

## WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC BOARD ORGANIZES FOR 2024



Pictured above are (front row, l-r) Board President Billy Poe, Vice President Derek Miller; and (back row, l-r) Hazen Kennedy, Vicki Smith, and Kevin Wannemacher.

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center held their organizational meeting on January 9th. Billy Poe was elected President of the Board and Derek

Miller was elected as Vice President. Meetings will continue to be held on the Third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the ESC Conference Room.

## HICKSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Do you enjoy history? Are you interested in preserving Hicksville's proud past so that future generations may know? If so, we need you!

The Hicksville Historical Society – a major force in preserving local history and lore – is in the process of reorganizing and your help is needed. The Board of Directors is striving to rebuild the organization and maintain the properties and memorabilia that we have been given.

Here is an overview of the

tasks to be done: register the Land Office as an historic site; establish a viable website for public access to information; move ownership of St. Paul's Episcopal Church from the Diocese to the Society and conduct needed repairs to maintain the integrity of the structure; archive documents and photos for long-term protection; conduct open house hours at both buildings.

Call or text 419-487-3096 or 419-769-0108, email hicksvillehistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or website at hicksvillehistoricalsociety.com to find out about volunteer opportunities.



## GRABILL PHYSICIAN DETERMINED TO HELP PATIENTS GO BEYOND DISEASE MANAGEMENT TO RENEWED HEALTH

Dr. Beau Links, a primary care physician with Parkview Physicians Group – Family Medicine, is intimately familiar with the power of determination.

It's been a continuing theme in his life – from his determination to uphold a family tradition of military service, to the grit it took to recover from a serious injury in the line of duty, to the intention and hard work of setting his life on a new path by going to medical school and becoming a physician. It's that same focus and determination that Links brings to his family medicine practice in Grabill, encouraging and cheering his patients in the battle against chronic diseases.

Destined for military life Born at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, Links enjoyed the variety and adventure of being a kid in a military family. His father was a career Air Force officer, his paternal grandfather had served in the Navy, and his older brother would start off

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## PAULDING JH SCHOOL 2024 SPELLING BEE WINNERS



On Friday, January 5, 2024 Paulding Junior High School held its local spelling bee. Shown in the photo above (l-r) are PJHS spelling bee champion Brynlee Mangette, and PJHS spelling bee runner-up, Nicholas Schlueter.

## PCED HOLDS ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Paulding County Economic Development Board of Directors held their first business lunch meeting of 2024 on January 9, 2024. The board approved and welcomed new board members Tiffany Rockhold, representing an at-large position with an emphasis on education, and Estee Miller, representing an at-large position. The pair replaced Paulding Mayor Greg White and Bud Koenig, whose term limits expired in 2023.

The busy agenda for the meeting included approving meeting dates and voting in officers for 2024. Officers elected included: Mike Kauser, representing the PC Township Association as President; Ryan Whitaker, an At Large Member as Vice President; Sarah Noggle, representing OSU Extension as Secretary; and Jeff Mumma, representing financial entities as Treasurer. Meeting dates were set for the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the months of March, May, July, September

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—Michelle Dooley  
—Jennifer Ramsier,  
Paulding County  
Christmas for Kids Coordinators

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## Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p
- January 16**
- PCCL board meeting @ conference rm, 5:30pm
- January 17**
- Beeswax Wrap @ Payne library, 1pm
  - JobsOhio Grant meeting @ Paulding Eagles, 9-10am
- January 18**
- Chamber Energy Program Webinar, 12-1pm
  - Cookbook Club @ Oakwood Library, 5:30pm
  - Coffee Talk @ Paulding Library, 2pm
  - Def. Library board meeting @ 311 Fort St., 5pm
- January 20**
- Hot Cocoa Bomb & Mug @ Oakwood Library, 11a-1p
- January 22**
- Cookbook Club @ PC Library, 5:30pm
  - Cookbook Club @ Antwerp Library, 5:45pm
  - Munchkin Club story-time @ GH Library, 10:30am
- January 23**
- Farm Outlook Meeting @ Jewell Comm Ctr, 5:30-9pm
  - Quilt Block @ Oakwood Library, 11a-1p
- January 25**
- Cake Decorating Class @ Oakwood Library, 5:30pm
  - Frozen story-time @ Antwerp library, 6pm

Add your event to the calendar  
[info@westbendnews.net](mailto:info@westbendnews.net)

## OBITUARIES

ANTWERP, OH:  
**Catherine Ann Cottrell**, 73, of Antwerp, Ohio, passed away Saturday, January 6, 2024 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.

## PARSON TO PERSON

By: **Dr. James Bachman**  
*Dear Parson,*  
*Do we have a biblical responsibility to vote?*

There were no republics in the Bible times, so there is not a direct command to vote. However, there are some principles that make me say yes.

1. Stewardship - We have been given the right to vote which has also been preserved by the blood of thousands of soldiers. I believe we will all give account. Romans 14:12 - "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

2. Counsel - I believe our vote is giving our important counsel. Proverbs 11:14 - "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety." Proverbs 15:22 - "Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established." Proverbs 24:6 - "For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in a multitude of counsellors there is safety." Joseph gave Pharaoh counsel and saved his nation (Genesis 41:16-40).

3. Reproof - Wrong things need to be reprov'd by our vote. Ephesians 5:11 - "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." We are to be salt and light - Matthew 5:13-16.

4. Doing Good - If voting is doing good, we must vote - Romans 12:21. James 4:17 - "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

When we have unqualified candidates we must vote for the most biblical platforms. Proverbs 29:2 - "When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." Unfortunately we are often left with a very small degree of rejoicing, but we should vote anyway!

Proverbs 14:34 - "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

Our desires and prayers for our authorities should be that their decisions may allow us to lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. - I Timothy 2:1-2.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

## CHANGING FOOTPRINTS OF NORTHERN INDIANA COLLECTS OVER 35,000 PAIRS OF SHOES IN 2023



Pictured above are the Northern Indiana Changing Footprints volunteers.

Cheryl Brockmann of Changing Footprints of Northern Indiana has announced that their non-profit organization collected 35,424 pairs of shoes for the poor and homeless in 2023. Working with several social service agencies, they distributed 30,203 pairs. No one was ever charged money to receive these shoes. Each pair of donated shoes helped one person have a better life.

Changing Footprints is a 100% volunteer, non-profit organization, without any paid staff. There are 5 main distribution locations in Indiana: Rushville, North Indy,

South Indy, Greenfield, and Northern Indiana. Established in 2005, they have distributed over 600,000 pairs in the past 18 years. They collect new and used shoes from a variety of sources: collection bins at athletic facilities, physical therapy offices, shoe stores and churches. Shoe drives by schools, churches, and businesses are essential in the effort to meet the growing demand for gently used shoes.

Changing Footprints tie the pairs together. Then they sort them into one of 42 different types (male/female; sandals, high heels, etc.).

This collection and re-distribution effort diverts shoes to an important cause that would otherwise be destined for landfills.

Changing Footprints accepts all styles, types and sizes of shoes, no matter their condition, or even if they are a single shoe without a mate. Damaged athletic style shoes are ground up into playground surfaces and running tracks by Nike, Zappos and other companies. Donation bins can be found by going to: changing-footprints.com and clicking on the "shoe drops tab".

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in the Navy and later transfer to serve in the Army.

"I grew up in a military family, and I was interested in military service ever since I was young," said Links. "We moved about every three years, so I thought that was what everyone did - pick up and move every three years."

Moves to California and Germany - where his father was posted to Ramstein Air Force Base - broadened young Beau's view of the world as he met people from different places and backgrounds. Returning to central Ohio for junior and senior high school, he proved himself a driven athlete, following in his brothers' footsteps to become a baseball player in college.

After a brief college baseball career, Links decided to pause his college education and embrace his destiny in the military by joining the Marine Corps Reserves. Stationed on the West Coast, he thrived on the camaraderie and discipline of military life, but during his service as a lance corporal in Iraq, a serious injury

cut short his service after five years. Flown to Germany and then back to Bethesda Hospital in Maryland, Links found himself disconnected from the life he had known, facing physical and mental challenges, painful therapies and the realization that the horizon for his return to duty was uncertain.

"On top of that, I owned no clothing, nothing," he recalled. "Not even underwear or a toothbrush."

A veteran with the Wounded Warrior Project visited Links in the hospital, bringing him a much-welcomed duffel bag of clothing, personal care products and other essentials. The visitor provided a point of contact that lifted Links' spirits.

Over the years, he has maintained that connection to several veterans' organizations and attended Wounded Warrior events, some with his family.

"It's a great way to meet other veterans," said Links. "We have the bond of military service and being injured, so we feel connected. These events are to help vets keep from feeling they are alone. Going through the disability system can be a lot, and it's good for someone to know they have a caseworker they can call with their struggles who can help out and lend support."

With arduous physical therapy, Links hoped he could return to duty, but his recovery from his injuries did not progress as he had hoped.

Thanks to a financial assistance program for service-members wounded in the line of duty, Links graduated from Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, with a bachelor's degree in biology, and then moved to Lewisburg, West Virginia, where he earned his

Doctor of Osteopathy degree from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency with the Fort Wayne Medical Education Program and joined Parkview Physicians Group - Family Medicine in 2016.

By then, he was married to his wife, Courtney - a Wright State psychology major who worked in children's services - and the couple had four young children. The family settled into an old farmhouse in the Grabill area, and Links balanced his medical practice with an active family life wrapped up in the interests of his daughter and three sons.

Links said he truly enjoys the variety involved in working with primary care patients.

As a DO, Links received additional training in medical school, along the lines of what PTs and massage therapists receive, focused on the interplay of bones, muscles and nerves.

Links' goal is always to help patients live healthier lives, particularly those who may be battling chronic disease.

"In primary care, we do a lot of chronic disease management," he said, "but in the past three years, I've gotten excited about trying to identify potentially reversible chronic diseases and help my patients understand what is possible. One of my favorite things in medicine is being able to take medications away so a person no longer relies on them. Instead of accepting the disease and simply managing it, we need to redirect the focus: This disease developed slowly, so how can we work to gradually reverse it by making better food and drink choices, moving more, and making changes in the way we live? Yes, you have this disease, and

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## Scripture of the Week

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

— Galatians 3:26-28

## MATT'S MISHAPS



Thankfully I was only carrying two reindeer hides on my back and not trying the impossible task of moving the entire animal - females weigh up to 200+lbs and males up to 400+lbs. Locals not only use the hides, but also eat the meat, and milk reindeer for dairy products.



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

—Matt

### Squirrels and Reindeer

My trusty pump-action BB gun and Marlin .22 rifle brought me many squirrels in mosquito ridden woodlots around my county. I learned early how to reproduce the rapid chatter of a squirrel - keech-keech-keech-keech. The squirrel would chatter back to me while moving its tail angrily, thinking that another had entered its territory. I would be able to find it in the tree to get my shot. I skinned a few of the squirrels, but my pelt tanning never worked out well and the skins turned out as rigid as a board. If it is possible, my one attempt at squirrel stew turned out even worse than my tanning.

During this current summer I have been traveling and visiting workers that we supervise overseas. Some of these workers serve in the northern regions where reindeer live and are semi-domesticated by the locals. Reindeer, like squirrels, make noises that communicate to one another. They click their knee joints -click-click-click-click. It is so distinctive that other reindeer can determine the size of the other one and know whether to approach it or stay away.

My wife loved the thick reindeer skins that were being sold by vendors in the city market on our summer trip. (We use animal skins to decorate our humid apartment and they also serve to absorb the moisture out of the air.) My wallet told me I needed to negotiate the price down if we wanted to get one. I began the negotiating process that took no small amount of time with the reindeer hide seller. The seller and I both felt exhausted and relieved when the process was finally over, and I bought the skin for 30% less than his starting price.

My wife had been so concerned that the skins would be sold out in the afternoon that we went early in the morning to make that purchase. However, I then had to carry it all day long on my back in a bag that said, "Reindeer Hide." I looked like a dorky tourist and a potential victim for any aggressive animal rights activist who might spot me.

I was ready to finally get back to our campground where we were staying. However, my wife got a message from a son - he wanted a skin too. With great reluctance from me, and much urging and chuckles from my wife, I approached the reindeer hide seller a second time. The seller smiled and rolled his eyes. We made a gentlemen's agreement to not go through the haggling process again and he just sold me the second hide at the price of the first one.

I walked through the city center and took two trains to get back to the campground with Rudolf and Blitzer hanging on my back.

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

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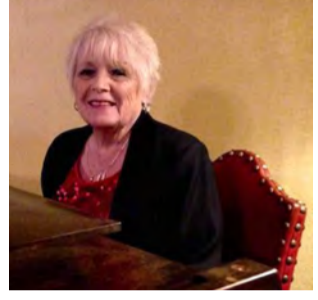
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**PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS**

**By: Nancy Whitaker**  
 My children ask me each year: "What do you want for Christmas?" and after thinking about it for a while, I decided to give them my real answer: I want you to keep coming around. I want you to ask me questions. Ask my advice. Tell me your problems. Ask for my opinion. Ask for my help. I want you to come over and rant about your problems, rant about life. Whatever. Tell me about your job. Your worries. Your classes. I want you to continue sharing your life with me. Come over and laugh with me. Laugh at me. I don't care, just hearing your laugh is music to me. I want you to spend your money and give yourselves good lives. I may need reminded of your kids' birthdays, I recently called my daughter in Texas. She has 2 daughters who are both in college. She misses them but was excited to have them coming home for Christmas.

I am very lucky though that our family can get to talk through Messenger, texting, or Face Timing. My kids are all grown, have their own kids and they all work, so of course, I am very proud of how they were raised and how they are bringing up their own. I may not get to see family everyday, but we love each other and when we all get together, it's a time of laughter, seeing the greats run around and sharing our lives. Respecting each others lives and being proud of their lives, helps with an empty nest syndrome.



Am I nosy? Am I bored? Maybe, But counting my blessings has made me a proud Mama, grandma and great-grandmother. However... I still wish I was young and could relive those days of kids, bottles, diapers, and an old rocking chair. Hearing cries of a hurt knee or a bicycle flat tire. Do you miss those younger days? Do you suffer from an empty nest? let me know and I'll give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

ments since then, but has served most of her time in the constant care unit. "Parkview DeKalb Hospital is blessed to have nurses like Kristen serving our patients," said Karra Heggen, vice president of patient care services, Parkview DeKalb Hospital. "Our nurses are on the front lines of care, and the effort they make to ensure our patients not only recover but remain comfortable while doing so makes a great impact." The DAISY Foundation was founded in memory of Patrick Barnes, a 33-year-old man who spent eight weeks in a hospital being treated for an autoimmune disorder. During his stay, Barnes received excellent nursing care and, in his memory, his family created the DAISY Foundation to honor nurses who go above and beyond for their patients.

**HERITAGE LIONS 25B IN HOAGLAND JOINT MEETING**



**District Governor Terry Marker**

The Monroeville Lions hosted a joint meeting with the Heritage Lions on Tuesday at the Adams Heritage retirement home. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee", and a prayer, District Governor Terry Marker gave an interesting talk, encouraging both Lions Clubs to focus on increasing their members in 2024. District 25B started the year at 1009 members, and has increased to 1050. Worldwide there are 1.4 million Lions members and the current International President has a goal of 1.5 million this year. DG Marker asked both Clubs to consider supporting two Indiana Lions programs: Speech and Hearing, which has issued many grants to college students majoring in Audiology, and LCIF, the worldwide Lions program that assists people in times of disaster. Indiana has actually received more in aid from LCIF over the years than it has donated to this large program. Should a tornado come through our area, impacting at least 100 people, LCIF will be there with a \$10,000 check for the victim's immediate needs. World-wide, over \$300 million is issued each year to victims of floods, earthquakes, hurricanes and other catastrophic events. All of that money is raised by local Lions clubs, in cities and towns all over the world. Finally, the District Governor spoke of the Special Olympics. Lions Clubs are working to organize Cornhole tournaments to support this very worthy cause. Each chapter can contribute money, help organize an event, or build cornhole boards. Refreshments provided by the Monroeville Lions were served after the meeting.

**INDIANA FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP**

Indiana Farm Bureau is a membership organization with a mission to protect and enhance the future of agriculture and our communities. Membership is open to anyone (www.join.infarm-bureau.org). Over 260,000 member-families support Indiana Agriculture. Membership dues advocate for agriculture both on the state and local levels through various programs, events and public policy. One program is the annual Scholarship event. Farm Bureau members choose to make thousands of dollars available to high school seniors and college students each year. County and District scholarships are available, starting in January 2024, and due by March 1st, 2024. Discover the scholarship and grant options at www.infarm-bureau.org/scholarships.

**ANTWERP ELEMENTARY 2<sup>nd</sup> NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR**

**ALL A's:**  
**THIRD GRADE:** Paizley Cover, Ashlynn Dunham, Hudson Martenies, Beckett Zuber, Bristol Kauser, Grace Kober, Carter Taylor  
**FOURTH GRADE:** Brock Barker, Grace Beck-Bragg, Zoey Cottrell, Lilian Mowery, Ulrik Zijlstra, Adele Cline, Soren Conley, Annabelle James, Cora Rohrs, Emmett Wurster, June Zuber, Olivia Bennett, Olivia Kosch, Lauren Overman, Lucas Phillips, Quintin Reyes, Greyson Smith  
**FIFTH GRADE:** Carter Bagley, Quinne Bradbury, Adrian Hogans, Charlotte Kauser, Josie Laker, Cy Zuber, Aubree Feehan, Braxton Fidler, Dalton Hines, Jameson Malfait, Luke Saylor, Sylvie Zartman, Lily Zijlstra, Kennedy Zuber, Julian Rivera, Brady Stairhime  
**ALL A's & B's:**  
**THIRD GRADE:** Hadley Bissell, Aria Feasby, Addison Griffiths, Greysyn Hermiller, Madilyn Hogans, Leni Johnson, Roberta Poppe, Carson Sutton, Brayton Winslow, Brody Adams, Deacon Hitzeman, Wynter Johnson, Roman Laker, Enshley Parisot, Gradyn Stairhime, Wayne Zielke, Reece Bidlack, Brevyn Eicher, Sutton Malfait, Skyler Pierce, Owen Rhonehouse, Rylan Ruffing, Parker Schmidt, Addison Straley, Anna Wiechart  
**FOURTH GRADE:** Richard Adams, Aria DeVault, Wesley Hostettler, Elie Kemerer, Layton Ladd, Gannon Sheehan, Ava Starr, Finlee Walls, Blair Bowlin, Brando Cruz, Melgar Bennett, Graham Eliot, Henschen Harper, Morow Jameson, Reeb, Madison Wiesehan, Jayden Fish, Sophia Friend, Aubree Frost, Oliver McCague, Zoey Mylek, Rylee Slattman, Brody Smith, Sebastian Yanez  
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**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**



**By: Mark Holsberry**

Elwood M. (Babe) Kemler was born December 22, 1890 in Paulding. The son of Francis born January of 1854 and Laura J. (McCreary) Kemler born May of 1855. This couple was married July 25, 1875 in Paulding. By 1880, this couple was living in Paulding and Francis was a laborer. They had a daughter, Minnie, born November of 1880. Another daughter, Richie, was born December of 1882, followed by a daughter Gretchen, born February of 1884, a son Carl, born March of 1886, a son Peter, born April of 1889 and Elwood, born December of 1890. By 1900, the Kemler family was living on Main Street in Paulding. Francis was working as a bartender in Paulding. In 1902, Elwood's sister, Minnie, married a fella named Loren J. Thompson who was a Paulding Spanish American War Veteran. By 1910, the Kemler family had moved to Perry Street in Paulding. Francis was running a restaurant, Elwood was helping his father. On June 19, 1916, Elwood joined the Ohio National Guard out of Paulding and given the rank of private, he served in Company B. 2a Ohio National Guard and was promoted to Corporal August 19, 1916, then pro-

moted to Sergeant November 1, 1916. He served in the Mexican border war, serving until October 27, 1917. Elwood was then sent to Camp Sherman, Ohio to serve with the 11th Company, 3rd Training Battalion until October 27, 1917, when was assigned to 145th Infantry Headquarters as an unassigned recruit. He served until November 1, 1917. On January 25, 1918, Elwood was assigned to Company D. 145th, 37th Infantry Division, and then transferred to Company I. 145th Infantry Division. Elwood's brother, Peter, registered for the draft on June 5, 1917 and was listed as medium height and build. Black hair and dark blue eyes. He was working as a bartender living on 713 North Williams Street Paulding and was not chosen to serve. On June 15, 1918, Elwood was sent to Hoboken, New Jersey to board the ship, "Leviathan", and sent to France. He was appointed to Sergeant in the National Army, October 27, 1918. He served in the Muese-Argonne, Ypres-Lys Defensive Sector. On November 3, 1918, Elwood Kemler was wounded by artillery shell fire, and on November 5, 1918, Elwood passed away. Paulding soldiers, Emmett Good and Spencer Hoover were always with Elwood in the trenches. Emmett Good was killed September 28, 1918. In a letter to his father, Francis, Elwood's commanding officer spoke of Elwood's commitment of a soldier's duty and strong service to his country and popular with the men in the trenches. In October of 1921, Elwood's body was brought home from France on the ship, "S.S. Wheaton". His body was buried in Live Oak Cemetery. Lot 442, Block G. Grave 3. He received his military tombstone in 1941.

**DEKALB CONSTANT CARE NURSE RECEIVES DAISY AWARD**



**Kristen Schultis, BSN, RN, Parkview DeKalb Hospital**

Kristen Schultis, BSN, RN, recently received a DAISY Award for extraordinary nursing after being nominated by a patient. Schultis, a constant care nurse leader at Parkview DeKalb Hospital, received the award from The DAISY Foundation, which recognizes outstanding nurses. In the award nomination, a patient noted Schultis' thorough care and willingness to explain things during the patient's monthlong stay after an emergency surgery, a stay that spanned the Christmas holiday in 2022. "She was the most awesome nurse and an angel in disguise. She was the kindest, most thoughtful, caring nurse you could ask and hope for," the patient wrote.

"She had the most caring and gentle hands when they were taking care of me, whether she was taking care of my wound vac, helping me move from bed to chair, giving me ice chips, or just keeping me comfortable." "She was always willing to explain things to me, even if I had asked a dozen times before," the patient continued in their nomination. "Also, she always had time to explain things to my family to keep them updated. If she saw I was getting depressed or discouraged, she would give me a pep talk to keep my spirits up. She encouraged me on the accomplishments I made, no matter how small they were." The patient noted that Schultis checked in on her days off and followed up even after discharge. "Nurses like Kristen make a lifelong impact on patients under their care," said Juli Johnson, chief nursing and patient services executive, Parkview Health. "Parkview nurses bring exceptional skill and a focus on safety, but it's the extra care and concern they show their patients that makes all the difference." Schultis has worked at the DeKalb hospital since 1991, starting as a nursing aide. She received her associate and bachelor's degrees from Lutheran College of Health Professionals, and has served as a nurse since 1996. She's worked in several depart-

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and December with an annual banquet date of November 12. This group joined board members Brett Wagner, At-Large Member; Jim States, Oakwood Development Corporation; George Carter, Paulding CIC; and Fred Manz, Industry/Business. Board member Don Oberlin with, Antwerp/Payne/Paulding County CIC was not able to attend.

The full board designated committee representatives for Governance, Personnel, Marketing, Financial, Banquet and Strategic planning committees prior to hearing from PCED Director Tim Copsey and Office Manager Kristen Schilt as they shared many workforce development, industrial site development, housing development information and grant opportunities with the board. The next full board lunch meeting will be held March 12 at 11:00 a.m.

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**AREA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS & YOUTH TOUR TRIP TO CAPITAL**



North Western Electric Cooperative, Tricounty Rural Electric Cooperative and Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative are now accepting applications for more than \$15,400 in scholarships, as well as a free trip for multiple students to our nation's capital as part of the annual Rural Electric Youth Tour.

Scholarships are open to graduating seniors planning to attend college, trade, or vocational school. One winner from each co-op will move on to the state judging level and compete for additional funds from Ohio's Electric Cooperatives.

- Tricounty REC will distribute \$3,000 in scholarships; applications are due Feb. 1, 2024.

- PPEC is awarding \$5,400 in scholarships; applications are due Feb. 15, 2024.

- NVEC is giving out \$7,000 in scholarships; applications are due Feb. 9, 2024.

Every June, around 1,800 high school students from across the country spend a week in the nation's capital as part of the National Rural

Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, sponsored by the students' respective electric cooperatives to educate them about America's history, our government, and the role co-ops play in developing strong rural communities. This free trip includes insider tours of popular sites including the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Gettysburg, and more, as well as a chance to meet congressional leaders and participate in a small group on Capitol Hill. Past delegates cite the experience as "a history buff's dream" and an "unforgettable, fun memory," as well as saying they made friends they still keep in contact with to this day.

Applications for Youth Tour are open to both high school sophomores and juniors. Applications are due February 9 for NVEC, February 15 for PPEC, and February 1 for Tricounty REC.

Though rules and award details vary between the cooperatives, one thing is the same: any student applying for either scholarships or Youth Tour must be the child of a member of that respective cooperative and must complete the applications provided by that cooperative.

For applications, see your local high school guidance counselor, call or stop by your respective electric cooperative, or visit [www.nvec.com](http://www.nvec.com), [www.ppec.coop](http://www.ppec.coop) or [www.tricountyelectriccoop.coop](http://www.tricountyelectriccoop.coop).

To learn more about the cooperatives' programs and services, please visit [www.nvec.com](http://www.nvec.com), [www.tricountyelectriccoop.coop](http://www.tricountyelectriccoop.coop), or [www.ppec.coop](http://www.ppec.coop).

**EACS BOARD OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**



**Tim Hines, EACS board president.**



**Ron Turpin, EACS board vice president.**



**Steve Screeton, EACS board secretary.**

At the January 9, 2024, EACS board meeting the following board officers were elected for the 2024-25 school year. Mr. Tim Hines was again voted as board president; Mr. Ron Turpin will hold the vice president role and Mr. Steve Screeton will be secretary of the Board. Hines has been a board member since 2015, Turpin since 2021 and Screeton since 2019.

**NEW AUBURN NURSE PRACTITIONER LOOKING FORWARD**



**Jenna Nichols, NP**

Jenna Nichols, NP, has joined Parkview Physicians Group - Family Medicine in

Auburn, and is looking forward to helping families plan and reach their health and wellness goals.

"Parkview is pleased to welcome Jenna to our great team of nurse practitioners in DeKalb County," said Tasha Eicher, market president, Parkview Northeast and Ohio. "Family medicine providers are the front line of care, treating patients of all ages to assist them in maintaining good health."

Nichols completed both her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. As a student, she completed 480 hours of clinical work in Parkview facilities, spending time in both family medicine and OB-GYN offices.

Nichols had previously worked as a registered nurse in the labor and delivery unit at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. With her previous work in women's health and an interest in pediatric health, she's looking forward to helping families on their well-being journey.

Nichols is originally from Edgerton, Ohio, about a half hour east of Auburn, so she's familiar with Parkview's northeast Indiana and Ohio region. She currently resides in Angola with her husband, Braden; their 1-year-old son, Everett; and two Goldendoodles, Cora and Moose. She enjoys spending time with her family and being outdoors, especially on the lake.

"I would like prospective patients to know that I am a provider who is willing to put in time with them to figure out the best plan of care for them and their loved ones," Nichols said. "I will do my best to provide excellent care and utilize my knowledge to help treat and care for the entire family."

Nichols is available to see patients at the Parkview Physicians Group - Family Medicine office located at 1306 E. 7th St., Suite A, Auburn. Call 260-925-1255 to schedule an appointment.

**PAULDING JH SCHOOL 2<sup>nd</sup> NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR**

**ALL A's:**

**SIXTH GRADE:** Baughman, Annaleise (Anna); Escobar, Abisai; Gunderman, Lillian (Lilly); Lechuga, Victor; Mezuk, Avaeah; Parrett, Gavin; Pease, Piper; Schlueter, Lylah; Speelman, Sophia; Zimmerman, Ella

**SEVENTH GRADE:** Borland, Daniella (Dani); Escobar, Ingrid; Halter, Addalynne (Addy); Mangette, Brynlee; Manz, Allison; Manz, Leah; Manz, Makenna; Nagy, Jordyn; Stoller, Owen; Trejo Marin, Audrey

**EIGHTH GRADE:** Ametewee, Annabelle (Gracie); Arend, Addison; Barnes, Presley; Baughman, Nicholas (Nick); Daeger, Jack; Durham, Trevor; Egnor, Parker; Grif-

fith, Jarret; Kuckuck, Kaydence (Kayde); Leatherman, Ava; Manz, Jason; Miller, Graham; Mullins, Gabriella (Gabby); White, Alayna (Aly)

**All A's & B's:**

**SIXTH GRADE:** Arend, Katherine; Barnes, Savannah (Savy); Bowers, Chase; Bryant, Lila; Dunham, Brady; Fisk, Levi; Font, Bindy; Gee, Easton; Hunt, Sawyer; Keeling, Brayden; Kleman, Elayna; Lero, Carlie; Manz, Weston; Mullins, Maddalayna; Peffley, Kenneth (Kenny); Spangler, Hudson; Stoller, Tucker

**SEVENTH GRADE:** Agler, Cora; Bartley, Paisley; Clark, Madison; Cortes Becerra, Yoselin; Dobbelaere, Paityn; Elkins, Jakob; Grace, Aspen; Grindstaff, Wesley; Leatherman, Lily; Manz, Chase; Manz, Landon; Ramirez-Cortes, Hedwin; Reyes, Evelyn; Schlatter, Nolan; Shepherd, Shohawna; Sherry, Kinlee; Steingass, Lilly; Stork, Sage; Sunday, Kendyl

**EIGHTH GRADE:** Adkins, Brodin; Barton, Zachary (Zach); Bidlack, Zaine; Brownell, Lela; Collard, Kinzley; Cox, Rylee; Foor, Kytler; Goyings, Tyler; Hartzel, Emily; Hunt, Ridge; Johanns, Delaney; Kingen, Alivia; Laker, Quinton; Landers, Gannon; Leslie, Maleah (Leah); Mead, Adrianna (Any); Omonayin, Miracle (Mimmy); Pumphrey, Civil; Schlueter, Nicholay (Nick); Stork, Gabriella (Gabby); Weible, Dylan; Williams, Cameron

**PAULDING HS 2<sup>nd</sup> NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR**

**SENIORS**

4.0: Casey Agler, Elli Barton, Ronald Goodwin, Mattie Hirschy, Jamy Hunt, Maci Kauser, Lucas Kennedy, Brayden Kingen, Layla Logan, Carla Manz, Aiden Miller, Kelcie Pack, Patrick Paholak, Jocelynn Parrett, Riley Stork

3.5-3.99: Drake Ankney, Harley Collins, Hunter Coutts, Jacob Diemer, Madison Dumire, Landrey Fitzgerald, Joshua Funez, Vanessa Garcia, Aiden Herman, Meagan Hirschy, Sarah Lewis, Wesley Ludwig, Tytus Manz, Charles McClure, Allyson Merriman, Zachary Metcalf, Esther Rocha, Trinity Salazar, Denis Santillan-Rodriguez, Tyler Schlatter, Adam Stahl, Hailey Wolpert

3.0-3.49: Jesus Estrada, Kobe Foor, Adriannah Garms, Morgan Szurminski

**FRESHMEN**

4.0: Braylon Barnes, Remington Boroff, Isabella Burtch, Max Daeger, Landon Daltz, Kayleigh Dunham, Silas Foster, Jayla Griffith, Alexis Hankinson, Reina Kleman, Mariah Klopfenstein, Mackenzie Leatherman, Esther Lemieux, Megan Manz, Myrriah Manz, Vivienne Myers, Estie Pease, Lucy Porter, Leonel Reyes, Tori Schlatter, Audrey Stoller, Darcy Taylor

3.5-3.99: Anija Acevedo, London Ametewee, Jolene Branham, Hadassa Cantu, Avery Cooper, Kyra Jackman,

**JUNIORS**

4.0: Kiara Adams, Lucas Beckman, Elizabeth Dotterer,

Grace Goyings, Jocelynn Hawk, Emily Keezer, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Giovanni Linares, Peyton Manz, Claire Miller, Meryle Parrett, Emma Porter, Ashley Rickels, Brooklyn Schlatter, Dominic Stahl, Cully Thompson, Ethan Warner

3.5-3.99: Matthew Ball, Alexander Baughman, Allison Cavanaugh, Anna Clemens, Gavin Coil, David Dunley, Ximena Enrigue-Roldan, Kaitlyn Goings, Brooke Kilgore, Piper Kochel, Curtis Langsdorf, Christiana Martinez, Samuel Reinhard, Hopeful Rose, David Slawson, Thomasa Stiltner, Kadence Ameron, Alexis Wharry, Jack Woods

3.0-3.49: Brooklynn Bakle, Ryan Cantu, Aameah Carr, Makenna Dunham, Hayden Elston, Courtney Good, Johnathan Lipps, Aniyah Sajuan, Brandon Schroeder

**SOPHOMORES**

4.0: Ingrid Bautista Salto, Landen Danberry, Lilian Daniels, Jackson Griffith, Jacob Harris, Hunter Harwell, Addison Hunt, Damien Iliff, Brooklyn King, Jared Manz, Trenton Manz, Aleah Mattery, Xessa Metcalf, Addison Pease, Xander Schwab, Jack Schweller, Sheyenne Shepherd, Adan Zacarias

3.5-3.99: Xander Bartley, Grady Barton, Bailey Bennett, Olivia Breckler, Lucy Breier, Izac Coutts, Mallory Fisher, Hannah Griffiths, Colten Hunt, Layla Kremer, Jackson Laker, Isabelle Lamb, Clayton Manz, Renee McCabe, Hope Peters, Abigail Panches, Rileigh Sanders, Thad Schneider, Addison Shull, Laila Stiltner, Logan Winke

3.0-3.49: Kaitlynn Breedlove, Katherine Burtch, Grace Cantu, Makayla Carr, Katelynn Gerbers, Hayden Gill, Alfonso Gonzales, Gerald Hartzell, Molly Iler, Samantha Leal, Kellen Letz, Miguel Martinez, Leticia Mendez, Tyler Palacios, Dylan Perez, Adam Panches, Madison Ramey, Luke Ray, Blake Rhonehouse

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it can be managed but this is potentially reversible with hard work and persistence."

Links has the chronic disease of diabetes squarely in his sights: "It's an evil disease. It causes so much damage, and it doesn't get the credit it should for being really terrible."

He is energized by the prospect of helping someone take the life-affirming steps

needed to not only control, but potentially reverse the threat diabetes poses to their health.

Links acknowledges that making dietary and lifestyle changes is hard work for patients. But he works alongside them as an encouraging ally because he knows what it is to persist in facing a tough challenge and find the satisfaction of achievement on the other side.

**The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office**

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

**There are two basic services the agency provides:**

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

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

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

**Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

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McCague, Megan Parker, Mailey Stoller, Avery Welch All A's & B's - Jayce Buehrle, Aubree Lamb, Ryleigh McGarvey, Antonia Negrete Pawoli, Scarlett Neff, Audrey Reuille, Lienna Stoller, Laina Matthews, Jordan Howell

son Schilt, Kyren Karhoff, Breven Anderson

Honor Roll: 3.7-3.0 GPA \*Signify 4.0

SEVENTH GRADE: \*Kendall Folsom, \*Jonah Sinn, \*Elliot Parady, \*Corbin Stoller, Easton Jay, Brayden Sinn, Grace Ringler, Emma Whitman, Addilynn Gerardot, Aaron Bohland, Witt Stoller, Olivia Stoller, Brooke Stoller, Braylin Sinn, Kinlee Miller, Makenna Schilt, Blaize Karhoff, Addilyn Davis, Evelyn Lyons, Waylon McCord, Paige Schang, Luke Stoller, Victoria Burgei, Layla Shellenbarger, Jennifer Treece, Gabrielle Gurney, Abbie Williams, Ian Scarberry, Madison Silance, Cobain Rittenhouse, Jacob Wobler, Abigail Tarlton

EIGHTH GRADE: \*Jenna Kipfer, \*Jensen Beining, \*Addyson LaBounty, \*Caylie Baker, \*Brooke Tigner, Braxton Schnipke, Ashlyn Manz, Lilly Shepherd, Logan Gambler, Javiero Vielma, Lilly Holbrook, Madison Pease, Aubrie Stoller, Jaxon Cook, Peyton Sennebogen, Brinna Collins, Brenan Miller, Xylem Kashner, Isabella Lowe, Nora Wenninger, Alyvia Bell, Cayla Noggle, Owen Welch, Reece Morehead, Khloe Merriam, Nicole Gerschutz, Brock Knowles, Alyvia Thomas, Londyn Greear, Elynn Clemens

NINTH GRADE: Christopher Dilling, Zachary Stoller, Olivia Zartman, Arianna Viola, Alex Doster, Leah Bland, Miley Jacobs, Isabelle O'Shaughnessey, Stephany Lopez-Castillo, Reece Olwin, Elizabeth Graham, Ella Crosby, Grayson Sutton, Corbin Varner, McKenzie Johnson, Isabel Gilbert, Benjamin Gurney, Madison Gilbert, Carter Baumle, Colton Kimmel

TENTH GRADE: Aubree Miller, Lexi Moore, Deklyn Schweinsberg, Myleigh Sheets, Chloe McClure, Emma Stouffer, Griffin Williamson, Raegan McGarvey, Hunter Lyons, William Burgei, Amber Stoller, Ryann Jay, Eric Reinhart, Caleb Cox, Ryan Parker, Caroline Winans, Lance Maenle, Micah Sinn, Izabella Foust, Kaden Wilcox, Abigail Evans, Jack Schoenauer, Carreen Winans, Sierra Young, Alicia Bahena, Olivia Baughman, Lance Whitman, Zoey Schultz, Jordan Hale

ELEVENTH GRADE: Anna Meraz, Christian Bohland, Jazmyne Roddy, Jordan Banks, Ciarra Cotterman, Adela Collins, Tianna Sinn, Serenity Helms, Trista Evans,

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# ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS LEARN ABOUT WINTER ANIMALS



Shown here with their awesome bears are (in back with Miss Anna) Johanna Federighi, Brynleigh Adams, Savannah Coil, Wyatt Wilhelm, Everett Wilhelm, and Eli Hernandez. In front are Lakelynn Sauber, Ariyah Lockwood, Levi Lockwood, Amelia Thrasher, Garrett Wilhelm, Mateo Ash and Van Snyder.

Anna Gurney from the Paulding SWCD office visited Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool recently to teach

everyone about winter animals and how they survive the cold, winter months. She brought along many

animal furs and then everyone participated in completing a bear craft together.

## WAT PAYNE ELEMENTARY 2<sup>nd</sup> NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

## WAYNE TRACE HS 2<sup>nd</sup> NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

### Academic Honor Roll: 4.0-3.8 GPA

\*Signify 4.0 NINTH GRADE: \*Cole Manz, \*Noah Schlatter, \*Amber Stoller, \*Eli Treece, \*Grady Helms, \*Kaelyn Vejar, \*Blake Noggle, Campbell Volk, Anna Manz

TENTH GRADE: \*Lily Boyd, \*Addison Stoller, \*Mylie Wittwer, \*Caitlyn Mead, \*Clay Stoller, \*Riley Manz, \*Torree Sinn, \*Hailey Duncan, \*Whitney Boroff, \*Lucas Morehead, Natalie Richie, Estrella Martinez Sandoval, Olivia Franklin

ELEVENTH GRADE: \*Tyler Sanderson, \*Kathleen Stoller, \*Luke Stouffer, \*Harper Myers, \*Tori Young, \*Isabella Knowles, \*Allison Noggle, \*Dylan Coffman, \*Morgan Elliott, \*Nicholas Sinn, \*Lori Sinn, \*Ryan Bostelman, \*Natalie Stoller, \*Rylin Moore, Makenna Johnson, Tyson Gerber, Ava Stoller

TWELFTH GRADE: \*Kaitlin Slade, \*Brenna Thomas, \*Olivia Meraz, \*Kyle Stoller, \*Caitlyn Thomas, \*KatieAnna Baumle, \*Emma Laukhuf, \*Meara Rager, \*Maddox Treece, \*Kacy Hornish, \*Eli Stuart, \*Hudson Myers, \*Laryssa Whitman, \*Melanie Dunham, Lynsey Pease, Alli-

### THIRD GRADE

All A's - Rilee Girardot, Luna Schmidt, Allie Wilcox, Aubree Philipot, Elise Steffen, Mablee Stoller

All A's & B's - Mary Gerardot, Peyton Hollar, Norah Mawer, Nellie McMillan, Addi Danner, Jerica Gonzales, Megan McKinney, Hank Mullins

All B's - Jack Myers, Mason Bevinger, Aryah Delgado, Peyton Osbun, Jacob Roof

### FOURTH GRADE

All A's - Adalyn Litzenberg, Raylynn Gerardot, Boston McGarvey, Hannah Mawer, Callen Stoller

All A's & B's - Saylor Denning, Piper Mills, Pieper Mansfield, River Rittenhouse, Alyse Schmidt, Chandler Richardson, Brynlee Stoller, Beckett Taylor, Lydia Shepherd, Brylee Wieland, Kelsey Folsom, Nash Sinn

All B's - Evander Neff

### FIFTH GRADE

All A's - Gabe DeWaard All A's & B's - Aubrey Fairley, Carter O'Dell, Luke Shepherd, Emma Wilcox, Londyn Dargenson, Zander Lelonek, Kaylee Miller, Cerenity Seibert

### SIXTH GRADE

All A's - Hudsyn Burkley, Krandon Crites, Olivander

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Cecil: 127 Maramart

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

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

Key: Marathon

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

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

Hospital, Kwik Mart, PC Carnegie Library

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

Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank, Sherwood Library

Scott: Scott Post Office

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

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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 McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, McDonalds, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's

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

## PUTNAM COUNTY GOP CHAIRMAN SELECTED AS DELEGATE TO 2024 RNC CONVENTION



District 1 Republican State Central Committee-

man and Putnam County, Ohio GOP Chairman Tony J. Schroeder announced today that he has been selected to serve as a delegate for President Donald J. Trump at the 2024 Republican National Convention to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from July 15th through July 18th.

Delegates to the Republican National Convention are chosen to represent their states at this formal ceremony where they will adopt the GOP Party Platform and officially select the Republican Party candidate for President of the United States. To win the nomination, a presidential candidate must receive support from a majority of the delegates.

"It's truly an honor to have been selected as a delegate to the Republican National Convention from Ohio's 5th Congressional District," stated Tony

Schroeder. "I had the pleasure of introducing a resolution at the State Central Committee's December 2023 meeting calling for the Ohio Republican Party's endorsement of President Donald J. Trump and was delighted to see that resolution was easily passed by the Committee. I now look forward to attending our Party's National Convention in July to cast my vote for President Trump on behalf of all my fellow Republicans throughout Ohio, so that he officially becomes our Party's nominee for President of the United States", he added.

For more information about District 1 Republican State Central Committee-man and Putnam County, Ohio GOP Chairman Tony J. Schroeder, please visit his website at www.TonySchroeder.com.

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# PILOTS OVERTAKE PANTHERS IN GIRLS BASKETBALL



Ayersville Senior Mabel McGuire gets the rebound after shot by Brooklyn Bakle bounced off the rim. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Paulding Sophomore Addi Pease gets a break as she runs to the key and scores a layup! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Thursday night girls basketball at The Jungle saw Paulding Lady Panthers host Ayersville Lady Pilots. The game started slow with the

lady Pilots height advantage making hard for the Panthers to get points on the board. The first quarter was a little slow with the first two points of

Paulding earned by Tori Schlatter from the free throw line. The Pilots took an early lead to dominate the first half and the game with a 56-36.

## SCHINDLER CARRIES PILOTS OVER WT

Visiting Ayersville led at every stop as the Lady Pilots recorded a 40-34 victory over Wayne Trace in Green Meadows Conference girls basketball play at the 'Palace' Thursday evening.

Ayersville took a 10-9 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before widening the gap in the second quarter, outscoring Wayne Trace 12-9 in the stanza for a 22-18 halftime advantage. Ayersville then took a 34-29 margin into the final quarter.

Ally Schindler led the way with 20 points for Ayersville, which remains unbeaten on the season at 8-0.

Kendra Waldron and Taylor Craft both chipped in six markers for the Lady Pilots while Kiersten Manon posted four points. Mabel McGuire and Lanie Sheets each recorded a basket as well for Ayersville.

Caroline Winans bucketed 13 points to pace Wayne Trace as the Lady Raiders drop to 7-4 on the season. The contest was the first for both schools in GMC play.

Lexi Moore added ten markers for the red, white and blue with Careen Winans posting eight and Ava Zartman chipping in three.

## ARCHERS PICK UP RIVALRY WIN OVER PANTHERS

Visiting Antwerp led at every stop and the Archers cruised to a 47-33 win over county rival Paulding in Green Meadows Conference boys basketball action Friday night at the 'Jungle.'

The blue and white took a 15-7 lead at the end of eight minutes of action and never looked back as Antwerp posted a 24-18 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, the Archers added a dozen markers while Paulding recorded ten to give Antwerp a 36-28 margin entering the final stanza.

Carson Altimus led the way for the blue and white, topping all scorers with 18 points in the contest for Antwerp. Reid Lichty and Landon Brewer both chipped in ten markers for the Archers with Zaine McMichael recording seven points.

Ben Savina completed the Antwerp scoring with a basket as the Archers improved to 9-0 overall and 1-0 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Casey Agler paced the maroon and white with a dozen markers while Kane Jones and

# OSBORNE WINS CHAMPIONSHIP AT TROY INVITATIONAL



Nate Osborn - 190lb Champion of Troy Invitational. Photo by Carrie Kimmel.

The Wayne Trace Wrestling Team traveled to Troy High School for the Troy Invitational on January 6th. Six of the seven wrestlers took a position on the podium, with Nate Osborn taking home the championship banner. The team ended the day with 118 points, which secured a seventh place finish as a team out of sixteen.

Nate Osborn, the 190-pound wrestler had a great day on the mats. Osborn won his first match of the day with a quick pin in just 32 seconds over A.J. Reyes from Covington. For the second round, Osborn had a bye and then won the third round by pin in just 1:09 over Logan Overmyer from Troy. Nate advanced to the placement brackets after the first three pool rounds. For the fourth round of the day, Osborn defeated Adien Nipp of Wayne in a quick 41 seconds. Advancing forward, Osborn pinned Owen Jordan from Benjamin Logan in 3:49. Osborn continued into the finals. Nate was winning 10-4 when his opponent forfeited, sending Nate to the top of the podium.

In the 113-pound weight class, Colton Kimmel had a 23 second pin for the first round against Chris Hill of Arcanum. After a second round - bye, Kimmel defeated Colby Chhy of Fairborn in 54 seconds. For the fourth round, Colton lost to Bradon Lewis of Miami East. Colton battled back and pinned Colt Roberts of Urbana in 2:06. In the final

Blake Rhonhouse both chipped in seven points.

Greyson Harder recorded five points and Grady Barton had two for Paulding as the Panthers dropped to 5-2 in all games and 0-1 in the conference.

Paulding did earn a split on the night by winning the junior varsity contest, defeating the Archers 40-37 in overtime.

## DUO LEADS WT IN ROUT OF PILOTS

Senior Brooks Laukhuf scored 22 points with senior teammate Kyle Stoller bucketing 19 markers to lead the Wayne Trace Raiders to a 70-31 victory over Ayersville in Green Meadows Conference boys basketball play Friday.

It was the host Pilots who held a slim 13-11 lead at the end of one quarter but it was all Raiders from that point forward.

Wayne Trace put up 25 points in the second quarter, with Stoller bucketing 11 and Laukhuf nine, as the red, white and blue broke the game opening in posting a 36-18 halftime advantage.

The Raiders sealed any doubt with a 19-point third



Nate Osborn competed in the Troy Invitational on January 6, 2024. Photo by Carrie Kimmel.

match of the day, Colton pinned Wyatt Knauss of Bluffton in 2:41 to finish the day in 5th place.

In the 120-pound weight class, Corbin Kimmel finished the day in 3rd place. In the first round of the day, Corbin pinned Quinten Karabinis of Piqua in 1:35. Kimmel then pinned Sydney Whiteside of Meadowdale in 25 seconds, followed by a 1:31 pin of Ashton Noggle from Greenville. In the fourth round, Corbin lost a close match to T.J. Murray of Troy with a score of 9-8. Kimmel won the match for 3rd place by default against Parker Will of Delphos St. John.

Kamryn Sutton wrestled in the 132-pound weight class for the Raiders. Sutton faced Nikolai Kaye of Piqua and was defeated by pin. In the second round Kamryn pinned Logan Tolliver of Delphos St. John by pin in 45 seconds, followed by a bye. In the fourth round, Sutton was defeated by Michael Hagan of Covington, but battled back to defeat Aaron Oates of Troy with a pin in 2:34. Jamar Reid of Fairborn pinned Sutton in 2:01 for the final match, sending Sutton to the podium in sixth place.

In the 150-pound weight class, Graiden Troth ended the day in 5th place for the team. Troth won his first two matches on the day with pins in 1:04 over Diego Lopez of Covington and 3:00 over Kady Melton of Wayne. Troth was defeated in the third round Ethan Carpenter of

Benjamin Logan with a score of 11-7. Graiden advanced to defeat Sylas Gambrel of Milton-Union with a major decision 13-0. In the final match, Troth pinned Nathan Brewsler of Troy in 2:59.

Dakota Densmore wrestled in the 215-pound weight class for Wayne Trace. After a first round bye, Densmore pinned Jonas Thaber of Troy in 3:37. He was then pinned by Drake Bennett of Miami East. After a loss to Ronnie Butler of Xenia, Denmore defeated Jacob Anderson of Troy by default. In the 5th place match, Densmore was defeated by Anthony Butler of Xenia and ended the day in 6th place.

For the 285-pound weight class, Blake Schultz was defeated in round one by Parker James of Piqua. Schultz went on to defeat John Hatcher of Miami East by pin in 55 seconds and Delimar Wade of Meadowdale with a score of 8-3. Schultz lost to Michael Hamby of Wayne in a close match with a score of 8-7, which knocked Blake out of the running for a spot on the podium.

The Wayne Trace Wrestling Team experienced a lot of improvement during the invitational and will continue to grow and improve as the season progresses. The team will travel and compete in Van Buren on January 19th and 20th. Congratulations to all wrestlers who placed and good luck as the season continues.

quarter that saw the red, white and blue widen the margin to 55-28 entering the final stanza.

Seven other red, white and blue players scored in the contest with Lance Maenle, Carter Clemens, Cale Winans, Caden Sinn and Hudson Myers all bucketed five markers. Tanner Laukhuf and Brady

Miller chipped in two each as well for Wayne Trace.

Carter Michel and Jeremiah Peake led the way for Ayersville with 15 and ten markers, respectively.

Brady Clark chipped in three points for the Defiance County squad with Garrett Flory getting two points and Ben Amoroso hit a foul shot.

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# ARCHERS STAY TIED ATOP GMC RACE



6' Sophomore Alivia Farnham opens the Edgerton scoring with a beautiful 3 point basket for the Bulldogs. Photo by MySports.live



Antwerp's Caroline Rohrs helps lead the team to victory with another basket from the key in Thursday night's game. Photo by MySports.live

Antwerp remained unbeaten in Green Meadows Conference play on Thursday night as the Lady Archers slipped past visiting Edgerton 43-30 in Paulding County.

The blue and white held a slim 9-8 lead after one quarter before widening the gap to 19-16 at the midway point of the contest.

Antwerp then opened the game up in the third quarter, picking up 13 points compared to six for the Bulldogs in pushing the margin to 32-22 entering the final period.

Caroline Rohrs topped the Lady Archer efforts with 20 points in the contest while Aewyn McMichael added 17 points for Antwerp as the blue and white improved to 8-4 overall and 2-0 in the league.

Raeley Franklin chipped in a three-point field goal for the blue and white with Madisyn Peters recording two free throws and Emma Townley hit one foul shot.

Edgerton was paced by Alivia Farnham with 16 points and Ava Swank totaled nine markers for the

Lady Bulldogs, who drop to 4-8 in all contests and 0-2 in the conference.

Casey Everetts also had three points and Kennedy Stuit finished with two for the Williams County squad.

### WARRIORS GET PAST BRAVES

Taylor Kneubuhler scored a team high 15 points to lead the Woodlan Lady Warriors to a 57-52 victory over host Blackhawk Christian Thursday night in non-league girls basketball action.

Reagan Widenhoefer and Brooke Kneubuhler each chipped in 14 markers for Woodlan with Alyssa Anderson adding seven points.

Chloe Gaff bucketed six markers for the Lady Warriors and Alix Jacquay recorded the remaining Woodlan point.

Anderson finished with a team high 11 rebounds for Woodlan while Taylor Kneubuhler recorded nine boards. Jacquay and Brooke Kneubuhler finished with six and five rebounds, respectively.

Widenhoefer also dished out five assists for the Lady Warriors while Brooke Kneubuhler, Taylor Kneubuhler and Makenna Smith posted three assists apiece.

Jacquay topped Woodlan with four steals in the contest with Anderson and Brooke Kneubuhler picking up two each as well.

Woodlan finished the contest 21 of 59 from the field (36 percent), including 7 of 19 on three-point field goal attempts. The Warriors also hit 8 of 14 free throws on the evening.

The Lady Warriors are now 10-7 overall on the season. Woodlan hosts Fremont on January 17 before wrapping up ACAC action by traveling to South Adams on January 20. The Warriors conclude regular season action on January 26 when they host Prairie Heights.

### ARCHERS MOVE TO 10-0 WITH WIN OVER KNIGHTS

Antwerp jumped in front early and made it stand up as the Archers recorded a 48-43 victory over Crestview in non-league boys basketball action Saturday evening.

The Archers took a 15-9 lead at the end of one period and led at every stop the rest of the evening. Both teams scored seven second quarter points to give Antwerp a 22-16 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, the Archers bucketed 16 points compared to 15 for the Knights as Antwerp took a

# PJHS POSITIVE PANTHERS



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Positive Panther per grade level. These students are recognized for the positive character traits they exhibit as students of Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture from left are James Gonzales (Grade 7), Kyler Foor (Grade 8), and Avaeah Mezuk (Grade 6).

# PHS JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School Students of the month for January are from left to right: Senior Maci Kauser, Junior Peyton Manz, Sophomore Bailey Bennett and Freshman Esperanza Kline.

38-31 lead into the final period.

The Archers then held on down the stretch for the 48-43 victory.

Wren Sheets topped the Crestview effort with 16 points while Connor Sheets chipped in eight markers.

Braxton Leeth added seven points for the Knights with Jaret Harting and Tommy Heffner both posted five points for Crestview. Kellin Putman recorded a field goal to aid the Crestview cause.

Antwerp was paced by

Landon Brewer with 15 points and Carson Altimus chipped in a dozen markers.

Zaine McMichael had nine points for Antwerp while Reid Lichty finished with eight and Camden Fuller totaled four markers.

Crestview won a junior varsity marathon contest as the Knights outlasted the Archers for a 50-44 four overtime victory.

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# THE LEFT TURN



Michigan Mini Wedge racer Colby at the Rumble. Photo by The Left Turn

**By: Ron Burt**  
*The First of A Two-Part Series*

Do your children want to get into racing? The first thing I will tell you, racing and affordable are two words that don't go together. This goes for any kind of racing but here we're talking about cars that go around in circles making left turns. The first thing I recommend to parents and potential young racers is, go to a race. Mini Wedges and Quarter Midgets aren't like what you and your child watch on a Saturday night at the local racetrack. They are real race cars and for your son or daughter's age and these cars are fast. See if your child has interest before you make a big investment. Talk to the parents and have your son or daughter talk to the young drivers. You both will be caught up in the hype of the moment and you'll be excited with everything you see. Now it's time to do your own research. Go over the information the parents and drivers shared with you. Mini Wedges and Quarter Midgets have standard rules across the country. Some tracks will add their own twist sometimes when running their local races. This might include splitting classes up to let more youngsters have a better chance to get a win or just more racing experience. Check where there are race tracks in your local area. Take your new list of questions back to the track and get the answers you're looking for.

The Mini Wedge At the Rumble in Fort Wayne, I caught up with people that had children racing in both classes. I'm grateful for the time they spent with me. The first young man I met was Colby out of Michigan. He races a Mini Wedge and where he lives, he can race up to 4 times a week, at any of 4 local racetracks getting lots of valuable experience. He's lucky to have so many tracks near his home. This doesn't include larger out of state events like

the Rumble in Fort Wayne or even State Series races. The first thing I noticed about this young man, he's friendly, and straight forward with his answers. He knows his car, getting experience from racing and learning from his family that have a background in the sport. The near future for Colby will have him competing against adult drivers in a regular class at Speedways. It won't surprise me if we see this young man in a Modified or Late Model in five years.

This car looks like a car body set on top a go-kart frame but it's not. It's a little wider and the body resembles a wedge Late Model. It has a roll cage and requires mandatory safety equipment to protect young drivers. Motors are sold at Harbor Freight. The Predator 212 engine Hemi or Non-Hemi allowed with no modifications. I invite you to Google Mini Wedge rules for the complete list. Drivers' safety is very important in Mini Wedge and Quarter Midget. Full face helmet and fire suits are just the start of a long list, and every racetrack upholds these safety rules. The closest track to N. W. Ohio would be west of Fort Wayne at Plymouth Speedway. Some of their Mini Wedge racers also compete at South Bend Speedway and Galesburg Michigan. These cars race on dirt and paved tracks. I also suggest you visit Great Lakes Mini Wedge Series on Facebook. They are based in Michigan and some tracks are close to us.

You can buy a used Mini Wedge with a motor from \$1000.00 on up. Several people make them new starting at \$4,380.00 with a motor and assembled race ready. These prices put you in a car. This doesn't include transportation to haul your car, tools, spare parts, and tires. Your fire suit can cost \$90.00-\$500.00 and full-face helmet \$125.00-\$500.00. However, kids are always outgrowing cars, fire suits and helmets and racing families are good at helping

each other and a lot of bartering goes on in the pits. Racing people are always helping each other. They all want their sport to grow. Next week we'll look at Quarter Midgets. Ron Out!

## BALANCE LEADS INDIANS OVER PANTHERS

Riley Riegsecker and Tyson Rodriguez each scored 16 points to lead the Wauseon Indians to a 56-42 win over visiting Paulding Saturday evening in non-league boys basketball action in Fulton County.

The Indians led 12-8 at the end of one quarter and expanded the margin to 25-19 at the midway point. Wauseon posted a 41-34 advantage entering the final stanza.

Braden Vajen also reached double figures with ten markers for the Indians, who improved to 4-4 overall on the season.

Nicholas Stinner added five points for the Fulton County squad with Logan Patterson posting four and Carter Gype recorded three. Nathaniel Stinner finished with the remaining two points for Wauseon.

Kane Jones hit five three-point field goals and totaled 19 points to lead the way for the maroon and white.

Blake Rhonehouse chipped in 11 points for the Panthers with Grady Barton recording five markers. Casey Agler and Max Daeger picked up four and three points, respectively, for Paulding.

The Panthers drop to 5-3 overall on the season with the loss.

## LADY KNIGHTS DOMINATE ARCHERS

Antwerp led at the end of eight minutes of action before the Crestview defense dominated the rest of the way as the Lady Knights posted a 45-19 victory over the Archers.

The Van Wert County squad gave up just eight points over the final three periods as Crestview rallied from the early deficit to cruise to the victory.

Antwerp led 11-8 at the end of one period, getting a trio of three-point field goals from guard Aewyn McMichael.

However, Crestview didn't allow McMichael another field goal in the contest and gave up just one to the Antwerp team as Taylor Shull connected on a basket in the fourth quarter. Outside of the Shull bucket, the only other blue and white points after the first quarter came on three McMichael free throws, two Caroline Rohrs foul shots and an Allison Sproles charity toss.

The Lady Knights outscored Antwerp 13-0 in the second stanza to post a 21-11 halftime advantage before Crestview poured in 16 third quarter markers to expand the margin to 37-16 entering the final period.

Cali Gregory led the way with 18 points for Crestview, which improves to 11-1 on the season.

Myia Etzler added nine points for the Lady Knights followed by Ellie Kline with eight and Haley McCoy chipped in six. Josie Kulwicki and Kaci Gregory both recorded two points for Crestview.

McMichael bucketed a dozen to lead the way for the Lady Archers while Rohrs had

# PAULDING JH SCHOOL PRIDE CARD RECIPIENTS



Each month students at Paulding Junior High School earn Paulding Pride cards for going above and beyond what is normally expected of Paulding Junior High students. Shown in the picture are the Paulding Pride card recipients for the month of December.

four. Taylor Shull and Allison Sproles recorded two points and one point, respectively, for Antwerp as the blue and white falls to 7-4 on the season.

## BIG FOURTH QUARTER LIFTS PATRIOTS OVER WARRIORS

Visiting Heritage rallied from a nine-point deficit after three quarters with a 22-point fourth quarter as the Patriots defeated rival Woodlan 56-52 in opening round action of the ACAC tournament on Tuesday.

The Warriors took the early lead, scoring 19 points in the opening stanza to post a 19-11 margin after eight minutes of action.

Heritage answered by outscoring Woodlan 14-12 in the second quarter to cut the deficit to 31-25 entering the third quarter.

Woodlan, though, responded in the third quarter to outscore the Patriots 12-9 and expand the margin to 43-34 heading into the fourth quarter.

It was the Patriots who dominated the last eight minutes of action, putting up 22 points of their own while holding Woodlan to nine to secure the 56-52 victory.

Landon Lybarger topped the Patriots with 18 points in the contest with D'vontaye Washington chipping in 11 markers.

Kobe Meyer recorded seven points for Heritage followed by Taurean Brown (six), Lantae Cassel (five), Braden Walter (four), Noah Redmon (three) and Eli Tigulis (two).

Woodlan was led by Braden Smith with 21 points and Trey Yoder chipped in 20 markers for the Warriors.

Drew Fleek recorded seven points for Woodlan while Lincoln Sparks and Jordan Halsey both chipped in two points.

## WARRIORS ROLL TO WIN OVER PATRIOTS

Host Woodlan cruised to a 49-21 victory over visiting Heritage in ACAC tournament play Tuesday evening.

The Lady Warriors got 16 points from Taylor Kneubuhler while Alyssa Anderson chipped in 11 markers for Woodlan, which improved to 11-7 overall on the season.

McKenna Goble posted six markers for Woodlan followed by Brooke Kneubuhler (five), Reagan Widenhoefer (four), Chloe Gaff (four), Emma McDaniel (two) and Alix Jacquay (one).

Anderson led the Lady Warriors with nine rebounds while sisters Taylor Kneubuhler and Brooke Kneubuhler hauled down six apiece.

Widenhoefer, Makenna Smith and Brooke Kneubuhler dished out three assists

each for Woodlan and Taylor Kneubuhler totaled two assists and two steals.

Brooke Kneubuhler, Karina Pepler and Leah Elwood finished with two steals apiece.

## WT PICKS UP WIN OVER ACES

Wayne Trace held Hicksville to just two second quarter points as the Lady Raiders recorded a 41-33 victory in Defiance County Thursday night.

The host Lady Aces took a 13-11 advantage at the end of eight minutes of action before Wayne Trace responded.

The red, white and blue picked up a dozen second quarter markers while keeping the Lady Aces to just two markers in putting Wayne Trace on top 23-15 at the intermission.

In the third quarter, the Lady Raiders added ten markers compared to nine for Hicksville in giving Wayne Trace a 33-24 advantage entering the final stanza.

Lexi Moore scored a dozen points for the Lady Raiders with Tianna Sinn and Harper Myers both chipping in seven markers. Careen Winans had six points as well for Wayne Trace as the Lady Raiders improved to 8-4 overall and 1-1 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Ava Zartman (three), Amber Stoller (three), Caroline Winans (two) and Kathleen

Stoller (one) completed the Raider scoring.

Kennedy Adams paced Hicksville with eight markers while Hayden Neidhardt and McKenna Baird both scored seven points.

Ashlyn Steury chipped in six points for the Lady Aces, who fell to 1-10 in all games and 0-2 in the conference. McKenna Rice also had five markers for Hicksville.

## KLOPFENSTEIN VOTES IN FAVOR OF VETO OVERRIDE

State Representative Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) today made the following statement in response to the Ohio House overriding Governor DeWine's veto of House Bill 68, the SAFE Act and Save Women's Sports Act.

"Today, my colleagues and I fulfilled our commitment to safeguard Ohio's children by voting to uphold House Bill 68, overriding the Governor's veto. This legislation is designed to maintain fairness in women's sports, safeguarding our daughters' safety as they strive to achieve their dreams," said Klopfenstein. "Moreover, our children do not need surgery and drugs to define themselves. We should allow children to enjoy their childhood and not coerce them into irreversible medical choices that entail lifelong treatment."

The veto override of the SAFE Act will now be considered by the Ohio Senate.



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**ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS**

On December 29, Antwerp Police Department assisted Antwerp EMS at residence on Sycamore St.  
On December 30, Paulding Juvenile Probation issued

a warrant for a juvenile. The officer located the juvenile, arrested him and transferred custody to a deputy who transported him to Stryker juvenile detention center.

On December 31, a motor vehicle accident occurred at Main St. and River St.

On January 2, officers were called to a resident on Daggett St. for someone suffering from mental illness.

On January 2, Antwerp Police Department received a burglary alarm at a local business. An officer responded and found it was set off by mistake.

On January 3, a resident of River St. reported being harassed by an ex-boyfriend.

On January 5, a vehicle was

stolen in Ft. Wayne, Antwerp Police located the vehicle downtown Antwerp parked behind businesses. The case was investigated, the individual was identified and charges are pending in municipal court.

On January 6, a resident of Madison St. called with a complaint that the neighbor left crackers on the hood of his car and it was driving his cat nuts.

On January 6, a domestic dispute was reported on Main St. The case was investigated and it was determined that nothing physical had occurred.

On January 7, a resident reported that she had a no contact order and it was being violated. The case was investigated and forwarded to the prosecutor.

On January 7, a resident of Canal St. reported they witnessed someone damage their vehicle. The case was investigated, the suspect identified and located and referred to the prosecutor for charges.

On January 8, a license plate was turned into the police department that was found in the roadway. The owner was contacted and came from Sherwood to retrieve it.

On January 8, Antwerp Police Department assisted the FBI with a records request on a local individual.

On January 8, the village administrator reported a suspicious vehicle that had been parking at the water tower on Washington. Officers checked several times and haven't been able to locate the vehicle.

On January 9, Defiance prosecutor requested calls involving a village resident from September 9 to current. 25 pages were sent.

If you would like to report any suspicious activity or if you have any questions, please contact the Antwerp Police Department, 419-258-2627. They are always ready to serve the residents of the Village of Antwerp!

**PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS**

**Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report**

**James D. Sebring**, Oakwood, OH; Strangulation; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court, Preliminary hearing waived; All bond conditions remain

**Brandon J. Marker**, West Unity, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Devon H. Green**, Dexter, MO; Over width; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Austin M. Schwaner**, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Miguel A. Martinez Alonzo**, Laredo, TX; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Amy L. Keith**, Syracuse, IN; Disorderly conduct, Count B dismissed per state; Assault, Count C dismissed per state

**Ketwain D. Meridith**, Toledo, OH; Receiving stolen property, Preliminary hearing held, Probable cause found, Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court, Bond continued; Flee/elude, Preliminary hearing held; Probable cause found, Case shall be bound over

**Michael B. Moser**, Defiance, OH; Driving/ texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Donovan M. Kinsell**, Convoy, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Tonya L. Thompson**, Payne, OH; Possession of criminal tools; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Evaluation at Westwood; Complete the intervention program; Sign a release of information; Report to probation 1/5/24

**Charles E. Combs**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Farima Tudor**, Juliet, IL; Over length; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

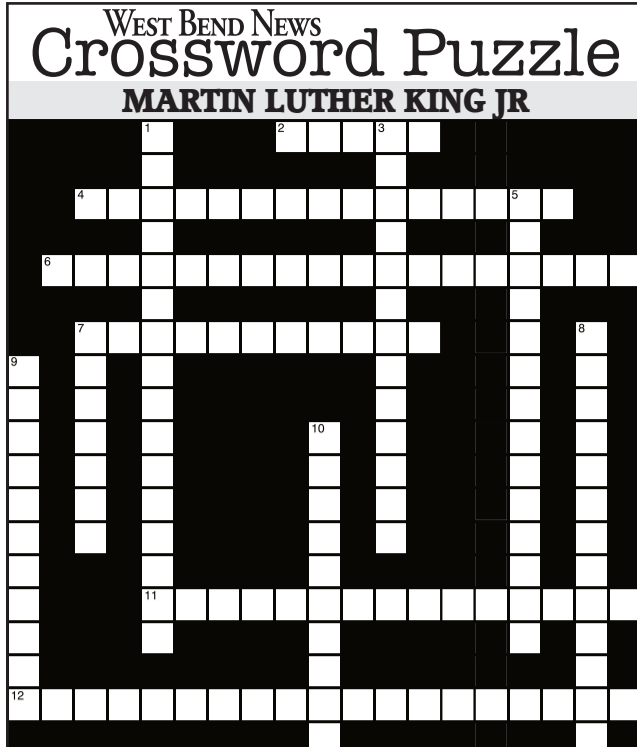
**Melanie R Verberkmoes**, Antwerp, OH; Obstruct view; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Robert Harris**, Detroit, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Carlos A. Baltazar Ojeda**, Continental, OH; OVI/breath high, Count A dismissed; OVI/under influence, Guilty; 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, Operator's license suspended from 12/10/23 to 12/10/24, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, ALS vacated, Fines to be taken from bond, Show proof of insurance by 1/11/24

**Jacob R. Hoisington**, Paulding, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Defendant placed on payment plan

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- 3. King was inspired by THIS public figure with his philosophy of nonviolence.
- 5. King was born HERE on January 15, 1929.
- 7. King visited THIS country and drew inspiration from the country's struggle for independence.
- 8. THIS tragic action took place on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee against King.
- 9. Martin Luther King Jr. was a prominent figure in the THIS movement.
- 10. King led protests against racial segregation in THIS Alabama town in 1963.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME**

PROBATE COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO HARVEY D. HYMAN, JUDGE IN RE: Change of Name of ROMAN CHRISTOF LEATHERMAN (Present Name) to ROMAN CHRISTOF LEATHERMAN-VALDEZ (Name Requested) Case No. 20236016

A hearing on the application will be held on the 14th day of February, 2024, at 1:00 o'clock P.M. in the Probate Court of Paulding County, located at 115 N. Williams St., Ste. 202, Paulding, Ohio 45879.



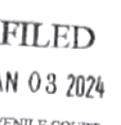
NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME [R.C. 2717.08 AND 2717.14] Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons, that the applicant has filed an Application for Change of Name in the Probate Court of Paulding County, Ohio, requesting the change of name of ROMAN CHRISTOF LEATHERMAN to ROMAN CHRISTOF LEATHERMAN-VALDEZ.

Application's Signature: *Mitrya Leathman*  
Typed or Printed Name: Mitrya Leathman  
Address: 889 Marriage Place Dr., Paulding, OH 44879  
City: Paulding State: OH Zip: 44879  
Email Address: *leathman27@gmail.com*

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO IN THE MATTER OF AVA WEHBY ALLEGED DEPENDENT CHILD

Please be advised that You have the right to be represented by legal counsel, and if you are unable to retain legal counsel due to indigency, you have the right to have legal counsel appointed to you. If you are indigent and would like to have legal counsel appointed, please contact Jessica Schultz, Deputy Clerk, at 419-399-8255.



Case No. 2023 3016 To: **Carly A. Mienzenger, mother of Ava Wehby** LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 339 Chestnut Street, Pottstown, PA 19464-5509

Please take notice that a Complaint, Summons, Judgment Entry regarding Emergency Ex Parte/Shelter care hearing and the Adjudicatory hearing have been filed in the above-captioned matter. You may attend the Hearing scheduled for: **Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.** This hearing will be held at the Paulding County Juvenile Court located at 115 N. Williams St., Suite 202, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Jessica Schultz, Clerk Juvenile Court Paulding, County, Ohio By: *Jessica Schultz* Deputy Respectfully submitted, *JRB* Joseph R. Burkard (0059106) Paulding County, Ohio Prosecuting Attorney 120 S. Walnut Street Paulding, Ohio 45879 419-399-8270

# NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ESPORTS TEAM FALL 23 SEASON RESULTS



Pictured above (l-r) Jaden Bowers (West Unity), Derek Gribler (Napoleon), Cassie VanDyke (Marysville), Jared Christenson, Doug Nienberg (Holgate), David Breece (Hamler), and Bryson Hicks (Antwerp, unpictured).

Esports continues to grow worldwide popularity, and Northwest State has continued to be a strong contender. The Northwest State Community College Esports team - NSCC Thunder - competed in the NACE conference during the fall semester.

### WHAT IS NACE?

NACE is the National Association of Collegiate Esports, and is the largest collegiate Esports league in North America, facilitating competition for over 18,000 students from nearly 800 colleges and universities.

NACE requires students to

be full-time, meaning they take 12 credit hours per semester. The NSCC Thunder team participated in Smash Bros. Ultimate and Overwatch 2 in the NACE conference.

### RESULTS FROM FALL 2023

The Smash Bros. Ultimate team competed against universities such as Akron, Atlantic, and George Washington. They ended tied with 4 other teams for 39th out of 83 total teams. The Overwatch 2 team competed against universities such as North Alabama, Rochester and Missouri Southern. They ended

tied 14th out of 185 teams being in the top 8% of teams.

### ABOUT NSCC THUNDER...

NSCC Thunder has 10 Students participating across all the NACE Conference teams. NWO Gamers and NSCC Thunder also collaborate to host events that see regular attendance of 25+ people and share a Discord server with over 120 members across the community. Additional information on NSCC Esports is also available by emailing esports@NorthwestState.edu, or checking out northweststate.edu/esports.

## JOHNSON SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Chris Johnson (Financial Advisor, Johnson & Association) as the guest speaker at the January 11, 2024, club meeting. Chris spoke to the Kiwanians about his recent trip to the New York Stock Exchange and the closing bell ceremony.

## OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2023/24

\*Denotes all A's

**MRS. AREND 1A:** Zack Adkins, Kyleigh Bernal, Evan Blockberger, Hudson Brown, Natalie Collard, Coal Etter, Emerson Gamble\*, Colton Lambert\*, Aviana Landwehr, Addy Okang, Emmy Okang, Macklen Osting\*, Zane Posey Grant, Aiden Thomas, Cora Thomas, Landen Vorlicky

**MRS. J. MILLER 1B:** Axl Breckler\*, Izzy Carlisle, Dante Corral\*, Amara Herman-Dix\*, Avery Kisor\*, Leo Krabill\*, Teagan Krendl, Garrett Lambert, Hadley Mohr\*, Bentlee Pack, Carson Parker\*, Jayden Schlatter\*, McKinley Sherry, Jakob Stahl, Titus Tenwalde\*

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Owen Steffes, Henley Wagner\*

**MRS. CARTER 2B:** Zevy Adkins, Lucia Burghart, Marshall Fife\*, Gwyn Krendl\*, Quintin Manz\*, Rylie Posey, Elena Schlatter\*, Evan Taylor, Kiersten Thomas, Haven Wagner, Briar Whitney

**MRS. THORNELL 3A:** Luke Collard\*, Tatum DuChene, Kash Foor, Jade Fraley, Maverick Jewell, Molly Malosh, Harmony Miler, Hudson Miller\*, Ben Oxley, Drasin Plotts, Clara Porter, Preston Schlatter\*, Samuel Stahl

**MRS. SCHROEDER 3B:** Hunter Booth, Addy Clemens, Aliah Fenter\*, Bailey Heath, Jaxson King, Alex Manz\*, Zeke Nunez\*, River Stahl\*, Easton Stork\*, Ella Taylor\*, Evan Thomas

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abelle Schlatter, Josh Schlatter\*

**MRS. BOCKRATH 4B:** Alex Burghart\*, Saulvian Cano, Zoey Chaney, Audrey Etter\*, Molly Halter, Wyatt Leatherman, Renata Quevedo Jacome, Lexis Smith, Max West

**MRS. LIMBER 5/6A:** Cooper Boroff\*, Raelyn Haynes, Connor Grayson, Adalyn Miller\*, Grayson Porter, Lucy Riethman, Olivia Schlatter\*, Morgan Snyder\*, Brantlee Swanson

**MRS. SIEFKER 5D:** Leah Baker, Bentley Branham, Kaliope Foor, Carter Naugle\*, Kaylee Pack, Luke Ramey, Lucy Spangler, Rylee Steffes

**MISS BRIMMER 5/6C:** Lauryn Bernal\*, Finn Bradford\*, Madison Durham, Miranda Lewis, Simon Manz\*, Gage Ramey, Mason Weible

## GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2023/24

### 3RD GRADE

**All A's:** Emery LaBounty, Addilyn Noffsinger, Aleyah Stoller, Shannel Wright, Gabe Schlatter, Damien Selzer

**All A's/B's:** Bode Roth, Allison Rojas-Paime, Marlie Eblin, Jacob Hartwig, Jacoby Hurd, Jordan Jackson, Katie Landwehr, Jeremy Lowe, Lane Noffsinger, Kollin Reichart, Tyler Baska, Marlia Jane Clutter, Landyn Miller, Makenna Miller, Katelyn Plummer, Aden Stoller

### 4TH GRADE

**All A's:** Carson DeVenney, Brianna McClure, Evan Heier, Jaxon Porter, Alirah Ricker, Chandler Sinn, Jayde Sinn, Austin Stoller, Lyla Stoller, Elle Wilt

**All A's/B's:** Kyndra Grimes, Mia Kamphaud, Jase Miller, Gaberial Spangler, Sophia Canfield, Sophie Donaldson

### 5TH GRADE

**All A's:** Becket Jay, Sawyer Schlatter, Aylan Stoller, Shawna Stoller

**All A's/B's:** Emma Hartwig, Abrie Hurd, Jennifer Lopez-Castillo, Jaxson Shelton, Kendyl Hurd, Grayson LaBounty, Brynlee Maenie

**All B's:** Ryder Collins, Emberlee Sinn

### 6TH GRADE

**All A's:** Brenna Beining, Katelynn Hurd, Connie Landwehr, C.S., Kenzie Manz, Kolson Stoller

**All A's/B's:** Jocelyn Adkins, Carter Ludwig, Griffen Miller, Carter Noffsinger, Mia Adkins

**All B's:** Gracelynn Miller, Zoey Scipke, Ava Farris, Jocelyn Mabis, Drew McClure, Tylan Sinn

## JOHN KOBEE, INDUCTED INTO THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

John Kobee, of Antwerp, Ohio, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Kobee was initiated at Youngstown State University.

Kobee is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved

## AWARD RECOGNIZES CFAES PARTNERSHIP WITH OHIO SHEEP INDUSTRY



Roger High, OSIA, presents the Friend of the Ohio Sheep Industry Award to Dean Cathann Kress. Adam Ward Photo.

Cathann Kress, vice president for agricultural administration and dean of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), was recently named a Friend of the Ohio Sheep Industry.

The recognition was presented at the 2023 Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium, held in December at the CFAES Wooster campus, from the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association (OSIA) and the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program (OSWP).

"In CFAES, we strive to develop partnerships that are transformational, increasing opportunities for meaningful participation from our stakeholders and alumni, and creating additional pathways for lifelong learning," said Kress. "Our partnership with OSIA and OSWP is enduring - together, we prepare the next generation of scientists and industry leaders."

The Friend of the Sheep Industry Award recognizes industry contributions from a professional in a position or

field that has contributed significantly to the sheep industry, but may not be directly associated with the industry on a daily basis.

"Dr. Kress has been committed to the Ohio sheep and lamb industry through her continued support of Ohio State University sheep programming," said Roger High, executive director of OSIA. "Cathann's dedication to this program and her assistance to our industry has brought her important role in this very industry."

As the largest sheep and lamb producing state east of Mississippi River, Ohio ranks 11th in national sheep and lamb production and every Ohio county has a sheep operation. With an estimated 3,400 sheep and lamb farms in Ohio, the industry is vitally important to the state. It provides an estimated economic impact of over \$25 million yearly and provides more than 3,000 full- and part-time jobs, according to the Ohio Livestock Coalition.

scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

## SCIENCE CENTRAL OPENING NEW GIANT SLIDE IN EARLY 2024

Science Central is excited to announce the center will be opening a new Giant Slide in early 2024.

Since July, the center has been conducting a fundraising campaign, with all proceeds going toward the purchase of a new Slide.

NIPSCO has been named the Slide's presenting safety sponsor. The company, a

longtime supporter of Science Central, gave a \$10,000 gift that will cover the exhibit's maintenance and safety inspections for the next 10 years.

The new Giant Slide will be installed in the same location as the previous Slide. Visitors will enter the 24-foot-high exhibit on Science Central's Top Level and exit on the Lower Level. The color of the new Slide will be blue, unlike the previous unit, which was yellow. Educationally, the Slide will continue to teach visitors about gravity and friction.



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tion. After the Giant Slide is installed in early 2024, Science Central will hold a soft-opening event for the exhibit. That event will be open exclusively to the center's members. Anyone who is not currently a Science Central member is welcome to become one in order to attend.

The center will later hold a ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the grand opening of the Slide to the public.

The dates of those events will be announced following the Slide's installation.

**ELISABETH JOHNSTON EARNS FALL SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST RECOGNITION AT OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

Elisabeth Johnston of Oakwood, OH, has been named to the 2023 fall semester Dean's List at Ohio Wesleyan University.

To earn Dean's List recognition, Ohio Wesleyan students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in all applicable classes.

Founded in 1842, Ohio Wesleyan University is one of the nation's premier liberal arts universities. Located in Delaware, Ohio, the private university offers more than 70 undergraduate majors and competes in 24 NCAA Division III varsity sports.

Through its signature program, The OWU Connection, Ohio Wesleyan teaches students to integrate knowledge across disciplines, build a diverse and global perspective, and apply knowledge in real-world settings. Ohio Wesleyan is featured in the book "Colleges That Change Lives" and included on the U.S. News & World Report and Princeton Review "Best Colleges" lists. Connect with OWU expert interview sources at www.owu.edu/experts or learn more at www.owu.edu.

**BLAIRE REBBER OF ANTWERP WAS RECENTLY NAMED TO CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, NEBRASKA'S HONORS LIST FOR THE FALL 2023 SEMESTER**

Blaire Rebber of Antwerp was recently named to Concordia University, Nebraska's Honors List for the Fall 2023 Semester. 226 total students were named. Students who earn a 3.90 GPA or higher while also completing at least 12 credit hours qualify for the honors list.

**KURTIS RINGLER NAMED TO SNHU DEAN'S LIST**

Kurtis Ringler of Paulding has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2023 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

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**DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS IS THURSDAYS AT 5PM!**

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 91-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 225,000 learners worldwide,

SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

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**Terry L. Slattman**, Paulding, OH; Failure to yield at intersection; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Devin K. Lawhorn**, Lafayette, IN; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Paraphernalia, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

**James R. Coyne**, Oakwood, OH; Hunt without

permission; Guilty; 30 days jail, suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No more hunting violations

**Alexis Y. Venture Perez**, Indianapolis, IN; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Colton T. Parker**, Carmel, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**John E. Angelo**, Cecil,

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

**Carol J. Finfrock**, Paulding, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Dwain A. Bigger**, Hicksville, OH; Failure to re-instate; Guilty; Show proof of insurance by 1/11/24

**Travis L. Martin**, Van Wert, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Tucker C. Antoine**, Paulding, OH; Left of center, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Distracted driving, Guilty, Defendant completed course

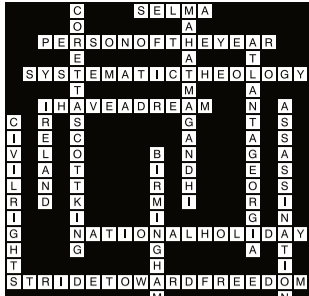
**Drayson S. Wenzlick**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Nicholas R. Ulrich**, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Nathan A. Miller**, Cleveland, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Tia G. Tate**, Van Wert, OH; Failure to control, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Distracted driving, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

**Jordan K. Nixon McGee**, Kansas City, MO; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant



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**HICKSVILLE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024**

Mayor Mike Barth presided over a special Village Council meeting on Monday, January 8. The session was called to answer questions and learn information concerning the recent EMT issues.

Council was recently informed that the EMS service was not in compliance with state standards due to the absence of having a Medical Advisor. The former doctor had informed the village at license renewal time, that he was no longer in the position. An alternate name was provided, the paper was filed, however, the final filing was never completed, leaving the department non-compliant.

Several audience members, as well as Council members, raised a variety of questions including who was responsible for the mixup, how can such a mixup be stopped from happening again, and will there be legal action taken to rectify the situation.

Mayor Barth thanked all those who have worked very hard to get the department back into compliance as of Monday, January 8. He said Council and the entities they are working with, are continuing to set new policies in action for the future, which will be designed to make all departments more accountable for actions and regular maintenance issues so oversight issues can be detected before they become an issue.

Council adjourned into executive session to consider personnel and possible litigation. The next regular Council meeting will be held Monday, January 15 at 6 pm in Council chambers.

**JOB POSTING NUCOR VULCRAFT INDIANA**  
**POSITION: SAFETY DIRECTOR**  
This post closes on January 24, 2024.  
Nucor is a Fortune 110 corporation and ranked No. 1 in its industry in Fortune Magazine's list of the World's Most Admired Companies with a history of long-term stability and sustainability. We are seeking creative, ownership-driven individuals to join our team! We offer you a challenging and rewarding environment where you can contribute to the success of Nucor across the nation.  
Nucor has a strong commitment to our team members and work-life balance. Vulcraft Indiana, a division of Nucor, is a well-known leader in the design and manufacture of custom-engineered steel joists and decking. We are a team that provides our customers with high quality products, tools and technological solutions that drive profitability.  
The role of the Safety Director includes providing leadership and support to the Safety, Health, and Environmental functions across the Division and Safety Region. The responsibilities of this role include, but are not limited to:  
• Growing long-term sustainable relationships to drive continuous improvement in safety culture, performance, and safety systems.  
• Supervision of the division Safety, Health, and Environmental team.  
• Develop, communicate and implement strategies and plans to support Nucor's challenge of "Becoming the World's Safest Steel Company".  
• Interpret and practically apply regulatory and consensus standards (OSHA & ANSI).  
• Provide accessible and engaging expert safety, health, and environmental advice.  
• Build and facilitate effective Safety, Health and Environmental processes, management systems, and training that drives hazard recognition and prevention.  
• Conduct safety visits, audits, and observations.  
• Manage the site occupational health and industrial hygiene program and record keeping.  
• Oversee and coordinate site security and contractor management program.  
• Manage, develop, and environmental.  
This position will require travel.  
Safety is the most important part of all jobs within Nucor; therefore, candidates must be able to demonstrate the ability to initiate, lead, and uphold safety policies, practices, procedures, and housekeeping standards at all times.  
**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**  
• 3 years prior safety leadership experience  
• Degree in Occupational Safety & Health or equivalent  
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**LIVE VIRTUAL EQUIPMENT AUCTION**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm ET**  
TRACTORS/LOADERS: 2006 Case IH MX 305 MFWD, 2008 Case IH Magnum 335 MFWD, 1997 Case IH 9330, IH 1566 Black stripe, IH 826 Gold Demonstrator, JD 646 wheel loader, 2003 JD 110, JD 110 backhoe loader, AC D17.  
TRUCKS: 2010 Ford F-150 XL 4x4, Chevrolet Kodiak C-7 grain truck, International S2600 grain truck, 1994 GMC TopKick, 2015 Navistar Int. day cab, 2014 Mack, 2005 Volvo day cab, 1999 Volvo day cab. TRAILERS/CAMPER: 2003 Cabana 22-ft camper, City tri-axle camper, Raven frameless dump, HEIL tanker.  
COMBINES/HEADS: Case IH 1660, (2) Case IH 1020 grain heads, IH 1460 Axial Flow, IH 863 corn head, IH 1460, 25-ft. header cart, Int 815, IH 963 corn head. TILLAGE EQUIPMENT: JD 400 rotary hoe, M&W 4000 Dyna-Drive, AC 20-ft field cultivator, IH 475 disk, Vicon FC 3500T Danish-tine. AIR SEEDERS: JD N540C, JD 1990 40-ft, JD 1990S 40ft. OTHER EQUIPMENT: 2015 Kongskilde VM45-3B TMR mixer, NH 357 feed grinder, JD 68 auger wagon, ChemFarm 40ft. sprayer, NH 310 hayliner baler, (2) IH 720 forage harvesters & more  
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Position: Part-Time STNA Classroom / Clinical Instructor ASAP  
Start Date:  
Job Objectives: The STNA Instructor is responsible for instructing adult students to perform successfully as State Tested Nurse Aides and to supervise clinical experiences according to Ohio Department of Health guidelines. To view minimum qualifications and the full posting please visit www.vantagecareercenter.com, employment.  
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# 2023 - A YEAR IN REVIEW: VILLAGE OF PAYNE WATER DEPARTMENT



In 2023 The Village of Payne water department treated and produced approximately 45 million gallons of drinking water. All the outdated water softener heads were replaced with new ones inside the water plant. The village only had five water main breaks throughout the entire year. During these breaks, our water superintendent Brant Heck was able to isolate the breaks by utilizing the new water valves that were installed through ARPA Grant dollars. Because of this, the village only had one break that resulted in a disruption of service that affected the entire village. For that incident water was off less than 3 hours. Along with many other small projects there were two major projects completed throughout the water distribution system.

- Plainfield Drive- In the spring the village had a new 8-inch water main installed down Plainfield which eliminated an old AC water main.
- Digital Water Meters: A water meter replacement

project was completed in the fall. These meters are much more accurate and can help detect leaks faster and more efficiently. They are also able to be digitally read vs manually read individually.

The Village of Payne, with the assistance of the grant writers at Kleinfelder's, were awarded funding for two big water projects that will take place in 2024:

- West Merrin
- West Oak
- New water mains will be installed down West Oak Street and West Merrin street. Both these projects will consist of new 8-inch water mains being installed effectively replacing two outdated 4-inch water mains. This should restore enough pressure to allow a few of the hydrants out of commission to be reinstated. Estimated to be replaced in the spring/summer of 2024.

2022/2023 Overall Grants/ Funding Breakdown Kleinfelder's & Maumee Valley Planning Organization grant writing:

- Lead-Line Testing - Ohio EPA Reimbursement Grant - awarded up to \$33,025.00 - this allowed us to test for lines constructed with lead in the village. Through resident survey participation and testing we were able to secure some of the following funding below as Ohio has committed to eliminating all lead line. This funding will come as a reimbursement once the grant is complete.
- 9 Valve Replacement (in 2021/22)- ARPA Grant- replacing and exercising valves allows us to isolate water line breaks to minimize impact. - \$29,639.65
- Plainfield - Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Grant - \$121,073.00 / Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Loan - \$54,108.80 & OPWC Loan - \$61,018.47
- Digital Meter Grant- Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) - ARPA Construction Grant: \$252,600.70
- West Oak St - Community Development Block Grant Programs (CDBG) Grant: up to \$400,000 (any overage will be placed in a loan)
- West Merrin St - Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Grant: up to \$515,895.00 (any overage will be placed in a loan)

Total Grant Dollars: \$1,352,233.35; Total Loan: \$115,127.27

The Village applied for funding for a third project that consists of replacing the water main on East Merrin Street and Veteran Lane and we are waiting to see if we have secured funding for that project.

Water superintendent

Brant dedicated countless hours to these projects to improving the quality of life for our residents and achieved his Class 1 Water Supply License this year. Due to our BPA, especially retiree John Hall and Eric Gross who had countless hours of meetings and correspondence with grant writers, engineers, and contractors to the Village was able to secure these fundings, effectively saving the village \$1.4 million dollars through grants.

## GEORGE HICKS CHOSEN TO LEAD MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CLUB



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Club is under new leadership effective January 1, 2024, as George Hicks has assumed the duties of President of the organization. In 2020, the Governor appointed George to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Indiana Holiday Commission. He is employed at Lincoln Financial Group as an Audit Management Consultant and has been employed there for over 30 years in various roles. George is a servant leader and an associate pastor at New Zion Tabernacle Church. Currently, he serves as vice chair of the Euell A. Wilson Center (former chair), UNCF Fort Wayne Leadership Council Chair, and Matthew 25 board of directors. Previously, he faithfully served on the board of The Fort Wayne Rescue for 10 years as chaplain, vice chair, and secretary. George was also an inaugural member of the Fort Wayne United Tie Day Mentoring Program.

Due to his dedication to Junior Achievement, he received the Northeast Indiana Junior Achievement - Golden Achievement Award for Excellence in Economic Education in 2017. He was also recognized by the Fort Wayne Commission for Social Status of African American Males for his outstanding leadership for youth mentorship in 2018. George holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Indiana Wesleyan University, a master's degree in human resources from Indiana Tech and an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Kingdom of Heaven University.

Bennie Edwards, the past President, who has faithfully served in this capacity for 16 years will continue to serve on the board to provide coaching and continuity as needed as the organization continues to grow and execute its mission to promote and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through community activism, youth engagement and multicultural educational activities. In 2022, Bennie received the Chairman's Award from the Indiana Civil Rights Commission for his commitment and leadership. He retired from the United States Army as a Command Sergeant Major after serving

# THIS WEEK ON PCBW: LEVI & LUKE KUHN



Take time to hear from Levi & Luke Kuhn from Sherwood, Ohio, our neighbors to the north. Listen to how local business leaders can grow up here, attend college here, and reinvest in the community. It takes help from local commitment and investment to reenergize a community. Paulding County Business Weekly is hosted by Tim Copsey from Paulding County Economic

Development and is proudly sponsored by OhioMeansJobs of Defiance and Paulding Counties. You can tune in every Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or catch this episode online at [www.my1027.org/paulding-county-business-weekly/](http://www.my1027.org/paulding-county-business-weekly/). This episode is also available wherever you get your podcasts. #Pauldingcountystrong.

30 years. Again, we want to thank Bennie for his service to our community.

The MLK Club is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization and has served the community for over 38 years. Key programs include the Dr. King Unity Day Celebration, Dr. Martin Luther King Legacy Breakfast, Educational Civil Rights Tours, Santa on Tour Christmas Program and collaborations with other organizations and participation in community events.

## JOB OHIO INCLUSION GRANT INFO SESSION FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Local business owners are invited to an informative session on the JobsOhio Inclusion Grant, presented by Jessica Sattler from the Regional Growth Partnership (RGP).

Date: Wednesday January 17, 2024  
 Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
 Location: Paulding Eagles, 206 W Perry St, Paulding

This session will highlight grant opportunities for businesses in the specific commu-

nities of Paulding, Broughton, Cecil, and Oakwood. Qualifying businesses may access a \$25,000 grant. Additionally, minority, female, disabled, or veteran-owned businesses may qualify for further funding opportunities.

To attend, RSVP to Paulding County Economic Development at [office@pced.net](mailto:office@pced.net) or call 419-399-8295.

## DPLS PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING SET

The Personnel Committee of the Defiance Public Library Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at 311 Fort St., Defiance (white home across from Defiance Public Library).

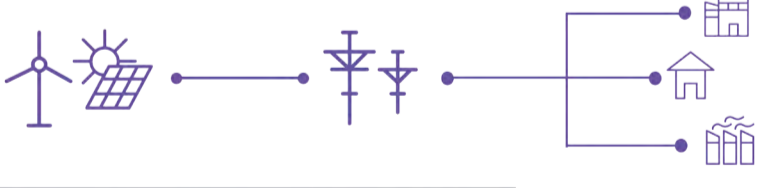
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 ACTIVE IN THE STATE SINCE 2011  
**492 MW**  
 OF WIND & SOLAR IN OPERATION  
 Generating power equivalent to the consumption of more than **134,000 OHIO HOMES.**

"In terms of what you can do with your land, I think clean power is a very attractive option. It's really neat to put something like food on the table for the American people, as well as power in the homes of people in these local communities."

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