly Crites (12th), Fairview; Taylor Craft (12th), Ayersville; Taylor Waldron (12th), Ayersville; Haley Hammer (12th) Fairview; Page Gamby (10th), Tinora; Tatum Creps (10th), Tinora

SECOND TEAM:

Kayt Timbrook (12th), Edgerton; Corinne Cape (11th), Edgerton; Aubbrey Baird, (12th), Hicksville; Kacy Hornish (12th), Wayne Trace; Paige Alber (12th), Wayne Trace

HONORABLE MENTION:

Caroline Rohrs (11th), Antwerp; Maddy Peters (11th), Antwerp; Mabel McMigure (12th), Ayersville; Alivia Farn-

LADY WARRIORS ADVANCE TO XC REGIONALS



Congrats to the Lady Warriors for advancing to Cross Country Regionals for the 5th year in a row. They all ran as a team and showed a lot of grit in their most important race.

Senior Mae Emehiser was the first to cross for Woodlan in 18th place with a time of 19:55, followed by Vivienne Cook in 27th place with a time of 21:07.

Next was Cara Chen in 40th place with a time of 21:43, then Layla Hodson in 45th place with a time of 22:15, then Katy Niles in 57th place with a time of 23:13, then Jordyn Kline in 73rd place with a time of 25:15 and Bethany Lockridge in 76th place with a time of 26:18.

Congrats to Ryan Hubbart with the Warriors team on advancing to Regionals. Senior Ryan Hubbart was the first to cross for Woodlan in 31st place with a time of 17:58, followed by Senior Brady Garrison in 49th place in a time 18:37. Next was Collin Klepper in 53rd place with a time of 18:57, then Caleb Palmer in 64th place with a time of 19:45, then Nate Culler in 68th place with a time of 19:54, then Cooper McDaniel in 73rd place with a time of 20:07 and Ayden Detrick in 88th place with a time of 22:51.

Warriors fans are excited to see what the Ladies and Ryan can do Saturday at Regionals!



ham (10th), Edgerton; Aubrey Hammer (10th), Fairview; Abby Smith (11th), Fairview; Elise Baldwin (11th), Hicksville; Martina Vasquez, (12th), Hicksville; Taylor Slatery, (10th), Hicksville; Maci Kausar, (12th), Tinora; Lucy Breier (12th), Paulding; Addison Gerken, (12th), Tinora; Lexi Moore, (10th), Wayne Trace; Harper Myers, (11th), Wayne Trace

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KIWANIS CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2023-24



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to install the 2023-2024 Club Officers and Board of Directors at the October 19, 2023, club meeting. Past President: Traci Koenig, President: Erica Noggle, President Elect: Lisa McClure, Vice President: Elecia Wobler, Treasurer: Michelle Stahl, Secretary: Matthew Miller. Board of Directors: Chris Johnson, James States, Stan Searing, Joseph Burkard, Heather Hunt, Natosha Mendoza, George Carter, David Burtch, and Steve Doeden.

PAULDING FFA HOLDS OCTOBER TRAPSHOOT COMPETITION



Pictured here are the 7 Paulding FFA members who participated in the October trapshoot contest. L to R: Trenton Bail, Charlie Fohner, Max Fohner, Karlee Akers, Carson Eitnrear, Brooke Kilgore and Kobe Foor.

By: Grace Goyings, Paulding FFA Reporter

On October 7th, 7 members from the Paulding FFA chapter attended the trapshoot at the Paulding Fish and Game Club.

The members went through the safety precautions with a fish and game member before the competition to ensure that everyone had a safe and fun day hitting clay pigeons.

The members competed in two rounds where they had five different positions to shoot from. The members were placed 25 yards away from the electric clay pigeon thrower. The sum of the first and the second-round totals is what determines the winner of the day.

Coming in third, Brooke Kilgore had a total of 33 out of 50 clays. Carson Eitnrear came in second with a total of

35 out of 50 clays. The winner was Kobe Foor with a total of 38 out of 50 clays which was a great score! Kobe Foor received a plaque for his trapshooting skills.

We would like to thank the Fish and Game Club of Paulding for all their help and support of the Paulding FFA program. We are looking forward to many more trap shoots for members to participate in throughout the year!

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that

the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (5) persons on Thursday, October 12, 2023.

Michael C Davis (10/16/1994), Cecil, OH;

Pandering obscenity involving a minor or impaired person, F4

Cynthia K. Switzer (10/2/1977), Paulding, OH; Aggravated vehicular homicide, F2

Marc Williams McNabb (3/21/1982), Defiance, OH; Felonious assault, F2; Disorderly conduct, M4

Dylan Matthew Salsgiver (6/3/2003), Leesburg, OH; Disseminating matter harmful to juveniles, F5

Jospeh Lee Bailey (10/2/1980), Failure to register, F3; Forgery, F5; Telecommunications fraud, F5; Falsification, M1

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Charles R. Scriver-Lamie, Kingsley, MI; Menacing; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs waived

Amanda J. Trejo, Middle Point, OH; Assault; Guilty; 90 days jail, 79 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Evaluation at Westwood; No contact with victim or Village of Scott, Ohio; Risk assessment; Follow any recommended treatment

Gerald R. Ross Jr., Paulding, OH; No motorcycle license; Pled no contact, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Caleb D. Tracy, Oak-

wood, OH; Aggravated menacing, Guilty, 180 days jail, 153 jail days suspended, Defendant to pay all costs, addition to rules of probation, No contact with victim, 40 hours community service, Remain medication compliant, Write a letter of apology, Maintain general good behavior; Criminal damage, Guilty, 96 days jail, 69 days suspended, Same conditions as Count A, Jail days to run concurrent

Samya D. Jordan, Fort Wayne, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert E. Bammerlin, LaFayette, IN; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Vincent G. Sholl, Oakwood, OH; Yield sign; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kyley R. Maynard, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contact, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Alan Maynard, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contact, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Mary M. Pruchniewski, Erie, PA; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nicklaus J. Savidge, Leavenworth, KS; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

London Landers, Melrose, OH; Violation passing vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Andrew M. Robey, Van Wert, OH; Failure to yield from private drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joseph T. McBride, Fort Wayne, IN; U turn; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tameesha T. Rowe, Defiance, OH; Failure to reinstate, Guilty, Defendant must pay in full before license forfeiture is released; Paraphernalia, Pled no contest, found guilty, 20 days jail, suspended, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Ronald Perdue, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of marijuana, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Ronald Perdue, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of marijuana, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Ronald Perdue, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of marijuana, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Laura J. Conner, Oakwood, OH; Driver license <6 months; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dalton A. McKitrick, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Michael A. DeFalco, Pemberville, OH; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived

CENTRAL INS. PARTNERS WITH WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC & LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR COMMUNITY PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENT



VAN WERT, OHIO – Central Insurance, a longstanding pillar within the Northwest Ohio community, announced today it recently joined forces with the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center, Paulding County Schools, and Van Wert County Schools to host a community event aimed at nurturing the growth of local students and the broader community. The event, which took place at Van Wert Performing Arts Center on September 27, reinforces a collective commitment to maximizing the potential of the local youth and workforce.

Renowned speaker and author Michelle Poler delivered an empowering message to the students and employees of Northwest Ohio, inspiring them to confront their fears and embrace personal growth. Originally hailing from Venezuela, Poler is the founder of Hello Fears, a powerful social movement that

has touched the lives of over 70 million people worldwide. Through her platform, she has encouraged thousands to prioritize growth over comfort, guiding them on a transformative journey toward realizing their full potential.

The collaboration between Central Insurance, Western Buckeye Educational Service Center, and area school districts on this community event underscores their belief in the potential of the local youth and workforce. By bringing Michelle Poler's empowering message to Northwest Ohio, they have reaffirmed their roles as community partners dedicated to the betterment of the region.

For more information about Michelle Poler and Hello Fears, please visit www.hellofears.com. To learn more about Central Insurance's community investment, visit www.central-insurance.com.

by defendant

Robert H. Boham, Antwerp, OH; Fishing without a license; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Oswaldo Martinez Muniz, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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26 beginning at 9 am, where parents and community members are welcome to attend to cheer on students. On Friday, October 27, will be a trunk or treat event, new this year, there has been a great response for the event. November 10 will be the annual Veterans Day program. More details on the program will be released.

Middle school principal Tony Tear reminded everyone of the Parent-Teacher Conference Wednesday and Thursday. Teachers will present Essentials awards to students this week. The Middle and High School Student of the Quarter recognition will be held November 3. Middle school students are preparing for the annual spelling bee on November 22. Winners will go on to the county finals.

High school principal Aaron Hylander reported on the fall sports schedules as the teams enter post season action. Innovative interviews begin this week for sophomores. Middle and high schoolers will also participate in Red Ribbon Week activities. He shared the progress of the video production studio installation began on Monday. The para-professional addition in the high school has shown positive results and has resulted in less missed homework and increased help for students.

Superintendent Keith Countryman presented a report on workshops he recently attended.

Minutes and financials were approved. Employment for certified and classified staff members were approved.

The board adjourned into executive session with no action coming from the session. A Board work session followed. The Board will meet again Monday, November 20 at 5:30 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County, Ohio, Case No. CI 23 130

Wendy E. Tidd, et al.
 -vs
 Ernest Ellsworth Johnson, deceased, etc., et al.

To Ernest Ellsworth Johnson, deceased, and Alice Ivy Johnson, deceased, and all of their unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, successors and assigns, whose names and addresses are unknown, and Mary Lois Kohart, Garold H. Johnson, Madonna Horner, Wayne E. Johnson, William E. Johnson, and Barbara Price, and all of their unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, successors and assigns, whose names and addresses are unknown.

Please take notice that, on September 12, 2023, Wendy E. Tidd, and Heather Jasso, Executor of the Estate of Rosemary Hall, deceased, filed a Complaint to Establish Easements by Prescription, Implication and/or Necessity in the above-captioned action in the Court of Common Pleas of Paulding County, Ohio, 115 N. Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio, 45879. The object of the Complaint is to obtain a judgment establishing that the Plaintiffs, Wendy E. Tidd, and Heather Jasso, Executor of the Estate of Rosemary Hall, deceased, each hold certain easements by prescription, easements by implication, and easements by necessity to use the rights-of-way designated as "Johnson Road," "Paulus Road," and "Petite Auglaize Street," all as depicted on the Plat of "Johnson's Subdivision" filed at Volume 5, Page 123 of the Survey Records of the County Engineer of Paulding County, Ohio, such easements being for the purpose of vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress to and from the Plaintiffs' respective parcels of real estate, as more fully described in the Complaint.

Defendants are the heirs-at-law and next-of-kin of Ernest Ellsworth Johnson and Alice Ivy Johnson, both deceased, who are the last owners of record of the real estate where the above-described rights-of-way are located, who may claim an interest in the same.

Defendants are required to answer within twenty-eight (28) days from the last publication of this Legal Notice and to serve a copy of their Answer upon Plaintiffs' attorney who is Marc F. Warncke, P.O. Box 787, Defiance, Ohio, 43512, or default judgment may be granted against them, forever barring them from interfering with the right of the Plaintiffs, and their heirs, successors and assigns, to the use of such rights-of-way for purposes of ingress and egress.

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ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WINE BUS TOUR

November is a great month to take a break in the midst of all the holiday rush and go on a Wine Bus Tour. Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this fun day excursion on Saturday, November 18, 2023. The bus will leave from the Antwerp School parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and return at approximately 4:00 p.m.

The Tour will stop at three area wineries — Satek Winery, Country Heritage Winery (lunch break will be at this stop), and Byler Lane Winery. Your ticket for this event includes tastings at each winery. Look forward to a fun time on the bus as well to aid in this fundraising endeavor. There will be raffle items to win and a 50/50 drawing.

All proceeds from this Wine Bus Tour will go towards the new Basketball Courts at the Antwerp Ball Park. For more information, contact Sue Fowler (Antwerp Chamber treasurer) or Angel Steiner (Antwerp Chamber secretary).

ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The meeting began with Marty Miller announcing the guests at the meeting.

Kristine Stuart presented the financial report for this last school year.

income: \$692,341.46
 expenses: \$1,084,101.10
 interest: \$40,254.09

The school system is 25% through the fiscal year.

Senate Bill 49 was brought up by Bob Herber to help with address chronic absenteeism.

Dennis Recker said Vantage had a meeting on October 3rd. They are working on hiring a new treasurer. The report card had them at 5 start. The 8th grade tour is also coming up.

Bob asked about trading bus 8 in for a new one, stating that he would like to know if the new bus is going to be diesel or gas.

Principal Lichty presented the High School report with Parent Teachers conference this week: Tuesday and Thursday. Four rounds of weekly awards for the kids doing a good job. Tomorrow is the first quarterly assembly. The Autism team training headed by Ms. Snyder has been going on and continuing. Fall sports is getting ready to move into tournaments. He also praised the band. Veterans Day assembly is Friday, November 10. Travis said he has had fewer punishments this year with the kids doing better.

Elementary principal Traci Stokes said PTO had Indiana Wild in and the kids loved this. 3rd Grade testing has just finished. The book fair is on October 25 with grandparents day. On Monday, the after school tutoring begins. Preschool character day party is on October 26. Dyslexia training is on October 27 and

many teachers may be out for that. She said the kids in Graphic Design made shirts for the Students of the Month.

Dr. Miller stated that Zach Feasby is not coaching baseball this year, and so the school, and Drew Altimus, is looking for a baseball coach. He also said we need to find a Special Needs instructor. The foundation has been poured for the "Range" and the floor should be poured this coming week. In early November the walls should be going up. The roof should be installed in early November.

On October 27 there is a 2 hour delay. The Antwerp School State Report Card was good and had 4.5 stars. The school safety drill was last Friday and it was a lockdown training with the Sheriff's office in place with local police responding. Geenex is making a donation to the school and to Lifewise. NEOLA policy update has some minor changes and presented to the board. The Senior residents breakfast is October 31 and the band will play some songs after Dr. Miller addresses the attendees.

Dennis Recker asked about sidewalks and Miller reported there is an upcoming meeting on October 25 about adding sidewalks to Harmann and Kroos Drive for Safe Routes to School program.

DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 10/5/23

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2023, in the Hicksville Village Council Chambers. President Kern called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Dana Phipps and Mick Pocratsky; County Administrator, Sherry Carnahan; HR Coordinator, Emily Meyer; Clerk, Liz Stuart; and Hicksville Mayor Ron Jones.

The Commissioners met in General Session to approve and sign various resolutions, contracts, and documents. The Commissioners also reviewed the calendar of events and discussed upcoming meetings.

Hicksville Mayor Ron Jones was present at the meeting and reported on the opening of the local nature trail. The opening event was well attended, and the trail has been frequently used since opening.

The board met with Teresa Johnson and Kyle Verhoff from the OSU Extension office. Ms. Johnson reported on recent events such as the 4-H camp and the County Fair, including a program at the Fair, Blue Ribbon Classic Animal and Me program, which allows people with special needs to participate in animal showings. She also talked about a new partnership with the PATH center and Defiance County Senior Services, which both distribute goods to local residents. SNAP-approved recipes are selected that recipients can make using the items they are receiving. Mr. Verhoff reported on research being conducted through the Extension office, including trial cover crops, water quality monitoring, and trials to compare manure fertilizer against commercial treatments.

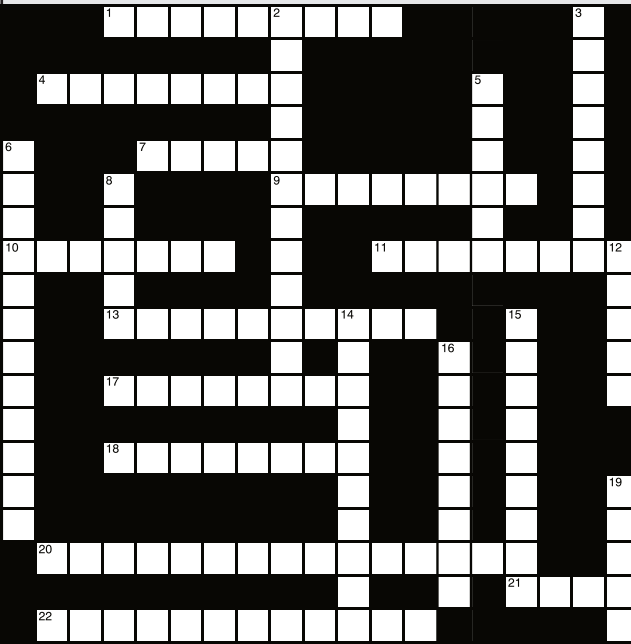
The board travelled to the Fairgrounds to evaluate the condition of some sidewalk on the Fairgrounds property that had been reported as needing repair. They also viewed the placement of some new power poles for later discussion.

Warren Schlatter, Defiance County Engineer, provided the Board with a written update. Mr. Schlatter informed the Board that Gerken Paving has completed all contracted work except Bowman Road paving and a second patch on Power Dam Road, and that Wards Construction has finished chip sealing in the northwest corner of the county.

Defiance County Highway crews have mostly completed roadside grading work on Buckskin Road (from Flickinger Road to Glenberg Road) with some seeding completed. Culvert replacement and grading will continue on Buckskin Road this week. Highway crews are also working on removing guardrail and installing a pipe on Dohoney Road between Watson Road and the City of Defiance.

Mr. Schlatter reported that the Evansport Road bridge deck was poured on August 30th and work on the roadway north of the bridge will take place this week, including cement stabilization.

WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle THIS IS HALLOWEEN!



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| Across | Halloween. |
| 1. Tri-colored candy popular during Halloween. | 22. Carved pumpkin with a candle inside, used as a decoration. |
| 4. Lunar phase often associated with werewolves and spooky nights. | Down |
| 7. Preserved body, often wrapped in cloth, from ancient Egyptian culture. | 2. Outer covering of a piece of candy. |
| 9. Fictional creature that transforms from human to wolf-like form. | 3. Framework of bones in the human body. |
| 10. Clothing worn to represent a character or creature. | 5. Small, mischievous creature often depicted in folklore. |
| 11. Ghostly activity or a spooky atmosphere. | 6. Tradition where children go door-to-door asking for candy. |
| 13. Phrase often used by magicians, also the title of a popular Halloween-themed movie. | 8. A common Halloween character associated with magic and spells. |
| 17. Large pot often associated with witches and potions. | 12. A malevolent spirit or demon in folklore, often associated with graves and the dead. |
| 18. Burial ground for the deceased. | 14. Apple coated in candy or caramel, a popular treat during Halloween. |
| 20. Procession of people in costumes, often held in towns and cities. | 15. Sticky silk structure spun by spiders. |
| 21. Nocturnal flying mammals often associated with | 16. Often considered a symbol of bad luck or a witch's familiar. |
| | 19. Spirit of a deceased person, often depicted as white and translucent. |

solution on page 11

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PAULDING CEMETERY CLEAN UP

The Paulding Cemetery Board of Trustees would like to announce Live Oak Cemetery and Memorial Cemetery fall clean-up dates. We ask that spring, and summer decorations be removed by November 4 to ready the cemeteries for the winter season and to allow for any new winter and Christmas decorations you would like to put on the graves of your loved ones. If any times are left on the graves after November 4, they will be removed. You will be able to put new decorations on the graves after November 18, 2023. Thank you for your continued support.

—Kim Sutton
 Jon Snodgrass
 Heather Miller

NOTICE

ATTENTION: Teddy and Valerie Yates, Wendy L. and William Stephey, Michael Dotson, Jeffrey and Gaye Fenter and/or any other lienholders of the properties located at 113 W Harmon St., 209 Auglaize St., 306 Walnut St., 405 N First St., 400 N First St., 105 N Fifth St., 104 N Fifth St., 207 Main St., 111 Main St., 113 E Harmon St. in the Village of Oakwood, State of Ohio, of the Paulding County Auditor's description. This is to inform you that the above mentioned property appears to be in violation of Ordinance 22-03, an Ordinance that provides for the demolition of insecure and unsafe buildings/structures located within the Village of Oakwood, State of Ohio. You are hereby directed to affect the repairs necessary to place the properties in a reasonably safe condition. No repairs shall be made unless requirements of applicable government building/zoning codes are complied within making repairs.

Oakwood Village Council

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

OHIOANS WALK MORE THAN 58 MILLION STEPS IN SUPPORT OF ODA FALLS PREVENTION CAMPAIGN



Throughout the month of September, Ohioans walked a grand total of 58,372,500 steps in support of falls prevention awareness, shattering the goal of the Ohio Department of Aging's (ODA's) annual 10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls campaign.

This year's final tally exceeded the 2022 total by over 3 million additional steps.

"Ohioans quite literally stepped up to make this year's 10 Million Steps campaign a success," said ODA Director Ursel J. McElroy. "We thank every individual who took part in the various community walking events across the state and every organization who made these walks happen."

"This year's participants helped us to once again shine a light on the seriousness of falls among older adults during Falls Prevention Month and the resources available to help everyone learn more about what they can do to prevent falls for themselves and their loved ones," Director McElroy continued. "We are excited to have surpassed last year's step count, and we look

forward to another successful campaign next September."

Falls are not considered a normal part of aging, but they are the leading cause of injury among older Ohioans. One in three people age 65 and older fall each year. Most falls, however, can be prevented. Regular exercise, like walking 15-30 minutes each day, is one of the many ways people can lower their risk. Ohioans can also take measures in their own home to prevent falls. Learn more about Falls Prevention on ODA's website.

Since its creation in 2015, ODA's 10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls campaign has been held during Falls Prevention Month in September to encourage Ohioans of all ages to walk at least one mile, either in a group or as an individual, for valuable exercise and as an opportunity to learn about other things they can do and local resources available to help prevent falls.

This year, 41 walking groups and 10,294 participants, contributed a combined total of 23,349 miles in related events - that's the equivalent of walking around

the perimeter of Ohio nearly 21 times. That distance is also approximately 46 round-trip drives between downtown Cleveland and Cincinnati, or three round-trip flights between Columbus and London.

In addition to walking solo, individuals could also contribute by viewing falls prevention webinars produced by ODA and its partners. These webinars remain available for on-demand viewing at www.aging.ohio.gov/10millionsteps.

Tips to prevent falls:

- Get at least 15 minutes of simple exercise, like walking, each day.
- Eat a balanced diet and stay hydrated.
- Contact your local area agency on aging (1-866-243-5678) to learn about balance and exercise programs in your community.
- Ask your doctor or other health care provider for a falls risk assessment, including a review of whether any of the medications you take may increase your risk for falling.
- Obtain and use a cane or walker if you have trouble walking or standing for long periods.
- Look around your home for falls risks, such as loose rugs, poor lighting, and clutter.
- Have grab bars professionally installed in your bathroom.
- Take a Falls Risk Self-Assessment.

2023 10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls Contributing Partners

- Alpha Phi Alpha Homes, Inc.
- AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio
- Area Agency on Aging 9
- Area Agency on Aging District 7
- Area Agency on Aging, PSA 2
- Community Partnership on Aging
- Direction Home of Eastern Ohio
- Hamilton County Law Library Walkers
- Kingston Manor
- Meals on Wheels
- Mercy Health St. Vincent Medical center Trauma Team
- Marion Technical College
- Noble County Walk to prevent Falls
- Ohio Department of Aging
- Patriotic Falls Prevention Walk
- Strike a Balance
- Taking Steps to Prevent Falls
- Tipp City Seniors, Inc.
- Walk to End Alzheimer's - 23 total walks
- Walk With a Doc Columbus
- YMCA Mansfield / Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging

About ODA - The Ohio Department of Aging serves and advocates for the needs of

Ohioans age 60 and older, as well as their families, caregivers and communities. Programs include home and community based long-term supports and services, as well as initiatives to promote health and wellness throughout the lifespan. Visit www.aging.ohio.gov.

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Austin Levering, assigned to Knox County, participated in the annual Casting for Recovery fly fishing retreat hosted at Camp Because I Said I Would in Walhonding. Officer Levering was a fly-fishing guide for a breast cancer survivor and demonstrated the basics of fly fishing. Several participants caught their first fish ever and enjoyed their first experience fishing. Casting for Recovery provides a healing outdoor retreat for women with breast cancer to find inspiration, discover renewed energy for life, and experience healing connections with other women and nature.

On opening day of the 2023 early teal season, State Wildlife Officers Nick Oliver and Chad Grote, assigned to Campaign and Marion counties, respectively, contacted a hunter at Big Island Wildlife Area. The officers discovered the hunter had harvested a green-winged teal, a blue-winged teal, and a wood duck. The hunter was issued a summons for taking a wood duck out of season. Officer Oliver taught the hunter how to identify a teal and explained the difference between a teal and a wood duck. The individual was found guilty and paid \$238 in fines and court costs.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In August, State Wildlife Officer Michele Butler, assigned to Erie County, patrolled the shoreline of Sandusky Bay. She observed an angler on a pier throw a beverage can into the water after finishing it. Officer Butler contacted the fisherman and issued him a citation for littering. He pleaded no contest in Sandusky Municipal Court and paid \$145 in fines and court costs.

In June 2022, State Wildlife Officer Levi Farley, assigned to Paulding County, received a phone call about an injured bald eagle. Officer Farley located a juvenile bald eagle which appeared to have been struck by a motor vehicle and had several injuries. Officer Farley contacted Nature's Nursery to rehabilitate the injured eagle. Nature's Nursery determined the eagle had a fracture in one of its wings and possibly a minor pelvic fracture. After several months of care, the bird was ready to be returned to the wild. In April 2023, the bald eagle was transported back to Paulding County and released near the site where it was found.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Randy White, assigned to Lorain County, participated in a summer camp held at Skyview Ranch. Officer White shared information about Ohio's diverse wildlife populations, species adaptations, and habitat needs with approximately 100 youth.

State Wildlife Officer Jesse

Janosik, assigned to Columbiana County, looked into possible white-tailed deer hunting violations with assistance from state wildlife investigators. Officer Janosik determined that a suspect had illegally harvested many deer. The hunter purchased a hunting license and deer permit after harvesting deer. The suspect was charged in Columbiana County Municipal Court, found guilty, and ordered to serve two years of probation and 60 days in jail suspended pending no further violations. Additionally, the individual was ordered to pay nearly \$6,000 in fines, restitution, and court costs and forfeited two antlered deer.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officer Chris Gilkey, assigned to Meigs County, and K-9 Officer Mattis assisted the U.S. Marshals Service with tracking a suspect who was wanted for attempted murder. Officer Mattis tracked the suspect to the banks of the Ohio River and located personal items left by the suspect. Later, Officer Mattis and Officer Gilkey assisted the U.S. Marshals in serving a warrant on a residence. The owner of the home was armed and did not comply with the officer's commands. The owner of the home and his wife were taken into custody for obstruction. The suspect was later found deceased in the Ohio River.

State Wildlife Officer Ben Smith, assigned to Morgan County, received a report of an injured bald eagle in McConnellsville. A witness reported two bald eagles fought in the air and crashed into a roof and nearby alley. Officer Smith responded to the scene and captured an adult bald eagle, which had a swollen and

bloodshot eye and a few scratches. State Wildlife Officer Mark Basinger, assigned to Perry County, transported the eagle to the Ohio Wildlife Center for rehabilitation. The injured eagle is expected to make a full recovery and will be released in the coming weeks close to where it was found.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Brad Turner, assigned to Preble County, and Wildlife Officer Cadet Alex Almeter assisted crews from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Divisions of Wildlife, Parks and Watercraft, and Natural Areas and Preserves in securing the foundations of five handicap accessible fishing piers at the Sugar Camp fishing access on Acton Lake. The crews moved buckets of large and medium-sized rock to each pier to build a sloping, strong foundation. There were some pinched fingers, wet feet, and sore backs, but the new concrete fishing piers are ready to provide excellent fishing opportunities for years to come.

On Memorial Day Weekend, State Wildlife Officer Andrew Dowdell, assigned to Butler County, State Officer Jason Keller, assigned to Warren County, K-9 Officer Scout, State Wildlife Officer Brad Turner, assigned to Preble County, and district manager Rick Rogers worked along the Great Miami River in Middletown. The officers observed a kayaker sink a can in the river and toss another can into bushes. K-9 Officer Scout quickly found the tossed can and a backpack with more of the same cans. The individual was found guilty of two counts of stream litter and ordered to pay \$375 in court costs and fines.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, Plaintiff,

vs.

LISA ROSS aka LISA CAPERTON ET.AL.

DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-23-112
Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

TO: Lisa Ross aka Lisa Caperton; Unknown Spouse of Lisa Ross aka Lisa Caperton; Gregory Ray Ross, Robert Payton, Unknown Spouse of Robert Payton, Freedom Property Interests, LLC

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: unknown

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against the above Defendants seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Lisa Ross aka Lisa Caperton; Unknown Spouse of Lisa Ross aka Lisa Caperton to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate recorded in Volume 570 Page 1263 of the Paulding County Records.

The real property in question is situated as follows:

Parcels 1 & 2

Situated in Village of Oakwood, County of Paulding and State of Ohio:

Being Lot Number 12 in Grove Addition to Oakwood, Ohio, less and except 54 feet by parallel lines off the North side. Also 42 feet off the North side of Lot Number 15 in Grove Addition to the Village of Oakwood, Paulding County, Ohio.

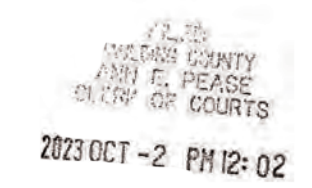
Auditor's Parcel #10-09S-009-00 / #10-09S-010.00

Property address: 316 N. First Street, Oakwood, Ohio 45873

Parcel 3:

Being a part of Lot 15, Grove Addition, Village of Oakwood, Paulding County, Ohio, and which is more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pin found at the Southeast corner of Lot 16, Grove Addition; thence North 0°25'26" West, (assumed bearing for the purpose of this description) on the East line of



Lots 15 and 16, Sixty-three and fifty hundredths (63.50) feet to an iron pin and cap set and the POINT OF BEGINNING for the parcel herein described; thence North 88°42'12" West, One hundred thirty-one and eighty-eight hundredths (131.88) feet to an iron pin and cap set on the West line of Lot 15; thence North 0°25'26" West, on the West line of Lot 15, Three and zero hundredths (3.00) feet to a point; thence South 88°42'12" East, One hundred thirty-one and eighty-eight hundredths (131.88) feet to an iron pin found on the East line of Lot 15; thence South 0°25'26" East, on the East line of Lot 15, Three and zero hundredth (3.00) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.009 acres, (395.46 sf) of land more or less.

Auditor's Parcel #10-09S-008-01 Property address: N. First Street Oakwood, OH 45873

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

In case you fail to answer or otherwise respond as required by the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Ann Pease, Clerk
Court of Common Pleas
Paulding County, Ohio
By: *[Signature]*
Deputy
Respectfully submitted,
[Signature]
Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)
Paulding County, Ohio
Prosecuting Attorney
120 S. Walnut Street
Paulding, Ohio 45879
419-399-8270

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

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

vs. ROBERT P. ADKINS, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 23 099

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

308 East Plum Street, Cecil
Parcel Number: 15-08S-014-02; 15-08S-014-01; 15-09S-019-00

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

The opening bid is Seventy-four Hundred Eighty-five and 98/100 (\$7,485.98) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel on Thursday, November 30, 2023 by on-line bidding at:

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

If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale on December 7, 2023 for the same minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

PROJECT TO BUILD AN OVERPASS ON COUNTY ROAD 185 (INDEPENDENCE ROAD) OVER U.S. 24 TAKING THE NEXT STEP



An overpass project planned for County Road 185 (Independence Road) may be constructed as early as 2025.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1 and the Defiance County Engineer's Office are making plans to construct an overpass on County Road 185 (Independence Road) over U.S. 24. The project also includes altering the access to U.S. 24 at Flory Road and Jewell Road.

The purpose of the project is to improve safety along the U.S. 24 corridor and is one of a few safety projects planned for the highway, including an interchange at County Road 17D in Henry County.

In 2021, ODOT conducted a feasibility study of the U.S. 24 corridor from State Route 281/Domersville Road in Defiance County to U.S. 6/Woodlawn Avenue Henry County. The study focused on improving the safety of drivers at the at-grade intersections and established a plan to address each intersection while balancing access needs for local residents, businesses, and emergency services. Learn more about the study here: transportation.ohio.gov/DefianceHen-ry24Feasibility

Construction of the overpass is tentatively scheduled for 2026, but efforts are being made to possibly construct the overpass in 2025.

The public is invited to view an online presentation and to provide comments regarding the proposed improvements on the project website: transportation.ohio.gov/Defiance24Independence. Comments are requested by November 12, 2023, to be included in the official project documentation, but all comments will be accepted and responded to at any time. Comments may be submitted on the website, mailed in, or by direct contact at the number or email below.

Individuals who require interpretation services or reasonable accommodation to view the presentation or provide comments are asked to contact ODOT at the number below 15 days prior to November 12, 2023. Public participation in this project is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Adam Smith, assigned to Logan County, investigated a report of a turkey vulture

caught in a foothold trap. Officer Smith discovered the trap had been set next to a deer carcass and was not in alignment with Ohio's trapping regulations. Foothold traps set on land must be covered. Officer Smith had documented several incidents with this suspect over

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the previous year. The individual was charged with trapping over uncovered flesh bait and found guilty in Bellefontaine Municipal Court. The defendant was ordered to pay \$390 in fines and court costs and sentenced to 30 days in jail with 20 days suspended pending no other violations for two years. The defendant's hunting and trapping privileges were revoked for two years. The caller who reported the incident was issued a \$100 Turn-In-a-Poacher (TIP) reward. If you are aware of a wildlife violation, you can anonymously report it by calling the TIP hotline at 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437).

State Wildlife Officer Matt Teders, assigned to Madison County, received a call concerning two hunters who were hunting without permission. Officer Teders worked with the landowner to identify one of the suspects, who had a criminal history. While interviewing the suspect, Officer Teders discovered the individual was in possession of a shotgun despite being prohibited from possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. The suspect was indicted for felony possession of a firearm under disability and found guilty. The defendant was sentenced to \$756 in fines and court costs with two years of community control. Additionally, three years prison time was suspended with successful completion of community control.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

State Wildlife Officer Reid Van Cleve, assigned to Ottawa County, and intern Riley Yunker checked an-

glers on the shores of Lake Erie. They issued two summonses for fishing without a license and five for taking walleye shorter than the minimum length. Officer Van Cleve observed one individual attempt to hide three undersized walleye and issued the individual a citation. The two individuals without a fishing license paid a total of \$226 and the individuals who possessed undersized walleye paid a combined \$852.

In September, State Wildlife Officer Mike Ohlrich, assigned to Fulton County, attended the Monarchs and More event at Sauder Village. Officer Ohlrich provided a display with free pollinator publications and information explaining pollinators, habitat, and wildlife management. Approximately 450 people attended the event. Visit wildohio.gov to find free online pollinator publications like Milkweed and Monarchs and Backyards for Butterflies.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

While on patrol, State Wildlife Officer Supervisor Brennan Earick and State Wildlife Officer Zach Hillman, assigned to Cuyahoga County, received a request for assistance from the Loudonville Police Department regarding an active domestic incident at a campground. The wildlife officers responded to the scene and assisted the police officers by investigating and making arrests.

State Wildlife Officer Scott Traver, assigned to Stark County, received an anonymous Turn-in-a-Poacher (TIP) report of two individuals who had har-

vested more than the legal limit of one white-tailed deer buck. Officer Traver contacted the hunters and determined that four bucks and one doe had been harvested illegally within the past two days. Three deer were tagged using another person's tag. The individuals were found guilty of multiple deer harvest violations in Canton Municipal Court. They were sentenced to 90 days of jail time suspended on the condition of good behavior, placed on probation, and ordered to pay restitution for the deer. All five deer were confiscated and donated to a food bank.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officers Darin Abbott, assigned to Lawrence County, Ted Witham, assigned to Jackson County, Matt Van Cleve, assigned to Pike County, and Tyler Fields, assigned to Scioto County, staffed the archery trailer at the annual Forestry Fair hosted by Wayne National Forest at Lake Vesuvius. The officers instructed fourth grade students on archery safety and assisted each student who had the opportunity to practice shooting. For many students, it was their first time trying archery and several shot very well.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Andrew Dowdell, assigned to Butler County, recently spoke to the business agriculture class at Ross High School. Office Dowdell presented information on becoming a wildlife officer and the job's duties. The Ohio Division of Wildlife attends career fairs at high schools across the state to highlight the unique job opportunities available.

State Wildlife Officer Trent Weaver, assigned to Montgomery County, observed two anglers fishing on the Great Miami River. Officer Weaver contacted the anglers and discovered one did not have a fishing license. The suspect was issued a summons for the license violation, pleaded guilty in court, and was fined \$225.

ODOT ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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

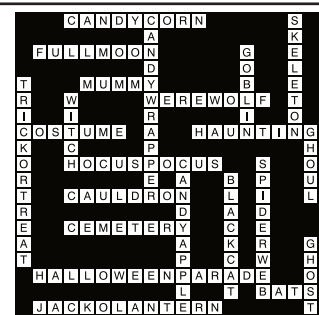
DEFIANCE COUNTY: U.S. 127 PROJECTS

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

TRAFFIC IMPACT

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

- Southbound truck



Crossword solution from page 9

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

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

U.S. 127/Harrison Street in the village of Sherwood closed on June 9 for approximately five months for a storm sewer project that includes new catch basins, sidewalks, curbs, and gutter. Local traffic will be maintained. The project is utilizing the detour already in place for the bridge replacement project over the Maumee River just south of the village.

PAULDING COUNTY:

Paulding County will not have any work anticipated to impact traffic.

PUTNAM COUNTY:

U.S. 224 between the Township Road 12 and the village of Glandorf may be restricted to one lane for pavement repairs.

State Route 65 between the County Road O and the village of Ottawa may be restricted to one lane for pavement repairs.

State Route 108 just south of the village of Miller City will close on Monday, Oct. 16, for approximately four weeks, for slope repairs along the Miller City Cut-off.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

Detour: SR 18 to SR 109 to SR 613, back to SR 108.

State Route 189 between the village of Ft. Jennings and the community of Rimer may be restricted to one lane for pavement repairs.

State Route 694 between the State Route 114 and the village of Glandorf may be restricted to one lane for pavement repairs.

VAN WERT COUNTY:

Van Wert County will not have any work anticipated to impact traffic.

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NEXT PCBW GUEST: SCHLATTER'S PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR



Hear it here! This week on Paulding County Business Weekly we'll hear from Entrepreneur/Owner of Schlatter's Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Doug Schlatter.

Listen in as Doug shares how a strong work ethic can lead to fulfilling your dream of owning your own business, and how investing in your employees can grow into be-

ing a great employer in Paulding County.

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"These commemorative days will serve to teach the next generation the importance of agriculture and encourage them to pursue careers in Ohio's largest industries," said Klopfenstein.

House Bill 162 moves to the Ohio Senate for further consideration.

PCHD FACTS ABOUT LEVY

Why is PCHD asking for a Levy?

This is not a new levy, but a renewal of the existing levy set to expire in 2024. This levy helps continue operations and services provided by PCHD. PCHD is asking the community to support the same two-tenth (0.2) millage voters approved in 2003 and 2013. Because PCHD has made every effort to control costs over the past 20 years, PCHD is able to maintain the same millage in spite of drastic changes in the funding of public health.

What is Public Health?

Public health is a branch of public services devoted to preventing disease/injury, promoting physical health through organized community efforts and protecting the public from communicable diseases. Public health responsibilities include maintaining a sanitary environment; control of community infections; educating individuals in health lifestyles; organizing medical and nursing services for the early diagnosis and treatment of disease; and developing the community's capacity to promote health.

The great thing about public health services is that even if a service is provided

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES THE UPPER NINE WITH RIBBON CUTTING



Pictured here are Denise Coleman, Antwerp Chamber; Matt & Mandy Moore, owners; Michelle Walker, Chamber President; and Christy DeLong, Chamber VP.

The weather outside was a little on the dreary side on Saturday morning, October 14th, but not in the new Golf Simulation center - The Upper

Nine - in downtown Antwerp! Antwerp Chamber welcomed this new quality of life business with a Ribbon Cutting for their Grand Opening. Now

you can enjoy the green even when the weather isn't cooperating. Check out their Facebook page for hours of availability and offerings.

HOUSE PASSES AGRICULTURE APPRECIATION ACT

The Ohio House of Representatives passed the Agriculture Appreciation Act, announced State Representative Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland).

The legislation will add several federally recognized agricultural days into the Ohio Revised Code. The proposed agricultural days and weeks of recognition include:



- Farmer's Day, October 21
- FFA Week, the last full week of February
- 4-H Week, the first full week of October

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