

STORYSCAPE EARLY LEARNING SPACE OPENS AT ACPL'S WOODBURN BRANCH



City of Woodburn Mayor Joseph Kelsey, ACPL Foundation Board Chair Rich Beck, and ACPL Woodburn Branch Manager Paige Shook join Grayson and Rico in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new space.

(FORT WAYNE, IN) - The Allen County Public Library welcomed media, donors, and families to celebrate the new Woodburn Branch StoryScape at a grand opening on Wednesday, March 20. StoryScape is the first of its kind at an ACPL branch location and builds on the success of the popular StoryScape in the Main Library's Children's Department. The custom-designed space will utilize hands-on learning tools and library materials to encourage young children to read, sing, write, talk, and play. StoryScape focuses on promoting early literacy with children ages 7 and younger. "StoryScape marries a child's natural love of play

with early, consistent, and abundant access to books - and we all know early literacy is a critical indicator of a child's success," said ACPL Youth Services Manager Jacki Fulwood. "At the ACPL, we are committed to meeting that need!"

The space was funded through a donation from the Allen County Public Library Foundation, as well as, Library reserve funds.

"I am so pleased to see a community like Woodburn among the first to open a branch version of StoryScape," said ACPL Foundation Board Chair Rich Beck. "All children in Allen County deserve access to the wonder and learn-

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BREWER COMMITS TO OHIO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



Landon Brewer has committed to Ohio Christian University to play basketball and pursue a degree in accounting. He is pictured with his coaches, teammates, parents, and sister. Shown above are (back row): Jason Hormann, Doug Billman, Camden Fuller, Syris Gale, Carson Altimus, Reid Lichty, Cohen Hitzeman, Gaige McMichael, and Sam Williamson; (front row): Shawn, Landon, Cindy, and Lydia Brewer.

2024 CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA - CHOCOLATE ROYALE



Oakwood Library Association Events Planning Committee, hosted its Annual Fundraiser event - Chocolate Extravaganza - on Tuesday and Thursday March 12 & 14, 2024 at the Cooper Community Library in Oakwood Ohio. This year's theme was Chocolate Royale which meant that the pomp & circumstance and royal fanfare were in high gear. This was a sold out event with a listing of people anxiously waiting in case of a cancellation. Some guests have come for a majority of the year's that the committee has been planning this event (since 2006!), and have gathered such a group that they reserve 2-3 tables for one of the night's event.

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PAULDING COUNTY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEETING INFORMATION

The April 8 meeting of the Paulding County Retired Teachers Association has been cancelled. The next meeting will be July 8 at the Paulding Pancake House. At this meeting new members of the Paulding County Hall of Fame will be initiated.

WAYNE TRACE NHS 5K

The Wayne Trace National Honor Society is holding a 5K (or one mile walk) on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at the Payne ball park across from the Payne Elementary School. The race is at 8:00 A.M. with registration beginning at 7:15

A.M.

The 5K is being held to raise money for Jayce Pierce. Jayce is the son of Justin and Kylie Pierce and is a student at Payne Elementary; he was diagnosed at age 4 with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (also known as DMD). Duchenne muscular dystrophy is a rare genetic condition that is characterized by progressive muscle damage and weakness. While there is still no cure, there have been many advancements in the management of Duchenne. In the summer of 2023, the FDA approved gene therapy for boys ages four and five. As a result, Jayce was treated at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, on Decem-

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

March 30

- Breakfast w/ the Bunny @ Oakwood Fire Dept., 7-11a, egg hunt to follow
- Easter EGG-stravaganza @ Antwerp GMC, 1-2:30pm
- NOW Senior Classic & Special Olympic Exhibition @ Hicksville HS, 5pm
- PHS Quarter Auction @ Paulding Eagles, 5pm

April 2

- Antwerp Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, 5pm
- NAMI April Program @ Archbold ADAMhs, 7pm

April 5

- Peony Festival Queen Jubilee Pageant @ Lifehouse Church, 7pm

April 6

- NWOH CASA Cookie Hop @ Paulding, 10a-1p

April 8

- Total Solar Eclipse 2024

April 9-10

- GH Elementary Kindergarten Screening

April 12-13

- Charitable Sisterhood of the 2nd Trinity Victory Church @ Huber, 7pm (Sun. @ 2:30pm)

April 13

- Taylor Chapel Womens' Spring Bazaar, 9a-3p
- Men's Conference @ Faith Baptist, Defiance, 9a-4p



OBITUARIES

FORMERLY OF ANTWERP, OH:

Patricia Ann Vasquez passed away on March 9, 2024. She is preceded in death by her son, Steve Schaefer.

Pat, as she liked to be called, was born September 10, 1937 to Eugene and Cathrine McCalla in Antwerp, OH. She graduated from Antwerp High School where she earned a scholarship. She attended Bowling Green State University.

Pat married Jacob Schaefer and they had 4 children. Along with her husband, they operated a successful carpet and decorating business.

In 1984, they decided to move to Texas. They settled in Houston where she acquired a Texas Real Estate License. She also worked at Macy's Department Store. Pat was their Carpet and Interior decorator specialist. She was very successful and earned the "Top Sales Person of the Year."

In 2004, she moved to Florida where she enjoyed her retirement with family and friends and where she later remarried Pete Vasquez.

Pat suffered for a long time from COPD and heart disease. Eventually, she died of coronary artery disease.

She is survived by her spouse, Pete A Vasquez, three children: Laurie Boldman, Judi Cherry, and Joan Cross, and five siblings.

Arrangements for a funeral mass are pending to be held at St Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church. A celebration of life to follow.

FORMERLY OF PAYNE, OH:

Billy Liggett Neff, 94, formerly of Payne, now of Wyndgate of Circleville passed away Sunday, March 17, 2024. ARR BY DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 5761 SR 500, PAYNE, OHIO.



PAYNE, OH:

Colleen "Sue" Strickler, 82, of Payne, Ohio passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Sue was born in Payne on February 18, 1942, a daughter of the late Florence (Spencer) & Frederick Hook.

She dedicated her life to her faith and family. Sue worked at Navistar for 26 years and Aeroquip for 10 years.

Sue will be sadly missed by her sons, Randall (Kathleen) & Lynn (Rebecca); brother, Roger Hook; grandchildren, Kayla, Katelyn, Spencer, Trisha, &

Ashley (Matt); & great grandchildren, Sophia, Hudson, Waylon, Wynonna, Brezlyn, Teagan, Ryker, Colter, & Nick.

Sue was preceded in death by her husband, Larry, to whom she married February 23, 1963.

Viewing will be Sunday, March 24, 2024 from 2-5 PM at Dooley Funeral Home of Payne.

Service will be Monday, March 25, 2024, at 10:30 AM with viewing one hour prior at the Edgerton Wesleyan Church, 1717 Bertha St, Woodburn, Indiana 46797.

Sue will be laid to rest in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Memorials are to the Edgerton Wesleyan Church, 1717 Bertha St, Woodburn, Indiana 46797.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

St. John Lutheran Church, 812 East High Street, Hicksville, announce their Holy Week Schedule.

March 24th will be Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday at 10:15am with Palm Processional. March 28th will be our Maundy Thursday Service. This service will be combined with our sister church Holy Trinity of Harlan. It will include the Seder Meal which will be served in Luther Hall at 6 pm. March 29th will be our Good Friday Service which will be at Harlan.

The Harlan Christian Youth Center and Holy Trinity will sponsor their annual Cross Walk beginning at 5pm. Participates should gather at the Harlan Park. The combined service will be held at Holy Trinity at 6:30 pm. March 31st will be our Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day Service. A Continental Breakfast will be served at 9 am in the Narthex.

Easter Service will begin at 10:15 am including the Festival Choir. An Easter Egg Hunt will follow the service for the children. For more information call 419-542-6269. GUIDE US TO THE CROSS. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

THE SAVIOR

By: Doris Applegate

The Triumphant one
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Majestic King of Kings
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With shouts of joy
And songs on praise
We worship and adore
For you have rescued
Adam's Race
Redeemed us from The Curse
Eternal life to us you've given
Now to live with you forever
What can we give to one so

PECA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



After breaking ground on the Paulding Exempted Character Academy (PECA) building in Oakwood, Ohio on December 14, 2023, the building has quickly moved forward. The excitement around Oakwood has continued to grow as the building has taken shape over the last few months. It is now recognizable as the future home of the LifeWise Paulding Exempted - Oakwood Elementary program. The construction is expected to be completed in June.

PECA is excited to announce

that the building construction planned in Paulding has had great support from the community as well. We are now entering the bidding process for the Paulding building with hopes of construction beginning this year!

We appreciate the unwavering commitment of our communities and donors. If you would like to support the PECA building project in Oakwood or Paulding, please reach out to a PECA board member for more information.

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WOMEN OF WORSHIP CONFERENCE AT BRANCH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Would you like to go deeper in your worship to our Lord? This free conference will help. We will have four women of God speaking from their hearts on the subjects of Worship In Song, Worship in the Family, Worship in the Arts, and Worship in the Spirit. The conference is April 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Branch Christian Fellowship, 109 N Main Street, Paulding. Child care will be available. Come for a refreshing time of fellowship and worship.



Julie Burk will be speaking on Worship in the Family.

For 22 years, Julie Burk has been married to her husband, Eric, who four years ago became a pastor. Together, they have two amazing teenage daughters and have dedicated their lives to serving others.

Julie's commitment to teen ministry spans over 16 years, culminating in the founding of the Portal 2:20 Teen Center, a non-profit organization in Van Wert, Ohio. When she's not leading the center or spending time with family, she enjoys sewing, crafting, and attending makers markets. In addition to volunteering at Crestview Bible house and being part of the band parents board, Julie dedicates her time as youth leader and church volunteer with her family at Living Truth Ministries.

Beth Bayliff will be sharing on Worship in the Spirit. Elizabeth "Beth" Bayliff is

serving my family & my local church, New Day Life Ministries International, I love to gather with the Bride at large to minister to the Lord and to one another. I'm a singer & songwriter, and spontaneous worship is my jammm!"



Melissa Tackett will be sharing Worship in the Arts.

"I've attended Branch Christian Fellowship for 9 years. I've had the opportunity and have greatly enjoyed serving our church in various ways whether it be nursery, children's church, youth or worship tech. Helping with the kids Christmas

program is something I look forward to every year! I'm a wife to my wonderfully talented husband Justin, who has been leading worship for most of his life. I'm also a mother to two awesome kids who keep our lives extra busy!"

Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC) seeks an interested person who resides or works in Paulding County to fill a vacant private sector seat on the NOCAC Board of Trustees. Each of the six counties served by NOCAC has one representative from the public, private, and client sectors. The Board sets policy for the Agency. Board meetings are held monthly on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in Defiance at the NOCAC Central Office.

NOCAC is a private non-profit, social service agency providing services to predominantly low-income residents of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Van Wert, and Williams counties.

NOCAC operates the Head Start preschool program, the Home Weatherization Assistance Program, the Elderly Home Repair program, Home Energy Assistance Programs (HEAP), Child Care and Nutrition programs, Financial Empowerment programs, temporary Emergency and permanent housing for homeless individuals and families, a soup kitchen and the Summer Food Service Program. Operational funding is received from Federal and State grants, local United Way, and private contributions.

Persons who are interested in becoming a board member or have questions should contact Angie Franklin, NOCAC Executive Director at 784-5136, ext. 1101 or email afranklin@nocac.org. More information about the agency can be found at www.nocac.org

Scripture of the Week

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

— Ephesians 6:10-11



a worshipping, warring, Word woman and servant of God, whose deep love for Him as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – the fullness, comes from her passionate, authentic, and intentional lifestyle where her work is her worship and her worship is her work, because it's all as unto Him who's worthy. Living in Lima most of her life and married to Greg for 32 years, she looks forward to time with their two adult daughters, extended family, the family of God, and friends. Great expectation is stirring for all God is doing, and will do, as she/they pursue their eternal purpose in Him, and His kingdom agenda on earth as it is in heaven, in their lives, the ministries they are a part of, and lives of those He divinely connects them with.



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Many groups look forward to the Chocolate Extravaganza every year. Several in this photo have been to over a decade of chocolate events at Oakwood Library.

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Guests were ushered into the conference room that was transformed into a royal dining hall complete with crown centerpieces upon the tables. Servers began the evening with drinks, and when the courses of chocolate began each one was brought forth with a royal announcement of

trumpet sounds. Over 30 servings of a chocolate delicacy were served from brownie bites to chocolate cream puffs to a tiramisu mousse. The planning committee has recruited some young people to volunteer for the event & lead a "heads or tails" game in between chocolate courses. Most everyone left the evening with a Tup-

perware full of extra chocolates to eat later.

Many accolades to the Oakwood Library Association for your creativity in planning this event each year. The theme is always inspiring and unique, and the various chocolate desserts are scrumptious and palate memorable. Looking forward to next year already!

LOCAL LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPIST, HOLISTIC WIZARD WELLNESS, LLC OPENS TO SERVE AREA



Holistic Wizard Wellness, LLC, a new business started by Joel Fields, a licensed massage therapist with over eight years of experience, officially opened its doors on January 2, 2024. Located at 12705 Road 162 in Paulding, Ohio, Holistic Wizard Wellness offers therapeutic massage services aimed at providing deep relaxation and relief for individuals facing symptoms of job stress, burnout, anxiety, and chronic pain.

Joel's journey of holistic wellness began with his extensive experience in different office settings, including a chiropractic office in Van Wert and a four-year stint at Parkview Health in Fort Wayne. His passion for holistic healing led him to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Science and Holistic Health from Northern Vermont University in 2022. With a specialization in working with individuals experiencing stress-related symptoms, Joel has mastered his skills in therapeutic massage and craniosacral therapy to offer gentle yet effective treatments for his clients.

The inspiration behind Holistic Wizard Wellness came from Joel's involvement in the "Holistic Re-

sponse Team" at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne, where he witnessed firsthand the toll that stress and burnout can take on healthcare workers. Motivated to provide relief outside of the corporate environment, Joel established Holistic Wizard Wellness to cater not only to healthcare professionals but also to business professionals and locals in and near Paulding County.

Holistic Wizard Wellness offers customized therapeutic massages ranging from 30 to 90 minutes, as well as craniosacral therapy, known for its effectiveness in alleviating migraines, fibromyalgia, and stress. Additionally, the business provides organic CBD products and access to high-quality supplements through Fullscript, an online supplement store.

For Joel Fields, owning Holistic Wizard Wellness is a fulfillment of his passion for holistic healing and serving his community. "Massage has had a positive effect on every medical condition we've looked at," says Tiffany Field, Ph.D., Director of the Touch Research Institute at the University of Miami.

Clients can schedule appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 AM to 7 PM at Field's home office just north of Stykemain Chevrolet in Paulding. Online scheduling is also available on the Holistic Wizard Wellness website, with questions also welcomed by phone at 260-245-3939 or email at joel@holisticwizardwellness.com.

For more information about Holistic Wizard Wellness, visit www.holisticwizardwellness.com or follow them on social media for updates.

OPERS MEETING

OPERS will hold a meeting on April 3, 2024 at Paulding County Senior Center, 410 E. Jackson St, Paulding, Ohio at 10:00 a.m. Speaker will be Elaine Gress, Master Gardeners.

LIBRARY FRIENDS GROUPS HOLDING SPRING FUNDRAISERS

The Friends of Defiance Public Library will hold a book sale fundraiser on April 13 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Northtowne Mall, 1500 N. Clinton Street, Defiance. Many genres will be available, and proceeds benefit Defiance Public Library.

Sherwood
Join the Friends of Sherwood Branch Library at Iron Horse Brews, 101 N. Harrison St., Sherwood, on May 14 for Trivia on Tap. Doors will open at 5 p.m., and trivia begins at 6 p.m. Register a team of up to 6 players by calling 419-899-4343. Walk-ins are also welcome. (Full food and drink menu will be available for purchase.)

Hicksville
The Friends of Johnson Memorial Library will host their annual Plant & Sip fundraiser on April 26 at 6:30 p.m. and April 27 at 10:30 a.m. at April's Greenhouse in Bryan, OH. Enjoy wine or mimosas, plus charcuterie and light snacks with family and friends at a private table and create a beautiful climbing house plant and planter to take home.

Proceeds benefit the library and its programming. Purchases are non-refundable.

For more information, contact the library system at 419-782-1456.

PC LAND BANK SUBMITS 2024 BLIGHT APPLICATION

The Paulding County application for the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) residential and commercial blight program was completed and submitted on March 8. Estee Miller, Maumee Valley Planning Organization, shared with the Land Reutilization Committee (Land Bank) that the application for the residential and commercial blight program included 43 properties from throughout the county. Miller shared that the estimated application price tag for remediation is \$1,115,316. The county was allocated \$500,000 in the program. Because the county exceeded the allocated amount, there will need to be \$154,500 of match money provided by the Land Bank committee if the total application is accepted. Purchased properties can also be considered match.

The committee was then updated on the progress of the former Paulding theatre lot by Tim Cosey, Paulding County Economic Development Director. This project is one of several in the county using ODOD Brownfield program funds. The theatre and adjacent building demolition has completed and all debris removed. The replacement sidewalks along West Perry Street were framed, with cement recently poured. The group will next be made aware of the cost of putting metal siding on the now exposed, east wall of the Hawg's Tavern building.

The county continues to have ongoing remediation work taking place at the former Grizzley Brake property. The current owners, Arvin Environmental Management, LLC have invested in having natural overgrowth and foliage removed about 40 feet inside the fence perimeter. This has provided a much better view of the chain link fence enclosing the property, and revealed some needed repair. Quotes are taking place on that now. A bid application is also being prepared to drain ponds and level the dirt mounds, at both this site, and the former Stokely site across the road.

Final committee discussions were in regard to following up on properties still owned by the committee and understanding the upcoming mowing maintenance that will soon be required on the properties. Thoughts were then shared in how to proceed in future marketing of remediated properties for development.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry
For Major Annie Guyton Fox I have to break Paulding County Veteran prodigal. But, I found this individual who served at Pearl Harbor who I felt needed to be covered.

Annie was born August 4, 1893 in Pub Nico, Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia, Canada. The daughter of Dr. Charles James and Deidamia Ann (Guyton) Fox. Annie had three sisters and three brothers. Leslie born in 1886, Maria Guyton 1887, Charles James Jr. 1888, Dorothy E. 1889, Lyle Cleveland 1891 and Eunice 1898. In January of 1914, Annie entered the United States at the border crossing. She was listed as a student.

Annie's brother, Charles will serve in World War One as a Lieutenant in the Navy. Her sister, Dorothy served overseas in World War One in France as a nurse. Serving with Casual Nurse Detachment. She returned to America May 27, 1919 on the ship, S.S. P.F. Wilhelm. Landing at Hoboken, New Jersey. Annie served in World War One. Enlisting in the Army Nurse Corp July 3, 1918. Serving months before the war ended.

Showing her abilities to care for the wounded. After the war, she found her way to New York where she became a practicing nurse. On November 26, 1919 she filed at the New York County Supreme Court to become an American Citizen. She was listed as light complexion, dark hair and blue eyes. Her service in the Nurse Corp will end October 3, 1924. She re-enlisted October 30, 1925. Numerous places she went to train and work as a nurse. Stationed at Fort Sam Houston April 20, 1939. While there, on April 1, 1940, she was promoted 2nd Lieutenant.

Annie was stationed at Pearl Harbor at the Station's Hospital in November of 1941. She was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. She was the head nurse at Hickam Field. A 30 bed hospital with six nurses. She was well liked and respected.

On December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor came under attack. The 47 year old quickly

took control of the situation as bombs rained down on the air base. First hand accounts of the attack stated that the planes were flying so low that the nurses could see the Japanese pilots talking to each other. Casualties poured into the hospital within minutes of the first bombing run. Bombs fell around the hospital. One bomb left a 30 foot crater only 20 feet away from the hospital wing. The casualties were so numerous, that nurses barely had time to administer pain medication before triaging them onto Trippler Hospital. Lt. Fox rallied nurses, N.C.O. and officer's wife's to organize in the making and administering hundreds of wound dressings. Lt. Fox was herself, participating in surgery, administering anesthesia during the bombardment. Eighty two Army nurse were stationed in Hawaii.

Serving at three different Army Medical locations. On October 26, 1942, Lt. Fox was recognized for her bravery. She became the first woman to be awarded the Purple Heart medal. On October 6, 1944, she was awarded the Bronze Star. The Purple Heart was returned. Also in 1944, Annie was promoted to Captain. By 1945, Annie was promoted to Major. She retired from service to her Country, December 31, 1945.

She moved to California, living out her days until she passed away, January 20, 1987 in San Mateo, California. She is buried in San Francisco National Cemetery, San Francisco, California, Section A. Site 657-A. On March 8, 2017, Hawaii Magazine ranked Major Annie Guyton Fox, among a list of 15 most influential woman in Hawaii.

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ber 12, 2023. He has since had weekly follow-up visits in Columbus and a short hospital stay. Because of the ongoing medical expenses, the WT NHS is donating its 5K proceeds to Jayce and his family.

Registration forms are available at the Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School building,

on the Wayne Trace website, or on Facebook. The registration forms are due back to the Wayne Trace High School by Monday, April 15 if you want to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Local businesses who have not already been contacted can also sponsor the event by calling the Wayne Trace High School at extension 229.

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ORANGE YA GLAD YOU COME TO ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS?



Ann's Bright Beginnings recently celebrated the letter "Oo" day by making ORANGE collages at school! We had a lot of fun doing this process art while reinforcing the letter O! Registration is OPEN for fall preschool and summer care for all ages. Please call 419- 399-KIDS (5437) for more information. Shown here from the left are some of the children from our PreK class: Mateo Ash, Lakelynn Sauber, Brynleigh Adams, Levi Lockwood, Johanna Federighi, and Van Snyder.

RECYCLING ROUNDUP IN PAULDING COUNTY OHIO



Congratulations to the recycling residents of Paulding County! Because of your hard work and commitment to saving the Planet, "one box at a time", we successfully increased our volume by 10%. We diverted approximately 110 Tons of material out of landfill for year ending 2023. That was up from 100 Tons in 2022. In addition to which, we only had a couple of dumping incidents that were quickly remediated with the assistance of our hard-working guys from the County Engineer's Office.

As we move forward into 2024, I'm looking forward to a "Recycling Extravaganza" that I'm putting together for some-

time in July. We're going to offer Paint, Fluorescent Bulbs, Electronics and TIRE recycling. I'll have additional information on that event as details get locked down.

I want to give a huge "shout out" to Ameriona Stiltner and her team of fellow students from Ms. Remaklus's, Personal Growth and Mindset Class at PHS. They got out on Saturday morning, March 9th, to offer an opportunity for recycling to the residents of Paulding and you responded in a big way! We loaded everything up in "Big Red" and weighed in at 420 pounds of material diverted from landfill. Congratulations to the whole team of students that

put this event together and braved the cold and wind to make it happen. Joshua Funez, Alyssia Wilson, Kaitlyn Goings, Hayden Gill, Ronnie Goodwin, Brayden Kingen and Anna Stiltner being, "Paulding County Strong".

In other news, Big Red is being retired! After 13 years of hard service in the WMEA Program, it's time to introduce my new ride, which I'm dubbing "White Lightning". It took a year to take possession (supply chain issues) and I was praying that Red would last that long. I'll now be out and about the County in my white, 15 passenger van. Ron Wirts, with our County Engineer department, removed seats and fitted it with a guard to keep cardboard from sliding into my head as I make pickups. The guys have helped me with a number of projects over the years and I'm very grateful for their assistance. Ron keeps me operational and Jim Foltz assisted with cleaning out my trailers and moving some really heavy stuff around. You guys are the best! I suspect there could be homemade cookies coming!

As we start enjoying some warmer weather and begin our spring cleaning, be sure and contact me with any questions regarding disposal of items that you think can be recycled. I can be reached on my cell at 832-444-4814 (quickest is texting me) at my office, 419-399-3630, or by emailing me at shannon@pauldingtonwmea.com

—Shannon Rushel

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL THIRD NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

- * Denotes a 4.0 GPA
- Academic Letter Honor Roll: 4.0-3.8**
- FRESHMEN:** *Grady Helms, *Blake Noggle, *Amber Stoller, *Eli Treece, *Cole Manz, *Noah Schlatter, *Kaelyn Vejar
- SOPHOMORES:** *Clay Stoller, *Addison Stoller, *Caitlyn Mead, *Whitney Borroff, *Riley Manz, *Torree Sinn, *Estrella Martinez Sandoval, *Hailey Duncan,

*Olivia Franklin, Lily Boyd, Lucas Morehead, Natalie Richie, Mylie Wittwer

JUNIORS: *Tori Young, *Anna Meraz, *Ryan Bostelman, *Kathleen Stoller, *Natalie Stoller, *Isabella Knowles, *Luke Stouffer, *Nicholas Sinn, *Ava Stoller, *Lorie Sinn, *Makenna Johnson, *Dylan Coffman, *Harper Myers, *Tyler Sanderson, Tyson Gerber, Adela Collins, Rylin Moore, Morgan Elliott, Trista Evans

SENIORS: *Laryssa Whitman, *Olivia Meraz, *Kyle Stoller, *Melanie Dunham, *Brenna Parker, *Brenna Thomas, *Caitlyn Thomas, *Maddox Treece, *Emma Laukhuf, *Meara Rager, *Kaitlin Slade, *Eli Stuart, *Paige Alber, *Kacy Hornish, *Hudson Myers, *Kyren Karhoff, *Breven Anderson

Honor Roll: 4.0-3.0

SEVENTH: *Jonah Sinn, *Kendall Folsom, *Addilynn Gerardot, Elliot Parady, Corbin Stoller, Jennifer Treece, Brooke Stoller, Easton Jay, Kinlee Miller, Olivia Stoller, Grace Ringler, Makenna Schilt, Evelyn Lyons, Emma Whitman, Brayden Sinn, Aaron Bohland, Madison Silance, Addilyn Davis, Blaize Karhoff, Jeriyah Orona, Witt Stoller, Ian Scarberry, Abigail Tarlton, Paige Schang, Waylon McCord, Maxton Williamson, Braylin Sinn, Abbie Williams, Nathan Benschneider, Addison Sennebogen, Gabrielle Gurney

EIGHTH: *Jenna Kipfer, *Lilly Shepherd, Logan Gambler, Caylie Baker, Addyson LaBounty, Brooke Tigner, Ashlyn Manz, Reece Morehead, Madison Pease, Khloe Merriman, Brenan Miller, Jensen Beining, Braxton Schnipke, Xylem Kashner, Brinna Collins, Lilly Holbrook, Londyn Greear, Aubrie Stoller, Cayla Noggle, Peyton Welch, Jaxon Cook, Peyton Sennebogen, Brock Knowles, Kahne Mansfield, Nora Weninger, Emma Hurd, Isabella Lowe, Elynn Clemens

Honor Roll: 3.8-3.0

FRESHMEN: Campbell Volk, Anna Manz, Grayson Sutton, Grady Manson, Christopher Dilling, Abrianna Viola, Alex Doster, Leah Bland, Reece Olwin, Elizabeth Graham, Olivia Zartman, Miley Jacobs, Stefany Lopez-Castillo, McKenzie Johnson, Ella Crosby, Isabelle O'Shaughnessy, Zachary Stoller, Corbin Varner, Gavin Strawser, Benjamin Gurney, Ka Maury Sullivan, Carter Baumle, Isabel Gilbert, Camryn Finger, Brody Rossworum

SOPHOMORES: William Burgei, Caleb Cox, Deklyn Schweinsberg, Aubree Miller, Lexi Moore, Myleigh Sheets, Emma Stouffer, Griffin Williamson, Hunter Lyons, Chloe McClure, Kaden Wilcox, Amber Stoller, Eric Reinhart, Raegan McGarvey, Izabella Foust, Delana Noggle, Careen Winans, Caroline Winans, Micah Sinn, Lance Whitman, Brayden Treece, Olivia Baughman, Ryann Jay, Sierra Young, Zoey Schultz

JUNIORS: Allison Noggle, Ciarra Cotterman, Tianna Sinn, Jordan Banks, Christian Bohland, Dyson Scott, EmmaJane Benschneider, Aiden Lee, Jarrett Jewell, Madison Gurney, Serenity Helms

SENIORS: KatieAnna Baumle, Allison Schilt, Kyla Hurd, Cale Winans, Meg Thompson, Dylan Hildebrand, Lynsey Pease, Zachary Wobler, Caitlin Sanchez, Olivia Longstreth, Briley Coffman, Emma Lyons, Emily

PREMIER BANK PLEDGES \$10K TO DEFIANCE COLLEGE



Premier Bank has pledged \$10,000 to Defiance College. The funds will be used to support the 175th Anniversary Strengthening Defiance College Campaign. "Although tuition and fees are the primary source of revenue for the college, they do not fully cover the cost of a transformative Defiance College education," explained Richanne Mankey, President, Defiance College. "Contributions to this campaign by community partners like Premier Bank will help to supply the margin of excellence that helps to ensure quality across our campus now and beyond

our 175th anniversary celebration."

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to support Defiance College and their 175th anniversary through this campaign that will enable the college to sustain excellence in teaching and learning now and in the future," said Trish Gelsomino, Foundation Giving Coordinator, Premier Bank. "Together we can spread kindness and make the Defiance community stronger!"

For more information regarding Defiance College, please call 419-784-4010 or visit Defiance.edu*

Thrasher, Rylee Johnson, Kaylyn Taylor, Ava Zartman, Logan Miller, Bethany Zehner, Kaden Clark, Caleb Mosier, Brooks Laukhuf, Tucker Antoine, Logen Bland, Kailyn Karhoff, Caden Tumblin, Royce Cooper

han, Braxton Fidler, Luke Saylor, Sylvie Zartman, Lily Zijlstra, Julian Rivera, Brady Stairhime

All A's & B's:

ANTWERP ELEM THIRD NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

All A's:

THIRD GRADE: Hadley Bissell, Paizley Cover, Aria Feasby, Mason Ganger, Addison Griffiths, Madilyn Hogans, Leni Johnson, Roman Laker, Hudson Martenies, Wayne Zielke, Beckett Zuber, Reece Bidlack, Bristol Kauser, Grace Kofee, Sutton Malfait, Rylan Rubbing Parker Schmidt, Addie Straley, Carter Taylor

FOURTH GRADE: Brock Barker, Grace Beck-Bragg, Zoey Cottrell, Lillian Mowery, Ulrik Zijlstra, Adelle Cline, Annabelle James, Cora Rohrs, Emmett Wurster, June Zuber, Olivia Kosch, Lauren Overman, Lucas Phillips, Quintin Reyes, Brody Smith, Greyson Smith

FIFTH GRADE: Carter Bagley, Destiny Getz, Adrian Hogans, Charlotte Kauser, Josie Laker, Serenity Smith, Conley Bissell, Aubree Fee-

THIRD GRADE: Garrett Bair, Duke Dangler, Colton Hanenkratt, Greysyn Hermlinger, Keegan Moreno, Roberta Poppe, Blade Ruffing, Carson Sutton, Brayton Winslow, Brody Adams, Ashlynn Dunham, Deacon Hitzeman, Wynter Johnson, Ensley Hahn, Lydia White, Tori Brandenburg, Brevyn Eicher, Skyler Pierce, Owen Rhonehouse, Anna Wiechart

FOURTH GRADE: Aria DeVault, Wesley Hostettler, Ellie Kemerer, Layton Ladd, Jase Burelison, Soren Conley, Brando Melgar Cruz, Bennett Graham, Elliott Henschen, Harper Morrow, Jameson Reeb, Madison Wiesehan, Olivia Bennett, Sophia Friend, Aubree Frost, Zoey Mylek, Sebastian Yanez

FIFTH GRADE: Carter Beregszazi, Quinne Bradbury, Jaxton Leibach, Colt Lockhart, Rilee Martin, Cy Zuber, Riel Gonzalez, Dalton Hines, Jocelyn Laker, Jameson Malfait, Sophie Partin, Adelynn Slattman, Edwin White, Kennedy Zuber, Ian Clark, Keigan Custer, Juliet Jones, Bradyn Miler, Makenzie Muir

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

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

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

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments
Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

MARCH MADNESS

BASKETBALL

Dear Editor,
For the 44th year, folks who live in Paulding County and the surrounding area will have the opportunity to enjoy a local interpretation of "MARCH MADNESS BASKETBALL..." the 44th Annual 24HR Charity Basketball Marathon beginning at 4:55PM Good Friday, March 29 at the Wayne Trace Payne

Elementary Gymnasium on West Townline in Payne. This "MADNESS" continues through the night and through the day on Saturday, ending with the closing ceremonies and awards presentation at 5:30PM.

Friday's opening game pits the very tough and talented 'Hybrid Performance' against the equally experienced 'Paulding Cardinals'. 96 additional teams, with over 1000 outstanding player participants will compete in the 48 games that follow vying for top honors in the six different 'divisions' that include MINI-TOTS; TOTS; MINI-YOUTH; YOUTH, CO-ED AND MEN. Teams such as 'Fairly Odd Parents', 'The Monstars'; 'Designated Drinkers'; '419 Coffee Company'; 'Judge Beckman's Bailiffs and 'Misfits' will be 'battling the boards' in their respective divisional games that start promptly on the hour and half-hour.

Team entry fees, door admissions and proceeds from the sale of items in the concession stand all go to the "Paulding Area Support Society" (formerly known as the Paulding County Society for Crippled Children & Adults) abbreviated "P.A.S.S.". In addition to enjoying great basketball (and a visit with your neighbor!) your attendance at this long running charity event will provide funds that are distributed by the 'Paulding Area Support Society' (P.A.S.S.) throughout the coming year for medical expenses, physical, occupational and speech therapy, appliances such as wheel chairs, braces and much more to those with disabilities and birth defects. Proceeds from

the Marathon along with monies received from the annual mailing campaign, allows the 'Society' to assist upwards of 150 children and adults annually within Paulding County. The all-volunteer group accepts and screens applications from those requesting assistance.

For a fulfilling and fun time this Easter weekend, I encourage folks of all ages to attend this most worthwhile Paulding County charity event and its 'version' of "March Madness Basketball". "You won't be disappointed, I guarantee it!"

—Jim Hooker
Mesa, Arizona

STENZEL TO SPEAK AT PHS

Internationally known, Christian speaker on sex , Pam Stenzel is coming to Paulding to present a lecture to teens and anyone else interested. Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00PM in the Paulding High School Auditoria. Students in grades 7-12 are urged to attend.

PREPARE FOR THE ECLIPSE WITH DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

With funding from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, the Space Science Institute, through its Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL) program is distributing 5 million pair of solar-viewing glasses to 10,000 libraries, including those in Defiance County.

From March 25-April 8, free solar eclipse viewing glasses will be available at all Defiance Public Library System locations during open hours, including Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, & Johnson Memorial libraries. Patrons can pick up one pair of glasses per family while supplies last.

If glasses are available by April 5, families will be able to obtain a second pair. Glasses can be picked up at the Reference desk in Defiance and at the main desks in Sherwood and Hicksville.

In addition, all are invited to prepare for the eclipse by making a DIY solar eclipse T-shirt on April 1 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. (come and go) at Grace Episcopal Church, 308 W. Second St. Bring your own black shirt or other cotton item. Paint and instructions will be provided, while supplies last. No registration is needed.

For more information, contact the library at 419-782-1456.

PAIGE JOHNSON, ASST. EXEC. DIR., RECEIVES CERTIFIED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

We are pleased to announce that Paige Johnson, our Assistant Executive Director, has been awarded the Certified Workforce Development Professional (CWDP) certification. This significant achievement will further enhance our organization's ability to drive positive outcomes in our workforce initiatives.

"I am excited about the possibilities that this credential brings and look forward to the impact I will make in driving our workforce measures forward."- Paige Johnson, Assistant Executive Director.

With her newly acquired CWDP certification, Paige will spearhead efforts to secure grant opportunities and develop tailored training programs that will empower our workforce and promote economic growth in our community. This credential underscores Paige's commitment to advancing workforce development practices and signifies her expertise in designing effective strategies to support professional development and advancing opportunities for our workforce.

"I'm not surprised by Paige acquiring this certification. She works very hard to put the Defiance County Business Communities' needs at the forefront. Now with this certification, she'll be able go after funding that will boost our local businesses through training offerings and more," stated Erika Willitzer, Executive Director of Defiance County Economic Development.

WHEN SHOULD YOU TAKE SOCIAL SECURITY?

One of your important sources of retirement income will likely be Social Security — but when should you start taking it?

You can start collecting Social Security benefits at 62, but your checks will be considerably bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. You could even wait until you're 70, at which point the payments will max out, except for yearly cost-of-living adjustments. But if you need the money, you need the money, even if you're just 62 or any age before full retirement age.

However, if you have adequate financial resources to meet your monthly needs, whether through earned income, your investment portfolio or a combination of the two, you could have some flexibility in choosing when to take Social Security. In this case, you may want to weigh these considerations:

- Life expectancy – For all of us, it's one of life's great mysteries: How long will we live? Of course, we can't see into the future, so the question can't be answered with total confidence. But to make an informed decision on when to take Social Security, you don't need to know your exact lifespan — you just need to make a reasonably good estimate. So, for example, if you're approaching 62, you're enjoying excellent health and you have a family history of longevity, you might conclude it's worth waiting a few years to

collect Social Security, so you can receive the bigger payments. Conversely, if your health is questionable and your family has not been fortunate in terms of longevity, you might want to start taking your benefits earlier.

- Employment – You can certainly continue working and still receive Social Security benefits. However, if you're under your full retirement age for the entire year, Social Security will deduct \$1 from your benefits for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit of \$22,320. In the year you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will deduct \$1 in benefits for every \$3 you earn above \$59,520. So, you may want to keep these reductions in mind when deciding when to begin accepting benefits. Once you reach your full retirement age, you can earn any amount without losing benefits. (Also, at your full retirement age, Social Security will recalculate your benefit amount to credit you for the months you received reduced benefits because of your excess earnings.)

- Spouse – Spouses can receive two types of Social Security benefits: spousal and survivor. With a spousal benefit, your spouse can receive up to 50% of your full retirement benefits, regardless of when you start taking them. (Your spouse's benefit can be reduced by the amount of their own retirement benefit and whether they took Social Security before their full retirement age.) But with a survivor benefit, your decision about when to take Social Security can make a big difference. A surviving spouse can receive the larger of their own benefit or 100% of a deceased spouse's benefit, so if you take benefits early and receive a permanent reduction, your spouse's survivor benefit may also be reduced for their lifetime.

When to take Social Security is an important — and irrevocable — decision. So, consider all the factors before making your choice.

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

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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

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

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

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

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

Ney: Marathon

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

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

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

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

Scott: Scott Post Office

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

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

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

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

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GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Grover Hill March student of the Month are: Front L - R Hannah Martin, Ellie Baksa, Emory Boyer, Wyatt Mengerink, Iris Linton, Jerry Zickefoose and Cyntia Pineda. Back Mia Adkins, Kastin Eblin, Sophia Canfield, Aylan Stoller, Zoey Schnipke, Abby Nickols, Shannel Wright and Jude Miller.

PAULDING ELEMENTARY FEBRUARY MINDSET MARVELS 100% ACCOUNTABLE



Paulding Elementary recently announced its February Mindset Marvels - 100% Accountable. Pictured here (front row): Eli Manz, Gabby LaBoe, and Hannah Grace; (middle row): Keatyn Manz, Ellie Branch, Wyatt VanVlerah, Ilah Zimmerman, Remi Rison, Harper Snyder, and Rylan Dunakin; (back row): Ella Spangler, Georgie Arend, Avery Parrett, Merrick Wolfle, Brayden Ramirez-Cortes, Kyson Howard, and Rylan Dunakin. Missing from picture: Evie Schroeder, Kinley Sunday, Daryus Mitchell, and Harmony Finch.

PASS 24 HOUR BASKETBALL MARATHON IS THIS WEEKEND!

Schedule for the upcoming PASS 24 hour basketball marathon.

Friday, March 29, 2024:

4:55 p.m. - Opening Ceremony

5:00 p.m. - MENS - HYBRID PERFORMANCE vs. PAULDING CARDINALS

5:30 p.m. - MENS - SCHULTZ AUTOMOTIVE vs. WILLIAMSON INSURANCE AGENCY

6:00 p.m. - CO-ED - DEFIANCE ELEMENTARY vs. FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

6:30 p.m. - CO-ED - FAIRLY ODD PARENTS vs. CHILDREN OF THE CORN

7:00 p.m. - MENS - ANTWERP PIT STOP vs. PAYNE FIRE DEPT

7:30 p.m. - CO-ED - G FAMILY FARMS vs. DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME

8:00 p.m. - YOUTH -

LOGISTICIZE LTD vs. K&K INSULATION

8:30 p.m. - CO-ED - PETALS & VINES vs. ACROSS THE FIELD PODCAST

9:00 p.m. - CO-ED - THE HORMANNS vs. TRUE VINE TREE SERVICE

9:30 p.m. - CO-ED - FINISH WORK INTERIORS vs. REBBER FARMS

10:00 p.m. - CO-ED - THE ANTHISTA-MINIONS vs. DEN HERDER FUNERAL HOME

10:30 p.m. - MENS - TRIGGER PULLERS vs. COLEMAN'S FLOORING

11:00 p.m. - CO-ED - CUSTOM ASSEMBLY vs. CUSTOM ASSEMBLY

11:30 p.m. - CO-ED - PUCKERBRUSH PIZZA vs. ARN'S REPAIR LLC

Saturday, March 30, 2024:

MIDNIGHT - MENS - TREECE ELECTRIC vs. JUDGE BECKMAN'S BAILIFFS

12:30 a.m. - MENS - MID LIFE CRISIS vs. BARBEQUE CHICKEN

1:00 a.m. - MENS - MILITARY MAYHEM vs. MISFITS

1:30 a.m. - MENS - DESIGNATED DRINKERS vs. MISFITS

2:00 a.m. - MENS - WILLIAMSON INSURANCE AGENCY vs. ETZLER CLAN

2:30 a.m. - MENS - HALF COURT HEROES vs. DILLIGAF

3:00 a.m. - MENS - YENSER GROSS HVAC vs. ONE MORE & WE'LL ALL GO HOME

3:30 a.m. - MENS - RACK SHACK TAXIDERMY vs. CECIL TECH

4:00 a.m. - MENS - BASKETBALL WIVES: PAULDING vs. RETIRED JV PLAYERS

4:30 a.m. - MENS - MODERN MECHANICAL vs. CHOTTY CHIPMUNKS

5:00 a.m. - MENS - CONLON DJ SERVICE vs.

ROBERTS MFG

5:30 a.m. - MENS - K & K INSULATION vs. THE BAD BATCH

6:00 a.m. - MENS - HERBERT E ORR vs. KOHART'S SCRAP AND SURPLUS

6:30 a.m. - MENS - HICKORY STICKS GOLF CLUB vs. INNER CIRCLE 3.0

7:00 a.m. - MENS - YMCA OF VW COUNTY vs. FAITH OVER FEAR 3.0

7:30 a.m. - EXHIBITION - PAULDING CO. SPECIAL OLYMPICS vs. OHIO, NOT GEORGIA

8:00 a.m. - MENS - THE UNDERDOGS 3.0 vs. PAULDING NAPA

8:30 a.m. - MINI-TOTS - ANTWERP ARCHERS 1ST GRADE vs. ZESTO'S MINI RAIDERS

9:00 a.m. - MINI-TOTS - DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL vs. JOHN MANZ INSURANCE

9:30 a.m. - MINI-TOTS - PANTHER CHAMPS vs. HOOKER ENTERPRISES PAINTING

10:00 a.m. - MINI-TOTS - PAULDING CO HOSPITAL vs. TEAM CLAYMILLER

10:30 a.m. - MINI-TOTS - PAULDING ACE HARDWARE vs. FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

11:00 a.m. - MINI-YOUTH - CLASS OF 2030 vs. WILLIAMSON INSURANCE AGENCY

11:30 a.m. - MINI-YOUTH - THE MONSTARS vs. OTTAWA WARRIORS

NOON - MINI-YOUTH - YOUNG BROTHERS FARMS vs. BRICKLAYERS

12:30 p.m. - TOTS - DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL vs. PAULDING CO HOSPITAL

1:00 p.m. - TOTS - MICHAEL MOTT DDS vs. ANTWERP ARCHERS 3RD GRADE

1:30 p.m. - TOTS - PANTHER ALL-STARS vs. ARCHER GIRLS SLKRAQLA

2:00 p.m. - CO-ED - AGVANTAGE SEED CENTER vs. AGVANTAGE SEED CENTER

2:30 p.m. - CO-ED - BURKLEY BUNCH vs. SUPERIOR CREDIT UNION

3:00 p.m. - CO-ED - MIDWEST FED CREDIT UNION vs. THE ECLECTIC COMPANY

3:30 p.m. - CO-ED - SUDS TO SHINE EXPRESS vs. FCHC ORTHO PT

4:00 p.m. - MENS - REO LEGACY vs. WALNUT STREET WARRIORS

4:30 p.m. - MENS - 419 COFFEE COMPANY vs. MANGETTE CUZZOS

5:00 p.m. - MENS - SORE IN THE MORNING vs. INTEGRITY FORD

5:30 p.m. - AWARDS CEREMONY

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: ANTWERP PIT STOP



The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce spotlight for March is The Antwerp Pit Stop in Antwerp, Ohio

Christy and Tony DeLong are the owners of the Pit Stop. It all began with a phone call and the opportunity to purchase a business. Tony and Christy discussed the idea and then set the papers aside for awhile. Then Gene Mosier from National Oil and Gas came and asked for a chance to meet with them and discuss things in more detail. That was the moment for Christy when faith kicked in and it felt like the right time to take a chance and things began to fall into place.

Christy and Tony began the business with zero knowledge about what it takes to run a gas station and convenience store. Previously Christy had worked as a dental hygienist for 15 years. The last 19 years of owning the business has proven to be challenging as well as rewarding and Christy is most positive of the impact they have had on the local economy and the relationships they have been able to build with their customers.

The business, originally the Shell Station, became known as the Antwerp Pit Stop. A gas station and convenience store that is a one stop destination for fuel, a variety of snacks and even a delicious pizza emerged as a result of that decision. The station features multiple fuel pumps for various fuel types which makes it convenient for customers that have different fuel needs. The convenience store is well stocked with everyday essentials, snacks, beverages hot and cold and other convenience items.

Our hometown locally owned and operated gas station is best known for its beer cave and its pizza. Being locally owned the Pit Stop adds a special touch to the community, distinguishing itself from larger, corporate chains. Customers often appreciate knowing that their purchases

contribute directly to our local economy and that Christy and Tony regularly give back to the community through donations to various community functions, sports team sponsorships as well as being very active within the community. These things are what set the Pit Stop aside as our only locally owned gas station in the village of Antwerp.

The friendly and approachable staff members work hard to keep that sense of community connection alive. They work hard to keep a clean and well maintained gas station and convenience store and that makes a positive impression within the community. Gas discounts are available through programs that they participate in such as Marathon Rewards and Get Upside. Customers return to the Pit Stop because of the convenient location, competitive pricing and the wide range of products offered in the store. The staff does their best to make sure customers find what they are looking for.

The Antwerp Pit Stop serves the Antwerp community as well as people traveling through town and many from across the state line. The best way that a customer can improve their experience when they visit the store is if you don't find what you are looking for, please ask the staff. Chances are that they may be able to work with any of their remarkable vendors to get this item into your hands.

Congratulations to Christy and Tony on serving the Antwerp Community for the last 19 years. Your dedication to the Village of Antwerp and the surrounding communities is obvious in the care that you take with your customers, your staff and the business community of Antwerp.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is excited to partner with The Antwerp Pit Stop in the growth of Antwerp and the surrounding community.

front of the library's east wing, to the right of the ramp entrance to the Children's Department.

This year, the Plant Library cart will be located in

a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The cart was built by the DREAM Center.

If you have questions about the Plant Library, contact DPL at 419-782-1456.

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COLIN WHITE ADDED TO OHIO BASKETBALL'S HISTORICAL LIST



Ottawa-Glandorf High School senior Colin White was named Ohio Mr. Basketball Wednesday. Photo credit OHSA

By: Jim Naveau, The Lima News

Colin White knows something about the history of the Mr. Basketball award.

Now the 6-foot, 6-inch Ottawa-Glandorf standout is part of that history after being voted Ohio's 2024 Mr. Basketball by the Ohio Prep Sports-writers Association.

Quizzed about his knowledge of former Mr. Basketball winners not named LeBron James, White responded without hesitation, "Malaki Branham, Gabe Cupps, Devin Royal, Jamar Butler and Greg Simpson."

White has averaged 24.9 points, 8.2 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 2.6 steals a game this season for O-G (24-3) heading into its Division III state semifinal against Canal Winchester Harvest Prep on Friday at the University of Dayton Arena.

With 1,995 career points, he is five points away from becoming the first Ottawa-Glandorf player and first Putnam County player to score 2,000 points.

He is already a two-time first-team Division III All-Ohio selection and will receive that honor a third time when this year's All-Ohio teams are announced next week.

Ottawa-Glandorf has reached the boys state basketball tournament all four years of White's career. The Titans were state runner-up last season and in 2022 and have a 94-15 record in the last four seasons.

Next season White will wear an Ohio State uniform after signing with the Buckeyes in November. He chose OSU over Butler, Northwestern, Cincinnati and TCU and recently reaffirmed his commitment to the Buckeyes after Jake Diebler was hired to replace Chris Holtmann.

Cleveland Heights Lutheran East's Jesse McCulloch, who has signed with

Michigan State, was the runner-up to White in the Mr. Basketball voting. The other finalists were J'Allen Barrino (Malvern), Alex Bruskotter (Shelby), Marcus Johnson (Garfield Heights), Kruz McClure (Westerville South), Tyler McKinney (Cincinnati Winton Woods), Hayden Nigro (Louisville) and Mason ShROUT (Preble Shawnee).

He said his feeling at the moment he learned he would be joining the list of Mr. Basketball winners was "kind of a sense of accomplishment."

"It's something you heard about growing up," White said. "You want to win. It's something you dream about winning and to actually hear I won is really cool. It's a great feeling. It's one of the best feelings of the high school experience."

White is the first Mr. Basketball from northwest Ohio since Lima Senior's Xavier Simpson in 2016. This is the 14th time an Ohio State recruit has won this award in the 37 years it has been given out.

Improving his shooting in his last two seasons of high school basketball played a big part in getting his Ohio State offer, White said.

His plans this summer start with "just continuing to work on my body."

"I feel like I have a pretty good frame, but I still need to fill out in certain areas," he said.

Ottawa-Glandorf coach Tyson McGlaughlin said, "I've got chills running down my body just thinking about it."

"A lot of times I feel like we get overlooked here in northwest Ohio, especially in our area. To see one of our own recognized at the highest level, it's just a feeling I've never been a part of it. There are a lot of really good players. To me, he separated himself by performing his best on the highest stages."

White, who regularly appears on his high school's

honor roll, played four sports (baseball, basketball, football and soccer) until his sophomore year.

His mother, Sandy White, a first-team Division III All-American at Capital University who scored 2,248 points in her college career, thought baseball, not basketball, would become her son's sport when he was younger.

"I would have never guessed it was going to be basketball," she said. "From the time he was little, he had a baseball glove on his hand, and he was throwing a baseball over and over and over. Probably around eighth grade, he really developed a love for basketball full speed ahead. He worked on it tirelessly, and here we are."

Colin White said, "Baseball was my favorite sport. I kind of started getting a little bit taller, a little bit lankier, a little bit faster, and basketball kind of became the sport I was best at. After freshman year, it kind of took over my life, and I was like, 'Man, I really love this sport.' I took it and rode it from there, and now basketball is my life. It's just something I love to do."

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL 3rd NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2023-24

SENIORS

4.0: Casey Agler, Elli Barton, Kobe Foor, Joshua Funez, Aiden Herman, Meagan Hirschy, Jamy Hunt, Maci Kauser, Brayden Kingen, Sarah Lewis, Allyson (Ally Jo) Merriman, Zachary Metcalf, Kelcie Pack, Jocelynn Parrett, Trinity Salazar, Denis Santillan-Rodriguez, Tyler Schlatter, Riley Stork

3.5-3.99: Drake Ankney, Jesus Estrada, Landrey Fitzgerald, Ronald Goodwin, Mattie Hirschy, Sammie (Eli) Jones, Lucas Kennedy, Layla Logan, Wesley Ludwig, Tytus Manz, Charles (Garrett) McClure, Patrick Paholak, Ashlyn Paisley-Eaton, Adam Stahl

3.0-3.49: Chloe Boyd, Harley Collins, Hunter Cray, Jacob Diemer, Kylie McCray, Esther Rocha, Morgan Szurminski, Evalyn Wallen-Henderson, Hailey Wolpert

JUNIORS

4.0: Matthew Bail, Lucas Beckman, Elizabeth Dotterer, Ximena Enrigue-Roldan, Kaitlyn Goings, Grace Goyings, Jocelynn Hawk, Emily Keezer, Jalyne Klopfenstein, Curtis Langsdorf, Giovanni Linares, Peyton Manz, Claire Miller, Marley Parrett, Emma Porter, Ashley Rickels, Brooklyn Schlatter, Dominic Stahl, Cully Thompson, Ethan Warner, Jack Woods

3.5-3.99: Kiara Adams, Brooklynn Bakle, Alexander Baughman, Ryan Cantu, Gavin Coil, David Dulaney, Brooke Kilgore, Alayna Kingen, Samuel Reinhard, Hopeful Rose, Brandon Schroeder, David Slawson, Ameriona Stiltner, Kadence Thomas, Alexis Wharry

3.0-3.49: Aameah Carr, Anna Clemens, Makenna Dunham, Carter Evans, Mykal Files, Courtney Good, Greyson Harder, Ian Hutchinson, Piper Kochel, Johnathan Lipps, Christiana Martinez, Karter Spears

SOPHOMORES

4.0: Xander Bartley, Ingrid Bautista Salto, Lilian Daniels, Mallory Fisher, Jacob Harris, Hunter Harwell, Brooklyn King, Layla Kremer, Trenton Manz, Aleah Matty, Tessa Metcalf, Abigail Panches, Sheyenne Shepherd, Laila

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS CELEBRATES ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Top O' The Mornin' to you from all the lads and lassies at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool & Daycare! We made a fun shamrock mosaic and also a leprechaun trap, while enjoying a day with our school agers! For more information about registration, call 419-399-KIDS (5437). Shown here in the back are school agers: Savannah Coil, Sam Vance, Wyatt Wilhelm, Everett Wilhelm, Eli Hernandez, Garrett Wilhelm and Ariya Lockwood. In front are preschoolers: Levi Lockwood, Brynleigh Adams, Lakelynn Sauber, Mateo Ash and Ava Coy.

Stiltner, Adan Zacarias

3.5-3.99: Grady Barton, Bailey Bennett, Lucy Breier, Makayla Carr, Izaac Coutts, Hayden Gill, Jackson Griffith, Addison Hunt, Colten Hunt, Molly Iler, Damien Iliff, Isabelle Lamb, Clayton Manz, Jared Manz, Renee Mccabe, Tyler Palacios, Addison Pease, Dylan Perez, Hope Peters, Blake Rhonehouse, Raleigh Sanders, Thad Schneider, Xander Schwab, Jack Schweller, Addison Shull, Logan Winke

3.0-3.49: Olivia Breckler, Kaitlynn Breedlove, Landen Danberry, Katelynn Gerbers, Hannah Griffiths, Gerald Hartzell, Jackson Laker, Samantha Leal, Miguel Mar-

tinez, Emma Mccray, Leticia Mendez, Adam Panches, Luke Ray

FRESHMEN

4.0: Anija Acevedo, Destiny Aldred, Braylen Barnes, Remington Boroff, Isabella Burtch, Max Daeger, Landon Dasher, Kayleigh Dunham, Silas Foltz, Jayla Griffith, Alexis Hankinson, Reina Kleman, Mariah Klopfenstein, Mackenzie Leatherman, Esther Lemieux, Camdyn Manz, Megan Manz, Myrriah Manz, Vivienne Myers, Estie

Pease, Lucy Porter, Leonel Reyes, Tori Schlatter, Audrey Stoller, Darcy Taylor

3.5-3.99: Avery Cooper, Kyra Jackman, Esperanza Kline, Kate Manz, Noah Pollock, Cadence Schwab, Lailah Smith, Makayla Spears, Lily Spielman

3.0-3.49: London Ametewee, Jolene Branham, Domanick Bullinger, Hadassa Cantu, Madalyn Dierksheide, Brody Lindsey, Olivia McCrory, Gannon Parrett, Eli Pessefall, Kendra Schroeder

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410 Sprints ready to race at Attica Raceway Park. Photo by Action Photos Ohio



Outlaw Figure 8's ready to open Indianapolis Speedrome. Photo by Kylie Anne Photography



Dirt UMP Late Models at Attica Raceway Park. Photo by Action Photos Ohio

By: Ron Burt

Once again mother nature won at Attica Raceway Park. The speedway canceled the season opener because of cold temperatures. Right now, the first race is set for Friday, March 29th. The 410-Winged Sprints will headline the night, with the Dirt UMP Late Models and 305-Winged Sprints also scheduled to race. Always check the tracks Facebook page for updates and cancellations.

Veteran Late Model ace Hudson O'Neal left MRRI for personal reasons that he wouldn't disclose. He was happy with everything he was able to accomplish racing for Rocket1 last year. He currently has no future plans. Hudson hopes to be back on the track soon. He has lined up a temporary deal for this weekend for the 2 Lucas Oil races at Atomic and Brownstown.

This week it was announced The Valvoline Rocket1 Racing team welcomed three-time national

champion Tim McCreadie as the new house car driver to replace Hudson O'Neal. Tim McCreadie has years of experience, Lucas Oil and World of Outlaws Championships under his belt and a long history of winning marquee events, Tim brings the tenacity and grit needed to carry the legacy of Rocket1 forward. He will make his debut this weekend with the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series at Atomic Speedway on Friday, March 22 and at Brownstown Speedway on Saturday, March 23.

Flat Rock Speedway is set to open its gates on May 4th. For the first time there will be four divisions to compete on opening day. The Moran Chevrolet ARCA Outlaw Super Late Models, DTS Drive Train Specialists ARCA Street Stocks, R&M Recycling ARCA Figure 8s and the NEW ARCA Factory Stock 500 Series will make its debut on opening day. The Factory Stock 500 Series will be interesting and should get the in-

terest of the fans this summer. The Factory Stock 500 Series, a group of 5-100 lap contests; four events at Flat Rock Speedway and a single 100 lap sprint at Toledo Speedway. Each of these 5 races will be run under the Enduro style race format.

For the first time, the point system for the five Enduro races and the standard Factory Stock races will be combined to determine the overall ARCA Factory Stock/Enduro champion. In addition, a separate point system will be in place to crown the Factory Stock 500 champion for that 5-race series. In all, the ARCA Factory Stock/Enduro division will have 14 championship point races between the two tracks.

The 2nd race of the season at Flat Rock will be May 11th and will feature the Figure 8 Cars. They will run the Motor City Madness 50 lap race. Joining the R&M Recycling ARCA Figure 8's will be the Moran Chevrolet ARCA Outlaw Super Late Models, DTS Drive Train Specialists ARCA Street Stocks.

Next week I will have a recap of opening weekend at the Indianapolis Sportsdrome. March 22nd and 23rd they will host the 58th Annual Mid-Western Jake's Outlaw Figure 8 Weekend. The 75-lap race for the Outlaw Figure 8's will be Saturday and the perfect way to open the 2024 season.

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

NEW OHIO WILDLIFE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO NORTHWEST OHIO



Ohio Wildlife Officer Nolan Johnson, of Marblehead, has been assigned to Fulton County, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

Officer Johnson, 21, graduated from Danbury High School and then Hocking College in 2022 with a degree in natural resources law enforcement. During his downtime, Officer Johnson enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, canoeing, and woodworking. Prior to becoming a wildlife officer, Johnson worked for the Division of Wildlife's Sandusky Fisheries Research Station as a wildlife technician.

Officer Johnson is one of 13 Ohio wildlife officer cadets who completed the 32nd Wildlife Officer Training Academy and was sworn in as a commissioned wildlife officer during a graduation ceremony on Friday, March 15.

In addition to the 21-week Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training, the cadets completed 10 weeks of specialized wildlife officer training by the Division of Wildlife. In addition to wildlife law enforcement procedures and agency policies, the cadets received training in areas of wildlife

and fisheries management, communications, outdoor education, all-terrain vehicle operation, hunter safety, and advanced firearms and self-defense topics.

As a wildlife officer, Johnson has statewide authority to enforce wildlife regulations and protect state lands, waterways, and property. As a state law enforcement officer, he also contributes to public safety both locally in northwest Ohio (Wildlife District Two) and in Ohio's vast outdoors. Each year, Ohio's wildlife officers speak to hundreds of clubs and groups about conservation and wildlife programs; perform fish and wildlife conservation duties; and provide technical advice and instruction about wildlife management issues, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor-related recreation.

Officer Johnson is now in the field and will continue his training by working with experienced wildlife officers during the next six months. To report suspicious activity involving wildlife, call (800) POACHER (762-2437). Reports can remain anonymous.

NEW OHIO WILDLIFE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO FULTON COUNTY



Ohio Wildlife Officer Adam Stachler, of Celina, has been assigned to Fulton County, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. Officer Stachler replaces State Wildlife Officer Mike Ohlrich, who transferred to Lucas County in 2024.

Officer Stachler, 22, graduated from Celina High School and then Hocking College in 2022 with a degree in natural resources law enforcement. During his downtime, Officer Stachler enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking, and drawing. Prior to becoming a wildlife officer, Stachler worked with the ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft at Grand Lake St. Marys.

Officer Stachler is one of 13 Ohio wildlife officer cadets who completed the 32nd Wildlife Officer Training Academy and was sworn in as a commissioned wildlife officer during a graduation ceremony on Friday, March 15.

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Officer Stachler is now in the field and will continue his training by working with experienced wildlife officers during the next six months. To reach Officer Stachler directly, call (419) 429-8383. To report suspicious activity involving wildlife, call (800) POACHER (762-2437). Reports can remain anonymous.

The mission of the Division of Wildlife is to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all. Visit wildohio.gov to find out more.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.gov.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic

Disposition Report

Aung T. Nyein, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/under influence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Operator license suspended from 04/01/24 to 04/01/25; 30 days jail, 27 days suspended; May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Proof of insurance provided; All contraband forfeited; Firearm seized and forfeited to Ohio State Highway Patrol; Shall not pursue additional charges

Yosabed U. Vazquez, Paulding, OH; No operator license; Case dismissed at defendant's cost

Mary J. Halsted, Cecil, OH; OVI/under influence, Guilty, Operator license suspended from 02/13/23 to 02/13/25, 30 days jail sus-

pending, May attend DIP/ Have IID installed in lieu of 30 days jail, ALS vacated, Placed on standard probation, Evaluation w/Westwood, 20 hours of community service; No operator license, Count B dismissed; Left of center, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Seat belt/drive, Count D dismissed

Samuel Barrera, Antwerp, OH; No operator license; Guilty; Defendant shall not operate a motor vehicle without a valid license

Amber R. Miller, Haviland, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Sophia R. Fisher, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ilce J. Mendoza Martinez, Oakwood, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Mickey L. Grant, Sherwood, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Defendant completed course

Jenny L. Bauer, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Defendant completed course

Omar M. Ahmed, Hamtramk, MI; Following too close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James A. Hasch Sr., Paulding, OH; Aggravated menacing; Defendant appeared in open court with Mr. Sondergaard, Pled guilty; 180 jail days, 173 suspended; Pay fine/costs; Placed on standard probation; 40 hours of community service; Firearm to be forfeited, remaining 3 firearms to be returned to third party

William Langmeyer, Antwerp, OH; OVI/under influence, Guilty, 90 days jail, 80 days jail suspended; Operator license suspended from 04/16/24 to 04/16/25; Proof of insurance provided; Pay restitution; Standard probation; Evaluation at Westwood; Secure valid driver's license; 20 hours community service; Risk assessment; No alcohol; No bars; Failure to control, Count B dismissed

Matthew T. White, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct; Defendant appeared in open court without counsel, pled

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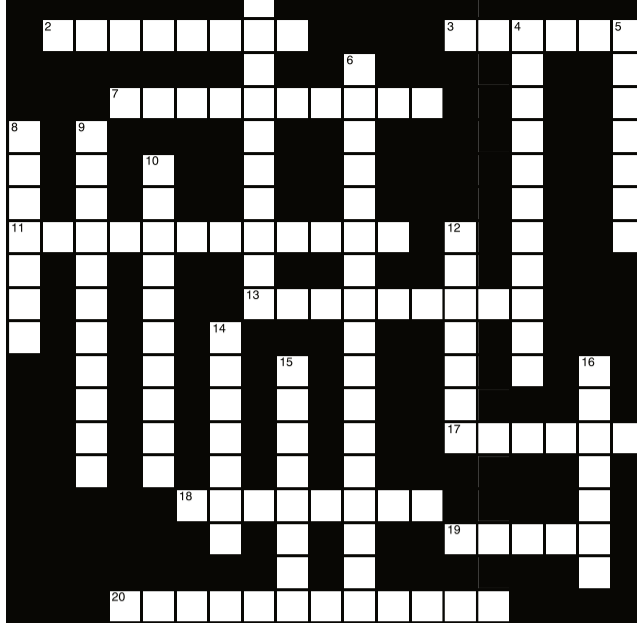
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Crossword Puzzle

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE - APRIL 8, 2024



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- Mathematical term for the alignment of the Sun, Moon, and Earth during a solar eclipse, leading to the phenomenon.
 - A rare type of eclipse that transitions between total and annular along its path.
 - Path of the Moon's shadow as it moves across the Earth's surface.
 - A celestial event when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun, obscuring all or part of the Sun's light.
 - Totality will begin in this Texas city at 1:27 p.m.
 - The outer atmosphere of the Sun visible during totality.
 - Northernmost US city & state where the totality will be on April 8th.
 - The darkest part of the Moon's shadow during a solar eclipse.
 - Continent where the total solar eclipse will be visible.
- seconds of totality for the solar eclipse on April 8th.
 - This city in Mexico will experience 3 minutes and 47 seconds of totality.
 - When the Sun is entirely obscured by the Moon.
 - Specialized eyewear required for safe viewing of the eclipse.
 - Bright spots of sunlight that shine through the rugged lunar terrain just before and after totality, creating the appearance of a string of beads.
 - A period of approximately 18 years and 11 days after which similar solar and lunar eclipses repeat.
 - The influx of visitors to areas within the path of totality may lead to THIS among other inconveniences.
 - Many groups in the totality area are planning these on April 8th.
 - The outer region of the Moon's shadow during a solar eclipse, where only a partial eclipse is visible.
 - A type of solar eclipse where the Moon appears smaller than the Sun, creating a ring of light around the Moon's silhouette.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Oakwood 2023 annual report is available for viewing.

Please contact the Village of Oakwood at **419-594-3352**.

Village Town Hall:
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VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE BID NOTICE

The Village of Hicksville is looking for qualified individuals or companies to provide mowing services for nuisance lots and properties within the Village limits for the 2024 mowing season via a bidding process.

Bids should include a set price per hour. The best and lowest bidder will be awarded the project. The awarded contractor will then be responsible for mowing all nuisance properties as determined by Zoning Official.

Individuals or companies are invited to submit bids to the Village Municipal Building, 111 South Main St. Hicksville Ohio on **Wednesday, April 17th at 11:00am**. At that time, the Zoning Official will open and read aloud all bids received.

If you have any questions concerning this bid, please contact the Zoning Official at:

419-542-6138 ext. 7 or hixzoning@metallink.net

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of **intent to sell** by the Village of Oakwood.

Vehicle will be sold on **GOVDEALS.COM** via online auction. 1993 Ford F8F. More details available on **GOVDEALS.COM** beginning **3-25-24**.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HICKSVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

The Hicksville Village Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider a rezoning request on Monday, April 1st, 2024, starting at 6:00pm. The hearing will be held in the council chambers located at 111 South Main Street, Hicksville, OH 43526.

The request, submitted by BT&P Investments, is a request to rezone parcel # E060027000143, Hillbrook Estates Addition, with a physical address of 701 Spencerville Street. The lot is presently zoned R-4, Single Family, Two Family, Multiple Family. The request is for rezoning to R-8, Multiple Family, Dwelling above 3 units.

—Jared Radford,
Zoning Inspector
Village of Hicksville

fiance County Sheriff's Office, Delaware Township Fire and EMS, Ney-Washington Township Fire, and John's Towing.

A seatbelt was in use at the time of the crash and impairment is not suspected. The crash remains under investigation.

DR. ALAN YAHANDA RETURNS TO FORT WAYNE AND PARKVIEW HEALTH TO LEAD PACKNETT FAMILY CANCER INSTITUTE



Alan M. Yahanda, MD, an accomplished surgical oncologist and physician leader, has been named president of the Parkview Packnett Family Cancer Institute (PFCI). Dr. Yahanda previously practiced for many years in Fort Wayne, providing surgical care for cancer patients at Parkview hospitals from 2000-2013.

"Dr. Yahanda's return to Parkview is a win for our entire region," said Dr. Ray Dusman, president of physician and clinical enterprise at Parkview Health. "I'm confident that, under his expert guidance, Parkview will continue to grow as a leader in cancer care, and patients and their families will continue to feel the compassion and support of our expert physicians and sub-specialized care teams."

In the decade since leaving Fort Wayne, Dr. Yahanda

worked in Atlanta, Georgia, where he practiced at the Cancer Treatment Centers of America and was named the Hospital Chief of Staff and enterprise Chair of Surgery. More recently, he was in St. Louis, Missouri, where he served as the associate director of oncology clinical programs and director of surgical and perioperative clinical programs for SSM Health in the Missouri and Southern Illinois regions.

"I just could not pass up the opportunity to return to Parkview to work in a vibrant health system committed to providing exceptional cancer care to patients in the Fort Wayne community and throughout the Midwest," Dr. Yahanda said. "I am absolutely energized by the chance to help lead PFCI into a promising future."

As president, Dr. Yahanda will provide clinical leadership and strategic vision for the health system's oncology programs and will partner with health system leaders to continue Parkview's pursuit of excellence in clinical innovation, quality, safety and optimal outcomes for all cancer patients.

"Dr. Yahanda is an incredibly talented physician who has made remarkable contributions to research and innovation throughout his career. His expertise, professional demeanor and patient-centered approach will be a great fit at PFCI," said Dr. Roy Robertson, president, Parkview Heart Institute and specialty service lines.

Dr. Yahanda received his medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and went on to complete his general surgical training at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. He then completed a fellowship in

surgical oncology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. He has held several academic appointments, including assistant professor of surgery in the division of surgical oncology at the University of Michigan and clinical assistant professor of surgery at the Indiana University Purdue University School of Medicine in Fort Wayne. He is board certified in general surgery, holds a specialty certificate in surgical oncology and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Yahanda is expected to begin his new role on May 1, 2024.

KLOPFENSTEIN INTRODUCES BILL HONORING STAFF SERGEANT WOBLER

State Representative Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) introduced legislation designating a portion of U.S. Route 127 as the "Staff Sergeant Zachary Wobler Memorial Highway."

Wobler, of Ottawa, Ohio, was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom when he was killed in action on February 6, 2005, at the age of 24.

"Designating a portion of U.S. Route 127 to Staff Sergeant Wobler, near his childhood home, is one way we can ensure his ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation will never be forgotten," said Klopfenstein.

Wobler was a part of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, North Carolina and was a recipient of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He is laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

The legislation awaits a bill number and committee assignment.

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.

JOHN GIBSON, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. CI 23 139

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

2845 Harrison Street, Cloverdale Parcel Number: 31-25A-043-00 and 31-25A-044-00

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

The opening bid is Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-four and 46/100 (\$3,884.46) 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, May 23, 2024 by on-line bidding at:

(RealAuction) <https://paulding.sheriffsauction.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 June 6, 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
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Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

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vs.

DUSTEN BLEEKE, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. CI 23 182

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

7955 SR 114, Haviland Parcel Number: 05-19A-036-00; 05-19A-037-00; and, 05-19A-038-00

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

The opening bid is Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-eight and 67/100 (\$6,268.67) 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, May 2, 2024 by on-line bidding at:

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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 May 16, 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.

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THE TAYLORS SPEAK TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Thomas Taylor (Superintendent, Western Buckeye Educational Service Center) and Tricia Taylor (CFO, Western Buckeye Educational Service Center) as the guest speakers at the March 21, 2024, club meeting. Thomas and Tricia

came at the invitation of Heather Hunt (Superintendent Secretary, Western Buckeye Educational Service Center).

They spoke to the Kiwanians about the history of the Educational Service Center, the services that they provide, and the Franklin B. Walters Scholarship.

PRESIDENT HUFFMAN & SENATOR McCOLLEY ON SCENE TO SUPPORT TORNADO VICTIMS



A powerful and deadly EF-3 tornado caused extensive damage in Auglaize and Logan counties Thursday night.

The state response was immediate as the resilient communities of Russels Point, Fryburg and the Indian Lake area began to dig out from the debris field.

Senate President Matt Huffman, R-Lima, and Senator Rob McColley, R-Napoleon, represent the area and toured the devastation from both the ground and the air with Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted.

"It is extremely difficult to see your friends and neighbors endure such devastation," said Senator McColley

"But it was inspirational to witness the profound professionalism and compassion of the first responders, as well as residents, doing everything possible to cope with a horrifying situation."

Representative Angela King, R-84th District and Representative Susan Manchester, R-78th District also represent the area, and joined the tour with many other public officials.

When the group arrived for the press conference at Indian Lake High School, the gym was nearly filled with donations. "The outpouring of food, water, and clothing that filled the gymnasium at Indian Lake High School is heart warming," said Senator McColley.

The Ohio EMA continues to conduct a comprehensive damage assessment from the supercell that spawned the tornado which killed three people.

"I'm grateful for the immediate response of our first responders at both the state and local levels," said President Huffman. "My colleagues and I are committed to working with the Governor's office and EMA to provide the emergency assistance that is needed."

More than people 20 were injured by the storm. Ohio was hit by six confirmed tornados Thursday night.

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Molly Halter, Wyatt Leatherman, Renata Quevedo Jacome, Hannah Wells, Max West

Mrs. Limber 5A: Cooper Boroff*, Raelyn Haynes, Connor Manz, Adalyn Miller, Olivia Schlatter*, Morgan Snyder, Brantlee Swanson*

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Miss Brimmer 6C: Lauryn Bernal, Finn Bradford*, Legend Buckler, Madison Durham*, Miranda Lewis, Simon Manz*, Gage Ramey, Mason Weible

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM ERA VETERANS EVENT

The Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne is hosting a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event Saturday March 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Event Center next to the W. Paul Wolf War History Museum 2122 O'Day Road.

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

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

Visit honoringforever.org for more information.

TID-BITS IN THE BEE-ARGUS, ANTWERP

1914-2001 Part 3
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

11-23-1961 - Seattle, Washington now has a "space needle" ready for the World's Fair in April, 1962. It is 600 feet tall, modeled after the Eiffel Tower, and the restaurant on top rotates.

3-1-1962 - This story about Otto Ehrhart and Antwerp's museum will continue for about 18 months with some tidbit every week throughout this time period. Mr. Ehrhart wants to give his collection of birds, insects, etc. to the Village but with stipulations. The "building" must be for a permanent display and money must be available to maintain the museum forever. Big stories follow the initial one in this issue and 3/15, 3/22, and 4/5 issues. Big was 6/7/62 when the this idea was made into an incorporated plan (with picture of those involved). Residents offered to be Charter members, students can be signed up for a \$1 fee. In the long run and the con-

WOMEN'S TRACTOR SAFETY AND OPERATION TO BE HELD IN WILLIAMS COUNTY



This event is a partnership between Williams and Steuben County Extension and is sponsored by Truland Equipment. The program is geared toward women in agriculture but is open to any participant.

• Date & Time: Monday, April 8th 5:30-8:30 p.m.

• Location: Truland Equipment, 2773 US-6, Edgerton, OH

• Description: Participants have the opportunity to learn

how to safely operate agricultural equipment in a fun, relaxed environment. Dinner is included in the cost.

• Sponsored by Truland Equipment.

• Dee Jepsen is the keynote speaker.

• Registration: https://go.osu.edu/tractor_safety or call (419) 636-5608

• Space is limited and registration is required by April 1st.

clusion: May 16, 1963 issue says the fire trucks have been moved from the building which will house the museum and final work can be done in getting the fire house renovated to move Mr. Ehrhart's collection. Ironically, Otto Ehrhart died on May 15 at his home.

4-19-1962 - Dedication of a marker at Charloe as the Is town in Paulding County. It was an old Indian town with 600 inhabitants and the site of the county courthouse after being moved from Rochester and before finally being moved to Paulding.

5-17-1962 - Langham Garage Sales and Service closing, however, the body shop remains open.

FYI: Kammeyer's IGA Market has a full page ad on the last page of the weekly issue and as I write this info here, they are still filling the last page well into 1963.

5-31-1962 - A Pontiac Catalina is the new police car. Purchased for \$2,200 from L. Smith & Son.

7-26-1962 - Gov. DiSalle at the Barnes Hotel, Paulding (corner of S. Williams St and SR 111) for a "trip" around Northwest Ohio.

8-16-1962 - 1st time seen in paper: Tupperware party.

9-6-1962 Official transfer of the Ehrhart memorabilia to the "Historical Society" (page 3) which includes over 500 mounting birds of Northern Ohio; 7000 insects, butterflies and moths; 1200 eggs of Ohio birds, wild animals and snakes common to our region and all other articles in the collection.

9-13-1962 School enrollment for all 12 grades is 834 students. At the end of school in May there were

790. That's a big jump as the school board and teachers weren't prepared!!

9-27-1962 - Contract awarded for new fire station on corner of Daggett and Cleveland Sts. This needs to be built so the trucks can be moved here and the old building readied for the Ehrhart museum. The new site was given to the Village by Carryall Township along with a pumper truck.

10-4-1962 - 13 marriage licenses this week! Been a lot of couples getting a license over the past several weeks from the Courthouse in Paulding.

10-11-1962 The Bee Argus over the last 12 months now prints 1,050 weekly issues. The volume continues to grow. and that is a good thing.

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2024 SOLAR ECLIPSE



The first solar eclipse visible in our area in a long time will take place on Monday, April 8th, 2024, beginning at 1:53 p.m. The next solar eclipse will be in 2044 but it will be visible in South Dakota. You'll have to travel for that one. Better get a pair of glasses pronto.

A solar eclipse happens in the same place once every 350 years.

People have been booking motels and coming from great distances to see this event, which you will be able to see for free. Grabill Hardware has a magazine showing the path that it travels. It is traveling Northeast and it looks like Harlan is just on the edge. It's hard to tell exactly on the map because it has no cities, only counties.



It appears to me that the closest way to get to the very center, would be to take US 24 to Antwerp. Just look out for the traffic in Antwerp that day.

According to Mrs Google the eclipse begins at 1:53 p.m. and ends at 4:24 p.m. which is well over 2 hours. Would you believe I'm having a difficult time subtracting those numbers. I think it's 2 hours and 71 minutes whatever that is.

I have heard that it gets nearly dark in daytime, I really don't know. I wonder

what our ancestors would have thought, when it's suddenly totally dark. I think it becomes twilight. Especially the farmers if their chickens went to roost. They probably wouldn't have known ahead of time. On February 29th, 1979, there was a total party atmosphere. People had driven for hundreds of miles to see the unique event. Pack your picnic basket and let's all go to Antwerp. Let's hope it is not a cloudy day and we can see this wonderful event. We'll all be watching the weather forecasts and hoping for a sunny day.

I have since learned that the total eclipse only lasts a couple of minutes max. Perhaps West Bend will give us more info. I have heard there is a plane that will travel from Dallas to Detroit following the eclipse. That one is booked but I guess they opened another. The radio said you can book a motel in Vincennes for only 7,000 bucks. Guess I'll just go to Antwerp.

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Matt Teders, assigned to Madison County, noticed that an individual had harvested white-tailed deer as a tenant in both Madison and Tuscarawas counties. Officer Teders contacted State Wildlife Officer Michael Budd, assigned to Tuscarawas County, and they determined that the hunter did not qualify as a tenant in Madison County or Tus-

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carawas County. To qualify as a tenant, the hunter must reside on the property, pay rent, and derive more than 50% of their income from agriculture production on that property. The hunter was found guilty of providing false information to game check a deer and paid \$175 in fines and court costs.

State Wildlife Officer Nick Oliver, assigned to Champaign County, recently attended the Whitetails Unlimited banquet at the Champaign County Fairgrounds. Nearly 500 people attended the event, which raised funds for the Champaign County Outdoor Heritage Chapter's youth pheasant hunt. The Whitetails Unlimited mission is to raise funds in support of educational programs, wildlife habitat enhancement and acquisition, and the preservation of hunting traditions and shooting sports for future generations.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

State Wildlife Officer Michele Butler, assigned to Erie County, and Wildlife Investigator Kevin Good, assigned to Lake Erie, received information that several white-tailed deer bucks were harvested by one hunter

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during the weeklong gun hunting season. The officers found that one individual had harvested three bucks during gun season and two other individuals had game checked a buck on behalf of the hunter. The hunter was charged with taking more than one antlered deer, taking additional deer before tagging the first, and failing to game check two deer. The illegal deer parts and the firearm were forfeited to the state. The hunter paid \$275 in fines and court costs as well as \$4,183.73 in restitution.

In February, State Wildlife Office Ryan Burke, assigned to Hancock County, was on patrol at Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area. He was approached by two birders from Wooster who were unfamiliar with the area and seeking guidance. Officer Burke pointed out the portions of Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area open to walk-in access and gave the birders directions to good viewing locations for swans, ducks, and short-eared owls. He also showed them the local bald eagle nest.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Evan Huegel, assigned to Ashland County, examined white-tailed deer harvest records and noticed a discrepancy. He determined that a hunter had harvested a deer before purchasing a deer permit. The deer was seized, and the hunter was issued a citation for hunting deer without a valid deer permit. The individual was ordered to pay \$337 in fines and court costs, pay \$250 in restitution, and serve 365 days on probation. The venison was donated to a local food bank.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officer Jeff Berry, assigned to Muskingum County, received a call from an individual who had a snake stuck behind a kitchen cabinet. Officer Berry responded to the call and found an eastern gray

rat snake stuck to glue traps that had been set for mice. Officer Berry safely removed the snake from the glue traps and released it into a nearby wooded area.

In March, State Wildlife Officer Bob Nelson, assigned to Ross County, and State Wildlife Officer Tyler Fields, assigned to Scioto County, responded to a call about two white-tailed deer hanging behind a residence well after the end of the 2023-24 deer hunting season. The officers contacted the homeowners, who stated their son harvested the deer in early December. The officers found no harvest records for the deer. Officer Nelson contacted the suspect and learned the individual had harvested both deer during the deer gun season and failed to complete the game check process. The suspect was issued several summonses, and the case is pending in Gallipolis Municipal Court.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

On opening day of the 2023 dove hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Gus Kiebel, assigned to Adams County, checked dove hunting permits at Fallsville Wildlife Area. He contacted two subjects who were hunting outside of a blind. Neither individual had a permit to hunt the controlled access field that day or a valid hunting license or HIP survey. Both hunters were charged for hunting without a license and each paid \$275 in fines.

State Wildlife Officer Jasmine Grossnickle, assigned to Miami County, recently attended a career day at Edison Community College. The event was hosted by the Ohio Farm Bureau and attended by more than 150 students. Officer Grossnickle spoke with students who were interested in conservation careers.

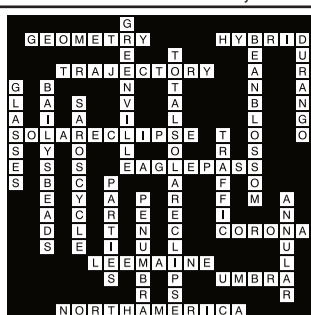
HICKSVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

Hicksville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, March 4. Mayor Michael Barth presided over the session. Council members present included Eric Bassett, Ron Beverly, Toni Egly, Kent Miller and Robert Bailey. Charlie Martin was absent.

Mayor Barth announced a notice of Public Hearing which will be held Thursday, March 14 at 6 pm. in the Zoning Office. The application submitted requests the property at 701 Spencerville Street be rezoned from R-4 Single Family to R-8 Multiple Family.

Kent Miller recapped the recent Street/Light/Property/Sidewalk Committee meeting.

Mayor Barth reported on a recent Nuisance Board meeting which was called



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to address updating property concerns as the Village prepares to transition into working with a new zoning inspector, due to the retirement of current inspector Mike Bailey.

Administrator Cory Wann reminded citizens that the recycle lot is now operating on Spring/Summer hours being open each Tuesday and Thursday 1-6 pm and Saturday 9-1. There will be no grass accepted. Applications are being accepted for a full time Grade 2 laborer for the Village. The EnviroSite Sewer camera truck was set to be delivered and training on operation to be held. The Park has received 40 new Mighty Tidy trash containers which have been donated by Werlors. Four new aluminum bleacher sets will be installed at fields one and four. Hohenbrink Excavating will begin the East Cornelia/Rock Street water main replacement in May. Six applicants for the Zoning Inspector position have been reviewed by Wann and retiring inspector Mike Bailey. They recommended Jarod Radford be hired for the position. Council approved the hire.

Fire Chief Bruce Hart updated Council on various equipment repairs. EMS representative Abbey Franz presented a report on the current department activities. On February 24 the new medical director visited the station. He will be return on March 16 for sym lab training with all employees. The department is currently reviewing applicants for the full time and part time EMT positions. The department is looking into having a basic EMT class locally. There has also been discussion with RNs about becoming medics through a class offered at Northwest Community College. Several seemed interested in looking into that classification.

Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith presented her monthly reports.

Mayor Barth updated Council on the progress with the easement problems with Verizon on the Industrial Park project. He reminded citizens of the April 8 eclipse and to prepare for spectators due to the proximity to the 100% totality area. He noted the Safety Council of Northwest Ohio is taking application for Heroes recognition. Applications are available on line or at the Mayor's office.

Councilman Miller asked about the changes on the splashpad project. Several changes are due to separation of essentials due to not sharing facilities with the pool. Foundation representatives did not attend the meeting due to the Village not having specific figures available. They should plan to attend the next meeting to discuss the changes and updates.

A concerned citizen addressed Council to request a second copy of his water bill due to the first copy being lost in the mail. He also asked about keeping sidewalks clean of gravel and asked for clarification of who would be responsible in case of injuries incurred at a property line.

Council adjourned into executive session with no action being taken. Council's next regular meeting will be Monday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m.

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SWEET ADVENTURES AWAIT AT NW OHIO CASAS FIRST COOKIE HOP

The Cookie Hop is a unique event that brings together local businesses and community members to support the CASA mission. Ticket holders will hop through town, stopping at various participating businesses to collect cookies and other treats. This is an event the whole family can enjoy!

“This is such a fun event that we are excited to bring to Paulding”, said Jessica Robbins, Executive Director of Northwest Ohio CASA. “While collecting their cookies and goodies, ticket holders will also have the opportunity to check out the amazing local businesses we

have joining us and what they have to offer. Right now we have 17 stops, and hope to add more.”

All proceeds from ticket sales will go directly to advocating for abused and neglected children in Paulding County, making a tangible impact on their lives. Tickets are \$10 and can be found by visiting the Cookie Hop for CASA-Paulding, Ohio Facebook page.

“April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and this is a great way to raise awareness and support abused and neglected children right here in our community”, Robbins said.

Northwest Ohio CASA is a non-profit organization that recruits and trains community volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse and neglect. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. Volunteers undergo background screening, 30 hours of pre-service training as well as court observations to become child advocates. Each

GALE SIGNS WITH DEFIANCE COLLEGE



Antwerp senior Syris Gale recently signed to play football at Defiance College next

fall. Pictured with Syris are his mother, Dusty East and his step-dad, Cory Simpson.

volunteer is sworn-in by the judge in their county and given a court appointment that allows the volunteer to investigate the case. The goal of a CASA volunteer is to ensure the child's voice is heard in court, and to help work towards family reunification or

a safe, permanent placement. For more information on how you can attend the Cookie Hop, become a participating business, or become a CASA volunteer, visit www.nwocasa.com or follow Northwest Ohio CASA on social media.



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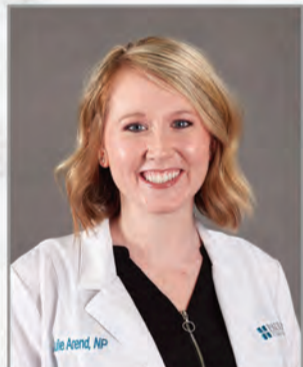
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