

## PAULDING COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Pictured below are (back, l-r): Robert Keeterle, TJ McClain, Christopher Schuchart, Victoria Fuelling, and Bobby Scott; (front, l-r): Hailey Harris, Cadence Baker, Kellen Manz, and Brandon Scott. Missing from photo: Donnique Dickey, Rochelle Clark, & Julie Moore

Paulding County Cardinals School-Age Team are State Runners Up after facing a tough Madison County JV Tigers, in the 2024 State In-

door Winter Games for Special Olympics Ohio on Sunday, February 25th. This is Paulding County first year participating in Special

Olympics since COVID. Our School-Age team came up short with a final score of 28-16 but the score doesn't reflect

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## LADIES DAY OUT WITH CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Basement Ladies of Christ Lutheran Church Woodburn, IN will be having a Ladies day Out ... A Style to

Remember on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. Keepsake Beads By EAW & Boutique will be sharing her many talents of style and beautiful and unique ways to remember loved ones.

Brunch will be served. Please come and join us for a fun morning. There will be a drawing for relaxing time in her salt cave.

## PERI MEETING DATE SET

Defiance County PERI District 1 Chapter 30 will meet March 20 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Defiance County Senior

Center/Summit 60. 140 E. Broadway, Defiance, OH.

The speaker will be Tonya Wichman, Director of the election board.

## ANTWERP'S HOOPS FOR HEART SET TO BREAK \$100,000 IN DONATIONS

Antwerp Local School will be hosting a school-wide fundraiser, Hoops For Heart,

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## SHUHERK RUNS FOR PC COUNTY RECORDER



Sarah R. Shuherk is running for Paulding County Recorder. She is a lifelong resident of Paulding County, a graduate of Paulding High School and Northwest State Community College. Currently, Sarah lives in Antwerp with her husband, Chris, and two daughters, Emma and Eden.

Sarah enjoys spending time with her family and attending school functions. She is actively involved in the Antwerp Music Boosters and also a co-leader of her daughter's Girl Scout Troop. Sarah and her family are members of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish.

Sarah has worked in the Recorder's Office as a deputy

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## HARPEL ANNOUNCES RUN FOR PC CLERK OF COURTS

Sarah Jo Harpel is running for Clerk of Courts of Common Pleas in Paulding County Ohio. She is a 1992 graduate of Stryker High School, Stryker, OH, a 1996 graduate of Mount Vernon Nazarene University with an Associates Degree in Applied Sciences.

Harpel is married to Daniel and they have two daughters, Megan and Madison. She is currently the Deputy Clerk of Paulding Common Pleas Court, as a Republican.

"As a resident of Paulding County, Ohio, I am honored to announce my candidacy for Clerk of Courts. We have lived in Paulding County for over 22 years and raised our family here.

"If elected, I will work tirelessly to modernize and streamline the operation of the Clerk's office, utilizing the latest technology to improve access to court records, and

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## Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-12p
  - March 6**
  - Lenten Lunch @ 1<sup>st</sup> 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 @ 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Church, Paulding, 12p
  - March 14**
  - Community Lenten Svc @ Auglaize Chapel, 7pm
  - March 15**
  - Paulding KofC Fish Fry, 11a-1p & 4-7p
  - March 16**
  - Fish Fry @ Oakwood Fire Dept., 4-7pm
  - March 20**
  - Lenten Lunch @ 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Church, Paulding, 12p
  - March 21**
  - Community Lenten Svc @ Auglaize Chapel, 7pm
  - March 22**
  - Paulding KofC Fish Fry, 11a-1p & 4-7p
  - March 30**
  - NOW Senior Classic & Special Olympic Exhibition @ Hicksville HS, 5pm

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Financial Partners Federal Credit Union, with headquarters in Woodburn, Indiana is seeking volunteers interested in helping with the financial well-being of their fellow citizens by serving on the Board of Directors or Supervisory Committee. The Board of Directors governs the day-to-day operations of the credit union while the Supervisory Committee serves an in-house audit function. Those interested in obtaining more information may contact either of the following:  
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Pictured above are (back, l-r): Caylie Baker, Dallas Schuchart, Kade Manz, Brady Dunham, and Brennen Wiechart; (front, l-r): Kyler Manz, Cole Mangette, Logan Schuchart, Grady Helms. Missing from photo is Jonah Sinn

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the effort or heart these athletes put in. Congratulations

on bringing home silver medals! Our Adult Team made it to the final 4 at Regionals out 22

teams in their division. We would like to recognize those players for an amazing season as well.

### ARCOLA LIONS CLUB TO HOLD EYEGLASS SORT



The Heritage Lions in Hoagland delivered over 2,300 pairs of eyeglasses to Kevin McDermit, president of the Arcola Lions Club. The Arcola Lions will hold an "eyeglass sort" on March 19. Volunteers from several local Lions Clubs come together to sort thousands of eyeglasses brought in from area Lions locations. They

divide the used eyeglasses into men's and women's, sunglasses, and reading glasses. Here is the journey of recycled eyeglasses in Lions Clubs all over the world:

1. Lions Clubs collect used eyeglasses at various community locations. They are brought to a local Lions Club for sorting.
2. The glasses are shipped to the nearest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where trained volunteers sort, clean and determine the prescription strengths of the glasses.
3. Volunteers at the recycling center carefully package the prepared glasses and store them until they are required for eyeglass-dispensing mission trips. Glasses that are not suitable for reuse are recycled for scrap, with

the earnings benefitting local Lions projects.

4. At the mission site, eye care professionals and trained Lions volunteers perform vision screenings and dispense the appropriate recycled glasses, free of charge, to children and adults in need.

Last February, Lions Clubs from all over Northern Indiana contributed to the gathering, preparing and shipping of over 30,000 eyeglasses to the people of Honduras. Oftentimes, people in third world countries have no access to eyeglasses. When they receive these glasses from the Lions, their lives are changed forever. A hundred years ago, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to help the poor to see. She said "I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

Please consider placing your unneeded eyeglasses, sunglasses, reading glasses and hearing aids/batteries in any of the hundreds of collection boxes located throughout northern Indiana in libraries, funeral homes, nursing homes and optometrist offices. Please help the Lions help the less fortunate to see clearly, perhaps for the first time in their lives.

### ERIC FAULKNER NAMED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AT CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK



On Tuesday, February 20, the Board of Directors of Citizens National Bank officially named Eric Faulkner as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the bank. Faulkner has been acting President of the bank since 2019. He replaces Mike Romey in the role of CEO.

Faulkner began his banking career at CNB in 2009 in Columbus, heading up the loan participation program. He's currently a member of the Banker Advisory Board (BAB) for The Graduate School of Banking (GSB) in Wisconsin. He serves as a member of the CBAO Legislative and Regulatory Committee and also the Education and Training Committee, in addition to being a CBAO Board Director. Additionally, he is a member of the ICBA Bank Innovation and Solutions Committee. He's actively represented the bank through participation in the OBL and CBAO lobbying efforts at both the state and national levels. In August 2018 he completed the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, having been voted President of his class, and also received a Certificate of Executive Leadership. The transition to the CEO title has been a gradual one for Faulkner as he worked closely with the Board over the past 5 years to help shape the vision for the bank in years to come. Under his leadership, the bank recently surpassed \$1 billion in assets, marking a milestone for the bank.

Faulkner received his Bachelor of Science in marketing as well as his Master of Business Administration from Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, West Virginia. He resides with his wife and two children. With offices in Bluffton, Celina, Defiance, Elida, Findlay, Lima, Springfield, Van Wert and Toledo, CNB has been serving the communities of West Central Ohio since 1920.

### Scripture of the Week

"Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."  
— Pslam 73:25-26

### A FISH WITH A SORE THUMB



Changing ocean currents and temperatures can bring an invasion of jelly fish. The pumps of seas pools can suck jelly fish and small fish into the swimming area.

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



Were you traumatized by swim lessons as a kid? My parents for many summers sent me to the local public pool to try to learn to swim. Each summer I'd progress a little, but all the others in my class would advance up to the next level as I lingered behind. Eventually I was in late elementary school and the others in my swim class were now a head or two shorter than me. I was finally allowed to stop classes. I wasn't "traumatized" by swimming nor the pool, but being the one who stuck out like a sore thumb. I love swimming and pools to this day. However, my wife and sons still think I don't know how to swim, though I feel

like I am Olympic caliber at the doggy paddle and treading water.

Overseas I have trouble going unnoticed at a pool too. One hot day I was with my family at a "sea pool" along the coast. The sea pool had a pump that would draw salty sea water into the pool and then pump it out every once in a while to clean it. We saw a dozen locals standing around the pool, but not getting in. My three sons and I put a foot in the water and it didn't seem that cold. We thought, "We'll have to show those wimpy locals how it is done." We all climbed down the ladder and enjoyed the refreshing water as all the locals watched on. After several minutes, one of my sons got my attention - a jelly fish was floating in the water. We all moved over to another side of the pool and were enjoying ourselves, when we spotted a few more jelly fish. Then our eyes adjusted to how the jelly fish floated about and we saw dozens more in the pool. We all made our way quickly to the ladder and out of the pool. It is hard to go unnoticed at a pool when you are a fish out of water.

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

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recorder since 2013 and sees running for Recorder as the next step. She is excited for the opportunity to continue the

preservation of Paulding County's records. Sarah plans to progress the modernization of the Recorder's Office as technology advances.

Please remember to vote on or before March 19, 2024.

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26	Kelly's Sweet Treats, 10am-2pm
27	Scentsy, 9am-2pm
Apr 4	Tupperware, 10am-2pm
17	James Medical Scrubs, 8am-3pm
May 8	Scentsy, 9am-2pm

Gift Shop open M-F 9am-4pm

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL**

### STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT COLUMBUS STATE COMM. COLLEGE

The following students have been named to the 2023 Autumn Semester Dean's List at Columbus State Community College. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher and be enrolled for six or more credit hours.

**Paulding, OH: Brendan Etcorn, Sport & Exercise Studies**

### AREA STUDENT(S) SELECTED TO BALL STATE UNIVERSITY "TOP 100 STUDENTS" LIST

Students were recently named to Ball State University's third annual "Top 100 Students" list. This award recognizes 100 outstanding junior and senior undergraduates who represent the spirit of Beneficence, Ball State's in-

stitutional statue and icon that symbolizes the generosity of the five Ball brothers whose land donation to the State of Indiana allowed the University to flourish.

Students from the area are:  
**Makayla Edwards**, Leo, IN, College of Sciences and Humanities English Creative Writing  
**Rylin Harris-Latham**, Garrett, IN, College of Sciences and Humanities Physics Mathematical Sciences

**Sam Horton**, Hometown, IN, College of Sciences and Humanities Pre-Veterinary, Biology

**Alaina Marks**, Ft. Wayne, IN, College of Fine Arts Music Education

**Jamie Ray**, Ft. Wayne, IN, Teachers College Elementary Education, Special Education, Exceptional Needs Exceptional Needs: Mild Interventions

### Good News doesn't just happen. It's made!

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# THE TIME THAT YOU GAVE ME



My two football grandsons, Of which I am very proud.

A couple of things have happened recently that have caused me to reflect on the past. You might say two projects, the first attempt failed, but I still feel like I can pull it off. But the second has a resolution, and it doesn't seem to be a happy one.

Thinking about the time we have for living, some of us a long time, and some of us a shorter time. Something that we don't determine ourselves but is laid out for us. Every time I think about my youth and college days, this is the story that comes to mind. This story was told me by a friend, as far as I know it's true.

I had a roommate by the name of Roger, he wasn't very smart or very good looking, and we boys made fun of him quite often. But there was one thing that Roger could do, he was a good football player and this didn't always make us happy. Football was a big part of our life. I'm talking intramural football. We had our own league, our conference champions and our own super bowl, as our small college didn't have a football program.

We were playing one day, and Roger was on the other team, and we were losing. Seemed like no matter how hard we tried Roger would get through the line and hurry our quarterback. We were losing and starting to get desperate, when we came up with a plan. We would let Roger slip through and then three of us would hit him at the same time. Kind of a scissors effect.

Our plan worked and Roger went down, only he didn't get up. We had apparently knocked him cold and he just lay there. Someone ran

for help, and it seemed like hours, but the EMS arrived and took Roger to the hospital. The football game was over. Now it didn't matter who won or lost. The next day we heard he was still in a coma but in following days we heard he was getting better. We all went to see him once, but it wasn't pleasant seeing him laying there like that.

A couple of weeks later we received word that Roger had died. That he was injured playing football with us was something that we would think of every day for the rest of our lives. A few days later a very attractive girl by the name of Susie came to my room and wanted to speak to me. It was quite a shock because you seldom see a girl in the boys dorm. We sat down and she told me she was Roger's girlfriend.

She loved Roger! He was the kindest person that she had ever met. He treated her like a queen.

Roger had been diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia, and his future was uncertain. She and Roger had lived knowing that, but they were trying to cope. Now Roger did not need to worry about that, he was in heaven with his heavenly Father and she would miss him everyday of her life. She couldn't imagine life without Roger. I told her I would give anything just to play one more game of football with Roger. But life has a way of going in spite of what happens. My problems don't seem so great anymore.

As you get older, your friends start to leave you. I guess the solution might be to find younger friends. The old saying you don't miss the wa-

ter... comes into play and we don't realize how fortunate we are. I hear a song by a beautiful lady that died at a very young age:

"In the time that you gave me, did I give all that I could give?"

"Did I love all I could love,

did I live all I could live?"

"Was my faith in your Grace strong enough to save me?"

"Did I do all I could do in a time that you gave me."

—Joey and Rory  
—James Neuhouser

## HAPPENINGS AT THE MANOR



Welcome to Antwerp Manor. We are located at 204 Archer Drive in Antwerp, Ohio. We are continuing to welcome new residents.

February at Antwerp Manor means party time! We celebrated the Super Bowl in style with a huge table of assorted snacks and beverages. This year we may have had our largest crowd ever and as always we had a lot of fun.

The residents voted and chose our 2024 King and Queen. Dick Gasser was voted in as the new King and Cindy Smart was elected Queen. We will share the pictures of the "crowning" very soon.

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on March 13, 2024. This is an annual fundraising event for the American Heart Association in memory of Jason Reeb who passed away unexpectedly in 1995. His parents are Jon and Jan Reeb (mayor of Antwerp), and in 1996 they started this fundraiser to raise awareness about heart health.

At the end of the 2023 fundraiser, the Antwerp School had raised a cumulative total of \$96,311.37 for the

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enhance overall efficiency. Additionally, I am committed to providing exceptional customer service to all residents of Paulding County, ensuring that every individual who interacts with the Clerk's office is treated with respect, courtesy, and professionalism.

"Above all, I believe that

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESSFUL

The most recent blood drive, held in Hicksville, garnered 48 units of the gift of life. Drive coordinator and Red Cross Ambassador Zelda Zimmerman was pleased with the turnout and expressed her gratitude for all who showed up to donate.

In addition to the donors, the drive was supported by the First Church of Christ, site for the event, and members of the Rotary Club for assistance with setup and teardown. Ro-

In March we will celebrate resident birthdays as well as St. Patrick's Day. We are planning a trip to AHS to watch the students perform Beauty and the Beast.

During the month of April we are planning a "Senior Bingo" event with raffles, prizes and a bake sale. There will be more information on this event at a later date..

If you are interested in Assistant Living please feel free to contact Jennifer Ramsier @419-258-1500. She can schedule a tour, help with Medicaid applications and answer any questions that you might have about Assisted Living.

American Heart Association. This year's event is on track to break the \$100,000 mark and is planned to be a big celebration with games and prizes, a AHA representative visit to the event, and other specials throughout the day. The Hoops For Heart committee has been asking the community to participate in this momentous year, and if you would like to contribute to this effort, please seek out a Hoops For Heart committee member for more information.

the role of Clerk of Courts is one of public trust, and I pledge to uphold the highest standards of ethics and accountability in serving the people of Paulding County. With your support, I am confident that together we can build a stronger, more responsive clerk's office that serves our community."

tary also footed the bill for sandwich ingredients. Sara Green and Alice Breidenbaugh prepared food for the canteen, with cookies provided by the Mennonite Church. Registration was done by Connie Adams and Colleen Richter.

Be sure to make an appointment to donate at the next blood drive, which will be held on April 18.

Sign up online at redcross-blood.org. Blood is urgently needed and can only come from one place - and that is YOU!!!

**The deadline for the West Bend News is THURSDAYS at 5pm for the following issue.**

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## MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Forrest Earl Lacy was born August 17, 1894 in Antwerp, Ohio. The son of Ammi Richard born March 20, 1862 in Ohio and Elizabeth "Lizzie" (Barker) Lacy born September 26, 1858 in Illinois. This couple was married April 24, 1886.

March 12, 1890, a daughter, Fern C. was born in Carryall Township. Then came Forrest Earl in 1894. This family was living in Antwerp, Ohio.

By 1900, the Lacy family was still living in Antwerp. Ammi was working as a real estate agent and the children were in school. By 1910, the Lacy family was living on Perry Street in Antwerp. The Lacy children were still living at home.

The Lacy family had taken in a couple as boarders. Ross and Addie Londermuth. They were brother and sister. They also were teachers. I am guessing that they were teaching at Antwerp. Between the years of 1910 and 1915, Forrest had gotten a job working for the United States Rubber Company in Detroit, Michigan as a stockman. The family was living on Oswald Street in Antwerp.

On May 17, 1917, Forrest went to the Antwerp precinct to register for the draft. He was listed as tall, slender build, gray eyes, dark brown hair and single. Forrest was inducted into the National Army out of Paulding May 25, 1918. He served with the 159th Depot Brigade as a private. He served with this unit until July 19, 1918. He then was transferred to Company H. 22nd engineers. He served until August 29, 1918. He was sent to the Provost Post Headquarters Company at Fort Benjamin Harrison until he was discharged. He was Honorably Discharged, December 22, 1918.

By 1920, after coming home from service, he lived with his parents on Oswald Street Antwerp. He worked as a mail carrier until he got a job working for the sugar beet factory in Paulding as a chemist. After 1925, Forrest was living in Florida. On December 16, 1927, while in Florida, he married Sophia A. Stapula, born October 25, 1894 in Michigan. The daughter of Nels and Johanna Stapula. Sophia served as a nurse in World War 1. She served in the Army Nurse Corps. She served until July 7, 1919.

By 1930, Forrest, Sophia and newly born daughter, Patricia A., born in 1929, were living in Tampa, Florida. Forrest was working as a salesman at a meat packing plant. And Sophia was a nurse. By 1931, Forrest, Sophia and Patricia, were still living in Tampa, Florida. Forrest was working as a service manager for Owen-John Tire Company.

On January 26, 1932, Forrest's father Ammi passed away. He was buried in Antwerp Riverside Cemetery. By 1940, this family moved back to Antwerp. Living at 431 South Main Street. Forrest was working as an assistant. But not clear where he worked. On June 9, 1940, Forrest's mother, Elizabeth passed away, She was buried with her husband.

After 1941, the family moved to 1155 Stanley Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. Where Forrest took a job working as a stockroom manager for the U.S. Army Depot for Vickers Incorporated. In 1942, Forrest registered for the World War Two draft. Because of his age, he was not selected.

On June 30, 1943 at 7:30 A.M. Forrest passed away from a heart attack. He was at home at the time. He was buried at the Grandlawn Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan.

May of 1944, Forrest received his Military tombstone marking his grave. Sometime after that, Sophia, retired from nursing and moved to Tacoma, Washington to live with her daughter and husband. She suffered from Parkinson's disease and heart ailments. She passed away, April 19, 1971. She is buried with a military marker of her own at Mountain View Memorial Park Cemetery in Lakewood, Washington.

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# SIERRA & THOMPSON SPEAK TO THE KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Megan Sierra and Jeremy Thompson (PC Workshop/Limitless) as the guest speakers at the February 22nd, 2024, club meeting. Megan and Jeremy came at

the invitation of Natasha Mendoza (Financial Center Manager, First Financial Bank). Megan and Jeremy spoke to the Kiwanians about the activities and programs that PC Workshop and Limitless provide for their clients.

# LANDERS SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Sheriff Jason Landers as the guest speaker at the February 29th, 2024, club meeting. Sheriff Landers came at the invitation of Matt

Miller (Assistant Paulding County Prosecutor). Sheriff Landers gave the Kiwanians an update on what's going on in the Paulding County Sheriff's Department.

# TRAC SIGNS OFF ON FUNDING FOR 18 MAJOR PROJECTS



COLUMBUS - The Ohio Department of Transportation's Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) has approved investing \$127.3 million for 18 major trans-

portation projects in 13 counties over the next four years. The approved list includes \$21 million in new construction funding, \$35.5 million in additional funding for con-

# The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

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struction, \$33.4 million in new funding for preliminary engineering, and \$28.4 million in additional funding for development of projects.

"As Ohio's economy continues to grow, these projects will help ensure that our infrastructure keeps pace," said Governor Mike DeWine. "These projects represent an ongoing investment to ensure people and goods can safely and efficiently move throughout Ohio."

TRAC approves funding from ODOT's Major New Capacity Program. While most of the funding is going toward construction and development of road and highway projects, \$15 million has been awarded to the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) to implement bus rapid transit along a nine-mile corridor of West Broad Street (US 40) in Columbus.

"Our mission is to provide Ohio with a transportation system that is safe, accessible, well maintained, and positioned for the future. By advancing these projects, we're fulfilling that mission," said ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks.

Applications for TRAC funding can be submitted by ODOT districts, metropolitan planning organizations, county engineers, transit authorities, county commissioners, municipalities, port authorities, or transportation improvement districts. To qualify, projects must improve capacity or reduce congestion and have an overall cost of more than \$12 million. The 18 projects selected this year were among 28 applications submitted.

TRAC operates on an annual application cycle. The next application cycle begins on May 1, 2024 and ends on May 31, 2024.

At the completion of the application process TRAC members vote on the approval of the Major New Construction Program List of funding commitments for preliminary engineering, detailed design, right-of-way, and project construction. Projects receiving funding commitments are placed into three "tiers" based upon the level of project development:

- Tier I - The group of projects recommended for construction during the upcoming four-year construction period.
- Tier II - The group of projects recommended for additional environmental, design or right-of-way development activities necessary before the projects would be available for construction.
- Tier III - The group of projects with previous phases funded for construction in Tier I. Projects placed in Tier III status are part of a long-range funding plan to advance multiple phase projects.

## NEW AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY COURSE TO BE HELD IN PAULDING

Ohio State University Extension and Rhodes State College are partnering to provide a three-part education series focused on showing farmers how to use the data they are already collecting on their operations. Most farms are already collecting many kinds of data, including field boundaries, yield maps, soil test results, etc. This course will show attendees how to combine this data with publicly available data layers such as el-

evation and soils maps to better understand the performance of their management practices. The first session will take place from 6:00PM to 8:00PM on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024, at the Paulding County Extension Office. Sessions two and three will occur on April 16th and April 23rd, also from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. There is no charge to attend this course, but attendance is expected at all three sessions. Because of the nature of this course, we are limiting registration to 12 farms, but each farm can have up to three attendees. A laptop computer will be provided for each farm to use during this course, but attendees may bring their own computers or tablets as well. Please call the Paulding County Extension Office or visit [go.osu.edu/24AgTechCourse](http://go.osu.edu/24AgTechCourse) to register for this meeting.

Agricultural data can be very useful for understanding the economic, environmental, and yield impacts that different management practices can have. Are you applying enough fertilizer to meet crop needs, or are you applying more than necessary, wasting valuable money? Are you properly evaluating the performance of your tried-and-true corn hybrid based on your soil type? Have you wondered how you can connect the dots to get a better picture of your operation? This course can help to answer all of these questions. Dr. Jim Uphaus, Professor and Chair of the Agriculture program at Rhodes State College will be leading this three-part series. He farms near Leipsic, Ohio and integrates his real-life experiences into the course curriculum he teaches. In addition to his teaching, Dr. Uphaus is a Certified Crop Adviser and uses this knowledge to assist agronomists and farmers in utilizing their agronomic data. Prior to this role, he worked in wheat and corn breeding for fifteen years and studied plant genetics and breeding for his Ph.D. and M.S. degrees. In his current role, Dr. Uphaus is adapting his background in quantitative genetics, Agronomic experience, and multiple statistical computer languages towards applying agricultural data. The Rhodes State College Agriculture program is currently supported by multiple USDA and a National Science Foundation grant.

For additional information on Agricultural Technology or other Farm Data Management, to register for a program or receive additional education, contact Sarah Noggle, Paulding County Extension Educator, Ag and Natural Resources, at [noggle.17@osu.edu](mailto:noggle.17@osu.edu), or Rachel Cochran, CCA, Water Quality Extension Associate for Paulding, Defiance, and Van Wert Counties, at [cochran.474@osu.edu](mailto:cochran.474@osu.edu). Individuals can also walk in the OSU Extension Office at 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding or call 419-399-8225.

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# TID-BITS IN THE BEE-ARGUS, ANTWERP

## 1914-2001

Please be aware these were obtained from the online copies of the newspaper and are little items that caught my eye while reviewing each issue - some funny, some tragic but all true as written in the Bee-Argus

Antwerp Bee-Argus  
 1-3-1958 Bee Argus editor now acting postmaster. E.E. Bickhard. Postmaster Mary Bakle retired after 40 yrs. as employee/postmaster

7-10-1958 New editor: Harold and Helen Betz of Pauling purchased Bee Argus. He worked at Pauling Progress for 7 years as a linotype operator.

7-16-1958 New column on pg. 1: Police News of the Week Kenneth Johnson, chief (This lasted about a month!!!)

1. 31-1958 Postage up from 3 to 4 cents

2. 14-1958 New editor/publisher of Bee Argus. Betz with ill health and can not continue. New editor is James S. Temple. (His family picture is in the 9-4-1958 issue) 8-21-1958 The Sugar Bowl restaurant is out and the Pine Room is in!!!!

3. 16-1958 Bowling takes front page. All 6 leagues and scores listed. (FYI: Going forward in the years, there are several times that the bowling leagues got front page. Mostly on pg 3 of 4 and the whole listing took 3 columns top to bottom to write.)

4. 6-1958 Dr. Walter Bazali is a new M.D. in town His picture is in the 11/13 issue.

5. 13-1958 Just because I found this interesting, I now list for you: Pontiac Tempest Driven from San Diego to Savannah, GA 2,443 miles 112.5 gallons gas Fuel cost \$35.79 = 32 cents per gallon = 21.7 mpg All this while driving an average of 40.2 mph!!!!!!

6. 18-1958 Pope John XXIII flying from Rome to Lourdes, France. Is 1& supreme pontiff to fly in a jet

liner (His picture included)  
 12-24-1958 Social Security to raise 7% 1\$ \$4,800 of earnings in a year will be taxed for S.S. Benefits  
 2-19-1959 Major flooding in county. Rushing water around ice jams in river Oakwood and Grover Hill completely surrounded by water. Last disastrous flood was in 1913.

FYI: Forder's Bridge South Scipio Bethel and Local News are columns about the locals...

6-11-1959 Local elevator builds new silos. Each hold 82,303 bushels and are 100' tall made of concrete

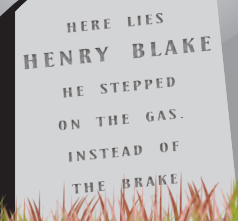
7-9-1959 Unexpected walkout by 150 employees at General Portland Cement Co., 8 miles S\$E. Of Antwerp. (FYI: Strike ended 9-2-1959 after 60 days)

10-1-1959 Corvair by Chevrolet introduced. Rear mounted aluminum engine

10-8-1959 The Bee Argus printed 850 copies of each issue during the last 12 months.

—Submitted by Carol B.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Improve or continue failing**

Have you noticed how this Biden-Harris administration has cancelled every positive move that Trump gave us and the world? We were energy independent but Democrats prefer we purchase oil from terrorist enemies. Our southern border was under control but Democrats have made it and America the laughing stock

of the world. I don't know how any person claiming to support Democrats for leadership can sleep at night. The Bible (God's word) says that many will be blind to truth and right in the end of times. We have been there for a long time now and I think they are becoming more blind.

I claim that the Democrat party either owns or is owned by major media. Which ever way it is, I'm very glad that I don't belong to either. Both are so blind that they can't see that the Democrat party has been taken over by communist.

We wouldn't be so close to total failure if you paid attention to what is really going on in this world and kept your nose out of things like CNN or crap like George Soros pushes. Any person pushing anti-God crap on us isn't worthy of living here. You belong in a place like Russia or China.

I know I've written a lot of things I don't like writing but we have way too many blind people out there that need a good shock to wake up. I only pray that a small handful will awaken. We should never have to speak against our president but the last two Democrat presidents are both losers in my books.

Why do you hate Trump so much? I think the prime reason is that Democrats and their anti-God and anti-free America major media allies have told you to. I'm sure you have all heard and know the story about the "squeaky wheel." It is very true, and the only thing Democrats know. I believe their moves today are all di-

rected by Satan and his human generals.

If this Democrat party can censor pastors they will eventually do that to you and that is a fact. I started writing letters to the editor in 2001. My letters addressed many different things and about 80% were published much like written. That is, until this family owned paper was sold to a liberal outfit. We were allowed one letter per month. I only got one letter printed in the whole last year with them, that's when I found the West Bend News.

I doubt there is a compassionate member, including his wife, in this Democrat party. I say that because all I see is them allowing Biden to keep making a fool of himself.

I'm no doctor but I would guess President Biden has Alzheimer's disease. If right, there is no cure. He will only get worse until the end. If they cared anything for him they wouldn't permit him in public. They should do as Nancy did for President Reagan when he got this horrible disease. He lived the rest of his life and died in dignity.

Now, that creates a problem for them. They picked a woman of color for vice president in hopes of saying they are not. Racist as a wake Americans know they are. What they considered a smart move has back fired. They should have chosen a qualified VP. Rather than this cackling nobody.

Based on what Democrats have done in public I have to believe they want us saluting their gay flag, have boys in girls sports, provide murder of the unborn infants, insist on transgenderism, no Christians in military and much more anti-Christian and anti-human crap.

If you wish for America to improve if even survive, follow the example Texas and Oklahoma are trying to show us. America will never improve or even survive until we return to God. If you can't do that, what do you consider yourself to be?

—Richard Mastin  
Hicksville, OH

**FORT WAYNE CINEMA CENTER TO HOST ANNUAL OSCAR PARTY FUNDRAISER**

Lights, camera, action! Fort Wayne Cinema Center invites film lovers to walk the red carpet and experience a touch of Hollywood

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at its annual Oscar Party fundraiser, Saturday, March 9, 2024, from 6-9:30 p.m., at Cinema Center, 437 E. Berry St.

Guests attending this glamorous affair can anticipate an evening filled with entertainment and excitement. From a red carpet arrival and music to heavy hors d'oeuvres (provided by Davey's Delicious Bagels) and a cash bar, the event promises to captivate attendees. Adding to the allure, on-theme improv comedy will keep the atmosphere lively, while the evening's VIP, a robotic camera for slo-mo "selfies" provided by Punch Films, ensures memorable moments for all.

More than just a night of glitz and glamor, the Oscar Party serves as Cinema Center's primary operations fundraiser. The success of this event is vital for the nonprofit organization to sustain its operations throughout the year. Through the generosity of attendees and the altruism of the community, Fort Wayne's hub for film can continue providing unique opportunities to explore the world through the art of film.

"Last year's Oscar Party was an absolute blast! Everyone had such a wonderful time getting their red carpet photos taken, mingling, and supporting Cinema Center," said Christi M. Hille, board president. "This year, we're re-introducing a silent auction, and Broken Pencil Improv will be hosting movie trivia in the main theater for entertainment. We hope people will come out, have a fun time, and support our mission of bringing more diverse art and conversation to northeast Indiana."

Supporting the Oscar Party is an opportunity for the community to align themselves with the vibrant arts community in Fort Wayne and showcase their commitment to cultural enrichment.

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**CAN YOU SAVE TOO MUCH FOR A RAINY DAY?**

"Save for a rainy day" is an old piece of advice — and a good one. But is it possible to save too much?

To begin with, what defines a "rainy day" in terms of financial needs? It could be any number of things: a temporary loss of employment, a major home or car repair, a large medical bill, and so on.

If you did not have the money readily available to pay for these types of expenses, you might be forced to dip into your IRA, 401(k) or other retirement accounts, incurring taxes and possible penalties, as well as lowering the amount of money you'd have available for retirement. And that's why it's a good idea to build an emergency fund containing up to six months' worth of total expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account that's separate from the accounts you use for your daily spending needs.

An emergency fund is valuable, but many people may be overfunding it. And while this isn't the biggest financial mistake one can make, it could result in some missed opportunities.

For one thing, when you keep money in a low-risk account, you can generally count on your principal being protected, which means the money will be there for you when you need it —but the flip side is that this money likely won't grow very much, if at all. And if you're going to achieve your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you need your investment portfolio to provide you with significant growth potential within the context of your individual risk tolerance. So, any excess dollars kept in your rainy-day fund might be used to help fuel some growth-oriented investments.

You could also use these dollars to help diversify your investment portfolio. If you only owned one type of investment, your portfolio could take a big hit if a market downturn affected just that

asset class. But by owning a mix of stocks, bonds, government securities and other investments, you can help reduce the impact of market volatility. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't protect against all losses.)

Still, before deciding on what to do with extra money you might have in your emergency fund, how will you know if you indeed have too much? Up to six months' worth of total expenses may be adequate for most people — but everyone's life is different. For example, if you have reason to believe your employment — or that of your spouse — may be in jeopardy in the near future, or if you anticipate the need for some renovations to your home, but not for a year or so, you might want more than six months' worth of total expenses in your emergency fund. Also, once you're retired, you may well want to keep a year's worth of expenses in the fund. If you need cash, you don't want to be forced to sell investments when their price may be down, especially since you have less time for them to recover.

Ultimately, when thinking about how much to keep in your emergency fund, review your situation carefully and weigh as many variables as you can. And if you do decide your rainy-day fund is abundant, use any "overflow" in a way that can help you keep moving toward your financial goals.

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**Bryant:** 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

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**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

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

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

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

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# 12 PAULDING COUNTY WRESTLERS ADVANCE TO DISTRICTS



Nico Moreno, 106lb weight class, took 1st at Sectionals in Lima on February 24, 2024. Photo by Carrie Kimmel

The Division III Sectionals at Lima Central Catholic took place on February 24, 2024. Antwerp, Paulding, and Wayne Trace took wrestlers to compete. The top four placers in each weight class on Saturday qualified for the upcoming Division III district tournament at Troy's Hobart Arena on March 1st and 2nd. From there, the top four placers in each weight class will advance to the state tournament at The Ohio State's Jerome Schottenstein Center on March 8-10.

Of the three schools, twelve wrestlers earned a top four position in sectionals and will advance to districts.

First Place Champions:

- 106 - Nico Moreno - Paulding
- 120 - Corbin Kimmel - Wayne Trace (3-time sectional champion)
- 126 - Thor Etter - Paulding
- Second Place:
- 113 - Colton Kimmel - Wayne Trace
- 126 - Landon Dasher - Paulding
- 144 - Graiden Troth - Wayne Trace
- 190 - Nathan Osborn - Wayne Trace
- 215 - Kobe Foor - Paulding
- Third Place:
- 132 - Kamren Johnson - Antwerp
- 157 - Miles Doster -



Thor Etter, 126lb weight class, took 1st at Sectionals in Lima on February 24, 2024. Photo by Carrie Kimmel

- Antwerp
- 190- Miguel Martinez - Paulding
- Fourth Place:
- 285 - Blake Schultz - Wayne Trace

In the 106 - weight class, Nico Moreno of Paulding won his championship match with a score of 8-5 against Aizik Myers of Allen East. In the 113-pound weight class, Colton Kimmel defeated Trent Westgerdes of Coldwater with a pin in 3:53. In the finals match, Colton was pinned by Owen Beam of Columbus Grove in 5:59, finishing the day in 2nd place. Corbin Kimmel maintained the Sectional Champion title with a 47 second pin over Parker Will of Delphos St. John's and then winning by injury default over Tyler Overman of Coldwater. In the 126-pound weight class, Landon Dasher of Paulding finished

# PEVS' QUIZ BOWL TEAM ACKNOWLEDGES COOPER FAMILY FOUNDATION



Pictured above are Ameriona Stiltner, Wesley Ludwig, Alexis Wharry, Jacob Diemer, Morgan Szurminski, Co-Advisor Ms Heather Eubank, Xander Schwab, Laila Stiltner, Vivienne Myers, Layla Logan, Not Pictured: Co-Advisor Mr Jon Rhodes

The Quiz Bowl team from Paulding Exempted Village Schools would like to express their sincere grati-

tude to the Cooper Family Foundation! We were able to replace two old buzzer sets that were failing thanks to

their kind donation. We are grateful to the Cooper Family for their ongoing sponsorship of PEVS!

the day as runner-up. Dasher defeated Antwerp's Gage Clevinger with a 2:43 pin. In the finals, Gavin Grubb of Convoy Crestview pinned Dasher in 46 seconds. The 132-pound weight class showcased two local wrestlers. Paulding's Thor Etter secured the championship after pinning Logan Tolliver of Delphos St. Johns in 58 seconds, followed by a pin over Boat Thompson of Columbus Grove in 4:59. Kamren Johnson of Antwerp also wrestled in the 132-pound weight class and finished the day in third place. Johnson defeated Tyler Sherard of Allen East with a 1:42 pin but was then defeated by Boat Thompson of Columbus Grove with a score of 16-7. Battling back through the consolation bracket, Johnson defeated Austin McMichael of Spencerville with a score of 7-4. Securing his third-place finish, Johnson edged out Austin Hamilton of Coldwater with a score of 10-8. Graiden Troth of Wayne Trace began the day with a pin over Levi Schroeder of Columbus Grove in 1:43, followed by a win over Brady Hamilton of Coldwater with a score of 6-3. In the championship match, Jordan Neal of Allen East defeated Troth in a close match with a score of 5-4. Troth ended as the 144-pound runner up. Antwerp's Miles Doster represented the 157-pound weight class. Doster won by pin in 3:07 over Alan Griffiths of Paulding before being pinned by Trenton Gatchell of Allen East in 1:26, sending Doster to the conso-

lation rounds where Doster defeated Sam Rismiller of Coldwater by pin in 3:18. In the third-place match, Doster was victorious over Logan Mershman of Columbus Grove by pin in 1:48. Nathan Osborn of Wayne Trace and Miguel Martinez of Paulding were both competing in the 190-pound weight class. Senior Nathan Osborn defeated Caden Falke of Lima Central Catholic with a final score of 7-5 before winning over Loudon Auchmuty of Columbus Grove and a final score of 9-5. In the championship finals, Osborn defaulted to Maddox Jurek of Spencerville. Miguel Martinez defeated Gavin Garwood of Parkway before being pinned by Maddox Jurek of Spencerville in 3:22. Martinez went on to pin Caden Falke of Lima Central Catholic in 3:35 and pinned Loudon Auchmuty of Columbus Grove. Paulding senior Kobe Foor pinned opponent Landon Simon of Ada in 1:29 and then pinned Evan Walls of Convoy Crestview in 1:01. In the championship match, Foor was pinned by Morgan Paxson of Allen East in 5:08. Rounding out the weight

classes, Blake Schultz wrestled in the 285-pound weight class. The junior pinned Brady Fuerst of Columbus Grove in 22 seconds before being pinned by Troy Milligan of Coldwater in 2:28. Schultz went on to pin Aaron Hippy of Parkway in 1:49 before being pinned by Brady Fuerst in 2:15, finishing the day in fourth place.

Good luck to all the county wrestlers as they continue working towards the district and state tournaments!

## LOCOS HOLD OFF ARCHERS FOR SECTIONAL TITLE

With the game tied entering the fourth quarter, host Montpelier outscored visiting Antwerp in the fourth quarter as the Locomotives defeated the Archers 35-31 in Division IV girls basketball sectional championship action Saturday night in Williams County.

The host Locomotives led 9-8 at the end of one period before Antwerp rallied to take a 16-15 advantage at the intermission.

Montpelier then scored seven points compared to six for Antwerp in the third pe-

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# PANTHERS ADVANCE TO SECTIONAL FINAL



Sophomore Blake Rhonehouse was a shining star at Tuesday's game of Panthers on Panthers. Delta tried hard but they could not overcome Paulding and with Rhonehouse scoring basket after basket, shown here with a layup! Final score shot Paulding to the Sectinal Semi-Final game on March 1st! *More pictures at westbendnews.net*

period, knotting the game at 22-22 entering the final stanza.

In the fourth quarter, Montpelier picked up 13 markers while limiting the Lady Archers to nine in wrapping up the 35-31 victory.

Kelsie Bumb led the way for the Lady Locomotives with a dozen markers and Aleigha Hillard added eight points. Jada Uribes chipped in six for Montpelier, which improves to 17-6 overall on the season.

Zoe Uribes (five), Lyla Mahan (two) and Meara McGee (two) rounded out the scoring for the Lady Locomotives.

The contest was the final one for a pair of Antwerp seniors as Aewyn McMichael and Emma Townley played their last game in a Lady Archer basketball uniform.

McMichael posted ten points for the blue and white with Townley picking up a basket as well.

Caroline Rohrs scored 17 points to lead the way for Antwerp as the Lady Archers conclude the season with a record of 12-12.

Madisyn Peters picked up the remaining bucket for the blue and white.

## ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB FINISHES SEASON AT PAULDING

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently closed their season at the Paulding tournament on Sunday, February 25, 2024.

After a very long, tough day of 5-man round robins, 20 of the 23 archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes.

Placing 4th on the day were Kimber Weible, Casey Justinger, Landyn Hermiller, and Deacon Miller. Earning 3rd place finishes were Bryson Perry, Olivia Kosch, Wynter



6'2" Junior Braden Walter is sent to the line in the final seconds of the sectional game at Woodlan against Bishop Dwenger in sectional action. Walter scores 2 points for the guests, taking the Patriots to the next step of Sectional basketball play! *Photo by engagingexposures.com*

## HERITAGE DEFEATS DWENGER IN SECTIONALS!

The game finished with Heritage winning by 4 points in this tight final score of 50 to

46. Top scorers included D'vontaye Washington 11; Kobe Meyer 10; Braden Walter 9; Landon Lybrager 8; and Taurean Brown 4.

Johnson, Rylee Slattman, Aubree Frost, Oliver McCague, Richard Adams, Cooper Nestleroad, Edwin White, and Emma White. Finishing 2nd were Blade Ruffing, Ulrick Zijlstra, Jameison Graham, and Mary Adams.

The Archers also crowned 2 champions on Sunday with Carl Kosch and Benson Slattman. The wrestling club coaches want to congratulate the wrestling club for their amazing season that saw 11 different wrestlers win at least one tournament and 19 wrestlers compete in 5 of the 6 GMC Series tournaments.

It has been an amazing season of growth and improvement for all of the wrestlers who competed this season. The wrestling club coaches would also like to thank all of the parents for their relentless dedication to their children in what is always a very busy 7 Sundays in a row packed in gyms for hours on end.

We truly appreciate your dedication to our program. GO ARCHERS!!

## LADY PILOTS CRUISE TO WIN OVER ACES

In the Division IV girls basketball sectional opener on Wednesday, host Ayersville cruised to a 58-19 win over visiting Hicksville.

The host Pilots jumped out to a 19-1 lead after eight minutes of action and continued to widen the gap from there.

Ayersville picked up 15 points in the second stanza compared to six for Hicksville, giving the Lady Pilots a 34-7 halftime advantage.

In the third period, Ayersville picked up 18 more markers while Hicksville added ten to put the Lady Pilots in front 52-17 entering the final stanza.

Ally Schindler topped Ayersville with 20 points while Kiersten Manon chipped in 11 markers for the Lady Pilots,

who improve to 22-1 on the season.

Lanie Sheets, Addison Zartman and Kendra Waldron all bucketed six points for Ayersville and Aerial Brown recorded three points. Kelsey Clark and Taylor Craft posted two markers apiece with Avery Kneueven and Allison Eldridge recording one point each.

Hicksville was led by Kennedy Adams with nine points while McKenna Rice chipped in seven markers. McKenna Baird and Hayden Neidhardt posted two points and one point for Hicksville, which ends the year with a record of 3-20.

# LIONS END WARRIORS SEASON



Junior Oliver Adams several times was able to score under the basket, as in this picture, while being guarded by Solomon Richards. Woodlan lost their run for the state championship in this sectional opener game. Final score gave Leo the opening round win, 54-64. *More pictures at westbendnews.net*

In an East Allen County Schools battle between rivals Leo and Woodlan, it was the visiting Lions who jumped in front early and went on to record a 64-54 victory over the Warriors in Indiana Class 3A Sectional boys basketball action Wednesday.

The Lions posted a 20-12 advantage after one quarter and never looked back in the contest, expanding the margin to 36-24 at the midway point of the contest.

Woodlan did trim the deficit in the third quarter, outscoring Leo 16-8 to slice the Lions lead to 44-40 entering the final stanza.

However, Leo put the game away in the fourth quarter, hitting six four shots and outscored Woodlan 20-14 in the period to wrap up the 64-54 victory.

Jackson McGee paced the way for the Lions with 22 points on the night with Trey Hiteshow and Brody Hiteshow adding 14 markers apiece.

Jaxon Keller posted eight markers for Leo and Solomon Richard finished with six points to complete the scoring for the Lions.

Woodlan was paced by Braden Smith and Oliver Adams with 15 points each while Trey Yoder chipped in 14 markers.

Mason Moore totaled six points and Drew Fleek recorded four markers for the Warriors, who close the season with a record of 14-8 overall.

Seniors completing their Woodlan boys basketball careers included Lincoln Sparks, Luke Meyer and Braden Smith.

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World of Outlaws have 2 big events at Attica Raceway Park. Action Photos Ohio



The UMP Late Models have 20 events. Action Photos Ohio



305 Sprints racing for bigger purses in 2024. Action Photos Ohio

By: Ron Burt

Friday, March 15th Attica Raceway Park is scheduled to open for the 2024 racing season. Attica is looking forward to another exciting year. The 3 main classes running weekly shows will be the 410-winged sprints, late models and the 305 sprints. I've put together some of their big dates for this coming season. The first big date features the traditional Core & Main Spring Nationals Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13. The Callie's Performance Products 410 sprints will battle for \$6,000 to win each night with the Dirt Nerds Podcast powered by Propane.com UMP Late Models vying for \$2,000 to win Friday and

the Fremont Fence 305 Sprints going for \$1,200 to win on Saturday.

World of Outlaw Sprints The first of two NOS Energy Drink World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series events at Attica will be held Friday, May 17 for the Kistler Engines Classic paying \$12,000 to win. The 305 sprints will also be in action that Friday. The Outlaws return for the 36th Annual Ohio Logistics Brad Doty Classic Tuesday, July 16, paying the winner \$15,000.

The Bert and Brigitte Emick Classic returns to Attica Raceway Park on Friday, June 7 to kick off the 42nd Annual FAST on Dirt Ohio Sprint Speedweek that fea-

tures nine straight nights of sprint car racing across Ohio. The 410 Sprints will race for \$6,000 to win and \$500 to start the A-main when the track pays tribute to former All Star Circuit of Champions promoters Bert and Brigitte Emick who began Ohio Sprint Speedweek.

The annual Attica Ambush will take place Friday, Aug. 30 and Saturday, Aug. 31. The FAST on Dirt 410 Sprints will pay \$6,000 to win and the UMP late models will battle for \$2,000 to win on Great Lakes Truck Centers/Murphy Tractor Night on Friday. On Saturday's All Pro Aluminum Cylinder Heads Night Saturday, the 410 sprints will race for \$6,000 to win.

The Callie's Performance Products 410 Sprints will compete in 21 events in 2024 including 10 of the All Pro Aluminum Heads/Kistler Racing Products Attica Fremont Championship Series (AFCS) with each of those shows paying \$4,000 to win.

### Late Models

UMP Late Models will have 20 events at Attica in 2024 including several special events. The new American Iron Man Late Model Series will make its first ever Attica appearance on Friday, May 24. The UMP late model series mid-season championship night will be Friday, May 31 paying \$2,000 to win as will the late model A-main during Ohio Sprint Speedweek night, Friday, June 7, the Attica Ambush on Friday, Aug. 30 and season championship night, Friday, Sept. 6. There will be 4 Attica/Oakshade Raceway Late Model Series events, Friday, May 10, Friday, June 21, Friday, July 28 and Friday, Aug. 23.

### 305 Sprints

The Fremont Fence 305 Sprints will see action at Attica for 20 events in 2024 including 10 races with the NAPA of Bryan AFCS presented by Jason Dietsch Trailer Sales. They will compete in six events paying \$1,200 to win; Baumann Auto Group/7L Construction/Venture Visionary Partners Night, Friday, April 19 presented by Gressman Powersports; Kistler Engines Classic Night on Friday, May 17; Mid-Season Championship Night on Friday, May 31; Attica Ambush Night #2 on Saturday, August 31; and Season Championship Night on Friday, September 6.

### SCHLATTER LEADS PANTHERS TO SECTIONAL WIN OVER PIRATES

Tori Schlatter scored 13 points to lead the Paulding Panthers to a 50-49 victory over Bluffton in Division III girls sectional basketball action Thursday night at the 'Jungle.'

Addison Pease chipped in nine points for the maroon and white while Kate Manz and Kayleigh Dunham both recorded eight markers for Paulding, which improves to 10-13 on the season.

Brooklyn Schlatter posted six points for the Lady Panthers followed by Estie Pease (five) and Lucy Breier (one).

Ayla Grandey topped all players in the contest with 33 points to lead Bluffton and Ashley Fleece recorded four markers.

Also finding the scoring column for the Lady Pirates were Jordan Schweingruber (three), Blair Utendorf (three), Lauren Bassett (two),

Macy Schaad (two) and Lauren Dearth (two).

Paulding led 12-10 at the end of one period before Bluffton rallied to take a 27-20 halftime advantage.

The Panthers answered with a 16-point third quarter in tying the game at 36-36 entering the final stanza.

### SECOND HALF SPURT LIFTS MC OVER PAULDING

Host Miller City used a solid second half effort to rally and post a 56-46 win over visiting Paulding Thursday night in non-league boys basketball action.

The Panthers led 12-5 at the end of one quarter but Miller City outpointed the maroon and white 16-10 in the second quarter to trim the deficit to 22-21 at the midway point of the contest.

Miller City then won the third quarter as well, outscoring Paulding 14-10, to record a 36-31 lead entering the final stanza.

In the fourth quarter, the host Wildcats picked up 21 points and limited the maroon and white to 14 to seal the 56-46 victory.

Kane Jones had 16 points to lead the way for Paulding with Blake Rhonehouse chipping in 15 markers.

Casey Agler chipped in seven points for the maroon and white followed by Greyson Harder (three), Tytus Manz (three) and Thad Schneider (two).

Miller City was paced by Jude Otto with 20 points and Ethan Barlage chipped in a dozen markers.

Other scorers for the Wildcats were Aaron Schnipke (eight), Brayden Niese (eight), Owen Tobe (four), Will Otto (three) and Andon Ruhe (one).

### WARRIORS RALLY TO POST WIN OVER PANTHERS

Visiting Woodlan put together a second half rally to defeat host Prairie Heights 32-20 in non-league boys basketball action Tuesday evening.

The Panthers held a slim 7-6 lead at the end of one quarter and added to the margin in the second stanza, albeit so slightly as Prairie Heights picked up five points and Woodlan scored four to put the Panthers on top 12-10 at the intermission.

In the third quarter, the Warriors rebounded by putting up a dozen points and holding Prairie Heights to nine as Woodlan recorded a 22-21 lead entering the final eight minutes of action.

The Warriors then sealed the victory with a ten-point fourth quarter and kept Prairie Heights to nine points in recording the two-point win.

Trey Yoder led the way for Woodlan with nine points, six rebounds and two blocks while Braden Smith added eight markers and three steals.

Mason Moore chipped in five points to go along with two steals and Drew Fleek recorded four points, seven boards and three steals. Oliver Adams posted four points and seven rebounds to aid the Warrior cause with Luke Meyer picking up two points.

Keegan German paced Prairie Heights with ten points and four rebounds while Lane Yoder added seven markers.

Cade Bachelor finished with four points, four rebounds and two assists for

Prairie Heights and Lance Speck picked up four points and two boards.

Jake Stoy ended the night with five points, six rebounds, three assists and four steals for the Panthers.

### ANTWERP CRUISES OVER CADETS

The Antwerp boys basketball team wrapped up the regular season with a record of 20-2 overall after defeating visiting Hilltop 53-21 Thursday night in non-league boys basketball action.

Landon Brewer topped a trio of blue and white players in twin digits with 17 points on the night while Zane McMichael chipped in 16 markers. Carson Altimus also reached double figures with 13 points on the night.

Drew Eaken (three), Camden Fuller (two) and Ben Savina (two) completed the scoring for the Archers.

Hilltop was led by Brycen Grubbs and Drew Bailey with six points apiece with Brian Guillen chipping in four markers. Raace Haynes and Devin Dempsey both picked up a basket for the Cadets and Carson Crossgrove connected on a free throw for Hilltop, which ends the regular season with a record of 7-15.

Antwerp took control in the opening stanza, jumping out to a 19-3 lead at the end of eight minutes of action.

The Archers picked up 13 more points in the second quarter to make it 32-6 at the halfway point of the contest before Antwerp extended the margin to 46-12 entering the final stanza.

### JOHN KRONOUR NAMED OHSAA DIRECTOR OF SPORT MANAGEMENT

Doug Ute, Executive Director of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, has named longtime Southwest Ohio school administrator John Kronour, Ph.D., as the OHSAA's new Director of Sport Management. Kronour brings 39 years of experience as a teacher, administrator, basketball official and member of the OHSAA's Southwest

District Athletic Board.

Beau Rugg, who has served as the OHSAA director of both sport management and officiating since 2011, will now lead one department as the Director of Officiating. Rugg will also continue as the OHSAA's football administrator.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to work at the OHSAA," said Kronour, who has served as the superintendent of Northeastern Local School District in Springfield since 2015. "Education based athletics develop so many skills within our students that go beyond the field or court. It is my hope to add to the positive atmosphere of our tournaments for everyone involved."

In addition to officiating basketball state tournament games, Kronour served a rotation on OHSAA Board of Directors in 2018 and 2019, including a term as VP.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring John Kronour to the OHSAA office," said Ute. "His experience at all levels of interscholastic athletics will be invaluable. We have a great group of sport administrators at the OHSAA and we welcome John to lead that team."

Prior to leading the Northeastern Local School District in 2015, Kronour served as the superintendent of Tipp City Schools from 2007-2015. Kronour was an administrator at Oakwood City Schools from 1997-2006. He got his start in education at Brookville Local Schools, where he served as a teacher, athletic director and principal from 1986-1997.

Kronour holds a bachelor's degree from Wright State University in Social Studies Education, Master's degree in Educational Administration, and Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Dayton, where he also completed his post-doctoral studies and continues to serve as an adjunct professor.

Kronour and his wife, Karen, live in the Northeastern School District with their family.

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# 6th GRADE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS



On Saturday, February 24th sixth grade students and staff from Paulding Junior High School volunteered at the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Paulding, Ohio. Shown in the picture are Mrs. Heather Crandall, Kenny Peffley, and Lincoln Thompson.

## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

### Criminal/Traffic

#### Disposition Report

**Brandon J. Schaadt**, Defiance, OH; Driving under non-FRA suspension; Case dismissed; Costs to defendant to be taken from bond

**Nikita A. Hoeffel**, Defiance, OH; Criminal trespassing (2 counts); 30 days jail; Defendant appeared in open court without counsel, pled guilty; Placed on probation; No contact with victims; Complete risk assessment; Write letter of apology; Complete 40 hours of community service and maintain general good behavior

**Ryan L. Rupp**, Paulding, OH; Distracted driving, Guilty; Defendant completed course; Left of center, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant  
**Jamie L. Thomas**, Paulding, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived

by defendant

**Dakota J. Simonis**, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Morgan Rosalez**, Paulding, OH; OVI, Pled no contest, found guilty, 33 days jail, 30 suspended, Operator's license suspended from 2/3/24 to 2/3/25, Proof of insurance provided, May install IID on vehicle for 6 months, ALS vacated; Open container, Count B dismissed

**Charles L. Booher Jr.**, Orland, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Walter W. Hollinger II**, Sterling Heights, MI; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant completed course

**Jessica L. Evans**, Melrose, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Ronald L. Riggerbach**, Paulding, OH; Theft; Case dismissed with prejudice

**Jaqueline Johnson**, Hometown, IN; Petty theft; Case dismissed with prejudice

**Blake D. Sholl**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Gary Owens**, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court with counsel, Mr. Buchholz, Pled guilty; Have no unlawful contact with the parks in Village of Oakwood; Pay fine/costs today

**Jonathan E. Godfrey**, Paulding, OH; Aggravated menacing; Guilty; 30 days jail, 26 days suspended; Defendant appeared with Mr. Buchholz; Pled to charge; Placed on probation; Pay restitution \$818.00 to victim; 10 hours of community service; Write a letter of apology; Have no contact with victim

**Harley D. Richards**, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant

appeared with counsel, Mr. Buchholz, Pled guilty to reduced charge; Pay fines and costs; Pay or collection 7/26/24

**Cameron St. Preus**, Lake Worth, FL; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Sierra C. Porter**, Napoleon, OH; Left of center, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Distracted driving, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

**Evan P. Saylor**, Sherwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Ray Y. Vargas**, Fort Wayne, IN; No operator license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Miguel Enrique**, Pontiac, MI; No operator's license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**James L. Craft**, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Andrea R. Ricker**, Grover Hill, OH; Drive/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Amy L. Keith**, Antwerp, OH; Resisting arrest; Defendant appeared with counsel, Pled guilty; 90 days jail, 80 days suspended; Placed on standard probation; Complete risk assessment; Online course; Write a letter of apology

**Matthew A. James**, Defiance, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court with attorney and pled guilty; Pay today

**Robert G. Mann III**, Defiance, OH; OVI/under influence, Count A dismissed; FRA suspension, Pled no contest, found guilty, 30 days jail, 10 days suspended, If the defendant is found to be operating a motor vehicle it is to be impounded immediately, Proof of insurance not provided; Left of center, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs;

Display plates, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**James Menzie**, Paulding, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Tyler R. Daupert**, Indianapolis, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court without counsel; Pay half today/Pay or collection date 3/29/24; Warrant and warrant block rescinded

**Bobby J. Banks**, Antwerp, OH; Cruelty to animals, Case dismissed; Aggravated menacing, Defendant appeared with counsel, Mr. Sondergaard; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to complete 20 hours of community service and have no contact with victim; Pay or collection 2/23/24

**Alexander T. Scott**, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Thomas P. Darrigo**, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Case was waived by defendant

**Tyler R. Daupert**, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Gary L. Hall**, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Aaron C. Contreras**, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Defendant appeared in open court without attorney, Pled guilty; Pay fines and costs today

**Heather L. Gottke**, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Justin D. Tackett**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Barton W. Taube Jr.**, Paulding, OH; Obstructing, Case was dismissed; Disorderly conduct, Guilty, 30 days jail, 29 days suspended, Defendant appeared in open court with counsel, Mr. Haughn II, Pled guilty

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# The West Bend News

# Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

Marys, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Calvin W. Mitchell**, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Pablo Antonio**, Payne, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Jonathon D. Barnes**, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Assured clear distance, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Distracted driving, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Giovanni A. Mercado Nieves**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Wae S. Joden**, Dundee, MI;

Seat belt/Drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Devin D. Watson**, Detroit, MI; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:villageofcecil@yahoo.com)

## 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://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 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  
Paulding County, Ohio  
[www.pauldingohsheriff.com](http://www.pauldingohsheriff.com)  
Carrie L Davis, Attorney for Plaintiff

## 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, 2024 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, 2024 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](http://www.pauldingohsheriff.com)  
Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio until Monday, March 25, 2024 at 11:00 A.M., at which time and place, bids will be opened and read for 703 Aggregate for use by the Paulding County Highway Department. Bidding documents and specifications will be issued at the Office of the Paulding County Engineer. They can also be found online under the "Bids" tab at [www.pauldingcountyengineer.com](http://www.pauldingcountyengineer.com).

Bids must be submitted on the forms provided by the Engineer. Bids may be hand delivered or mailed in a sealed envelope bearing the Bidder's name and address and marked "Sealed Bid for 703 Aggregate".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Multiple awards may be made for various types of aggregate.

Factors which will determine ultimate purchases by Paulding County are; unit bid prices, terms of purchase, location of project, availability of gradation, type of material desired for a particular application, cost of transporting from pickup site to County stockpile, quality of product, and/or type of surface desired. If available, prices are requested for washed #9A stone.

No bid will be considered unless it be accompanied by a bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Ohio or a certified check from a solvent bank in the amount of five (5%) percent of the total bid to guarantee that if said bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and the performance of it properly secured.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO**  
Heather Barnhouse, Clerk



# ODOT TO TEST ADVANCED DRONE OPERATIONS ALONG U.S. 33



The Ohio Department of Transportation's Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS) Center recently received approval from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to fly a large drone over a portion of the U.S. 33 corridor northwest of Columbus. This special permission was needed to operate an uncrewed aircraft beyond the pilot's sight, typically referred to as beyond visual line of sight, or BVLOS, operations.

ODOT pilots will fly a 20-pound Censys Sentaero aircraft, which has a wingspan of 7.5 feet, along four miles of U.S. 33 between U.S. 42 and Watkins Road to test the capability of drone use for traffic monitoring and incident management. The on-board system to detect and avoid other aircraft will be supplemented with visual observers on the ground to keep eyes on the aircraft and bolster safety. This is the first aircraft of its size to be approved for this type of operation, and the second in the United States approved for operations over people and traffic without a parachute. Safety will remain paramount during this trial period.

"Drones can do a lot of things. Depending on the aircraft, they can be equipped with object detection and analytics, which form a critical piece in improving safety on the roadway," said UAS Center Director Rich Fox. "This is only the beginning. We're excited to test the potential benefits and leverage this special

approval to continue integrating new UAS technology into agency operations."

While ODOT operates more than 1,000 stationary traffic cameras across the state, drones have the potential to provide visual coverage in areas without cameras in the event of an emergency. Deploying drones beyond the pilot's line of sight could get real-time information to ODOT more quickly to help identify congested areas, crashes, or hazards on the road.

Similarly, equipping drones with sensors to detect radiation or other chemical toxins could provide vital safety information to emergency responders. Drones can also provide real-time video during search and rescue missions to help rescue teams cover a larger area more quickly through the air than on the ground.

This approval from the FAA is valid for four years and will help facilitate integration of live drone footage to ODOT's Traffic Management Center, which could provide greater situational awareness to crews on the ground and improve traffic management. Ultimately, testing these types of operations along U.S. 33 will help determine the benefit of replicating this approach statewide to aid the public and first responders in emergency response and traffic monitoring, especially in rural areas.

Dates for these test flights have not yet been determined.

All 17 archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 4th were Wynter Johnson, Mary Adams, and Adelynn Slattman.

Placing 3rd on the day were Carl Kosch, Greysyn Hermiller, Sebastian Yanez, and Rylee Slattman. Earning 2nd place were Bryson Perry and Oliver McCague.

The Archers also crowned a season high 8 champions on Sunday. Starlette Ruffing, Benson Slattman, Brody Adams, Blade Ruffing, Ulrick Zijlstra, Aubree Frost, Richard Adams, and Emma White were all undefeated on the day to claim 1st place in their respective weight classes.

Sunday also marked the first tournament championship for Starlette Ruffing and Aubree Frost. Congratulations to all of the archer wrestlers for their outstanding weekend. GO ARCHERS!!

## MERCY COLLEGE OF OHIO ANNOUNCES HONORS LIST

The following students were awarded honors for the Fall 2023 semester at Mercy College of Ohio. To be named on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 12 or more credit hours. To be named on the Honor's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 6-11 credit hours. To be named on the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 grade point average and be enrolled for 14 or more credit hours.

**Defiance, OH**  
**Tara Garcia, Assoc Nursing Toledo Day, Honors List**  
**Jared Paschall, Assoc Radiologic Technology, Honors List**

Mercy College of Ohio is a Catholic institution with a campus in Toledo, Ohio. It focuses on healthcare and health science programs. Mercy College offers graduate degrees in Nursing, Health Administration and Physician Assistant; Bachelor's degrees in Biology, Healthcare Administration, Medical Laboratory Science, Medical Imaging, and Nursing; Associate degrees in Health Sciences, Health Information Technology, Nursing, Radiologic Technology and Surgical Technology; and Certificates in Community Health Worker, Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Medical Coding, Paramedic, Phlebotomy and Polysomnographic Technology and specialty imaging certificates.

## BULLDOGS TOO MUCH FOR ACES

Visiting Edgerton jumped in front at the end of one quarter and the Williams County squad went on to record a 61-26 victory over host Hicksville Thursday night in Green Meadows Conference girls basketball action.

The Lady Bulldogs led 13-8 at the end of eight minutes of action and widened the gap in the second stanza, outscoring the Aces 18-4 to post a 31-12 halftime advantage.

Edgerton then continued to expand the margin in the third quarter, putting up 16 points compared to six for Hicksville in recording a 47-20 lead going to the final period.

Kennedy Adams and McKenna Baird each scored six points to lead the way for

the Lady Aces, who conclude regular season action winless in seven tries in the league while finishing 3-19 overall.

Hayden Neidhardt and Alex Kenner both bucketed four points for Hicksville with McKenna Rice, Ashlyn Steury and Evy McAlexander all had one basket.

Edgerton's Alivia Farnham led all scorers in the contest with 29 points with Ava Giesige and Ava Swank both totaling seven markers.

Clara Gerschutz (four), Kennedy Stuit (four), Katilyn Burke (three), Casey Everetts (three), Gretchen Keppeler (two) and Megan Gerschutz (two) completed the scorers for Edgerton as the Bulldogs improve to 10-12 in all games and 2-5 in the conference.

## TINORA OVERCOMES ROHR'S EFFORT

Caroline Rohrs scored 28 points to lead the Antwerp Lady Archers but it wasn't enough as Tinora recorded a 55-49 overtime win over the blue and white Thursday in Green Meadows Conference girls basketball play.

Aewyn McMichael also reached twin digits for the Lady Archers, who wrapped up regular season action with a 3-4 GMC record while posting an 11-11 overall slate.

Also finding the scoring column for the local squad were Emma Townley (three), Maylynn Carnahan (two), Faith Clem (one) and Mara Philipot (one).

Tinora posted a 19-14 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before taking a 25-23 halftime advantage. The Lady Rams took a 38-34 margin into the final period but Antwerp rallied to knot the game at 45-45 entering the overtime period.

The Defiance County squad then outscored Antwerp 10-4 in the overtime to wrap up the six point victory.

Karli Okuley paced the Lady Rams with 14 points while Nova Okuley chipped in 13 and Eowyn Blanchard posted a dozen points. Julia Durfey also reached double figures for Tinora with ten markers.

Addison Lee bucketed the remaining six points for Tinora, which closes the regular season at 13-9 overall and 5-2 in the league.

## NEW BOOK FROM TOP COYOTE RESEARCHER REVEALS NEW INSIGHTS, BENEFITS

Comedian Rodney Dangerfield often said, "I don't get no respect." The same catchphrase also perfectly applies to one of our most persistent wildlife predators—the coyote. The nation's foremost expert on coyotes and a professor at The Ohio State University, Stanley D. Gerht, offers a new perspective in his just-published book, "Coyotes Among Us."

The book is based on more than 20 years of research by Gerht, professor of wildlife ecology in the College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Co-authored with former journalist, Kerry Luft, the book draws from decades of experience to dispel coyote myths, highlight the benefits of living with coyotes, and embrace the coyote as a brilliant survivor against all odds.

From its depictions as the "trickster" in ancient fables to

# ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS CELEBRATES PRESIDENT'S DAY



Ann's Bright Beginnings Daycare recently made windsocks to celebrate President's Day. We decorated our windsocks with coins, log cabins, three sided hats, stars and cherries! Registration is now open for fall preschool and for summer care! Call 419-399-

KIDS to enroll your child or for more information!

Shown here with our patriotic creations are in back: Eli Hernandez, Wyatt Wilhelm, and Everett Wilhelm. In front: Levi Lockwood, Ariya Lockwood, Savannah Coil and Garrett Wilhelm.

its portrayal as a threat to humans and their pets in modern news sources, the scrawny animals are rarely shown in a favorable light.

Postings on lifestyle and safety apps such as Nextdoor, Amazon Ring's Neighbors, and Citizen frequently warn neighbors of coyote sightings, especially when they are seen or heard during mating season (January - March) and when the young pups are dispersing from family groups (October - January).

Though harassed and hunted for generations, today the coyote persists and even thrives. With an innate ability to adjust to new climates and environments, it has developed an expansive range.

Once confined to the American West, coyotes now live in 49 states, across lower Canada, throughout Mexico, and all the way to Costa Rica. Only Hawaii has avoided their invasion.

The 144-page "Coyotes Among Us" includes stunning images of coyotes within their surprising habitats and is based on 22 years of research from the Urban Coyote Research Project, led by Gerht in

the Chicago metropolitan area. He is principal investigator of one of the largest studies of coyotes to date, capturing and tracking more than 1,450 coyotes.

In the project, a subset of coyotes is live-captured, collared, and released at their capture site. They are then monitored to understand how they live in urban areas and how they interact with other wildlife, domestic animals, and humans.

Coyote habitat ranges from rural prairie to urban overpasses; it is the largest animal to regularly live wild within city limits. The coyote continues to overcome the ceaseless intrusion of urban development to create a bright and flourishing future, providing its human neighbors a surprising number of benefits, Gerht noted in the book.

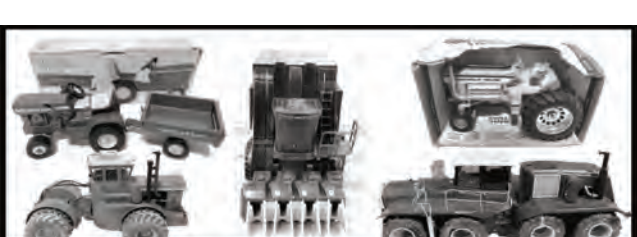
"Since 2000, we've been studying coyotes and their incredible ability to adapt and thrive as the top predator in urban environments," Gerht said. "Coyotes are here to stay—and the first step in learning to coexist is for us to better understand them."

As the human population

## ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB HAS OUTSTANDING DAY AT TINORA

The Antwerp Wrestling

Club recently wrestled in the 5th leg of the GMC Tournament Series at Tinora High School on Sunday, February 18, 2024.



## MARCH FARM TOY AUCTIONS

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**Saturday, March 9**  
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increases, so does the population density. The denser the human population, the more plentiful the trash. Food is hard to find in the wild, but it's laying everywhere in a city, town, or neighborhood. Coyotes are simply going where the food is

Other interesting facts about the unique creatures:

- Adult coyotes only weigh between 20 and 45 pounds.
- Coyote pups are born between early April and late May.

• Coyotes are active both day and night, but most sightings are close to sunrise and sunset.

"The book is informed by the country's longest-running research project on coyotes in urban settings, by the country's top coyote expert," Luft said. "Coyotes Among Us" is an essential contribution to our scientific and situational understanding, but it's also an ode to the coyote and its place in our imagination."

Coyote figures were common to Native American religions and in folklore. A popular Looney Tunes cartoon featured the iconic adversaries Wile E. Coyote and the Road Runner. Although every single one of the coyote's ideas failed — hilariously defeated by gravity, falling rocks, glue mishaps and, most commonly, the misuse of dynamite, the animal displayed admirable persistence and creativity, just as they do in the real world.

Gehrt also serves as chair of the Center for Wildlife Research at the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation in Dundee, Illinois. His Ohio State research program focuses on various aspects of mammalian ecology, especially urban systems; dynamics of wildlife disease; and human-carnivore conflicts.

Luft is executive vice president of the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation. He previously spent nearly three decades in journalism, mostly at the Chicago Tribune, where he specialized in national and foreign news. He has written or edited five other books.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN MARCH**

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is ready to fall into spring. The library has many activities and programs for you to attend. The Winter Reading Program ends March 1, turn in your reading logs and attend an End of Program party on March 4th during library hours. Get ready for the Solar

Eclipse happening on April 8. The library will be giving out solar eclipse safe viewing glasses starting March 18. The limit will be two per person while supplies last. All schools in the county have been given glasses for the students. The library is having a Staff Development Day on Monday, March 18th and will close early at 3:30 p.m. The library will also close at 12:00 Noon on Good Friday, March 29.

The Adult section will continue all month long with "Make and Take" craft projects from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday. Bring a friend and join us. All materials are provided. Like and follow us on Facebook or call for details. Every Monday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. join us for "Teen Talk," snacks and crafts are available. Check out a book or two while you are here.

Coffee Talk continues as we celebrate two years of fun! Bring a friend or make some new friends. Lively conversation, laughter and a snack provided. We meet in the South wing at the long table. Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. immediately following Coffee Talk come and "spin a yarn" with Eva Sharron as she shares her knitting knowledge with you. All materials are provided.

On Monday, March 11 the Friends of the Library meets at 6:00 p.m. in the south wing. They are always looking for new members. Join them in supporting the mission of the Paulding County Carnegie Library.

Tuesday March 12th, the Black Swamp Bookworms will meet to discuss "The Engineer's Wife". New members are always welcome.

Join us. Wednesday March 13th at 2:00 p.m., the professionals from Postema Insurance and Investments will be here to educate you about Estate Planning. They will share information and answer your questions. Teen Cookbook club will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 25th at 5:30 p.m. Come and learn a new cooking skill, all supplies provided. Your creation will be your snack.

Adult Cookbook Club will meet on Monday, March 25th at 5:30 p.m. The theme will be "One Pan Wonders" Bring a salad, main course or dessert that be mixed, cooked and served in one container. Also bring a copy of the recipe to share. On Tuesday, March 26, join Carla as she shares her tips for Frugal Living.

This month the subject is "Maintaining/using what you

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have, laundry tips for stain removal and prolong the life of your clothing and textiles and simple mending". If you have a problem, you would like addressed, bring it! Refreshments will be served.

Every Friday stop by for a movie bundle! Free entertainment for the weekend. Don't forget "Buy the Book" used bookstore is open every Wednesday from 3:30-6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Lots of great books are available for a freewill donation. The bookstore is operated by Friends of the Library, all proceeds benefit the library. Feel free to call the library at 419-399-2032 with any questions.

The Children's room is getting ready for their annual visit from the Easter Bunny. The Spring Party will be Thursday, March 21, 5:30-6:30 p.m. There will be games, crafts, candy, fun, and visit with the Easter Bunny. Get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Story time with Kirk is every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. The children's room in cooperation with the OSU/4H program is proud to start the "Bug Safari Club" starting Wednesday, March 6 at the library. The club will start at 3:30 p.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. The Bug Safari Club will meet every Wednesday at the same time. Let's find out about BUGS! We will also examine the effects of the Eclipse on bugs and animals. The Bug Safari Club is available from a grant received from the California Academy

of Sciences. Turn in your winter reading logs and stop by on March 4 for the giveaways. There will be snacks and surprises to conclude the end of the program.

**Antwerp Branch**

The Antwerp Branch will host Book Club on March 11th at 6:00 p.m., Cookbook Club will be March 25th at 5:45 p.m. Story time with Stephanie is every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Craft Fridays are for any age during library hours 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. "Dot painting" with Carol Blodgett is March 21st, you can pick the time you would like to attend, 1:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. Please call 419-258-2855 to register. Winter Reading program ends March 1st, turn in your logs and stop in March 4 for a day of treats.

**Grover Hill Branch**

The Grover Hill Branch can start March 1st by signing up for the monthly drawing. The drawing will be held March 30 by 1:00 p.m. for a bright basket of books and a rainbow array of goodies. Monday, March 4 will be an all-day wrap up for the Winter Reading program. Bring in your completed reading logs and enjoy some prizes. The party will be all day for all ages. Munchkin Club story times are Monday March 11th and 25th at 10:30 a.m. Story-time books and treats are designed for ages 6 and under. Elmer the patchwork elephant will be the star of both story times. Seniors ages 50+ are invited to wear their favorite color and be part of the GHBL

Rainbow on the second Thursday of the month, March 14th at 1:00 p.m. There will be a light luncheon of beef brisket and side dishes in every color. Then, of course, try to get lucky at bingo. Call ahead to reserve your spot, we do have a few seats available. GHBL Book Club will discuss the novel "True Colors" by Kristen Hannah on March 27th at 4:00 p.m. Kristen Hannah is a longtime favorite author.

**Oakwood Branch**

The Oakwood Branch will have Easter cookie houses available to children that check out an item the month of March, while supplies last. Each Monday in March we will have a children's story time at 11:00 a.m. Good Morning Book Club will be held March 5, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. No Senior Bingo in March, be sure to join us again in April. Call and sign up for our Twine Bunny adult class March 11, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Facebook Trivia will be March 11, winner will be announced March 12. Come and join the Adult Cookbook Club March 21 at 5:30 p.m. Bring in an Irish dish. Saturday March 23 we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss with Dr. Seuss bingo ages 6-12. Quilt Block of the month class will be held Tuesday, March 25, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. stop in and get our current month pattern for fabric requirements.

**Payne Branch**

The Payne Branch will be holding a Cast Party on Tuesday, March 5th, 3:30-5:00 p.m. for the WT school musical "Bye, Bye Birdie". Cast members will be here for autographs and fun. Storytime will be held on Tuesday, March 12 and 26th at 11:00 a.m. We will have a story, craft and fun. Please join us. Something new will be "Free Fridays" Each Friday will feature fun, arts and crafts for our patrons. Kids can also come in and find the Hidden Leprechaun's throughout the library to find a prize. Follow us on FB for more information about what is happening at PBL. The Winter Reading Program ends March 1, turn in your reading log March 4 for a day of treats.

**HICKSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES 2/26/24**

Dr. David Axner BASA (Buckeye Association of School Administrators) Executive Director was a guest at the February 26 Hicksville Board of Education meeting. He spoke about the 10-region organization and its workings. Dr. Axner was also on hand to present Superintendent Keith Countryman with the BASA Exemplary Leadership Award. Mr. Countryman was selected by his peers, and recognized for his

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service and continued work with the community, working with staff and students.

Eric Bassett presented the Director of Operations report.. He discussed new stair tread replacements and other replacements on items which are now about 15 years old. He outlined spring break repair and improvement items and reported on possible grant items. He discussed improvements at the softball field and track. Board members complimented Bassett and the custodial staff on the fine work they do in keeping the school in great shape.

High School Principal Aaron Highlander updated the board on winter sports windups and spring sports activities. He said the juniors would participate in the ACT test on Tuesday. He reminded the community of the high school musical "Les Miserables" which is set for March 1, 2 and 3 at The Huber. The high school and junior high scholastic teams are also finishing their seasons. He announced the high school and junior high archery teams will participate in the state meet March 9 and 10 in Columbus. He reminded everyone Coronation will be March 9 at 6 pm at the Huber. HS blood operation will be Monday, March 11. Senior class trip will be in New York City March 20-22.

Middle School Principal Tony Tear recapped winter sports season and noted the boys and girls basketball teams made GMC championships. Incentive day for Middle School was held recently. He recognized Brandon Elston as MS Essential Ace. The seventh and eighth grade Band and Choir Concert will be March 12.

Elementary Principal Kirsten Coffman reported the first and third graders presented their music programs recently and the second and fourth graders will have their musical programs on March 21. Kindergarten Registration will be March 7 and 8. The Literacy Night will be March 18. Angie Smith reported on a simulated lockdown drill held in conjunction with the Hicksville Police Department during a recent teacher inservice session.

Eric Vetter reported the Four County Career Center Director of Operations Rick Hupe will be retiring so they have a position open.

Superintendent Keith Countryman presented information on plans for the April 8 Eclipse event. The school will have an early release so students will be home before the totality around 3pm. He reported plans are underway to get new band uniforms. He announced two third grade teaching positions as well as a high school position, open interviews have begun, none have been filled. Hopefully the rain anticipated for Tuesday will allow it to be seen if the drive to Route 18 does indeed carry the rain away as it should.

The financials were approved. Comments from Treasurer Mike Ruen who noted monies in the Special Olympics Fund will be distributed as the fund is set up. He also discussed putting district interest money back into accounts for replacing major items like HVAC units and carpets and equipment.

Several approvals were acted upon in the Employment/Certified Staff. Resignations by retirement were approved by Superintendent Keith Countryman (effective July 31, 2024) and classroom instructor Christine Blue effective June 1, 2024. In the Employment/Classified Staff items, the resignation by retirement of Tara Welling effective April 1, 2024, was accepted. The transfer of Christine Shock from Middle School Secretary to High School Secretary was approved effective April 1, 2024.

Board members approved several resolutions.

The Board adjourned until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 18 at 5:30 pm.

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**AUCTION**  
*Monday, March 18 • 6 pm*  
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*(Closest address is: 3045 South 550 East, Hamilton, IN 46742, between Teegarden Rd & Metz Rd).*  
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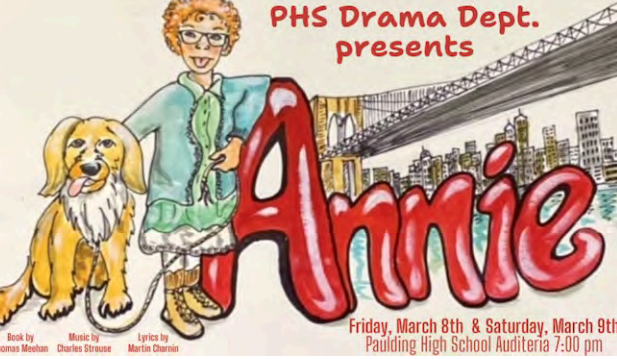
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**PHS Drama Dept. presents**



**Annie**

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Friday, March 8th & Saturday, March 9th  
Paulding High School Auditoria 7:00 pm

**PHS TO PRESENT "ANNIE"**

Leapin' Lizards! The PHS Drama Department will perform Annie, one of the world's best-loved musicals, on Friday, March 8th, and Saturday, March 9th. Both shows will start at 7:00 p.m. and occur in the Auditoria. Annie, played by Anna Clemens, charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. She is determined to find the parents who abandoned

her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage that is run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan (Elli Barton). Annie befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (Trenton Manz). She finds a new home and family with billionaire Oliver Warbucks, played by senior Wes Ludwig, and his personal secretary, Grace Farrell (Libby Dotterer). Remember the lovable mutt named Sandy (Jayla Griffith).

**PC SENIOR CENTER'S HEALTH, BUSINESS & INDUSTRY FAIR SET**



Make plans to attend the 2024 Health, Business & Industry Fair at the Paulding County Senior Center on March 27, 2024. This annual event takes place at the Paulding County Extension Building and will run from 11:00

a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for guests to check out the over 40 vendors. Vendors in the Health, Business and Industry fields will be on hand for guests to glean information from them, as well as enjoy food, promo items and door prizes. For more information about this Fair, contact the Paulding County Senior Center at 419-399-3650.

**SPARTECH LLC EXPANDS IN PAULDING COUNTY**

Spartech LLC will expand its operations in Northwest Ohio, creating new jobs and investments for the Paulding County community, announced State Representative Roy Klopfenstein (R-

Haviland). The industry-leading engineered thermoplastics and custom packaging solutions manufacturer plans to invest \$1.6 million into the area, adding 20 jobs and purchasing new equipment to keep up with growing demands. "Our workforce is ready to meet the needs of companies that choose to grow and expand in Paulding County," said Klopfenstein. "Spartech is a valuable manufacturer to the area, and I couldn't be more pleased with their continued investment in our community." Spartech employs more than 1,000 people at 16 locations nationwide, including 100 at the Paulding facility. The expansion project is expected to begin later this year.

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIES HAVE ARRIVED IN NORTHWEST OHIO!**

It's National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend, and the first Girl Scout cookie booths are opening all around northwest Ohio. Cookies are available from Girl Scouts at any local booth and order cookies online at gsw.org/findcookies. With just a click or two, customers can find nearby cookie booths. Through March 17, area Girl Scout entrepreneurs will be out and about the community at local businesses, holding drive-through cookie booths, setting up cookie stands in their neighborhood, and taking orders using the Digital Cookie® platform. This season, cookie lovers can enjoy the full assortment of Girl Scout Cookies®, including the perennially popular Thin Mints®, Caramel deLites®, and Peanut Butter Sandwich, as well as the Lemonades® and Toast-Yay!™ cookies that are new to our region. As consumers open their favorite package of Girl Scout Cookies, they are unboxing the future for girls in their community. Behind every cookie purchase is a troop exploring their leadership potential, building lifelong friendships and making the world a better place. Ask a Girl Scout at a cookie booth about her goals and her plans for the proceeds. Her answers may be more detailed and ambitious than expected! All Girl Scout Cookie proceeds stay local with councils and troops to power life-changing experiences year-round for Girl Scouts. These proceeds help area Girl Scouts fund invaluable experiences like attending summer camp, taking field trips with their troops and spearheading meaningful community service projects. Girl Scouts in our area donate thousands of cookies each year to local military organizations and food banks through Girl Scouts of Western Ohio's Cookie Share program. The Girl Scout Cookie Program® is the world's largest entrepreneurial program for girls and builds courage, confidence and character through girl-led experiences. As a result, girls kickstart their limitless, barrier-breaking futures 'outside the box' by learning transferable life skills including goal setting, decision

**ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE IN NEW HAVEN**



Due to the Google Campus construction, East Paulding Road will be permanently closed to through traffic on March 1st, 2024. Two signs have been posted at either end of East Paulding Road, between Hartzell Road and Adams Center Road, giving all motorists a two-week notification the closure permanent closure. The specific location of the closure on East Paulding Road will be between the railroad track and Adams Center Road as shown on the attached map below. A detour is marked and will be available, using East Tillman Road. As a reminder, this is a construction zone, so please be advised that any and all traffic must slow down and look for workers during this 2-week transition period.

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