

## AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN ON A PIECE OF PAULDING HISTORY



The demolition of Paulding Theatre located on W Perry St. in downtown Paulding finally took place on February 21st after a few years of conversations with the owners, the Land Bank and PCED to come to the decision to tear

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## PPEC MEMBERS DONATE \$10,050 TO 8 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



The Paulding High School Quiz Bowl Team received a \$2,000 donation from PPEC members through the co-op's Operation Round Up program. The funds will go towards hotel and registration fees for when they compete at Nationals.

Members of Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative recently donated \$10,050 to 8 local charities and community projects through the cooperative's Operation Round Up program.

About 80% of PPEC members round up their electric bill and donate those pennies to this fund, making a huge impact in the co-op's northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana communities.

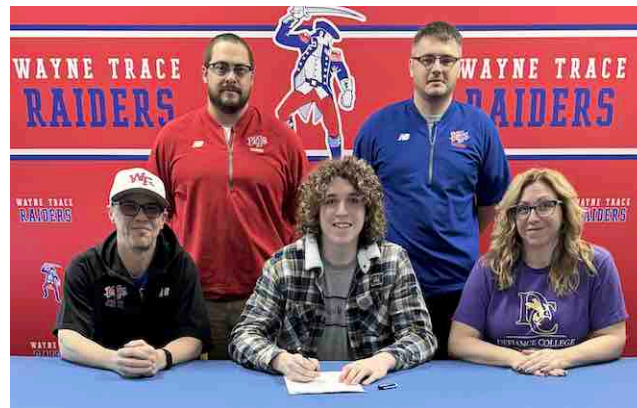
Participating members round up their monthly electric bill to the next dollar, with the extra pennies being used to help fund charities and groups in their communities. Each quarter, the funds are dispensed to local causes that applied for funding.

The most recent donation recipients include:

- Antwerp Local Schools;

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## WAYNE TRACE'S BREVEN ANDERSON BASEBALL SIGNING



Wayne Trace senior baseball pitcher Brevan Anderson is shown signing his letter of intent to play collegiate baseball at Defiance College in Defiance (OH). Brevan will attend DC and pursue a pre-veterinary science degree at the home of the Yellow Jackets.

Shown in the picture are (front, L-R) father Brad Anderson, Brevan Anderson and mom Audrea Anderson. In the back row (L-R) are Wayne Trace assistant baseball coach Corbin Vance and Wayne Trace head baseball coach Ryne Jerome.



## SHERWOOD BRANCH WELCOMES MAYOR TO PRESENT ON ECLIPSE

Sherwood Mayor and retired science teacher Dave Weaner will pay a visit to Sherwood Branch Library, 117 N. Harrison St., on March 11 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. to give a special presentation on the Great American Eclipse.

The April 8 eclipse will be the last total solar eclipse visible in the contiguous United States until Aug. 23, 2044.

Weaner has more than

four decades of experience in science education, including 35 years teaching at Westerville North High School in Westerville, OH. He earned his bachelor's degree in education from Bowling Green State University, and his master's degree in teaching and learning from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He has traveled to two total eclipses and three annular eclipses while practicing his photography hobby.

In addition to the presentation, attendees can take part in a pair of eclipse-related craft activities, while supplies last. The event is free and open to all ages. No registration is needed. The first 10 families who arrive will receive a free pair of eclipse-viewing glasses.

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## Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

**February 26**

- DPLS committee meeting @ Defi Library, 3-5pm

**February 28**

- Lenten Lunch @ 1st Pres. Church, Paulding, 12p

**February 29**

- GH Kindergarten Screening Deadline

**March 1**

- Paulding KofC Fish Fry, 11a-1p & 4-7p

**March 1-3**

- Tractor Show, @ Northtowne Mall, Defiance, OH, Mall hours; Pedal Pull, Sat., 1pm

**March 2**

- Kids Pedal Pull @Northtowne Mall, Defiance, OH; 1p

**March 6**

- Lenten Lunch @ 1st Pres. Church, Paulding, 12p

**March 7**

- Community Lenten Svc @ Auglaize Chapel, 7pm

**March 8**

- Paulding KofC Fish Fry, 11a-1p & 4-7p

**March 13**

- Hoops 4 Heart @ Antwerp School, all day
- Lenten Lunch @ 1st Pres. Church, Paulding, 12p

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community organizations. He was a devoted member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding.

Although Tom was not born in Paulding, he adopted it as his hometown when he moved here in 1974. He could often be found at Holly Wood & Vine Cafe in the morning and McDonald's in the afternoon, always with his companion dog, Xena. One of the greatest things about Tom was that he never met a stranger. He loved to tell stories and make people smile and laugh, especially children. He was a great friendly to anyone and everyone.

Along with his wife, Rita, Tom is survived by his two sons: Anthony "Tito" (Kathryn) Diaz, Queen Creek, AZ; Demetrius (LeeAnn) Diaz, Louisville, KY; twin sister, Carmen (Bill) Sibillia, Richmond, VA; sister, Anna (Miguel) Pagan, Parrish, FL; grandson, Dakota Diaz, Paulding, OH; great grandson, Jaxon Diaz; many loving nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding with Father Austin Ammanniti officiating. Burial will take place at a later date in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Jackson Township with military rites accorded by the Paulding V.F.W. Post 587.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. on Friday, February 23, 2024 at Den Herder Funeral Home with a rosary service at 7:30 P.M. There will also be visitation from 10:00 A.M. until time of services on Saturday at the church.

The family requests no flowers or funeral memorabilia. Please direct any memorial contributions to the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Paulding.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com).

**DPLS PERSONNEL COMMITTEE TO MEET 2/26**

[DEFIANCE] – The Personnel Committee of the Defiance Public Library System's Board of Trustees will meet Monday, February 26, 2024, from 3-5 p.m. at 311 Fort St., Defiance, OH (white home across the street from Defiance Public Library) to review the director and CFO job descriptions, followed by executive session. Meetings of the board and its committees are open to the public.



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down the derelict structure that had been a piece of Paulding history for decades. Plans are forthcoming about the future of the lot.

**PAULDING THEATRE REMEMBERED: A GLIMPSE FROM THE '70-'85 ERA**

Originally printed in May 2022 in West Bend News

By: Angel Steiner

Larry Tope was a 17 year old living the teenage life in the rural village of Paulding in 1970. His parents, Lowell and Margaret Tope, owned a local hardware store Down-town Paulding spending their days assisting village residents with all their hard-ware needs. They would look out their front windows of the store and admire the old Grand Theatre and reminisce about days gone by. The Tope's, together with Bill Straley and Gary Wobler, decided to resurrect the whimsy of the old theatre for the village of Paulding.

The summer of 1970 Larry remembers spending days with Ken McMichael and David Straley (among others) taking apart the seat- ing to get them re-upholstered to their former glory (there were over 500 seats in the Theatre!). They re- painted, put on a new roof and purchased a new screen for the projectors. The first movie shown in the new Paulding Theatre was Disney's "Apple Dumpling Gang". Larry remembers the line to get in and see this film was all the way down the sidewalk to the main intersection of Paulding!

A Mr. Haney ran the projectors, he was the original projectionist when the theater opened in the 40s. He ran the 2 projectors seamlessly, he was the expert. Later on, Paul Ludwig took over this position at the theatre. The theatre was state of the art with two projectors, they used a broker in Cleveland to get the latest flick. Depending on the film, royalties would be anywhere from 50-70-90 cents per ticket, and Larry remembers that a ticket in those days was only 50 cents! So, it makes sense that concession prices had to balance any losses from the royalties of the film.

Larry remembers there was a spiral staircase that led up to a second story office that had a small screen and speaker to watch while doing other office work. Lowell also was the master of the boiler as that was a previous profession of his, especially his time spent serving in the US Military.

Concessions were run by the local young people of the area — Dorothy Dix, Sue Vance, the Kauser twins (just to name a few) — along with Larry when he was available in between school obligations. Cleaning up the fallen pop-

corn and discarded cups and candy boxes after the picture was John Miller.

Paulding Theatre was managed and operated by the Topes from early 1970 through about 1984. Sometime in there, Mr. Wobler and Mr. Straley were ready to move on, so the Tope's bought out their share of the business so they could do just that. As the 80s dawned on the Tope family, Lowell and Margaret were empty nesters and decided to start downsizing in life. They sold the theatre to Larry Gorrell at that time, and he used it for a number of years as an auction house. Some years later, Gorrell then sold it to the Vogels who owned the local bar down the street. They had hopes of turning the Paulding Theatre into a night club. And there she sat, and sat... waiting for the dreams of grandeur of the good old days to be revived again. Tales of people showing up to purchase some popcorn or other concession goodies even though they weren't planning to watch the latest showing along with other stories about walking the gangway on the second story to reach light bulbs when they needed changed (that was Lowell's job) will now be archived in the memories of all closely associated with Paulding Theatre.



**VILLAGE OF CONVOY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFERS ECLIPSE SHIRTS**

The Village of Convoy Historical Society will be offering Total Eclipse 2024 shirts as a fundraiser for the approaching Total Solar Eclipse 2024. For more information about how to obtain a shirt, contact any Historical Society board member; contact Cindy Harting: [cindyharting@cct-hf.com](mailto:cindyharting@cct-hf.com), 419-203-1413 ; or contact Sisters Embroidery at [Sistersembroidery@hotmail.com](mailto:Sistersembroidery@hotmail.com), 419-232-2980

Last date to order is March 10, 2024.

**MERCY HEALTH HOSTS ANNUAL MAN UP! DINNER EVENT**

Mercy Health is proud to welcome former NFL wide receiver Roy Hall, Jr., as the featured speaker at this year's Man UP! program and dinner – an annual event focused on men's health issues and prostate cancer awareness.

Presented by the Mercy Health Foundation - Tiffin, in partnership with the Prostate Cancer Awareness Fund of the

**Scripture of the Week**

“Do not those who plot evil go astray? But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness.”

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—Matt



By: MATT'S MISHAPS

Overseas, I do a lot of our grocery shopping as many stores do not have parking lots. It is easiest for me to pick up some groceries when I am out on my motor scooter as I can park on sidewalks. When shopping overseas right after getting back from being home in Indiana, I realized I had forgotten shopping bags, and it is expected that you bring your own reusable bags to stores. No problem, I had my motorcycle helmet bag with me, which is like a large draw-string bag made of fleece. I could put some food in the back case of my motor scooter and carry the rest in my helmet bag.

I was buying food for a family that was coming over that evening. I filled my back case with items and the rest of the groceries fit in my helmet bag. Off I went home. About midway home, I realized orangish-yellow liquid sloshing on the foot platform of my motor scooter – a juice container was leaking. In the store I had checked the pouring spouts of all the drinks that I had purchased and all were secure. It is not unusual for poor packaging that causes drinks and food con-

Even after checking to make sure the pouring spout was secure and not opened, it wasn't enough as the seal in the packaging was faulty. When overseas, we visit a neighboring country, where we can't use the tap water for safety. However, we have to make sure the caps on the bottled water are secure, as people will fill used bottle water containers with any water they can find and then try to sell it to foreigners.

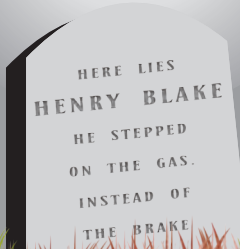
tents to open up and spill out. I even check the caps of liquids like milk as I have had caps opened and the liquids in the containers half consumed by a thirsty customer or worker. I didn't drink what they had left for me in those half-consumed bottles and the rest of it made its way down the sink.

When I got to our apartment, I put the helmet bag in the sink until I could find the culprit – an orange juice container. I gave all the sticky wet food items a bath and dried them off and put them away.

We as small-town Americans take for granted that food and drink will stay in the packaging until we are ready to consume them. America does many things well, but maybe in the little, yet important area of packaging, is where we shine brightest.

Something similar ever happen to you. Contact me and let me hear your story! [mattsmishaps@gmail.com](mailto:mattsmishaps@gmail.com) Matt's Mishaps, PO BOX 114, Grabill, IN 46741

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Tiffin Community Foundation, Man UP! is a reminder to men that their health matters. There is no charge to attend the event, which will be held on Monday, March 4 at The Chandelier Event Center. "More than half of all men admit that they don't regularly visit a doctor, so Man UP! is designed to bring health edu-

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**LIFE IS FULL OF LOVE, JOY, PEACE, FUN, EXCITEMENT AND EXPECTATIONS.**

**Penny For Your Thoughts**

**By: Nancy Whitaker**  
Through my own life and even today, I make plans, hoping that my event will be great!

This past week has brought me not only a sense of disappointment but one of better understanding of life's ups and downs.

Most of my readers may know me and that I have played piano since I was 7. I am not saying I am an accomplished pianist but one that simply sits down and plays.

I had some gigs lined up for over Valentine's day and they were located probably 30 miles away. I ordered me some black sparkly jeans and thought I would dress up with a tuxedo look.

We had also purchased Johnny Cash tickets for Sunday so I was excited and happy and looking forward to the week end.

The weekend prior to Valentine's day I started feeling nasty. I was battling a chest cold and almost pneumonia. I got meds from the doctor, but by the next day I was totally down.

I got very weak and then called the EMS. It was

quite a job getting me into the EMS van and I felt a huge sense of fear.

One I arrived on the scene, nurses and medics worked on me and it was discovered I was bleeding internally.

As the days seemed to go by, I still had hopes of playing my gigs. I was not allowed any food for about 3 days and when I did get a liquid diet, broth never tasted so good.

After some testing it was determined I had bleeding ulcers.

Arriving home from the hospital, was a Tuesday and even though I could barely move, I thought I was going to



play my gigs and shows.

Well here comes Friday and cold weather, wind and snow. No way I was going out so a cancellation was done.

Saturday was more of the same weather and I saw my plans all fall by the wayside.

To make this story short I cried because of losing my gigs, but soon a voice came to me and said "You lost your gigs, but I saved your life"

I then knew that God protects us and these little things don't matter. It is the opportunity to live which counts.

Thank God

families to combat poverty and build hope.

In this role he has harnessed his power to change lives and uplift communities.

Mercy Health - Tiffin Urology specialists will also be on hand to offer valuable information and resources.

The Prostate Cancer Awareness Fund was started to help promote awareness of this very common disease in men. Many forms of prostate cancer can be controlled if detected in their early stages.

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), prostate cancer is second only to skin cancer among men. Approximately one in seven men will be diagnosed during their lifetime. The fund, started by the Reser family, is one of several funds within the Tiffin Community Foundation. It was established in 2011 to provide grants for education and support of prostate cancer awareness.

Roy is also co-founder and executive director of the Driven Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides basic human needs to

**ROANOKE ELEMENTARY DONATE 683 PAIRS OF SHOES TO CHANGING FOOTPRINTS**



Roanoke Elementary School recently collected 683 pairs of new and gently used shoes for Changing Footprints. Led by 5th grade teacher Jamilyn PeGan the 441 students reacted enthusiastically at a presentation given in the gymnasium by Cheryl Brockmann of Changing Footprints. Over a two-week period, almost every student contributed to the ever-growing pile of shoes. It was exciting to see the bags pile up more and more every day. Roanoke Elementary has held shoe drives in previous years as well.

All of these donated shoes will be paired and sorted into over 40 categories at the Changing Footprints warehouse in New Haven. The shoes will be placed into banana boxes and labeled. Social service agencies contact Changing Footprints, requesting specific types of shoes, such as "3 boxes of men's sizes 9-12, athletic". Changing Footprints often delivers 15-20 boxes at a time to meet the various agencies' requests. No one is ever charged for the shoes. Recipients include the poor and homeless, shelters, churches and school systems. Well over 90% of all donations stay in Northern Indiana.

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. Locally, the Northern Indiana/Fort Wayne branch collected over 35,000 pairs in 2023. The new and used shoes come from a variety of sources: collection bins at athletic facilities, local libraries, 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 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: changingfootprints.org and clicking on the "shoe drops tab". If your organization wishes to run a shoe drive, please contact Rick Boys at intj25@hotmail.com.

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then transferred to Quartermaster Corp. He was promoted to Sergeant October 30, 1918. He was honorably discharged December 26, 1918.

Orval met a gal named Cecilia Anita Radenbaugh, and on June 25, 1919 they married in Paulding. She was the daughter of Francis P. and Cyrentha Geneva Radenbaugh from Harrison Township. In 1920, Orval and Cecilia were living in Payne on North Main Street.

Orval was working as a cashier at the State Bank. On November 3, 1921, Orval was surprised with the birth of a brother, Harry Allen Lehman. On December 19, 1921, Orval and Cecilia were blessed with the birth of a daughter, Marjorie C. By 1930, the Lehman's were still living in Payne on North Main Street and Orval was still a cashier at the bank. On May 9, 1934, a son, Edwin C. was born.

By 1940, still living in Payne, Orval was working as an insurance agent. Daughter Marjorie was a senior at the Payne school. In 1942, Orval registered for the World War Two draft. At his age of 48, he was not selected, but his brother, Harry, who registered February 16, 1942, was selected. He was a Corporal in the Marine Corp. serving with Company E. 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines. Harry was wounded at the Marianas Island's.

In 1944, Orval's mother, Elnora, passed away. She was buried in Lehman Cemetery. A year later, in 1945, Orval's father, William, passed away and was buried beside Elnora. By 1950, Orval, Cecilia and son Edwin, were living in Payne. Orval was a sales manager for a real estate company. On October 9, 1952, Orval passed away at the Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne. He passed away due to heart disease. He was buried in Lehman Cemetery. In 1988, Cecilia joined him.

On June 5, 1917, Orval went to the Paulding precinct and registered for the draft. He was working as an assistant cashier at the Payne State Bank. He was single, medium height, slender build, brown eyes and dark hair. Orval's brother, Merit, registered September 12, 1918. Medium height slender build, blue eyes, dark hair, single and still in school. He was not selected for service.

On May 25, 1918, Orval joined the National Army out of Paulding. He served in the 159th Depot Brigade until June 16, 1918. He then transferred to Battery D. 142<sup>a</sup> Field Artillery until July 16, 1918,

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**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**



**By: Mark Holtsberry**

Orval Cletus Lehman was born December 6, 1894 in Payne, Ohio. The son of William Elmer, born 1870 in Ohio and Elnora Ella (White) Lehman, born 1876 in Ohio. This couple was married April 20, 1893 in Paulding, Ohio. By 1900, this Lehman couple had three children. Orval C. born 1894, Clara J. October of 1896 and Merit Ray born February 7, 1899. As a side note, Clara went on to become teacher in the public school system for 44 years, alright back on track! The family was living in Benton Township. William was a farmer. His brother, Samuel H. Lehman also lived with this family.

By 1910, the Lehman family grew by four more children. Leona M. Born 1901, William Hobart 1903, Emil John April 21, 1905 and Mildred Elnora February 25, 1908. This family was living in Paulding on Harrison Street. William was a teacher at Paulding Schools. Orval was in school as well as most of his brothers and sisters.

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**WILDCAT YOUTH 32 ATHLETICS RECEIVES DONATION**



Pictured here are Ty Otto, Vice President, Commercial Banker, Premier Bank; Dawn Hoellrich, Branch Manager, Premier Bank Napoleon Main office and Kyle Borstelman, Project Director, Wildcat Youth 32 Athletics

Premier Bank recently donated a check for \$5,000 to Wildcat Youth 32 Athletics. The funds will be used to renovate the youth baseball and softball field on Glenwood Avenue.

"The ballpark on Glenwood has aged and diminished over many years of use. It is a vital asset to the youth teams for practices and games of all ages," explained Kyle Borstelman, Project Director, Wildcat Youth 32 Athletics. "Along with the City of Napoleon, we concluded that if major renovations to this ballpark were not accomplished soon, the ballpark may have become unusable. However, thanks to the generous support of our community

partners like Premier Bank, we have had success in securing funding for the project."

"We are proud to support the Wildcat Youth 32 Athletics through this capital improvement project. Soon, Napoleon youth and the local community will have new and improved facilities to develop, train and compete against other Northwest Ohio and surrounding area teams," said Trish Gelsomino, Foundation Giving Coordinator, Premier Bank. "Together we can spread kindness and make the Napoleon community stronger!"

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### March 2024

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of March is a very busy time period for our students and staff. Winter sports are either moving into their tournament opportunities or are winding down. Our student athletes are also gearing up for their participation in a spring sport season. A sizeable number of our students have also been busy in preparation for the high school musical entitled *Beauty and the Beast*. Performances will take place March 15th and 16th at 7:00 p.m. and March 17th at 2:00 p.m. All performances will take place in our auditoria. We are also looking forward to our annual Family Literacy Night event that will take place Thursday, March 14th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The theme for this year's event is "Western."

From an academic standpoint, the third nine-week grading period ends Friday, March 15th. As we work our way through the last half of the school year, our seniors are busy planning for their future after graduation by finalizing plans for college, work, or the military. Similarly, during the last quarter of the school year, students in grades 3-11 will also engage in state assessments. Additional information regarding state assessments is available on the Ohio Department of Education website: <http://education.ohio.gov/>

The effort to assure that educational needs and requirements are met for all the children in our school district is a challenge, especially when you consider that several of our school age children are receiving their education outside of the traditional school setting of our school building. On any given school day, Antwerp Local School provides an educational setting for 703 students in grades PK-12. Twenty-one high school students are enrolled in at least one College Credit Plus (CCP) course that may involve traveling to a college campus or completing the course online. Thirty-six students in grades 11 and 12 attend Vantage Vocational School in Van Wert. Nine students attend the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Opportunity School located in Paulding, Ohio. We have two students who are transported and attend the Bryan Autism Center. There is also one student currently at home receiving their education through our NOVA online program. While technically not Antwerp students, we have 29 school age children receiving their education in a "home school" environment.

We are excited to let you know that construction of the "Range" Wellness and Recreation Center (located to the west of the baseball and softball complex) is nearing completion. A significant portion of the project was funded through ARP ESSR federal funds. The Center includes a recreation area, multi-purpose classroom, restrooms, concession and patio area, press box, and storage areas. Specifically, the Center will provide additional space for early childhood programs, a home base for our wrestling program, and space for community members to utilize for meetings or exercise. An official Open House date will take place sometime this spring. Stay tuned for more information.

Go Archers!  
Dr. Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

#### BOOSTER NEWS

The music booster flower sale is February 28 through March 13 with delivery on May 13. See any band or choir student to purchase flowers.

Additionally, the 2nd annual athletic booster mattress sale is on March 17. Mark your calendar now & plan to attend this exciting event!

#### MR. LICHTY- HS/MS

All Juniors recently completed the ACT at school. Thank you to our teachers for engaging our students in ACT preparatory activities. We look forward to seeing the results.

The third grading period ends March 15. Please continue to monitor student academics on ProgressBook. Summer School is tentatively scheduled to begin Tuesday, May 28. The program will be in-person again this year. High school students who fail a course for at least 1 semester will be required to attend. Middle School students will attend if they fail a class for the year. Mrs. Hammer will begin contacting families during the 4th quarter.

Spring Testing will take place during the mornings on April 16-17, April 23-24, and April 30-May 1. Please avoid scheduling appointments during those times.

Come out and watch the Spring Musical this month! Our musical department will be performing *Beauty and the Beast* on March 15, 16, and 17.

Many Archer teams and student-athletes enjoyed/are enjoying successful winter campaigns. In boys basketball, Senior Landon Brewer was named First Team All-District and District 7 Player of the Year. Landon also surpassed 2022 graduate, Jagger Landers, as the all-time leading scorer in program history earlier in the season. Senior Carson Altimus was a 2nd Team All-District selection. Senior Reid Lichty and Sophomore Zaine McMichael earned Honorable Mention All-District recognition. The boys team is coached by Doug Billman. In girls basketball, Senior Aewyn McMichael earned First Team All-District honors. Junior Caroline Rohrs was named 2nd team All-District. Senior Emma Townley made the Honorable Mention All-District team. Scott McMichael is our girls basketball coach. Wrestling and Gymnastics honors will be in next month's newsletter.

This month we will hold our annual "Hoops for Heart" basketball fundraiser to raise money for the American Heart Association. We expect this year's funds to put us over the \$100,000 mark since we began this event in 1997. Thank you to the Hammond family for your dedication to this cause!

~ Mr. Travis Lichty, MS/HS Principal

#### HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Students taking AP exams can submit final payment of \$58 per exam to Mrs. Hammer anytime during the months of March and April. Visit the guidance website for the 2024 AP exam administration schedule or go to <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/exam-dates>.

Juniors will be attending the Northwest State Community College Fair on Tuesday, March 5. More information can be found in Mrs. Hammer's Google Classroom.

Any student planning to take a College Credit Plus (CCP) class for next school year needs to complete the Intent to Participate Form and return it to the guidance office by April 1. Forms can be found on the guidance website and in Mrs. Hammer's Google Classroom.

A detailed scholarship list can be found on the guidance website at <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmshguidance/scholarships?authuser=0>. There are numerous local scholarships due in the months of March and April.

#### MRS. STOKES - ELEMENTARY

**SPRING STATE TESTING**  
Grades 3-5 will have English Language Arts and Math tests. Fifth grade will also have Science testing. Tests are two days each per subject. We will be testing ELA on April 16-17, Math on April 23-24, and Science on April 30-May 1. Please make every effort for students to be at school and on time always, but especially for these dates.

**2024-2025 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**  
Antwerp Elementary is now scheduling appointments for 2024-25 Kindergarten screening and registration. Screening dates are April 3, 4, and 5. Students must be 5 on or before August 1, 2024, to be eligible to enter kindergarten at Antwerp. If you are planning to attend, please call the elementary office as soon as possible at 419/258-5421, ext. 2200 to schedule your appointment. All children must complete kindergarten prior to entering first grade and all children age 6 must be enrolled in school. NOTE: There will be no kindergarten classes held April 3-5, 2024.

**PRESCHOOL SCREENING**  
Preschool screenings will be held on March 20-21 and April 19. Screenings are available for Antwerp School District children ages 3-5 years by appointment only. Call 419/258-5421 ext. 2103 to schedule an appointment. If you plan to send your child to our preschool next year, s/he must go through our screening. NOTE: There will be no preschool classes held March 20-21, 2024.

**JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**  
The following students were selected by their teachers as Students of the Month for January:

- KA: Silver Miller & Claire Bechstein
- KB: Sophia Griffiths & Amelia Zuber
- KC: Max Hahn & Anna Shull
- 1A: Rowan Morrow & Lane Zuber
- 1B: Hadley Jackson & Owen Larson
- 1C: Ashton Overly & Starlette Ruffing
- 2A: Irenia Hand & Maryn Cottrell
- 2B: Nash Zartman & Grace Dunderman Hutchinson
- 3A: Keegan Moreno & Addison Griffiths
- 3B: Hudson Martnies & Brody Adams
- 3C: Carter Taylor & Bristol Kauser
- 4A: Grace Beck Bragg & Wesley Hostetler
- 4B: Elliot Henschen & Annabelle James
- 4C: Lucas Phillips & Olivia Kosch
- 5A: Carter Bagley & Destiny Getz
- 5B: Carson Forbes & Jocelyn Laker
- 5C: Kaidyn Lemon & Owen Dangler

**FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT**  
Family Literacy Night will be held on Thursday, March 14 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**SPRING BOOK FAIR**  
The Scholastic Book Fair will be open during Family Literacy Night on March 14 and will continue through Friday, March 15.

~ Mrs. Tracey Stokes, Elementary Principal

#### ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

The character trait of the month is kindness. Classroom guidance lessons will be centered around this trait.

Parents can expect a letter home from Mrs. Lichty in regards to a lesson on child abuse. Ohio schools are required by the Ohio SAVE Students Act to introduce this topic to all students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade in an age appropriate manner. If you have any questions after reading the letter, please call or email Mrs. Lichty.

#### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

**VARSITY BASEBALL**  
Mar 25 5:00 @ Edon  
Mar 26 5:00 vs. Eastside  
Mar 30 11:00 @ Lincolnview

**VARSITY SOFTBALL**  
Mar 25 5:00 @ Edon  
Mar 26 5:00 @ Hicksville  
Mar 28 5:00 vs. Continental  
Mar 30 11:00 vs. Miller City

**VARSITY TRACK & FIELD**  
Mar 26 4:30 vs. Hilltop/Edgerton  
Mar 28 4:30 vs. Tinora/PW/Cont.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 1 Vantage Apps. Due for 24/25
- Mar 10 Daylight Savings Time Change
- Mar 11-15 Spring Book Fair
- Mar 14 Family Literacy Night
- Mar 15 End of 3rd Quarter
- Mar 15-17 Spring Musical
- Mar 17 Athletic Booster Mattress Sale
- Mar 20-21 Preschool Screenings
- Mar 21 Board of Education Meeting
- Mar 28-Apr 2 NO SCHOOL-Easter/Spring Break
- Apr 3-5 Kindergarten Registration
- Apr 8 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice

#### SNEAK PEEK AT 2024-2025

- Aug 14 Open house
- Aug 15 First day of classes
- Sept 2 Labor day - No school
- Sept 20 Inservice - No school
- Oct 18 Fall break - No school
- Nov 4 & 6 P/T Conferences
- Nov 27 P/T tradeoff - No school
- Nov 28-29 Thanksgiving break
- Dec 23-Jan 3 Christmas/New Years break
- Jan 20 M.L.K. Jr. Day - No school
- Feb 17 Presidents Day - No school
- Mar 14 Spring break - No school
- Apr 17-22 Easter/Spring break
- May 16 Seniors last day
- May 18 Graduation
- May 21 Last day of school (K-11)

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Per adopted board policy 5517.01 (Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior), schools are required to semi-annually provide a written summary of all reported incidents of bullying/harassment/intimidation.

Ohio law requires school policies to use the definition of bullying found in R.C. 3313.666, which defines "harassment, intimidation, or bullying" as: Any intentional written, verbal, or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than once and the behavior both: (a) causes mental or physical harm to the other student; (b) is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student.

In accordance with these laws of the State of Ohio, it is reported that the administrators of Antwerp Local Schools dealt with the following number of incidences of bullying during the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester:

Gr. PK-5: For the 1st semester of the 2023-2024 school year, there were 0 cases of bullying.

Gr. 6-12: For the 1st semester of the 2023-2024 school year, there was 1 case of bullying.



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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**What is the price of progress in Paulding Village?**

As development ramps up, will we see our children, disabled neighbors, and long-term neighbors of 20+ years forced out of their homes? It's a harsh reality we can't ignore. We must look closer at our decisions and ensure they are equitable and just. Are we putting profits and parking spots over the livelihoods of

our fellow citizens? Consider this: what if you were given just three days' notice to vacate your home after years of paying it off with no compensation given back?

Would you willingly sign over the deed to your house because the property was being sold for a parking lot?

Where would you go? And let's not forget the bigger picture. Our county is already facing an occupancy crisis, with limited housing options and skyrocketing prices. We must slow down and think about our decisions' impact on the people who call Paulding Village home and the children who attend our local school. It's time to put people first and prioritize their needs over the interests of developers.

As I conclude, I want to encourage the residents of Paulding to embrace progress. Inaction will only lead to further decline of our village. However, let's not rush progress. Thoughtful planning is vital to ensure that we make the right decisions. It's disheartening that we must demolish the Theatre and two other buildings, but we must do so to prevent further deterioration. Additionally, we now must acknowledge the displacement of the residents on the other side of the Village. A SEPARATE project that is in the development works that I have not seen many talking about.

As a community, it is important that we come together and engage in constructive dialogue to address the ongoing issues. We can work collaboratively to find a fair and equitable solution for all parties involved. Let us approach this with a spirit of openness and

willingness to listen to each other's perspectives to move forward toward a mutually beneficial outcome.

—Andrea Schlueter, Paulding, OH

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I have been made aware that a tree decorated for their CHRISTmas tree event back in the fall had to be removed. The person presenting the tree was very upset that her entry was not allowed.

Hands of Hope had decorated a tree with beautiful pictures of Pre-Born babies. Ultrasound pictures of some of God's most precious gifts. She was told that someone was offended and that someone got emotional with the sight of these pictures. She was told to take them down, and at one point was also told "this isn't a Pro-Life Rally".

I realize that Xmas has become a secular gathering for many Godless people in our country, but personally, I can think of nothing more Pro-Life than a festival of CHRISTmas trees leading up to the birth of our savior.

It was actually a form of partisan censorship, as no other decoration was selected for removal.

—Chuck Schroeder Paulding, Ohio



**SMITH & KNIGHT GIVEN TITLE OF HONORED LIFE MEMBERS AT ACC**

The Antwerp Conservation Club is proud to announce that long-time executive committee members Kevin Smith and the late Mike Knight were given the title of Honored Life Members. Each year this honor is given to members who have provided exceptional service to our club.

**READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

**OHIO LOCATIONS**

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

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

**Cecil:** 127 Maramart

**Charloe:** Charloe Store

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

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

**Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Grover Hill, Marathon (East)

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

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

**Ney:** 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, Bargain Bin, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Kwik Mart, 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

**INDIANA LOCATIONS**

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

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

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

**Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

**Milan Center:** Milan Center Feed & Grain

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

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

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

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**HOW CAN WOMEN BRIDGE THE RETIREMENT GAP?**

March 8 is International Women's Day, a day for celebrating all the accomplishments of women around the globe. But many women still need to make up ground in one key area: retirement security.

Women's challenges in achieving a secure retirement are due to several factors, including these:

- Pay gap - It's smaller than it once was, but a wage gap still exists between men and women. In fact, women earn, on average, about 82 cents for every dollar that men earn, according to the Census Bureau. And even though this gap narrows considerably at higher educational levels, it's still a source of concern. Women who earn less than men will likely contribute less to 401(k) plans and will ultimately see smaller Social Security checks.
- Longer lives - At age 65, women live, on average, about 20 more years, compared to almost 17 for men, according to the Social Security Administration. Those extra years mean extra expenses.
- Caregiving responsibilities - Traditionally, women have done much of the caregiving for young children and older parents. And while this caregiving is done with love, it also comes with financial sac-

rific. Consider this: The average employment-related costs for mothers providing unpaid care is nearly \$300,000 over a lifetime, according to the U.S. Department of Labor - which translates to a reduction of 15% of lifetime earnings. Furthermore, time away from the workforce results in fewer contributions to 401(k) and other employer-sponsored retirement plans.

Ultimately, these issues can leave women with a retirement security deficit. Here are some moves that can help close this gap:

- Contribute as much as possible to retirement plans. Try to contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. Your earnings can grow tax deferred and your contributions can lower your taxable income. (With a Roth 401(k), contributions aren't deductible, but earnings and withdrawals are tax free, provided you meet certain conditions.) At a minimum, contribute enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered, and try to boost your contributions whenever your salary goes up. If you don't have access to a 401(k), but you have earned income, you can contribute to an IRA. Even if you don't have earned income, but you have a spouse who does, you might be eligible to contribute to a spousal IRA.
- Maximize Social Security

benefits. You can start taking Social Security at 62, but your monthly checks will be much bigger if you can afford to wait until your full retirement age, which will be around 66½. If you are married, you may want to coordinate your benefits with those of your spouse - in some cases, it makes sense for the spouse with the lower benefits to claim first, based on their earnings record, and apply for spousal benefits later, when the spouse with higher benefits begins to collect.

- Build an emergency fund. Try to build an emergency fund containing up to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. Having this fund available will help protect you from having to dip into your retirement accounts for large, unexpected costs, such as a major home or car repair.

It's unfortunate, but women still must travel a more difficult road than men to reach retirement security. But making the right moves can help ease the journey.

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# GMC WRESTLING MEET



Raider Nate Osborn picked up his 100<sup>th</sup> win at the GMC wrestling tournament on February 17, 2024. *Photo by Carrie Kimmel.*

During the Green Meadows Conference on February 17th, the Wayne Trace Wrestling program ended the day with four placers. Additionally, senior Nate Osborn achieved his 100th career win following his first match of the day.

class, freshman Colton Kimmel ended the day as a first-time GMC Champion. In the semi-finals, Colton pinned opponent Airus Davinport of Fairview. For the finals match, Colton defeated Josh Bishop of Tinora by pin in 1:54.

Dominating the 126-pound weight class, junior



Archer Kamren Johnson finished in 3rd at the GMC wrestling tournament on February 17, 2024. *Photo by Lions Eye Photography.*

Corbin Kimmel rolled through his competition. In the quarterfinal match, Corbin pinned Logan Siwa of

Ayresville in just 1:21. For the semi-final match, Corbin won by pin over Jacob Bishop of Tinora in 5:11. For the finals



WT freshman Colton Kimmel made his GMC debut and tallied a 1<sup>st</sup> place on February 17, 2024. *Photo by Carrie Kimmel.*

match, Kimmel won by tech fall over Levi Hess of Edgerton with a final score of 15-0. Corbin is now a three-time GMC Champion.

Senior Graiden Troth competed in the 157-pound weight class and won his second GMC Championship. In the first match of the day, Troth pinned Carter Hill of Fairview in 1:45. Advancing to the semi-finals, Graiden defeated Miles Doster of Antwerp by pin in 1:21. For the finals match, Troth pinned

Alan Griffiths of Paulding. Nate Osborn wrestled in the 190-pound weight class for the conference matchup. Osborn won the first match by pin over Daniel Fleming of Hicksville in 2:31. In the semi-finals, Osborn lost to Eli Berner of Ayresville with a score of 12-8. Osborn dominated the consolation semi-final match by pinning Antwerp wrestler Maddilan Doster in just 43 seconds. For

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Payne, Ohio 45880  
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# STOLLER LEADS WT TO OUTRIGHT TITLE



Raider Senior Kyle Stoller taps the ball up again and this time it goes while picking up the third point from the foul shot! More pictures at westbendnews.net



Paulding sophomore Grady Barton is fouled on the shot and scores two for the Panthers from the free throw line. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace wrapped up the outright Green Meadows Conference championship Friday night as the Raiders

knocked off county rival Paulding 44-33 at the 'Palace.' Despite Paulding grabbing an early 3-2 lead, the red,

white and blue never trailed again in improving to 17-3 overall and 7-0 in the league.

Wayne Trace posted a 17-13 advantage after one quarter before widening the gap to 25-20 at the midway point. The Raiders held a 32-27 lead entering the final stanza.

Kyle Stoller paced the Raiders with a game-high 21 points while Hudson Myers chipped in seven markers and Caden Sinn posted six points.

Brady Miller and Carter Clemens each added four markers for Wayne Trace and

Tanner Laukhuf connected on a pair of free throws.

Paulding was led by Greyson Harder with nine points and Casey Agler posted eight markers.

Blake Rhonehouse (seven), Grady Barton (six) and Kane Jones (three) completed the scoring for Paulding, which dropped to 11-8 overall and 3-4 in the conference.

Wayne Trace improved to 16-1 overall on the season and 7-0 in the league with a 32-21 victory over the Panthers.

## WT MOVES ON TO SECTIONAL FINAL



Junior Harper Myers adds 3-points to the Raider scoreboard in this third quarter! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace outlasted visiting Fort Recovery 35-30 Thursday night in a Division III girls basketball sectional semifinal at the 'Palace.'

The visiting Indians led 9-7 at the end of one quarter before Wayne Trace posted a 13-11 halftime advantage. The Lady Raiders then extended the margin to 22-17 at the end of three quarters before holding on for the victory.

Cali Wendel topped Fort Recovery with a dozen points while Sophia Guggenbiller

chipped in seven and Bridget Homan posted five points. Karlie Niekamp and Saige Leuthold rounded out the Indian scoring with three points apiece.

Lexi Moore led Wayne Trace with 15 to lead the Lady Raiders while Amber Stoller posted six points.

Caroline Winans (five), Harper Myers (five) and Carreen Winans (four) completed the scoring for the red, white and blue.

# LADY PANTHERS ADVANCE TO SECTIONAL FINALS



Lady Panthers persevered in their Sectional semi-final match up against Bluffton on Thursday, February 22nd. The final score was 50-49 which catapulted Paulding into the Sectional final game on Saturday, February 24th. Freshman Estie Pease had a great game at sectional. Here she picked up the turnover and ran the layup for two points! More photos at westbendnews.net

## 8th GRADE GMC CHAMPIONS



On Saturday, February 17th the Paulding eighth grade boys' basketball team defeated Antwerp to become GMC champions. Shown in the picture are: Back Row (Left to right): Parker Hunt, Tyler Goyings, Zach Backton, Javvon Stiltner, Ricker Egnor, Tyson Manz, Coach Jarod Riley. Middle Row (Left to right): Kalan Burns, Jarret Griffith, Max Burns, Jack Daeger, Declan Pittman (manager). Front Row: Sawyer Hunt (manager)

## YODER, SMITH LEAD WARRIORS IN ROUT OVER BLAZERS

Trey Yoder scored a game high 24 points and Braden Smith added 21 markers to lead the Woodlan Warriors to a 69-38 non-conference boys basketball victory Tuesday night outside of Woodburn.

The win over the Blazers was the first of two victories for Woodlan last week as the Warriors also slipped past Fort

Wayne Bishop Dwenger 57-47 on the road Saturday evening.

Woodlan is now 13-7 overall on the season and the Warriors finished 4-2 in ACAC action this season.

Eastside is now 8-13 on the year with Johnson topping the Blazer effort with 11 points.

Acquaviva added eight markers for Eastside and Minnick chipped in six markers.

Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger drops to 7-14 overall with the loss to the Warriors.

## ARCHERS ADVANCE TO SECTIONAL FINAL

The Antwerp Lady Archers rallied from a two-point deficit after three quarters to post a 50-46 victory over Edon in Division IV girls sectional basketball play Wednesday evening at Antwerp.

Each team bucketed eight markers in the opening stanza before Antwerp took a 20-18 advantage at the midway point of the contest.

Edon then put up 22 points in the third quarter while the Lady Archers recorded 18, giving the visiting Bombers a 40-38 lead entering the final period.

Antwerp then doubled up the visitors in the fourth quarter, as the Archers scored a dozen markers compared to Edon's six to set final at 50-46.

Addison Briner and Natalie Wofford each scored a dozen points to lead Edon, which ends the year with a record of 7-16.

Jaycea Craven chipped in eight markers for the Lady

Bombers followed by Neveah Smith (seven), Gracie Ripke (four) and Genna Ripke (three).

Antwerp, which improved to 12-11 on the season, was led by Caroline Rohrs with 21 points and Aewyn McMichael chipped in 18 markers.

Madisyn Peters (four), Emma Townley (three), Faith Clem (two) and Briley Bagley (two) completed the Antwerp scoring.

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Cap Henry takes a hard flip. Action Photos Ohio



Sheldon Haudenchild #17 battles Buddy Kofoid. Action Photos Ohio



Tyler Courtney gets first High Limit win. Action Photos Ohio

**By: Ron Burt  
Hammer Down**  
If you're on Facebook and like local racing, Scott Hammer, the public address announcer at Oakshade Raceway and driver of the #8 Dominator Stock, has a Thursday night racing show with fellow driver and racecar builder Ron Miller. They cover the area tracks, interview drivers, and recap the

show starts at 7PM and last one hour. It's the best weekly coverage of our area tracks. If you miss the broadcast, you can replay it anytime.  
If you're on TikTok I post racing reels from area race tracks. If you like to see different types of race cars, I invite you to check out the Ohio Sports Blitz. I upload different reels I don't put on



Archer Miles Doster finished in 3rd at the GMC wrestling tournament on February 17, 2024. Photo by Lions Eye Photography.

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Jarod Traxler 4th at 1-2  
Paulding took the 2nd place at the GMC Tournament at Ayersville. Top performers today included: Champions Stroker Etter (132#); Nico Moreno (106#), 2nd Place; Jesse Shaffer (150#); Alan Griffiths (157#), 3rd Place; Adan Zacarias (138#); Kobe Foor (215#), 4th Place; Landon Dasher (126#); Eli Jones (144#); Josh LeMieux (165#)  
Look for Sectional results in next week's West Bend News!

the third-place match, Osborn was defeated with a score of 4-1 by Cole McStoots of Fairview.  
From Antwerp Archers GMC wrestling results from Ayersville:  
Kamren Johnson 3rd at 3-1 with 3 pins  
Skyler Octaviano 2nd at 1-1 with 1 pin  
Miles Doster 3rd at 3-1 with 1 pin  
Griffin Kosch 0-2  
Caleb Laker 4th at 1-2  
Maddilan Doster 0-2

my Ohio Sports Blitz Facebook page.  
By now most race fans know William Byron won the 66th annual Daytona 500 last Monday at Daytona International Speedway after NASCAR's premier race was delayed one day by rain. Byron edged his Hendrick Motorsports teammate Alex Bowman as a crash broke out just as Byron took the white flag for the final lap. Officials immediately threw a caution flag, and the checkered flag followed, giving Byron his first Daytona 500 win. This is the kind of win most race fans don't like to see, a race won on a caution flag. Rounding out this year's top five, 2nd Alex Bowman, 3rd Christopher Bell, 4th Corey LaJoie, and Bubba Wallace. Of the 40-car starting field this year 19 have raced at Flat Rock and Toledo Speedways at least once in their careers. That's 47% of the field, including the 2023 defending Daytona 500 Champion Ricky Stenhouse Jr.  
The 47th season of the Worlds Greatest Show on Dirt, with the World of Outlaw Sprints opened their 2024 season with the annual 4-night series at Volusia Speedway Park in Barberville, FL. The "Big Cat" Brad Sweet took the opening night

checked flag. He led all 25 laps to cash in on a \$12,000.00 payday. Tyler Courtney made a strong challenge but Sweet fought him off and made his 91st trip to Victory Lane with the series. The next evening February 7th, David Gravel made it look easy picking up his first feature win of the season. On night number 3, Tyler Courtney on the last lap and final turn was able to sneak by Abreu and cross the finish line and pick up his \$12,000.00 check. The fourth and final night of the National saw Sheldon Haudenchild pick up his 35th career victory with the World of Outlaws, his 3rd Gator Trophy and \$20,000.00 for the win.  
The High Limit Sprint Car Series planned to open their season February 12th at East Bay Raceway. Mother Nature had other ideas. February 13th, the divers did double duty and were forced to race two events back-to-back. The matinee saw "Yung Money" Kyle Larson get the win and the night-cap was won by Tyler Courtney. It was his first win in the new High Limit Series. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

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\$1,000 to provide funding for the junior class trip to Washington D.C.  
• Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club; \$850 to purchase T-shirts for the Paulding County Fair  
• Off the Streets Van Wert County; \$1,200 to provide funding for security deposits to get homeless families housing  
• Paulding Chamber of Commerce (Leadership in Action group's service project); \$2,000 to repaint structures at the Paulding Reservoir Park  
• Paulding High School Quiz Bowl Team; \$2,000 to provide funding for hotel and registration for students to compete at Nationals  
• Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District; \$1,000 for the Paulding County Trails



## ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On February 8, a resident requested an officer to assist with getting into the residence as it was all locked up. Officer assisted with gaining

entrance.  
On February 9, a hit/skip accident was reported at the Oasis parking lot.  
On February 9, a resident from the county reported he lost his wallet at Dollar General. The wallet was described as tan in color with red letters.  
On February 9, officer was called to Antwerp school for a vehicle unlock.  
On February 10, the police department was contacted for a dog running loose at Antwerp school. The officer located the dog and returned it to the owner.  
On February 10, Antwerp

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HICKSVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Hicksville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on an application for a Zoning Change on Thursday, March 14, 2024, starting at 6:00 pm in the office of the zoning inspector, located at 108 N. Main St. Hicksville, OH. The application, submitted by BT & P Investments, is a request to rezone parcel #E060027000143, Hillbrook Estates Addition, with a physical address of 701 Spencerville Street. The lot is presently zoned R-4 Single Family, Two Family, Multiple Family. The request is to rezone to R-8 Multiple Family Dwelling.

—Mike Bailey,  
Zoning Inspector  
Village of Hicksville

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Village of Hicksville  
Meadow Lane Water Service Replacement

Bids for the Village of Hicksville at the Council Chambers, 111 South Main Street, Hicksville, Ohio 43526, until Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work: The replacement of 25 water services along Meadow Lane and Beverly Drive in the Village of Hicksville.

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found and downloaded at the following website: [choiceoneengineering.com/projects-out-for-bid](http://choiceoneengineering.com/projects-out-for-bid). All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office of Choice One.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

The bid notice is also available at [www.villageofhicksville.com/gov](http://www.villageofhicksville.com/gov).

Owner: Village of Hicksville  
By: Cory Wann  
Title: Village Administrator  
Date: February 19, 2024

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

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153  
**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**BRANT SAMUEL VERFAILLIE, ET AL., Defendants,**  
Case No. CI 23 085

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

**830 North Walnut Street, Paulding  
Parcel Number: 30-27S-073-00**

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

Said premises appraised at One Hundred Eight Thousand and No/100 (\$108,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the March 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

<https://paulling.sheriffssaleauction.ohio.gov>.

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

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on April 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
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Carrie L Davis, Attorney for Plaintiff

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Police Department assisted EMS with a squad run at the bank.

On February 11, officers were called in reference to a juvenile threatening to harm himself.

On February 16, Antwerp Police Officer contacted the village administrator in reference to the roadways becoming slick.

On February 16, Antwerp Police Department delivered a letter to a resident on Daggett St. on a time line for junk vehicle to be towed.

On February 17, it was reported that a vehicle had ran over a mail box on N Main St. An officer responded and investigated the incident. The driver was located and issued a citation.

On February 18, Antwerp Police Department assisted EMS with a squad run in the

village.

On February 20, a records request was made for reports that an individual was involved in from 2023.

On February 20, Antwerp Police Department received a call from property owner that had received a junk notice. The property owner informed the police department the junk vehicles in question would be removed that day.

On February 20, Antwerp Police Department was contacted by an investigator in reference to inappropriate photos being sent to a juvenile from an adult

On February 21, a call was made to the Antwerp Medical Center threatening the employees. An investigation was conducted and an arrest warrant was issued for the individual who made that

threat.

2/26 Antwerp Police department was contacted by the sheriff in reference to deliver a letter to a resident

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!



PUBLIC NOTICES

Village of Cecil regular council meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Cecil Firehouse community room.

If you would like to be added to the agenda please contact the village of Cecil Clerk at 419-399-0520 or via email villageofcecil@yahoo.com

The unaudited financial records for 2023 have been completed and are available for inspection by contacting Carlene Turner clerk for the village of Cecil at 419-399-0520 or via the village email villageofcecil@yahoo.com

Crossword Puzzle GEORGE WASHINGTON with a grid and numbered starting points.

- Across: 3. He led the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War as THIS. 4. He oversaw the construction of THIS but never lived there. 5. Washington played a key role in drafting the U.S. Constitution as one of THESE. 7. George Washington was the first THIS of the United States. 10. Washington's treaty with Great Britain, attempting to avoid war in the 1790s. 12. Washington is often referred to as THIS for his role in its founding. 13. Washington's plantation home in Virginia. 14. Washington supported the creation of these to the U.S. Constitution. 15. Washington's THIS warned against political factionalism and foreign alliances. Down: 1. He established the tradition of presidential advisory THESE. 2. A popular anecdote about Washington's honesty as a child was a story of THIS. 6. He was appointed THIS of the Continental Army by the Continental Congress. 8. Washington was a prominent member of THIS organization. 9. He served THIS LONG as President, setting a precedent for future presidents. 11. Washington led a military expedition to HERE in 1754.

solution on page 11

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2024-01

AN ORDINANCE REZONING LOT 55 OF EDGERTON'S FIRST ADDITION IN THE VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, PDM Rentals has requested that certain property located within the Village of Hicksville, Defiance County, Ohio be rezoned to Single Family, Two Family, Multiple Family (R4);

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission, after notice and hearing, have recommended that the rezoning be allowed on June 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes it would be beneficial to rezone the property to Single Family, Two Family, Multiple Family (R4) and the official zoning map of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio shall be revised to indicate the zoning change to Single Family, Two Family, Multiple Family (R4).

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

SECTION 1: The property described on "Exhibit A", attached hereto, shall be rezoned to Single Family, Two Family, Multiple Family (R4) and the official zoning map of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio shall be revised to indicate the zoning change to Single Family, Two Family, Multiple Family, (R4);

SECTION 2: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the peace, health, welfare and safety of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio and for the further purpose that this Ordinance is necessary to meet the required time deadlines involved in the statute and shall, therefore, take effect and be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

MICHAEL BARTH, MAYOR ATTEST: CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER passed 01/22/2024

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2024-04

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Village Fiscal Officer has determined that it is necessary to transfer certain funds from the General Fund to the Police and Fire Pension Fund and the Capital Projects Fund, and

WHEREAS, Council must approve the transfer pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.14,

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

SECTION 1: The Village Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to transfer Fifty Thousand

Dollars (\$50,000) from the General Fund to the Police and Fire Pension Fund.

SECTION 2: The Village Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to transfer Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

MICHAEL BARTH, MAYOR ATTEST: CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER passed 02/05/2024

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2024-06

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Village Fiscal Officer has determined that it is necessary to advance certain funds from the General Fund to the Fire/EMS Levy Fund, and

WHEREAS, Council must approve the advance pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.14,

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

SECTION 1: The Village Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to advance Fifty

Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the General Fund to the Fire/EMS Levy Fund.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall take effect, and be in full force and effect, from and after its passage and approval by the mayor.

MICHAEL BARTH, MAYOR ATTEST: CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER passed 02/05/2024

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2024-02

AN ORDINANCE REZONING LOT 314 PT, LOT 317 PT, LOT 344 AND LOT 80 OF AUDITOR'S PLAT IN THE VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Vick Lilly has requested that certain property located within the Village of Hicksville, Defiance County, Ohio be rezoned to Single Family, Two Family, Multiple Family (R4);

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission, after notice and hearing, have recommended that the rezoning be allowed on June 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes it would be beneficial to rezone the property to Single Family, Two Family, Multiple Family (R4) and the official zoning map of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio shall be revised to indicate the zoning change to Single Family, Two Family, Multiple Family (R4).

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

SECTION 1: The property described on "Exhibit A", attached hereto, shall be rezoned to Single Family, Two Family, Multiple Family (R4) and the official zoning map of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio shall be revised to indicate the zoning change to Single Family, Two Family, Multiple Family, (R4);

SECTION 2: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the peace, health, welfare and safety of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio and for the further purpose that this Ordinance is necessary to meet the required time deadlines involved in the statute and shall, therefore, take effect and be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

MICHAEL BARTH, MAYOR ATTEST: CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER passed 01/22/2024

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2024-03

AN ORDINANCE REZONING LOTS 171 and 172 OF AUDITOR'S PLAT IN THE VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Moffatt Industries LLC has requested that certain property located within the Village of Hicksville, Defiance County, Ohio be rezoned to Light Manufacturing (M-1), Heavy Manufacturing (M-2);

WHEREAS, the Council believes it would be beneficial to rezone the property to Light Manufacturing (M-1), Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) and the official zoning map of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio shall be revised to indicate the zoning change to Light Manufacturing (M-1), Heavy Manufacturing (M-2).

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

SECTION 1: The property described on "Exhibit A", attached hereto, shall be rezoned to Light Manufacturing (M-1), Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) and the official zoning map of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio shall be revised to indicate the zoning change to Light Manufacturing (M-1), Heavy Manufacturing (M-2);

SECTION 2: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the peace, health, welfare and safety of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio and for the further purpose that this Ordinance is necessary to meet the required time deadlines involved in the statute and shall, therefore, take effect and be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by the mayor.

MICHAEL BARTH, MAYOR ATTEST: CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER passed 01/22/2024

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

BETH ANN DAVENPORT, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 23 072

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

5774 SR 500, Payne

Parcel Number: 17-35B-012-00 and 17-35B-013-00

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

Said premises appraised at Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the March 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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

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

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on March 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com James L. Sassano, Attorney for Plaintiff

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2024-5

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

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

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

Section1: The Annual Appropriations Ordinance Number 2023-18 in the amount of \$2,480,695.48 will be amended reflect the following changes:

Table with 3 columns: Original/Amended Budget Amt., Proposed Budget Amt., Amount of Change. Rows include Donations-Frisbee Golf, Donations-K9 Unit, Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund, and Total Amended Appropriations.

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

DATED: 02/20/24

MICHAEL BARTH, MAYOR CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,

vs.

LISA ROSS aka LISA CAPERTON, ET AL., Defendants, Case No. CI 23 112

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

North First Street, Oakwood

Parcel Number: 10-09S-009-00; 10-09S-010-00; and, 10-09S-008-01 A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office located in the Courthouse.

The opening bid is Three Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-nine and 55/100 (\$3,639.55) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel on Thursday, March 28, 2023 by on-line bidding at:

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

If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale on April 11, 2023 for the same minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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



# PJHS PAULDING 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 January.

## WAYNE TRACE'S DYLAN HERSHBERGER PUNCHES TICKET TO JUNIOR HIGH STATE



JH Panther wrestler Dylan Hershberger battles for his spot in the JH state tournament.

On February 18, 2024, Dylan Hershberger traveled to the Oregon District tournament to compete against 15 other competitors in the 176-weight class. In the full 16-man bracket, Hershberger had to place in the top 6 to guarantee his trip to the Junior High State Tour-

nament. After a long day of competition, Hershberger was able to punch his ticket to the OAC State Tournament.

In the first round of the day, Hershberger lost to Jason Harner with a score of 5-0, pushing him into the consolation bracket. Battling

back for a chance at placement, Hershberger was able to defeat Kaden Roberts in a close match with a final score of 2-0. Moving forward, the eighth grader won by a major decision score of 13-2 over Ashton Lampman. Keeping the momentum going, Dylan won 11-0 over Nathan White. Maddox Schneider pinned Hershberger in 2:47, before sending him into the final match of the day. Hershberger was victorious over Michael Griffiths by pinning him in 2:38 and finishing in 5th place overall. Dylan's ability to wrestle back through the consolation bracket secured his spot for the state tournament.

Jerrick Johnson also competed in the district tournament in the 102-pound weight class. In the first round of the day, Johnson was defeated by Hunter Klasch with a final score of 8-7. Following a bye, Johnson was able to pin Garrett Kizer in just 38 seconds. Jerrick was also able to pin his next opponent, Rylin Davis in just 28 seconds. In the next round, Johnson successfully defeated Conall Gannon with a final score of 10-6. Following a series of wins, Johnson was pinned by Thomas Reesman in 20 seconds and beaten by Nathan Janakovich with a final score of 9-0. Jerrick ended the day in 8th place in the tournament and an alternate to the state tournament.

Other wrestlers from Wayne Trace included Braxton Schnipke, Brennan Miller, and Brock Knowles. Good luck to Dylan as he prepares for the Junior High State Tournament! The OAC State Tournament will be held on March 16th and 17th in Youngstown at the Covelli Center.

## PHYSICIAN PLEASED TO BE PRACTICING BACK HOME IN AUBURN AGAIN



Michael Kooistra, Jr., MD, has joined Parkview Physicians Group (PPG) - Family Medicine in Auburn and is welcoming patients at his office, 1306 E. 7th St., Suite A.

"Dr. Kooistra has a great deal of experience to share with patients, and we are pleased he wants to continue to live and practice in DeKalb County," said Tasha

Eicher, market president, Parkview Health Northeast and Ohio. "He will be an excellent healthcare partner for our patients."

Dr. Kooistra has been a primary care physician in the northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana area for more than 25 years. He has provided family medicine, pediatric, obstetric and geriatric care, and performed a variety of traditional surgery and endoscopic procedures for patients in Auburn, Hicksville, Edgerton and Angola. He has practiced in hospital environments, nursing homes and several primary care offices.

Kooistra completed his internship and residency in family medicine, with obstetrics, at Memorial Hospital of South Bend. He received his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

He pursued his undergraduate studies at Taylor University, Upland, majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry. He graduated cum laude with a pre-med bachelor's degree.

Kooistra is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. He is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Christian Medical and Dental Association, and the Indiana State Medical Association.

In addition, Kooistra is a certified medical examiner.

As a young man in northwest Indiana, he had planned to work in his family's small-town flooring and interior decorating business, but college set him on a different path. Encouraged by an academic advisor, he explored medicine as a career option and found himself called to serve as a physician.

Since 1998, Auburn has been Kooistra's home while he practiced at various locations across the region. Over time, he has come to appreciate the town's distinctive history, convenient location, size, amenities and residents. "I enjoy smaller communities like this one because I can get to know the people of the town over time," he said. "I see them in my office, but also at the store, school events, church, and other places on a routine basis. I've been able to put down roots and feel like a part of the community, more so than in a city."

Forging those relationships is what Kooistra enjoys most about caring for individuals of all ages and backgrounds, as well as their families.

"I enjoy the full spectrum of family medicine," he said, "taking care of patients from birth to advanced age. As a provider, I meet patients where they are in their health journey, get to know them and treat them as if they were a friend or family member."

Outside of work, Kooistra and his wife, Cheryl, enjoy taking walks with their dog, Archie. In addition, golf, hiking, biking, fishing and church activities keep them busy, as well as spending time with their several children and grandchildren who live in the area.

Dr. Kooistra is seeing new patients. Call 260-925-1255 for questions and appointment scheduling.

# ARCHERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER RAMS



The first basket after the half time is by Senior Carson Altimus adds 3-points to the Archer side of the score board! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp wrapped up the Green Meadows Conference portion of the schedule with a 6-1 record after cruising to a 63-48 win over Tinora Friday night.

The blue and white posted a 13-4 lead at the end of eight minutes and expanding the margin from there, pushing the lead to 28-17 at the intermission.

Antwerp widened the margin to 49-31 at the end of three periods before settling on the 63-48 victory.

A trio of Archers reached double digits in the contest, led by 19 from Zaine McMichael and 16 more by Landon Brewer. Carson Altimus also hit twin digits with a dozen markers.

Camden Fuller contributed eight points for the blue and white with Reid Lichty posting six and Ben Savina scoring one bucket.

With the win, Antwerp improved its overall record to 19-2.

Owen Ackerman paced Tinora with 17 points while Aiden Rittenhouse and Adam Spychala each contributed a dozen markers for the Rams, who fall to 7-11 in all games and 4-2 in the league.

Josh Lieb chipped in three points for the green and white while Connor Welling and Alex Homier picked up a basket piece.

In the junior varsity contest, the Archers posted a 43-16 decision over the Rams.

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**MARKETING PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP HELPS BUSINESS**



Pictured in photo are Angel Steiner (West Bend), Mandy Miller (Antwerp Pharmacy), and Kristen Schilt (Paulding County Economic Development) standing in front of the Pharmacy's new building signage.

The Village of Antwerp has seen an awesome transformation on South Main Street, where small businesses Antwerp Pharmacy and More than Boutique have found their new home for well over a year. If you've been by recently, you have also seen the eye-catching signage on the building that houses the Antwerp Pharmacy. This enhancement is due in part to the marketing support program that is available for Paulding County small businesses, offered by the Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) office.

"Our marketing program is a really great tool for our member businesses to have their current business marketing strategies assessed. From that assessment, they receive a tailored proposal that lists different marketing ideas they can pursue on their own, or with the assistance of different partners, like West Bend Printing and Publishing, Natural Design and Graphics, or any other business they want to work with," says Kristen Schilt, PCED Office Manager.

Schilt introduced Antwerp Pharmacy owner Mandy Miller to the program during the Paulding County Career Day expo last spring. Choosing to use the program, she was able to acquire a branded tablecloth to use for future dis-

plays and job fair events. Miller appreciated the simplicity of working with local businesses, adding, "I could prioritize what I needed the most and then make that idea a reality all while keeping the money we spent local."

Miller continued to praise the local program for making it easy to develop the signage for their new building. "We decided that the new sign was the most important item that was discussed (in the assessment meeting)." With remaining funds, she partnered with West Bend Printing and Publishing to design a banner-style sign, featuring the pharmacy's logo, services, location, and contact info. Impressively, West Bend installed it within a day.

The local marketing business is excited for the opportunity to work with, and share their talents, with others, "West Bend Printing & Publishing has found this marketing program to be very helpful, for not only businesses looking to expand their marketing reach with useful tools, but it has also opened doors for the spread of our client-base as well," stated co-owner Angel Steiner. "After being in business for almost 20 years, Bryce (Steiner, co-owner) and I are sometimes perplexed that so many still don't know West Bend is more than just the

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newspaper. Clients are excited when they find out they can get marketing tools, like signage, personalized invoices, etc. made right here in Paulding County! We want to thank PCED and this marketing program for helping expand small businesses in Paulding County."

The program is a collaborative effort from the OhioMeansJobs (OMJ) office of Defiance and Paulding County, and facilitated through the PCED office. The program is geared toward small businesses with less than 10 employees.

"OhioMeansJobs Defiance & Paulding Counties is thankful for the funding opportunity, through the Greater Ohio Workforce Board, to allow OMJ Defiance & Paulding to help assist businesses with this tailored marketing opportunity. OMJ Defiance & Paulding is also appreciative of the continued partnership with PCED and their promotion and support of this wonderful opportunity," shared Tiffany Rockhold, Workforce Supervisor for OhioMeansJobs Defiance/ Paulding Counties.

**FAIRVIEW FFA COMPETES IN PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST**



Pictured above (l-r): Miguel Garcia, Cheyenne Zeedyk, Elizabeth Bok, Samantha Mavis

**By: Elizabeth Bok**  
On January 29th, four Fairview FFA Members traveled to Ayersville High School to compete in the Subdistrict Public Speaking Contest. Miguel Garcia and Elizabeth Bok competed in the Extemporaneous Division. For this division, participants draw three agriculture-related topics and then pick one of those topics to give a speech about. They then get 30 minutes to prepare a 4-6 minute speech to present in front of judges who will score the speech and then ask follow-up questions on the topic. Cheyenne Zeedyk competed in the Advanced Prepared Division. She wrote and practiced a speech on an agricultural topic of her choice. Cheyenne then

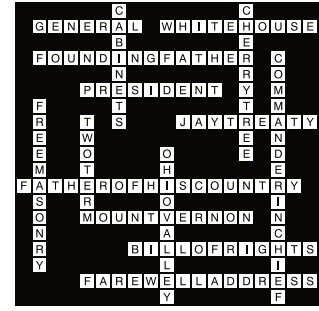


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He had gone to the library and gotten a book about building, but it wasn't as easy as it looked. He had been the first in his family to go to school, but he flunked out of college, and now he was getting desperate. He had been bullied in grade school, and just could not shake his misfortunes. In college he simply could not find anything he liked, but near the end he had found something that appealed to him, but it was too late. He had taken a course in acting, and had been terrified on stage, and had to work to overcome his fear. He had moved to Hollywood thinking about trying to get a role in movies. Now he was an expert builder.

He completed the job so well that other stars started hiring him. James Cann, Richard Dreyfuss, Sally Kellerman and he became the builder for the stars. Spiraling



**Crossword solution from page 9**

porches, bookshelves, anything that needed to be done. He bought himself a house and remodeled it, and became friends with some of the best Hollywood could offer. His friends had encouraged him to try acting, so he took a job in Vaudeville making \$125 a week. He found he really enjoyed acting.

Then he tried to find parts in movies, and was successful doing small parts. He only took the parts he liked, and because he was a builder he could pick and choose because he already was successful. He landed a part in the movie, "Indiana Jones." He was Han Solo the smart aleck villain. Then Tom Selleck quit, and he became the James Bond character in the series of movies.

By now you should know that we are talking about the actor Harrison Ford. His director thought he was not handsome, but contained a quality that you just could not lay your hands on, nor match. He played well up into later life, and contained a quality which seemed to be ageless. A young man who didn't seem to fit in anywhere, became one of the biggest movie stars of his day.

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# KLOPFENSTEIN, ROGERS INTRODUCE BILL TO MODIFY COUNTY ENGINEER VACANCIES



State Representatives Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) and Elgin Rogers (D-Toledo) today introduced legislation to modify procedures for filling county engineer vacancies.

The legislation seeks to aid counties in finding more qualified individuals to run for county engineer and establish new opportunities for counties that are unable to fill an engineer vacancy.

The proposed legislation will:

- Grant county commissioners the authority to contract with engineers from other counties to fill vacant positions in the county engineer's office for the remainder of the term if they haven't been able to fill the vacancy through either election or appointment.
- Eliminate the pay discrepancy for engineers who also maintain a private practice.

"This legislation mirrors similar provisions that exist for county coroners, which has proven to be invaluable

when a county is unable to find someone to fill a vacant office," said Klopfenstein. "The key distinction in this legislation is the stipulation that the county with the vacancy must compensate the contracted engineer at the same rate as they would their own engineer."

"Our bipartisan legislation will give communities across the state the resources they need to fill county engineer vacancies," said Rogers. "I am proud to work alongside our county governments to find effective solutions."

The measure awaits a bill number and committee assignment.

## TWO NEW HAVEN WRESTLERS MAKE HISTORY

Two New Haven High School wrestlers made school history on Saturday, February 16th at the IHSAA State finals in Evansville, IN.

Easton Doster, wrestled in the 144lb bracket, won his title match with a score of 6-4, bringing this Bulldog grappler



Julianna Ocampo, 106lb weight class



Easton Doster, 144lb weight class

to ending his junior year with an undefeated record: 39-0.

Also a junior, Julianna Ocampo stamped her name in the IHSAA history books at the Evansville arena by being the first female to place at the State finals. She took the 6th place spot on the podium at the end of her day.

Great season to the New Haven Bulldogs!

## NSCC RAISES \$24,000 FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AT "PURSES FOR A PURPOSE" PURSE BINGO

Northwest State Community College recently hosted a "Purses for a Purpose" purse bingo event at the Archbold campus on Friday, February 9th. The sold-out event raised \$24,000 for NSCC student scholarships through the

## NSCC FOUNDATION. "FRIEND-RAISING AND FUNDRAISING"

The proceeds from the purse bingo event will directly benefit NSCC Foundation scholarships. NSCC has awarded nearly \$2 million in total Foundation scholarships over the past two years. "The NSCC Foundation continues to explore 'friend-raising' and fundraising opportunities to raise awareness and funding for student scholarships, and our team worked hard to put



this fun purse bingo event together for the community," said Robbin Wilcox, Executive Director of the NSCC Foundation. Wilcox also thanked the event sponsors and donors for their part in making the event a success.

## TRACTOR SHOW IN DEFIANCE

March 1-3 there will be a tractor show at Defiance Northtown Mall, Defiance, OH.

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# THIS WEEK ON PCBW: RUSTIC COMFORT PHOTOGRAPHY



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tory of Cecil and the county. Tune in every Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. You can also hear this episode and past episodes 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



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