

## PCED HOSTS BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, & COLLEGE EXPO



The Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) office will host a Business, Industry, & College Expo Showcase event on April 3 at the Extension Building on the Paulding County Fairgrounds. The event will bring junior and senior students from all three Paulding County high schools in addition to Continental High School to learn about, meet

and discuss future opportunities with area colleges and businesses.

"This event continues to evolve each year, last year we saw the addition of hands-on activities which helped lead into more student and employer discussions. We understand our students are at different stages in their future

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## 2024 ACADEMIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE, DR. JOHN M. SAXTON, DC.



John Saxton embarked on a journey of academic excellence and community service from his formative years. Graduating in the top 10 of his class in 1964 from

Auglaize Brown High School, he exemplified dedication and versatility, participating in a myriad of activities including basketball, baseball, FFA, Science Club, Scholarship Team, Band, Pep Band, Show Band, Mixed Chorus, and Double Octet. His musical prowess was recognized with the prestigious Arion National Award for outstanding musical achievement.

Following high school, John pursued higher education at Lincoln Chiropractic College in Indianapolis Indiana, now a part of National University, Chicago Illinois. After five years of rigorous study and internship, he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree. After successfully sitting for the National Board and Ohio State Board examinations, he returned to his roots in Oakwood and Paulding to establish a private chiropractic practice, dedicating himself to the well-being of his community for an impressive 46 years.

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The Big Day is only 1 week away, and Paulding County, is getting as close to ready as we can be. We have had meetings, first responders have plans in place, the three school systems are not having school,

fundraising events in some places, are set, and merchandising is prepared.

The Paulding County Emergency Management Agency has been planning for this event since September of

2022. County leaders have been working on making the once in a lifetime event be a success and more importantly, as safe as possible. Some of the areas of concern are; estab-

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## LOCAL GIRL WINS PRINCESS AT EASTER ELEGANCE CHARITY PAGEANT

Lynnora, age 4, of Antwerp, OH, recently participated in the Easter Elegance Charity Pageant in



Ashtabula, OH. Lynnora's favorite things to do are sing, dance, do mom's makeup, and her favorite characters are Ariel and Minnie! She also has 2 older brothers.

She is coached by Sydney Gilbert of Crowned to Perfection Pageant Consulting. Sydney is a Miss MAG (Miss American Girl) Ohio. Each year this pageant raises its funds for a specific project such as to stock a "school closet" with hygiene items for students who need them, but don't have access to the them. All of the pageants with this group, are all for a charity.

Next pageant on the agenda for Lynnora is April 20th in Washington Courthouse, Ohio with Prestige Up Pageantry to benefit a local

humane society. She plans to continue working with Miss Sydney to keep benefiting charities and further her titles! When asked questions for upcoming pageants, she was asked, "If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?" Lynnora responded, "Be nice and use gentle hands with love and manners for all!"

Lynnora is the daughter of Brittany Kutzli (of Antwerp OH), Tyler Rohrs (of Paulding, OH); and granddaughter of Thomas Rothenbuhler and Amy Kutzli (both of Antwerp, OH), and Jon and Darla Rohrs (of Paulding, OH).

Lynnora is also taking donations for the charity to be (Continued on Page 5)

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## Community Calendar MON & WED

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

### April 2

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

### April 3

• PCED Bus, Ind. & College Expo @ PC Fairgrounds

### April 4

• Kiwanis Club Community Luncheon @ Branch Christian Fellowship, 12pm

### April 5

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

### April 6

• CASA Cookie Hop @ downtown Paulding, 10a-1p

### April 8

• Total Solar Eclipse 2024

### April 10

• Senior Center on the Road @ GH Lions Club, 9:30a-1p

### April 9-10

• GH Elementary Kindergarten Screening

### April 12-13

• Charitable Sisterhood of the 2nd Trinity Victory Church @ Huber, 7p; Sun @ 2:30p

### April 13

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



Add your event to the calendar info@westbendnews.net



## CHILDREN'S LANTERN RECEIVES GRANT



Congratulations to Children's Lantern for the \$1000 grant awarded from the Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This grant was received for the Children's Lantern's recent Luau Gala which brought in over \$19,000! What tremendous support from the

community! Pictured receiving the grant are (l-r) Tonya Briseno - Family Care Coordinator at Children's Lantern; Stacy McCartney - Defiance Moose Lodge Administrator; and Steve Heilshorn - Executive Director of Children's Lantern.

## SANDY CAY INC. RECEIVES GRANT



A big congratulations to Sandy Cay Inc. - The Bryan Center for receiving a \$2,000 grant from the Defiance Moose Lodge #2094 for their Volley 4 Autism Competition.

Pictured receiving the grant are (l-r) Debbie Stove - Sandy Cay staff member, Rowan Adkins - Student, and Mary Adkins - Defiance Moose Lodge Member.

## PARKVIEW'S JANETTE RICHARDSON RECEIVES NATIONAL PATIENT CARE AWARD FROM AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION



Parkview Clinical Nurse Specialist Janette Richardson

was recently selected as a recipient of the Distinguished Direct Patient Care Award by the American Nurses Association.

The national award recognizes individual registered nurses who provide exemplary patient care and contribute to the advancement of nursing practice. The American Nurses Association (ANA) represents more than 5 million registered nurses in the U.S. The ANA fosters high standards of nursing practice, promotes safe and ethical workplaces, bolsters health and wellness of nurses and advocates on issues that affect nurses and those they serve.

"We are so proud to see Janette recognized by Amer-

ica's largest and most prestigious professional nursing organization," said Juli Johnson, chief nursing and patient services executive, Parkview Health. "Janette is not just an amazing nurse but an amazing leader for Parkview, sharing her experience with new nurses and supporting them as they grow into their roles and careers. Parkview's nursing team is stronger today because of her many contributions."

Janette has been with Parkview for 22 years, starting as a unit assistant and patient care tech and working her way up through various nursing roles in the coronary medical ICU, Samaritan transport team and rapid response team, as well as serving as nurse leader and interim nurse manager for surgical/trauma ICU. She moved to her current role as clinical nurse specialist (CNS) in 2017.

As a CNS, Janette supports Parkview's nursing staff by providing information on quality and clinical improvements to all new nurses and connects with care teams as needed during her daily patient rounds. She specializes in complex patients in the surgical ICU and inpatient surgical units and is often consulted by nurses and physicians for her input on patient care.

Janette leads Parkview's process for bedside feeding tube placements and developed an innovative process to place feeding tubes while patients are in a prone position. Her findings on the process were recently published in a peer-reviewed medical journal. She also helped Parkview develop and launch a tracheostomy clinic to serve and educate patients requiring surgical airway openings in the neck, and the multi-disciplinary team has helped reduced length of stay, mortality and cost for these patients.

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endeavors, community service is important to John! He coached girls' softball and boys' Pony League baseball teams, chaired the Oakwood Alumni Association and Homecoming Committee, and lent his harmonious voice to the Northwestern Barbershop Chorus. He also served as Pack 19 Cubmaster and Troop 19 Assistant Scoutmaster, fostering leadership and camaraderie among local youth. While Assistant Scoutmaster, he and Scoutmaster Evan Thomas took Troop 19 on an international trip to Point Pele National Park in Canada and a trip to Patriots Point South Carolina for a stay on the USS Yorktown.

John's leadership extended to various boards and associations, locally and statewide. He chaired esteemed organizations such as the Marshall Memorial Board, Paulding Area Foundation Board, and for 17 years Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. John also served on the Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and State Bank Advisory Boards. His statewide contributions included serving as Vice President of The Chiropractic Association of Ohio and holding key positions in

Janette also led efforts to reduce catheter-association tract infection rates among patients by identifying and updating processes and educating nurses, as well as working with Parkview lab technicians to fine-tune testing procedures.

"Whenever there is room for improvement in our care, we want Janette in the room working on the solution," said Dr. Jan Powers, director of nursing research and professional practice, Parkview Health. "Her ability to analyze complex nursing challenges and find solutions that boost efficiency and improve care helps all our nurses do their jobs better and patients benefit every day from the impact of her experience and effort."

When not at work, Richardson and her husband of 23 years enjoy spending time traveling to support their daughter, who is a collegiate swimmer at the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Ky. When not poolside, she enjoys getting out on the golf course, gardening and decorating for the seasons.

Richardson was one of four nurses awarded with this year's Distinguished Direct Patient Care Award, along with Jerico Alicante and Leticia Escalante of California and Arlyn Labt of Illinois. She will be recognized at the ANA's 2024 National Awards event in Washington D.C. on June 27.

## DECISION TIME

By: Doris Applegate  
 Scribed by: Jessica Stevens

As a 12 year old child in a church that taught us how to be saved (born again) I remember clearly walking to the alter rail and kneeling accepting Jesus Christ into my heart. From that moment on I became a new creature. Since we are made up of 3 separate parts (spirit, soul and body). My spirit

Ohio's Electric Cooperatives organization, including Chairman and Ohio's Voting Delegate to the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association. NRECA bestowed Director Gold status to Dr. Saxton. John served as Chairman of Ohio's Association for Continued Rural Electrification.

Despite his vast professional and civic engagements, John's greatest source of pride remains his family. Dr. Saxton and his wife Karen continue to live in and are active members of the Paulding Exempted Village School District. His late wife Janet Saxton was a valued teacher in the system. With five children and fifteen grandchildren, he cherishes the unwavering love and support of his entire family. Today, John continues to serve his community diligently, lending his expertise to various boards and organizations while representing

## Scripture of the Week

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

— 2 Corinthians 5:21

## 4-H CAMP PALMER PREPARES FOR 77<sup>th</sup> SEASON!



To open and prepare the grounds at 4-H Camp Palmer, we need volunteer help. Does your club or organization need a service project? An adult must accompany youth ages 8-15 years of age. Please be prepared to bring your own rakes, and work gloves.

The clean-up morning is scheduled for Saturday, April 6 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please check in at the covered bridge entrance for work as-

signments.

Some of our main projects will include leaf raking, picking up sticks, mulching trails, and removing pool cover at 10:00 a.m.

The camp is located at 26450 County Road MN, Fayette, Ohio right next to Harrison Lake State Park. For more information about the cleanup call Bill Goodson at 419-237-2247 or goodson.34@osu.edu

was the one that was saved. My soul is transformed as I read and learn the Word of God.

If I fail to know the Word of God then my soul (mind, will and emotions) will not walk out what God has planned for me to do as a new creation in Christ Jesus. My body will be saved when the Lord Jesus Christ returns again for the second time. He will then raise the dead both good and bad, and those living at that time will get new glorified bodies also (1 Corinthians 15:49-52).

This is the hope of every blood-bought person that our whole spirit, soul and body will be ready for the Lord's return. We do not want to fall away because of our neglect. We are told to walk out our great salvation with "fear and trembling" Jesus said, "many will say in that day, Lord we have done many wonderful things in your name" and He will say, "depart from me, you workers of iniquity, I do not know you." This would be a horrible thing to happen to a person who had once known the Lord, Jesus Christ. (Matthew :22-23).

In 2 Peter 2:22 we read

Ohio's Electric Cooperatives on a national stage, serving as Chairman of the Organization and representative to the Legislative Conference in Washington DC. John hopes his legacy of service and dedication will continue to inspire generations in Oakwood and Paulding.

this: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire (mud)." Because we can fall away we must repent often and keep our lives Holy and acceptable in the sight of the Lord Jesus. We do not want to sin but we often find ourselves sinning. We sin in thought, word or deed. When we sin we ask for forgiveness and the Blood of Jesus Christ (advocate) forgives us our sins. (1 John 2:1-2)

The following song we sing in church: "He paid a debt he did not owe, I owed a debt I could not pay." I needed someone to take away my sins, and now I sing a brand new song: "Amazing Grace" Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay.

Are you ready to sing Amazing Grace? Are you ready to follow the Lord? Are you ready to do the works he has planned for you to do? If you are not ready, now is the time to submit in the fear of the Lord and begin your Christian walk. Even a child can understand how to be saved (born again). "Let the children come" said Jesus.

Amen

Dr. Saxton was a 1964 graduate of the Auglaize Brown High School (which was in the Paulding School district at that time).

The induction will be held during the PHS graduation ceremony on May 19, 2024, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

  
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**THE BEST DECADE**

**Penny For Your Thoughts**

**By: Nancy Whitaker**

We all have stories about the past and a lot of us believe that their decade was the best.

I love going back and reading about the Royals and some of their practices and this was not old sayings, they were a way of life..

Back in the 1500- 1700s, hygiene was not a top priority for anyone.

Some people believed that taking a bath would make you sick; others thought at least once a month wouldn't harm you. This included the poor, the rich and The Royals.

It is said that Marie-An-toinette bathed once a month. Then the 17th century British King James I was said to never bathe his whole life causing the rooms he frequented to be filled with lice.

We think their practices were gross, but that's what they believed, and made due with what they had at the time

Well we have come a long ways from those ancient times Thank God, we don't have to stink, wear dirty clothes and die by age 30.

Well growing up in the 50s and 60s, I remember not having running water and we had an outhouse. I remember my mom and grandma packing in water, heating it on the stove and doing laundry in a wringer washing machine. But we kept ourselves clean and all our clothes smelled so good after hanging outside on a clothes line.

My grandma had her own beliefs and sayings and if granny said by it, it had to be true.

For instance, if you burnt your self grandmas remedy was to put butter on the burn. I have done this and

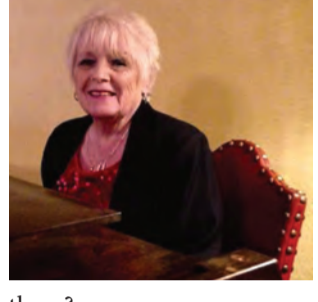
people thought butter wasn't a remedy, but to cook with and adorn corn on the cob.

We were told never to drink milk and eat fish at the same meal, or it could kill you.

Also another rule to live by was : Never hand anyone a fork or you and that person would get in a fight.

Then you never saw a cake or cookies being baked on a rainy day because it wouldn't rise. I believed that when i was young, but now I don't think it's true.

I read that a lot of grandmas sayings are fading away. Have you ever heard



these?

I've got a Champagne appetite on a Kool-Aid budget. (I want more than I can afford.)

Well, butter my backside and call me a biscuit!

You are as handy as a pocket on a shirt! (That's mighty handy!)

You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink.

You can't get blood from a turnip! (Who would even try such?)

You're as blind as a bat! (Bats are blind? Really?)

Up the creek without a paddle!

Well I'll be a monkey's uncle! (Say what?)

Were you born in a barn?

Whew, saved by the bell!

You all are like two peas in a pod.

I don't use these old sayings or practices as much as I used to but, I still won't "bake a cake on a rainy day;"

I don't hand anyone a fork and I still butter up a burn.

Through the years we have all had different ways of life, taken a bath once a week in a big tub; wore a hat and gloves to church, carried in water from a well or used an out house.

I bet those old Royals would love our practices today.

How did you live during your decade? Do you still use homemade remedies or old sayings? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for your Thoughts.

**FAWCETT SPEAKS TO HERITAGE LIONS**



Beth Ann Fawcett of Energized by Ebony spoke to the Heritage Lions last night. She explained that she adopted 4 1/2 year-old Ebony after her cancer had gone into remission. But the cancer returned about a year later, and Ms. Fawcett cared for Ebony until she passed away at age 9. Ebony had a delightful spirit, uplifting everyone around her at home and in the hospital. Whoever was blessed to have met Ebony never forgot her. She brightened every person's day, even as she suffered through the chemotherapy treatments and the pain of cancer. It was Ebony's idea to provide children who have cancer with a bag filled with games, small Lego sets, dominoes and other activities, asking her mom to give the bags to "kids like her". Ebony especially liked to blow bubbles at the hospital, so Beth Ann always puts a bubble bottle in each bag.

Ms. Fawcett has been actively assembling and donating these bags for about 10 years. To date, Energized by Ebony has distributed over 5,800 bags. Beth Ann's mother, Linda, sews the bags using whatever kid-friendly

cloth patterns they can find on sale. Beth Ann acquires all the items through donations, and they are 100% donation-based. Both women are "bargain hunters", looking for sales on the many items they include in the bags, such as crayons, books, and small toys. The boys especially like Matchbox cars. Each month Energized by Ebony delivers 60 cloth bags full of these items, 30 for girls and 30 for boys, to Lutheran Hospital for distribution.

All materials are stored in Beth Ann's house and garage. She occasionally has volunteers from churches and schools help with some tasks, but Beth Ann assembles each bag herself to prevent germs from reaching the immunocompromised kids. Once the cloth bag is emptied, the child can use it as a catheter bag on their wheelchair. Beth Ann has demonstrated that we can turn tragedy into triumph through persistence, compassion, and love. Her enthusiasm was very evident and she seems to have been truly Energized by Ebony. Visit the website for more information: <http://www.energizedbyebony.com/index.html>

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job and education journey, so the goal of the expo is to showcase the different opportunities in our area. We're excited too that Vantage Career Center has funded access to a career assessment platform called You Science, allowing students to seek out careers and colleges that suit their strengths found from their assessment. It's our first time trying this, and we're excited to see how it goes." stated Economic Development Office Manager Kristen Schilt.

The event will run from 8am-12noon with students arriving at the top of each hour. Paulding County Vantage Career Center students are invited to attend the opening hour on their way to the career center. Each school will then bus their students to the event on the hour for forty-five minutes. Home-

school students and the general public are invited to attend at any time.

Students will be provided a "passport" upon arrival. The passports suggest a variety of questions to ask participating exhibitors to help start conversation. Each student is encouraged to talk to a minimum of 10 businesses and have the business sign their passport. Completed passports will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gas gift card, one winner per school will be drawn. The gift cards are sponsored by C&Y Oil Company and National Gas & Oil.

This event has grown over the years. This year there are a total of 52 entities that have sent an RSVP for the event, with many having interactive and hands-on activities for students to engage with. For questions about the event contact the PCED office at 419-399-8295.

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**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**



**By: Mark Holtsberry**

Milo Ames Kittle was born in Decatur, Indiana September 22, 1890. The son of Elmer Ellsworth born May 17, 1867 in Mercer County and Mary Susan (Wade) Kittle born September 12, 1867 in Van Wert County. By 1900, the Kittle family was living in Brown Township. Elmer was a farmer and he and Mary had four children. Ethel E. born February 22, 1889 in Mercer County, Milo September 22, 1890, Forest Emory June 23, 1894 and Samuel Daniel October 15, 1896. All the children were in school.

By 1910, the Kittle family were helping out on the farm. In June of 1916, Milo had joined the National Guard out of Paulding. Serving with Company B. 2nd Ohio National Guard. His brother, Forest, enlisted at Columbus Barracks on June 17, 1916. On June 5, 1917, while living in Oakwood, Milo signs up for the National draft. Milo was listed as medium height and build, blue eyes, dark brown hair.

Milo was working in Detroit, Michigan for the American Car Company as a shell worker, probably assembly worker on the body of car. On June 5, 1918, Samuel, while living in Coldwater, Ohio, registered for the draft. Listed as medium height and build, blue eyes, light brown hair. No record of him being selected to serve. On November 28, 1917, Milo married Altie Thomas, born 1898 in Ohio, the daughter of Robert and

Irene Thomas from Van Wert. Milo boarded the ship, "Leviathan", on August 31, 1918 at Hoboken, New Jersey and set sail for France. He served with Battery D. 1420d Field Artillery as a private. Milo's brother Forest rose to the rank of sergeant in the National Guard. He served with Company K. of the 6th Ohio National Guard. Forest was assigned to serve in the National Army with Company A. 5th Ammunition Train until October 16, 1918. Forest saw action in St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne defensive sector. Wounded in action severely, November 5, 1918.

On July 13, 1919, Forest boarded the ship, "Agamemnon" from Brest, France and set sail to Hoboken, New Jersey, arriving July 21, 1919. He was then assigned to Military Police until December 1, 1919. Forest was Honorably Discharged December 1, 1919 on a Surgeons Certificate of Disability. He was 50% disabled. Milo came home in June of 1919. He was Honorably Discharged June 23, 1919.

By 1920, Milo, Altie and Milo A. Jr., born October 8, 1918, was living in Mandale in Washington Township. Milo Sr. was working as a farm laborer. On August 1, 1920, a son, Alexander E., was born August 1, 1920, followed by a daughter Irene Lillian, born December 8, 1922 and a son Delvain E. "Stoney" was born July 27, 1924. On March 8, 1926, while in Celina, Ohio, Milo was killed in an accident. He was brought back to Melrose and be buried in Little Auglaize Cemetery, lot 42, grave 7. Milo received his military tombstone August 2, 1933.

The Oakwood American Legion Post #341 took care of arrangements. Altie Marie passed away in 1936 and buried with Milo. As for the children, Milo Jr., Alexander, and Delvain all served in World War Two. Daughter Irene, married a fella who served in World War Two. All have now passed away, but I thank you all for your service.

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#### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you were able to attend the production of *Beauty and the Beast* that took place mid-March. The dedication and hard work of the 30 member cast was evident and the production was outstanding! A special thanks to Directors Ashton Barnhouse and Summer Schooley, their crew, and our music boosters for a job well done. A big thanks also to our community for your attendance and support of our musical.

The annual Hoops for Heart day was held March 13. Our students took advantage of this opportunity to participate in friendly competition for a good cause and raised funds (\$8,268.50) for the American Heart Association. This amount was one of the larger amounts in the twenty-seven-year period of the event and elevates the total amount raised to nearly \$104,579.87. Thanks to all who participated and helped with the event.

The month of April is the last full month of school, and as such, a very busy month. The busy month will get started with our annual Kindergarten screening & registration taking place April 3-5. School will not be in session Monday, April 1 and Tuesday, April 2 in recognition of the Easter holiday and similarly, a mini spring break. There is no school Monday, April 8 due to a staff in-service day. If your schedule permits, please plan to visit our Spring Fine Arts program scheduled for Saturday, April 27 from 4:00-9:00 p.m. From a core academic standpoint, our staff and students have been preparing for the annual state assessments that will be given to students in grades 3-12 throughout several days of the month and into early May. Our spring athletic teams have also been busy preparing for an onslaught of baseball and softball games and track & field meets that will take place throughout the month.

Construction of our wellness and recreation center is nearing completion with a few items to be completed in the next few weeks. A poured polyurethane flooring for the large recreation area will be completed in early April. Installation of a Lu Interactive Playground in the large recreation area will take place in early April, as well. Additionally, a portable astro-turf system for the large recreation area will arrive mid-April. An audio system for the baseball/softball complex (located in the Center's press box) is scheduled to be installed during the first week of May.

Congratulations goes out to senior Aewyn McMichael for her selection as the Franklin B. Walters All-Scholastic Award winner. The award was established in 1990 by the Ohio Educational Service Center Association to recognize an outstanding senior student from each county within the State of Ohio. Congratulations also goes out to our middle/high school teacher Mrs. Kayla Bagley. Mrs. Bagley was recognized by Aewyn as the teacher who made the greatest impact on her educational endeavors. On the athletic side, we want to congratulate and recognize seniors Brooke and Hannah Molitor for their accomplishment of competing at the state gymnastics competition.

Looking ahead to the month of May, prom preparations will be underway for the May 4<sup>th</sup> event at Grant's Reception Hall. Our seniors are set to graduate Sunday, May 19. The last day of classes for students in grades K-11 will be Tuesday, May 21. School staff will have a teacher work day Wednesday, May 22.

As always, thanks for your support of our school district.

Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

#### MR. LICHTY- HS/MS

Our Juniors and Seniors will be attending the annual Business, Industry and College Expo on April 3. Thank you to the Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) office for organizing this event.

The Junior class will *finally* be taking their trip to Washington, D.C. this month. The trip was originally scheduled for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, but was canceled at that time due to Covid issues.

Reminder that we will be taking state assessments on April 16-17, April 23-24, and April 30-May 1. While the rest of us run on a normal school day schedule, **Juniors and Seniors will enjoy 2-hour delays on the days they are not testing.**

The Archers are once again coming off of a very successful Winter Sports Campaign:

- ◆ Congratulations to Senior Gymnasts Brooke and Hannah Molitor. They competed in the all-around at state after placing in the District meet. Hannah placed 22<sup>nd</sup> at state competition and Brooke came in 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ On the basketball court, several Archer players were recently recognized for their outstanding seasons. For the boys' team, Senior Landon Brewer was named 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Ohio while Senior Carson Altimus earned Honorable Mention All-Ohio. For the girls' team, Senior Aewyn McMichael earned Special Mention All-Ohio while Junior Caroline Rohrs earned Honorable Mention All-Ohio. Congratulations on a great season!
- ◆ The Archer Pep Band entertained crowds at home basketball contests all season. Shout out to all of the members of our Pep Band.

The cast and crew of this year's Spring Musical *Beauty and the Beast* put on three fantastic performances last month. Congratulations on a job well done.

Spring sports are underway. Come out to our first-class facilities and support our athletes.

The Annual Spring Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, April 27 beginning at 4:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to come out and support our students in the Arts.

#### HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

The AP Exam Schedule for 2024 is available at <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsguidance/advanced-placement-ap?authuser=0>. AP exam fee balances are due to Mrs. Hammer by April 5, 2024.

Juniors and Seniors will be participating in the Paulding County Economic Development Career Day on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

The following local scholarships are due in April:

- ◆ Bruckhart Family Scholarship
- ◆ Paulding County Area Foundation
- ◆ JP Crain Memorial Scholarship
- ◆ Jessica Thornell Memorial Scholarship
- ◆ Antwerp Education Association
- ◆ Paulding County Retired Teachers
- ◆ InSource Technologies
- ◆ Roger Brown Memorial Scholarship
- ◆ Antwerp Conservation Club
- ◆ Jean Detmon Memorial Book Scholarship
- ◆ Jacob's Trust
- ◆ Ross Family Foundation

Additional information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsguidance/scholarships?authuser=0>.

#### MRS. STOKES - ELEMENTARY

##### FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

KA: Johnny Muir & Freyja Mylek  
 KB: Waylon Parisot & Jensen Gill  
 KC: Mackenzi Smith & Ruby Coressel  
 1A: Cole Schneider & Anya Moore  
 1B: Greta Kobee & Jett Johnson  
 1C: Thatcher Friend & Tekota Putnam  
 2A: Stella Meglich & Joanna Zuber  
 2B: Jaxton Schilt & Kimber Weible  
 3A: Carson Sutton & Duke Dangler  
 3B: Akasha Welker & Lydia White  
 3C: Damian Johnson & Skyler Pierce  
 4A: Gannon Sheehan & Waylon Hounshell  
 4B: Jameson Reeb & Bennett Graham  
 4C: Brody Smith & Hanson Kutzli  
 5A: Rilee Martin & Jaxton Leinbach  
 5B: Luke Saylor & Sylvie Zartman  
 5C: Stella Schmidt & Makenzie Muir

##### SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL

The Spring Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Band and choir members, as well as kindergarten, first and fourth grade students, will perform onstage in the auditoria. Student artwork will be displayed in the auxiliary gym. There will be raffle items with donations going to the Antwerp Band program. The community is invited to attend this great event.

##### SPRING STATE TESTING: GRADES 3-5

We will hold Math and Reading state testing in third, fourth, and fifth grade on April 16, 17, 23, and 24. Fifth grade will also have state science testing on April 30 and May 1. We ask that you make every effort to avoid scheduling appointments on these dates. Having students at school on testing days will help them do their best.

##### PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Our final preschool screening this school year will take place on Friday, April 19. Screenings are available for Antwerp School District children ages 3-5 years by appointment only. Contact Mrs. Carnes at 419/258-5421 to schedule an appointment. If you plan to send your child to our preschool next year, s/he must go through our screening.

##### ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

The character trait for the month of March was peace. This month in classroom guidance, Mrs. Lichty presented lessons on personal body safety to all classes kindergarten through fifth grade. This is required of all Ohio schools by the Ohio SAVE Students Act.

Mrs. Lichty is always available to meet all students' individual needs as well. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please call Mrs. Lichty at 419/258-5421, extension 2204, or email [lichty\\_e@antwerpschools.org](mailto:lichty_e@antwerpschools.org).

#### CAFETERIA MENU

Apr 3 Breaded chicken on bun, peas, pears, & milk  
 Apr 4 Ham & scalloped potatoes, peaches, cheese stick, & milk  
 Apr 5 Pizza rippers w/ pepperoni, salad, applesauce, & milk  
 Apr 9 Orange chicken w/ rice, steamed broccoli, pineapple, & milk  
 Apr 10 BBQ pork on bun, baked beans, mixed fruit, & milk  
 Apr 11 Meatball sub, sweet potato fries, blueberries, & milk  
 Apr 12 Cheese pizza, coleslaw, applesauce, & milk

*Our menus are subject to change without notice.*

#### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

##### VARSITY BASEBALL

Apr 1 5:00 vs. Wauseon  
 Apr 4 5:00 @ Wayne Trace  
 Apr 5 5:00 @ Parkway  
 Apr 9 5:00 @ Fairview  
 Apr 11 5:00 @ Edgerton  
 Apr 12 5:00 @ Ottoville  
 Apr 13 11:00 @ Miller City  
 Apr 15 5:00 @ Ft. Jennings  
 Apr 16 5:00 vs. Hicksville  
 Apr 18 5:00 vs. Ayersville  
 Apr 19 5:00 @ Hilltop  
 Apr 22 5:00 vs. Continental  
 Apr 23 5:00 @ Paulding  
 Apr 25 5:00 vs. Tinora  
 Apr 26 5:00 vs. Fayette  
 Apr 29 5:00 @ North Central  
 Apr 30 5:00 vs. Montpelier

##### VARSITY SOFTBALL

Apr 1 5:00 vs. Parkway  
 Apr 2 5:00 vs. Delphos Jefferson  
 Apr 4 5:00 @ Wayne Trace  
 Apr 5 5:00 @ Wauseon  
 Apr 9 5:00 @ Fairview  
 Apr 11 5:00 @ Edgerton  
 Apr 15 5:00 vs. Van Wert  
 Apr 16 5:00 vs. Hicksville  
 Apr 18 5:00 vs. Ayersville  
 Apr 19 5:00 @ Holgate  
 Apr 20 11:00 @ Crestview  
 Apr 22 5:00 vs. Montpelier  
 Apr 23 5:00 @ Paulding  
 Apr 25 5:00 vs. Tinora  
 Apr 26 5:00 vs. Hilltop  
 Apr 27 11:00 @ Kalida  
 Apr 29 5:00 @ North Central  
 Apr 30 5:00 vs. Delta

##### VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

Apr 2 4:30 @ Fairview/Holgate/Pldg  
 Apr 9 4:30 @ Ayersville/Ottoville  
 Apr 12 4:00 @ Wayne Trace Invitational  
 Apr 16 4:30 @ Crestview/Continental/HV  
 Apr 20 9:00 @ Hicksville Invitational  
 Apr 23 4:30 @ Montpelier/Holgate  
 Apr 30 4:30 vs. Edg/Cont/Ft. Jennings

##### JV SOFTBALL

Apr 2 5:00 @ Wayne Trace  
 Apr 4 5:00 vs. Wayne Trace  
 Apr 9 5:00 vs. Fairview  
 Apr 11 5:00 vs. Edgerton  
 Apr 12 5:00 vs. Delphos Jefferson  
 Apr 16 5:00 @ Hicksville  
 Apr 18 5:00 vs. Ayersville  
 Apr 23 5:00 vs. Paulding  
 Apr 25 5:00 @ Tinora  
 Apr 29 5:00 vs. Woodlan

##### JH TRACK

Apr 1 4:30 @ Paulding/Ft. Jennings  
 Apr 4 4:30 @ Hilltop/Edon  
 Apr 11 4:30 vs. Edon/HV/NC  
 Apr 15 4:30 vs. Paulding/Ayers/Edg  
 Apr 18 5:00 @ Jefferson/Crestview  
 Apr 22 4:30 @ Hicksville/Edg/WT  
 Apr 26 4:30 Antwerp Invite  
 Apr 29 4:30 @ Ayersville/FV/Kalida

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 1-2 NO SCHOOL - Easter/Spring Break  
 Apr 3-5 Kindergarten Registration  
 Apr 23 Board of Education Meeting  
 Apr 27 Spring Arts Festival  
 May 4 Prom  
 May 16 Seniors Last Day of School  
 May 19 Graduation  
 May 21 Last Day of School (K-11)



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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Disney and Satan**

In remembering some of my youth, starting around age 9 in 1945, the name Walt Disney was a household name. It stood for 100% trust and enjoyment for the whole family. Years later, after marriage, JoAnne and I took our daughter to Disney World when it opened in 1976.

I was very impressed by their help. My wife had mental disorder and one of their young ladies realized something was wrong. She offered her some coffee and asked to sit with her. They talked for a little while and soon she felt better.

It's a different world today. Many of you know my first wife died after 45 1/2 years of marriage and that Sandy and I have been married for 20 years. We had a winter home in Florida for 14 years until selling it two years ago. We grew to appreciate the way DeSantis ran the state. I could easily accept him as president.

There have been stories over recent years about Disney's name being dragged through the muck by today's disgraceful executives. I was extra proud of DeSantis when he took steps to reign in some of their liberties. I think today's Disney might be better suited for lower life forms or another world. They sure don't represent a moral or Christian people like Walt Disney envisioned and started. It appears that the Disney of today is in a true partnership with Satan. They evidently prefer Hell to Walt's moral ideals.

I base my statements on Disney's recent negative history of siding with Satan in

the war against our youth and Christianity. If you want our children to survive and live a moral decent life, you have better get off your lazy, do nothing back side and start helping them.

So far this has been a build-up to Disney's sick evil war against our youth and American's survival. I just received a letter from a reliable source that shows how Disney's today administration with all their idiots are destroying everything Walt Disney created. I don't believe they have the equivalent of a whole conscience among them. They appear evil to me.

Under their evil immoral guidance, Disney has already produced a teen series, "The Teacher" in which a high school teacher hotly seduces a student. Disney also has its whistleblowers. In this instance the whistleblower has a video of Disney executives celebrating their "inserting sexual themed ideas and views" into teen programs.

WARNING!!! What Disney has in the works right

now is a new series for teens called "Little Demons" The dad is Satan and his 13 year old daughter is the "anti-Christ" The whistleblower said the following about this series in a 30 minute segment.

F word used 15 times  
Close to a dozen crude or vulgar references to male genitals.

Full frontal female nudity  
Mockery of and hate for Christians and Christianity

Glorification of the satanic, demonic, gore and dismemberment.

Is this what you want for our youth? Better write or call your congressman. Better yet, take your kids to a Bible believing church.

As the Bible says, many will be blind to truth and right in the "end times" I believe what we are experiencing today is close to the final days of the end times. It may take a week or many years but it is upon us. A mass returning of God could change the picture.

—Richard Mastin, Hicksville, OH

**VETERANS MEMORIAL PAYS TRIBUTE TO LOCAL VIETNAM VETS ON NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS DAY**

The Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum is paying tribute to all area Vietnam Veterans whose names are forever inscribed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall at 2122 O'Day Road.

The tribute will start at 1pm Saturday March 30th in observance of National Vietnam Veterans Day. Vietnam Veteran's who served, will read the names of combat veterans killed in the line of duty from 35 surrounding counties. Veterans and their families are invited to attend the ceremony that will be held in the Event Center at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum next to the W. Paul Wolf War History Museum.

The program will include an opening prayer by Chaplain John Ray; Thomas Schmitt will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem will be performed

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in running for charity queen! If interested in helping Lynnora reach her goal, please contact her mother, Brittany, for more information, brittany94@hotmail.com

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**SLOW AND STEADY: A SMART WAY TO INVEST**

You've probably heard stories about fortunate investors who "get in the ground floor" of a new, hot company and quickly make a fortune. But while these things may happen, they are exceedingly rare and often depend on hard-to-duplicate circumstances — and they really don't represent a viable way of investing for one's goals. A far more tried-and-true approach is the "slow-and-steady" method.

To follow this strategy, consider these suggestions:

- Start small — and add more when you can. When you're first starting out in the working world, you may not have a lot of extra money with which to invest, especially if you're carrying student loan debt. But one of the key advantages of the slow-and-steady method is that it does not require large investment sums to get going. If you can afford to put away even \$50 or \$100 a month into individual stocks or mutual funds, month after month, you may be surprised and pleased at how your account can grow. And when your salary goes up, you can put away more money each month.

- Take advantage of an employer's retirement plan. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar tax-advantaged retirement plan, try to take full advantage of it. Again, if you're just beginning your career, you may not be able to put away much in this type of plan, but even a small amount is better than nothing. And as soon as you can possibly afford it, try to put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. These types of plans can offer some key benefits — and perhaps the biggest one is that investing is automatic, in that the money is moved directly from your paycheck into the investments you've chosen within your 401(k) or other plan.

- Be prepared for downturns. The financial markets will always experience ups and downs. So, you need to be prepared for those times

when your investment statements may show negative results. By understanding that these downturns are a normal part of the investment environment, you can avoid over-reactions, such as selling quality investments with good fundamentals just because their price has temporarily dropped.

- Chart your progress regularly. A key element of a slow-and-steady investment approach is knowing how well it's working. But it's important to measure your progress in a way that makes sense for you. So, for example, instead of measuring your portfolio's performance against that of an external stock market index, such as the S&P 500, you may want to assess where you are today versus one year ago, or whether the overall progress you're making is sufficient to help you meet the financial goals you've set for yourself well into the future. Another reason not to use a market index as a measuring tool is that the index only looks at a certain pool of investments, which, in the case of the S&P 500, is simply the largest companies listed on U.S. stock exchanges. But long-term investors try to own a range of assets — U.S. and foreign stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit, and so on.

"Slow and steady" may not sound like an exciting approach to investing. But it's often the case that a little less excitement, and a lot more diligence, can prove to be quite effective.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another (John 13:34) How beloved and precious we women are that God chose us to bear the children of this world.

Pregnancy & Mom & Babies 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-633-3339

—Judy McCalla, Respect for Life, Hicksville, OH

**READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

**OHIO LOCATIONS**

**Antwerp:** Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Family Dollar, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows

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

**Cecil:** 127 Maramart

**Charloe:** Charloe Store

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

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

**Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, 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

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN HICKSVILLE**

American Red Cross will be having a blood drive on Thursday April 18, at First Church of Christ, 118 N. Main St. Hicksville, OH from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-Red Cross or online at redcross-blood.org use sponsor code "fchicksville"



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# PEONY FESTIVAL TO HOLD QUEEN JUBILEE PAGEANT



Pictured above are (back row, l-r): Chloe Etzkorn, Emily Rode, Tess Vonderwell, Sydney King, and Melissa Joseph; (front row, l-r): Claire Keysor, Macy Johnson, and Elli Barton. Photo courtesy of Ally Buzard Photography.

The Van Wert Peony Festival is excited to be holding the Queen Jubilee Pageant on Friday, April 5th at Life-House Church in Van Wert. Eight area high schools have selected students to represent their senior class in for the 49th annual event. Over \$5,000 in scholarship funds will be awarded to the Queen and her court, with each contestant receiving a minimum of \$200 in scholarship funds for their future education. Zach Shaffer will be serving as Master of Ceremonies, with Kimberly Ousley directing for her fourth year. The rest of the pageant committee is comprised of Hilary Coil, Jill Gemmer, Jon Ousley, Andrea Shaffer and Julie

Zaleski. Contestants will be competing in talent, evening gown, and on-stage question, in addition to their preliminary scores of interview and essay. Tickets for this year's event are available at Laudick's Jewelry, from any contestant, or at the door the evening of the pageant.

This year's candidates:

**MELISSA JOSEPH**

Melissa is the daughter of Kirby and Sammi Joseph and is representing the Crestview Knights. She is a member of USBC Bowling, 4-H, FCCLA, NHS, prayer group, and Campus Life. She is a Junior Rotarian and a member of the Crestview band, choir, and Knight Vision. Melissa was named a Buckeye Girls

State delegate, and has received many academic awards. She is a scholar athlete and participates in Soccer, Cheerleading and Track. Melissa is a class officer, 4-H camp counselor, and was elected 2023 Junior Fair Queen. Her community service projects are extensive, and include Operation Back to School, First United Methodist Church Truck or Treat, Book Fair, Blood Drive, and serving as a concession worker. After graduating, she plans to attend the University of Saint Francis majoring in Biology, with a pre-med track. Her Flower Girl is Elliotte Williamson.

**EMILY RODE**

Emily is the daughter of

Joe Rode and Crysti Rode, and is representing Delphos Jefferson. As a Wildcat, Emily has been member of the Varsity Volleyball Team, and a Varsity Basketball Cheerleader. She is also a member of National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Gatekeepers, Wildcat Warriors and serves as a Junior Optimist. As an active member of Landeck St. John the Baptist Church, Emily assists in teaching religion classes to young students, in the church choir, and is an altar server for mass. She also volunteers as a PAWS tutor, at the STOA, and for Delphos Canal Days. Emily has taken multiple college credit plus classes and has completed over 42 college credit hours. After graduation, she plans to build onto those credits at The Ohio State University in Lima, pursuing a major in Social Work. Following that, Emily would like to attend Law School to become a lawyer specializing in family law. Her Flower Girl is Kylie Garber.

**CHLOE ETZKORN**

Chloe Etzkorn, representing the Delphos St. Johns Blue Jays. The daughter of Matt and Denise Etzkorn, Chloe also attends Vantage Career Center and is a member of their cosmetology program. Chloe has been a member of the Golf Team and cheerleading. She is a member of Gatekeepers, Future Business Leaders of America, and served as both Freshman and Sophomore Class President. She is involved in Junior Optimists, SADD, and Interact Club. Chloe is also very involved at her church, Landeck St. John the Baptist, and is a mass lector and server, in addition to helping teach 1st grade religion class. She has been

named as a 2023 Buckeye Girls State Delegate and has been a medalist in the National Spanish Exam. After graduating, Chloe plans to attend the University of Dayton studying Psychology on a pre-health track, while minoring in Spanish. Her flower girl is Rylee Suever.

**CLAIRE KEYSOR**

Claire will be representing Home Education. The daughter of Mike and Leah Keysor, Claire is very involved in the community. She has been a featured soloist for the Van Wert Community Band, and has had several roles in Van Wert Civic Theater productions. Claire was selected to participate in the high school choir for the "Tribute to Neil Diamond" concert in 2022 at the NPAC, sang the National Anthem at last year's Peony Festival, and for the Fort Wayne Tincaps. She has also studied both voice and piano privately. In addition to her musical talents, Claire has been active in her church in many hospitality roles, VBS, youth group, and various music ministries. She is currently taking classes at Cedarville University, pursuing a double major in vocal performance and biology, focusing on pre-veterinary medicine and hopes to become vet. Clarie's Flower Girl is Nora Bolon.

**SYDNEY KING**

Sydney is the daughter of the daughter of Craig and Jody King and represents the Lincolnview Lancers. Active on the golf team, and track and field, Sydney currently holds the school record for Women's Pole Vault and has been a scholar athlete for three years. She is a member of the Lincolnview Service Club, Science Club, Drama Club, and the National Honor Society. In the past, Sydney has been active in the

Van Wert Civic Theater. She is also an accomplished artist and enjoys all artistic mediums, including drawing, painting, macramé, knitting, and sewing. Sydney also loves working with plants and reading. She has served as a camp counselor for DARE summer camp, and helps with the Middle Point Fire Department Women's Auxiliary. After graduation, Sydney plans to attend college at Purdue University of Fort Wayne. Lyvia Breese will be Sydney's Flower Girl.

**ELLI BARTON**

Representing Paulding High School, Elli is the daughter of Benjamin and Tricia Barton, Elli has been a member of the Panther Volleyball and Basketball teams throughout high school, has lettered 6 times, and was chosen as captain for both this year. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Ohio Model United Nations, Drama Club, Choir and Quartet. Elli is also a member of student council and has served as class president all four years of high school. She is dedicated to school spirit, and runs Paulding's student section and social media pages, and was elected Homecoming Queen. In addition, Elli has a very strong faith in Jesus Christ and enjoys spending time reading, studying and sharing God's Word. She also spends time volunteering at the food pantry, serving the youth food program at the park, and coaching youth volleyball. After graduation, Elli will be attending Miami University to major in Mathematics Education. Her Flower Girl will be Hadlyn Hunt.

**MACY JOHNSON**

The daughter of Demond and Lisa Johnson, Macy has been selected to represent

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lished locations for view, managing the increase in traffic, having enough food, refreshments and fuel on hand for the weekend. Organization of businesses and retail, including merchandising of items to remember the event by, Paulding County's EMA Director, Edward Bohn stated.

The anticipation of nearly 5,000 people coming to the area, campsites are available, and we have been hearing family members from all over the United States are coming home to see the Solar Eclipse, and we just learned that the Hillsdale, Michigan school children are coming to the fairgrounds. It will all come down to the weather, and that's why the NWS has put together a team of meteorologists across the country, to chart the weather patterns of that weekend and especially on the 8th of April.

When watching a partial or annular solar eclipse directly with your eyes, you must look through safe solar viewing glasses ("eclipse glasses") or a safe handheld solar viewer at all times. Eclipse glasses are NOT regular sunglasses; regular sunglasses, no matter how dark, are not safe for viewing the Sun. Safe solar viewers are thousands of times darker and ought to comply with the ISO 12312-2 international standard. NASA does not approve any particular brand of solar viewers. Do NOT look at the Sun through a camera lens, telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device while

wearing eclipse glasses or using a handheld solar viewer, the concentrated solar rays will burn through the filter and cause serious eye injury.

Here are some important safety guidelines to follow during a total solar eclipse:

- View the Sun through eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer during the partial eclipse phases before and after totality.
- You can view the eclipse directly without proper eye protection only when the Moon completely obscures the Sun's bright face - during the brief and spectacular period known as totality. (You'll know it's safe when you can no longer see any part of the Sun through eclipse glasses or a solar viewer.)
- As soon as you see even a little bit of the bright Sun reappear after totality, immediately put your eclipse glasses back on or use a handheld solar viewer to look at the Sun.

First Responders, Fire, EMS the Sheriff's Office and the Paulding County Hospital have coordinated efforts to provide service throughout the entire weekend and espe-

cially on Monday, April 8th. The State of Ohio has a statewide taskforce in place and has been in contact with a number of state and federal agencies to gear up for the overwhelming number of people, Director Bohn said.

Here are locations in Paulding County available to view the special event:

- Antwerp School
- Paulding School
- Grover Hill Park
- Auglaize Twp. Park
- Payne Parks
- Grover Hill School
- Fairgrounds
- Scott Parks
- Rochester Park
- Oakwood Park
- Oakwood School
- Paulding Parks
- Paulding Reservoir
- Latty Park
- Village Haviland
- Black Swamp Nature Center

If you have any questions or concerns about the eclipse, you can contact EMA Director Edward Bohn, at (419)399-3500 or email the office at [ema@pauldingcounty-oh.com](mailto:ema@pauldingcounty-oh.com).

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The Van Wert Cougar class of 2024. As a 4-year varsity athlete in both soccer and track, Macy has placed in state track meet two times, and served as soccer captain. She is a member of the National Honor Society, BETA Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, German Club, and is a Junior Rotarian. Macy is passionate about her advocacy for causes near to her heart, such as "Stand Against Racism" and being an advocate for the YWCA. She has given her time as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army, Food Pantry, and trash pickup. Macy also participates in Mission trips through her church and youth group, most recently to the Dominican Republic last summer. In the fall, Macy will be attending the University of Toledo to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Cecelia Staas will serve as her Flower Girl.

**AREA STUDENT(S) SELECTED AS TOP 10 STUDENTS AT BALL STATE UNIVERSITY**



**Samantha Horton**

Top 10 of Ball State University's third annual "Top 100 Students" list.

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**Jamie Ray**

Students applied for the honor directly on the Foundation's website and were required to upload a letter of recommendation from a Ball State faculty or staff member, professional employee, or graduate student. Applications were scored by select Ball State alumni based on four categories: academic excellence, campus leadership, community impact, and a miscellaneous set of requirements.

Here is the info on the Top 10 student(s) selected from your area:

**Samantha Horton:** Pre Veterinary and Biology major, College of Sciences and Humanities, Huntertown, IN.

**Jamie Ray:** Elementary Education/Special Education-Exceptional Needs major, Teachers College, Fort Wayne, IN.

**RAYNI RISTER NAMED TO OHIO UNIVERSITY'S FALL 2023 PRESIDENT'S LIST**

Ohio University Russ College of Engineering and Technology student Rayni Rister of Antwerp, OH has been named to Ohio University's Fall 2023 President's List.

At the end of each semes-

ter, Ohio University's undergraduate students are evaluated based on their semester GPA and hours to determine placement on the President's List, Dean's List or Provost's List.

The President's List distinction is presented to undergraduate students who exhibit an exceptional commitment to academic excellence each semester. Criteria for the President's List include a 4.0 GPA for the given semester with a minimum of 12 credit hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

In fall semester 2023, approximately 1,800 Ohio University undergraduate students qualified for OHIO's President's List. A complete listing is available online.

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**PAULDING ELEMENTARY THIRD NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2023-24**

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**Mrs. Buss** - Elizabeth Cortes Becerra, Ella Hale, Kolby Ringler

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**Mrs. Agler** - \*Nora Gochenour, Evelyn Dangler, Dulce Gale, Harlow Kipfer, Jacob Shaffer, Ashlynn Vance

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**Miss Tressler** - \*Rya Wirts, \*Carter Crossland, \*Jeremiah Sajuan, Bristyl Stoller, Avery Parrett, Caroline Miller, Reese Lero, Sienna Harris, Isabella Gonzales, Jase Frederick

**FIFTH GRADE:**

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**WARRIORS OUTSLUG SAINTS FOR FIRST WIN**

Woodlan went on the road and outslugged host Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger for a 15-10 high school softball victory Tuesday afternoon.

The Lady Warriors scored five times in the top of the first with the Saints getting three in the home half of the inning. Both teams scored in the second as well with Woodlan picking up three while Bishop Dwenger scored twice to put the Lady Warriors on top 8-5 after two innings.

Woodlan extended the margin in the top of the fourth with three more runs before Bishop Dwenger picked up four in the bottom of the inning to cut the deficit to 11-9. After the Lady Saints recorded one run in the home half of the fifth to get within 11-10, Woodlan widened the gap with a three-run sixth to push the lead to 14-10.

The Lady Warriors completed the scoring with a single run in the seventh to set the final at 15-10.

Alyssa Harvey paced Woodlan with two singles and a home run while scoring three times and driving in three runs. Jade Lichty recorded three singles, three runs scored and two runs batted in to aid the Lady Warrior cause and Lexi Metzger singled three times, scored once and drove in two.

Addison Klotz had the remaining Woodlan hit, a double, along with posting two runs batted in and scoring once. Adelynn Klopfenstein, Olivia Roney and Lillian Riley all scored once for Woodlan with Mya Jones and Victoria Crozier touching home plate twice.

Abby Horn tossed a complete game to get the win for the Lady Warriors, striking out four while giving up two walks.

**KNIGHTS ROLL TO WIN OVER WARRIORS**

Bishop Luers put together a pair of frames with double digit runs and went on to post a 26-3 victory over Woodlan in high school baseball action Wednesday night.

The Knights plated 14 runs in the opening frame to take control of the contest and never looked back.

Woodlan picked up a pair

of runs in the third inning and added a single run in the fourth to complete the scoring for the Warriors. Bishop Luers finished out its scoring with a dozen runs in the home half of the fourth.

Oliver Adams led the way for the Woodlan offense, recording a single and a double for the Warriors while driving in one run.

Alex Piedra, Gavin Sheehan, Ethan Trygg and Ashtin Jacquay all finished with a single for Woodlan.

Noah Beghtel, Jacquay and Bryce Dunfee touched home plate once each to comprise the Warrior runs with Piedra also driving in one run.

**LADY ACES BLANK EAGLES IN SEASON OPENER**

In its high school softball season opener, the Hicksville Lady Aces plated five runs in the bottom of the first and went on to post a 10-0 victory over North Central Monday afternoon.

After jumping out to the 5-0 lead, Hicksville added a single run in the fifth to push the lead to 6-0 before wrapping up the game with a four-run sixth frame.

Jaylynn Price recorded a single, double and home run to lead the Hicksville offense while driving in three runs and scoring once. Lillybell Porter also had three hits for the Lady Aces, finishing with two singles and a double, along with driving in four runs and scoring once.

McKenna Baird chipped in a single and a triple and Allie Nelson hit a single for Hicksville. Baird also scored a trio of runs with McKenna Rice and Kennedy Adams scoring a pair of times each. Nelson touched home plate once to round out the Hicksville runs.

Baird picked up a pair of runs batted in with Adams driving in one run for the Lady Aces.

On the mound, Adams recorded the victory in tossing the complete game victory. Adams struck out nine North Central hitters while allowing three hits and two walks.

Darbi Stewart took the loss for the Lady Eagles, pitching five innings giving up six hits, six runs (two earned) and two walks while fanning six.

**WARRIORS WIN ON WALK**

A bases loaded walk to Nolan Meeks scored Gavin Sheehan with the winning run as Woodlan recorded a season-opening 7-6 victory over Fort Wayne Concordia Mon-

day afternoon. The Warriors struck first with a single run in the bottom of the first before each team picked up a one run in the second, giving Woodlan a 2-1 advantage.

After Concordia plated three runs in the sixth to go on top 4-2, the host Warriors responded with four runs of their own for a 6-4 lead entering the seventh.

The Cadets again answered, scoring twice to tie the game at 6-6 in the top of the seventh to set up the Warrior heroics in the home half of the frame.

With one out, Sheehan singled for Woodlan before taking both second base and third base on wild pitches.

Following intentional walks to both Oliver Adams and Ethan Trygg, a strikeout of Jordan Halsey put the Warriors down to their final out.

However, Meeks drew a five-pitch walk to plate Sheehan and give Woodlan the victory.

Drew Fleek led the Woodlan offense with two singles, a double and four runs batted in while Trygg chipped in three singles and a run batted in.

Beghtel, Sheehan, Adams, Halsey and Max Gillenwater all added a single each for Woodlan. Beghtel, Sheehan, Ashtin Jacquay, Evan Koch, Halsey, Gillenwater and Clayton Rosier scored a run each for the Warriors. Bryce Dunfee, Trygg and Meeks drove in one run apiece.

**BLAZERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER WARRIORS**

The Woodlan Lady Warriors opened their 2024 softball season on Monday with visiting Eastside outscoring the Warriors 7-1 for the victory.

The Blazers struck quickly, plating three runs in the first, before adding single runs in the second and third to open a 5-0 advantage.

Eastside scored one more time each in the fifth and sixth with Woodlan getting its lone run in the home half of the seventh on an Alyssa Harvey solo home run.

Harvey added a double for the Woodlan offense with Mya Jones picking up a single for the Lady Warriors.

Abby Horn suffered the loss on the mound for Woodlan, tossing five innings allowing six hits, six runs (five earned) and four walks while striking out three.

Harvey pitched the final two innings, surrendering two hits, one earned run and two walks with one strikeout.

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# THE LEFT TURN



USAC Thunder Midget driver Abby Hohlbein will also run a 360 Sprint Car. Photo by Hohlbein Racing



Super Modifieds coming back to Sandusky Speedway. Jim Davidson photo.

By: Ron Burt

This past fall for high school basketball I appreciate everyone that listened to my Facebook Live scoreboard shows on the Ohio Sports Blitz. I enjoyed bringing you scores from 20 high school conferences and the pros several nights a week. This year 700 to 1,200 caught the live broadcast nightly or listened to the replays. The page is now focused on Tri-State racing. Starting Thursday, April 25th, and every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. I will have a weekly racing show with driver and track promoter interviews. I will mention the special races coming up for each track. The show will also cover the USAC Series with Silver Crown, Sprints, Extreme Outlaw Series, and Thunder Midgets. If you like racing in the Tri-State I hope you join me. The Ohio Sports Blitz is now on Tik Tok with racing reels from area racetracks with pictures from top photographers.

The big news this week comes from Hohlbein Racing in Ottoville. USAC Midwest Thunder Midget driver, Abby Hohlbein will join Jett Mann and Danny Sam's III to run a limited winged 360 Great Lakes Sprint schedule for 2024. These three teammates are looking forward to an exciting season. Abby will still run her USAC Thunder



World of Outlaws coming to Fremont Speedway May 27th. Action Photos Ohio

Midget. She's made a name for herself, and opportunities have been coming her way.

Fremont Speedway (The Track That Action Built) is ready to open for their 73rd season on April 6th. They will hold 24 events this year. Normal race nights will feature the 410-Sprints, Dirt Trucks, and 305-Sprints. They will also bring in the World of Outlaws Sprint Cars on Monday, May 27th. It will be the Rick Ferrel "The Ohio Traveler" Tribute. Other special nights will feature the Great Lakes 360 Super Sprints, 410-Non-wing Sprints, USAC Thunder Midgets, Super Late Models, Stock Cars and more. The tracks schedule is now posted on Facebook.

Asphalt race fans were happy to see Anderson Speedway open March 30th with Modifieds, Ford Division, Legends, and Thunder Roadsters. This historic track has something exciting planned for every week. They just posted their 2024 schedule that has special race dates for the 500 Sprint Car Tour, USSA

Kenyon Midgets, CRA Street Stocks and Sportsmen, JEGS All Star Tour, Legend Cars, Late Models, Outlaw Figure 8's and the 76th Annual Little 500 on Saturday May 25th. Most race dates are Friday and Saturday but there are some Wednesday and Thursdays mixed in during the summer.

April 27th will be opening night for Sandusky Speedway featuring the 410-Winged Asphalt Sprints, Midwest Lights Sprints, Pure Stock and All-American Iron Series. Sandusky will have \$1.00 admission nights during the summer. Those nights the track will run Pure Stocks, Renegades, Beginner Stocks and All-American Iron. Special events that cost more to attend will include ISMA/MSS Supermodifieds, Ohio Wheelman Series Modifieds and Street Stocks, The National Compacts, and Trucks. On October 19th will be the Nightmare Clash in Dusky. The Sandusky asphalt Street Stocks will race against the Oakshade Dirt Dominator Stocks and the Fremont Dirt Trucks. This is guaranteed to be a fun night for the drivers. Always check the tracks Facebook page for events and prices.

Next week we'll look at a few more track schedules. Racing season is here with more tracks opening each week. It doesn't look like Gas City I-69 Speedway and Montpelier will open in 2024. Gas City had USAC Sprint and Extreme Outlaw events scheduled. They also had dates for Indiana Sprint and Midget Week. I will keep you updated. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron Out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

### Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

**Jason Jeffries**, Bryan, OH; Disorderly conduct; Defendant appeared in open court with Mr. Duggan, Pled no contest, found guilty; 30 days jail, suspended; Pay fines/costs; Have no contact with victim

**Shannon M. Kraegel**, Paulding, OH; Fleeing & eluding; Case dismissed, without prejudice; Costs waived

**Noble G. Bidlack**, Dupont, OH; Failure to control, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Distracted driving, Guilty, Defendant completed course

**Damian M. Wood**, Paulding, OH; No operator license; Proof of insurance not provided

**Diana M. Agner**, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived defendant

**Antonio L. Aguilar**, Grover Hill, OH; OVI/under influence, Count A dismissed; OVI/breath(Low), Guilty, Operator license suspended 3/23/24 to 2/23/25, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Pay all fines and costs; No operator's license, Count C dismissed; Left of center, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Seat belt/drive, Count E dismissed

**Sandy M. Werfal**, Payne, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Drew A. Strawser**, Antwerp, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jacob L. Conners**, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive;

Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Zachary D. Boylard**, Latty, OH; Driving under non FRA suspension; Guilty; Show proof of insurance by 3/28/24

**Krystal Fuentes**, Cecil, OH; Theft; Guilty; 100 days jail, 96 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Submit an evaluation; Mental health; 20hours community service; Risk assessment; Letter of apology; Probation to determine online classes

**James Smith**, Berea, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Defendant completed course

**Devon A. Bell**, Antwerp, OH; Failure to control, pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; No eye protection, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Michael A. Johnson**, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Dennis R. Ordway**, Continental, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Ted A. Smith**, Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Gary M. Warmanen**, Ypsilanti, MI; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Breven M. Anderson**, Payne, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

## ANTWERP POLICE



## REPORTS

March 10, Antwerp Police Department was contacted with a request to assist Ohio State Highway Patrol with blocking off the east bound traffic at the overpass on 49.

March 15, Antwerp Police Department received a request to do a welfare check. It was determined that the individual did not live in Antwerp but in Van Wert.

March 15, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to a resident who had locked themselves out of their home on Maple Dr. An officer responded and assisted.

March 15, Antwerp Police Department assisted the Paulding County Sheriff Department in attempting to locate an individual that had a warrant for their arrest.

March 16, Antwerp Police Department assisted the Antwerp EMS at a resident on Canal St

March 17, A report of theft from Dollar General. An officer responded, located the suspect and forwarded the report to the prosecutor.

March 22, A report of criminal damaging to a vehicle was reported at North Garden Apartments

March 23, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to a missing juvenile from the county. Officer assisted in attempting to locate the juvenile.

March 23, Officer received a report of a motor vehicle accident on Erie St. Officer responded and prepared a report.

March 23, Motor vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Main and Woodcox. An officer responded and prepared a report.

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN APRIL

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is getting ready for spring. Monday, April 8 there will be a Total Eclipse of the sun. There will be a variety of activities at all locations. Weather permitting Paulding County will be able to enjoy the total eclipse. Get your glasses while supplies last. April 7th to 13th will be National Library Week. Tuesday, April 9 is National Library Workers Day, come celebrate at your favorite library.

The Adult section will be having a drawing and little surprises the week of April 8-13 in Celebration of National Library Week. The theme this year is "Ready, Set, Library!". Stop by for a lunar treat on Monday, April 8. We continue to hold "Coffee Talk" every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Join us for a snack and some lively conversation. Bring a friend or meet some new friends while you are here. Our book club, "Black Swamp Bookworms" is meeting on Tuesday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. The book this month is "The Science of Murder" by Carla Valentine. New members are welcome. Call the library for more details. Adult cookbook club meets on April 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room. Bring a prepared dish and a copy of your recipe to share. Call us at 419-399-2032 for this month's theme. Teen Cookbook Club will meet at 4:00 p.m. on April 29th. All

supplies will be provided, and you will make an easy delicious recipe. All ahead for more details. Every Tuesday this month stop by for a "Make and Take" craft project. Do it here and take it with you. This is geared toward teens and adults. All materials are provided, bring some friends, it's a fun time. Call ahead if you would like and we will have it ready for you. While supplies last. On Wednesdays, this month, it's Take and Make day. Stop by and pick up a craft kit to do at home. Limited availability, while supplies last. A Retirement Workshop is being held on Wednesday, April 10 at 5:00 p.m. Come and let the experts answer your retirement questions. A different topic every month! Second Wednesday of each month until further notice. On Tuesday, April 30 at 1:00 p.m., we will continue the monthly series titled "A Year of Frugal Living" with Carla Morris. Join us as she shares all kinds of practical information on making the most of your money and cutting down on waste, among other things. This month's theme is "How Does Your Garden Grow?" She will cover simple canning/preserving, big or little gardening tips and using a seed library, the art of bartering. Don't miss this one! The program will be held on the last Tuesday of every month. There are new programs being planned all the time. Call 419-399-2032 for details as they are available, be sure to like and follow our facebook page, Paulding County Carnegie Library. In case of unforeseen circumstances, call ahead for programming updates! See you soon.

The Children's room is planning an afternoon of activities for the eclipse. The day starts at 12:30 p.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. There will be snacks and fun! Kirk's story times are every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a story, music, crafts and a snack. Thursday, April 18th there will be a special story time with the Soil and Water Conservation. Time to be determined. Put us

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*New Schedule For Smaller Villages*

**3rd Wednesday of each month**  
Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)  
Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)  
Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)  
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# RUSCHEL SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Shannon Ruschel (Director, WMEA of Paulding County) as the guest speaker at the March 28, 2024, club meeting. Shannon is a

fellow Kiwanian and spoke to the group about the WMEA Program, how it has evolved over the years, and what future programming may look like.

on your calendar there will be a special giveaway. The Paulding location is proud to be a stop for the CASA Cookie Hop, on Saturday, April 6th 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., get your tickets and hop on over for your cookies.

The last Wednesday of the month, GHBL will discuss *American Eclipse* by David Baron at 4:00 p.m. Discover the nation's epic race to catch the shadow of the moon and win the glory of the world. Join us all month long as we reveal that an enduring power of ethereal events help bring people together across space and time.

### OAKWOOD BRANCH

The Oakwood Branch will have story time on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. Good Morning Book Club will be Tuesday, April 2, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Kids can stop in and pick up wooden watering can magnetic kits starting April 3, while supplies last. There will be no story time April 8. Be sure to watch our FB page April 8 for the monthly trivia, winner will be announced April 9. Thursday April 11 will be Senior Bingo Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Join us Thursday, April 18 at 5:00 p.m. for a presentation on Victory Gardens with Sarah Noggle, OSU Extension. You will go home with information and seeds. We will be hosting Book

Bingo for all ages on Saturday, April 11 at 11:00 a.m. The library will end the month with our Quilt block of the month April 30th, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Stop in and get your fabric requirements along with instructions.

### PAYNE BRANCH

The Payne Branch will be hosting a "Spring Wreath" class on Wednesday, April 10th at 1:00 p.m. Sign up is required. Our class for Essential Oils with Judy Hook will be Monday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m. We will be discussing inflammation and how oils can help. Please bring a friend and join us. Every Tuesday is story time at 11:00 a.m. There will be a story and fun. Fridays are Free Fridays at the library. Check out 3 movies or more and we provide the snacks. Each week will be something to make. Follow us on FB for more fun at PBL.

The Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library annual registration is open now. Everyone is welcome to become a Friends' member. Our next meeting will be held on April 8th at 6:00 p.m., upstairs in the Main Library. Friends of the Library and Buy the Book volunteers have been working hard to get our shelves restocked with new materials. Stop in soon and see what's new! Regular bookstore hours in 2024 are Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and Wednesdays 3:30-6:30 p.m. during 2024. Check us out!

### ACPL SHARES 2023 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

The Allen County Public Library has released its 2023 Community Impact Report. The report, which utilizes data from the Library's annual report to the Indiana State Library, reflects how the library system's services and collection contributed to the education, literacy, access, and discovery in Allen County over the past year.

In 2023, the ACPL welcomed more than 1.8 million visitors across its 14 locations. Borrowing was up as well with a nearly 5% increase over 2022 for a total of 4.28 million items borrowed. Among these were 1.5 million children's items. Library programming continued to see growth by offering more than 6,000 in-person programs that served 122,000 people. This is a nearly 29% increase over 2022. This is even more impressive given that 2022 was a 62% increase over 2021.

"There is no denying that Allen County deeply values its library facilities, staff expertise, and extensive collection of books and materials," said ACPL Executive Director Susan P. Baier. "We continue to be a critical place where this community gathers, learns, and connects with each other."

Along with increased circulation of digital and traditional materials, the Library's Special Collections also experienced consistent growth including nearly 22,000 visits to the Rolland Center for Lincoln Research and the addition of more than 2,400 items to the Community Album which aims to preserve and present local history. Among these items was the addition of The United Hispanic American, Inc. Collection, the first Community Album collection dedicated

to local Latine photos, articles, and stories.

"Many people in our community are aware of the Genealogy Center and the international reach it enjoys, but we are excited to see continued engagement with all of our Special Collections," said Director of Special Collections Curt Witcher. "These collections are unique to our library and reinforce our role as the community's trusted source of accurate information, powerful stories, and shared history."

The Library also put considerable effort into increasing access to information beyond the physical spaces of the library. The Audio Reading Service produced more than 8,700 hours of audio programming for persons who have challenges reading print, while Access Fort Wayne and WELT Radio produced 4,800+ programs with community producers.

According to Baier, the Library is focused on ensuring that every person in the community is impacted by ACPL's work. "Every day we strive to find ways to best serve our longstanding patrons, while engaging new audiences, because we believe the citizens of Allen County deserve a robust, world-class library experience. I see it in action every day with our patrons and staff, but the Community Impact Report gives us a moment to celebrate the true reach of our work!" said Baier.

The annual Community Impact Report can be read in its entirety at [www.acpl.lib.in.us/impact](http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/impact). The report arrives just in time for the 2024 National Library Week which kicks off April 7. The week is dedicated to celebrating libraries, librarians, and library workers.

### 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.

## The West Bend News

# Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

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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 by **Wednesday, April 17th at 11:00am**. At such 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@metalink.net](mailto:hixzoning@metalink.net)

## NOTICE

### Brown Township Cemeteries

Please remove all grave decorations, including grave blankets, artificial flowers and pots, that you wish to save by April 15th, 2024 for spring clean-up. Please do not return any decorations until May 15th, 2024. Due to safety concerns, all shepherd hooks and plant hangers are to be removed and not returned.

Thank you,  
- BROWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### 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:

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

If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale on 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  
[www.pauldingohsheriff.com](http://www.pauldingohsheriff.com)  
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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:

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

If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale on 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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# BITTERSWEET INN OFFERS PAULDING COUNTY LODGING



The Bittersweet Inn is a five-room bed and breakfast facility located at 940 West Wayne Street, in Paulding Ohio 45879 and is open for business.

As discussion continues to take place about the potential



for a new hotel venue in Paulding County, it is important to know that this facility exists today and is a viable option to provide travelers, and visitors to the region, a place to lay their head.

Valerie and Jack Baughman purchased the Bittersweet Inn from Phillis Crossland in October 2018. Together, Valerie, a former schoolteacher, and Jack, a retired U.S. Air Force serviceman, who now serves in business consulting,

manufacturing management and enjoys coaching area businesses toward stability and income growth, live in the lower level of the Bittersweet Inn. They operate this boutique hotel plus five small houses as short-term rentals in Paulding, Van Wert, and Fort Wayne.

There are five private second-level rooms that have well-insulated walls for noise dampening. Each room offers queen bed, desk, wardrobe, ensuite private bath, individual room heat and AC, fast WiFi, Roku TV, mini fridge with freezer, microwave, coffee maker and coffee, and pack-n-play. Additionally, two rooms offer pull-out sofa, and two rooms include a range. Individual laundry services are offered upon request.

The venue offers guests small community, off-highway lodging, in a safe neighborhood adjacent to a retirement community. This allows a quiet rest with maximum comfort and room amenities.

Phillis Crossland originally purchased this large home, plus an adjoining fourteen

acres, in the mid-1990's. She immediately remodeled the home to become a bed and breakfast that included upstairs rooms, with ensuite bathrooms and kitchenettes. Phillis, and her daughter Susan, offered breakfast during the initial years of operation. It was then decided to operate the business exclusively as an Inn thereafter.

Once the Inn was operational, the Crosslands began development of the Bittersweet Village to the north of the Inn. This is a wonderful, high-quality new neighborhood of condominiums for those fifty-five and older.

For more than 28 years, the Bittersweet Inn has been privileged to welcome guests into Paulding from all 50 U.S. states and from other countries around the world. There have been reservations including any amount of time from single night reservations, to stays for as long as and exceeding, one year.

The Bittersweet Inn encourages visits to Airbnb.com to view more than six hundred guest reviews, and to view their YouTube video named Bittersweet Inn. They advertise through Airbnb.com, Booking.com, VRBO.com, Furnishedfinders.com, and Facebook.com, as well as through phone reservations and walk-ins. Guests usually self-check-in through the door key code. The Inn accepts cash, business checks, and all major credit cards.

The Inn welcomes area business owners and managers to visit and view our rooms for your traveling visitors, clients, work crews, and professionals.

## OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 3RD 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2023/24

\*Denotes all A's

**Mrs. Arend 1A:** Zack Adkins, Kyleigh Bernal\*, Evan Blockberger\*, Natalie Collard\*, Emma Elkins\*, Coal Etter, Emerson Gamble\*, Colton Lambert\*, Aviana Landwehr, Macklen Osting\*, Zane Posey Grant, Aiden Thomas

**Mrs. J. Miller 1B:** Axl Breckler\*, Dante Corral\*, Amara Herman-Dix\*, Avery Kisor,,Leo Krabill\*, Garrett Lambert, Hadley Mohr, Bentley Pack, Carson Parker\*, Jayden Schlatter\*, McKinley Sherry, Titus Tenwalde\*, Jazmine Tuttle\*, Wyatt Zeedyk

**Miss March 2A:** Lee Bradford, Lexi Dunlap, Garrett Holt, Calla Manz\*, Cameron Manz\*, Kasha Manz\*, Daniel Schlatter\*, Aspynn Shirk, Owen Steffes, Henley Wagner\*

**Mrs. Carter 2B:** Zevy Adkins\*, Lucia Burghart\*, Marshall Fife\*, Xavi Noyola Herrera, Gwyn Krendl\*, Quintin Manz\*, Remington Plotts, Rylie Posey Grant, Elena Schlatter\*, Evan Taylor\*, Haven Wagner

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**Mrs. Hohlbein 4A:** Kirsten Blockberger, Enola Clifford, Ryder Dotson, Emma Feeney, Brandon Lambert\*, Kennedy Manz\*, Trevor Manz, Maggie Martinez, Brielle Schlatter, Isabelle Schlatter\*, Josh Schlatter\*, Tierney Tenwalde

**Mrs. Schroeder 4B:** Alex Burghart\*, Saulivin Cano, Zoey Chaney, Audrey Etter\*, 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

## ANTWERP JH/HS THIRD NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2023-24

\*Denotes 4.0

**HS Gold Card 4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-)**

**SENIORS:** \*Carson Altimus, \*Landon Brewer, \*Myranda Brooks, Camden Fuller, Cohen Hitzeman, Adyson Hormann, Reid Lichty, \*Aewyn McMichael, \*Brooke Molitor, \*Hannah Molitor, Emma Saul, \*Leila Spyker, \*Emma Townley

**JUNIORS:** \*Allison Carnes, Elle Clem, Derek Hines, Aiden Lichty, \*Braylen Moreno, \*Madisyn Peters, Eden Shuherk, \*Gracelyn Stoller

**SOPHOMORES:** Kalli Billman, Nikalas Brandenburg, Marcelo Cruz, Leigha Doster, Dylan Hahn, Miley Jewell, Mara Phlipot, Hampton Rogge, Colten Sargent, Corbin Sargent, Lauren Walters, Raelynn Zuber

**FRESHMEN:** \*Briley Bagley, Lucy Conley, Roman DeLong, Maclaren Ehrhart, Maddox Friend, Keegan Gray-Wyckoff, Josie Hahn, Aiden Hook, Eliana Hor-

mann, Alyssa Lawson, Tyler Overman, Nathan Sanders, Gabriella Snyder, \*Keira Spyker

**JH Gold Card 4.0-3.75 (with no grade less than a B-)**

**EIGHTH GRADE:** Hudsyn Bagley, Bryceton Barker, Gabriella Brandenburg, \*Wyatt Cline, Tucker Doster, Avery Honigford, Taylor Lockhart, Monica Maynez, Elise Meyer, Corey Moore, \*Braxton Peters, Annelise Zijlstra, Korra Zuber

**SEVENTH GRADE:** Brennan Barker, Braxtyn Bauer, \*Simon Conley, Pearce Cottrell, Charlotte Hook, \*Annabelle Mowery, Alaina Reinhart, Aleta Sorrell

**SIXTH GRADE:** Parker Bermejo, Conner Fidler, Hayden Grant, Anderson Honigford, Alivia Kiracofe, Isaac Meyer, \*Briggs Zartman

**HS Blue Card 3.66-3.33 (with no grade less than a C+)**

**SENIOR:** Syris Gale, Connor Shiple, Kahlea Shook, Lucy Wales

**JUNIORS:** Noah Bradbury, Drew Eaken, Lillian Friend, Jonah Keys, Brynn Reinhart, Caroline Rohrs, Keira Sargent

**SOPHOMORES:** Sara Farr, Andrew Johnson, Griffin Kosch, Addisen Lehman, Haydyn Lengacher, Estee Lichty, Lillyanna McKay, Zaine McMichael, Harlee Moore, Landon Orozco, Taylor Shull

**FRESHMEN:** Avalon Coney, Aliyah Friend, Blake Gribler, Danica Lehman, Lincoln Lucas, Madison Schmidt

**JH Blue Card 3.749-3.5 (with no grade less than a C+)**

**EIGHTH GRADE:** Gage Barker, Alia Clem, Arriyanna Dunderman, Brayden Fuller, Camden Herber, Noah Lucas, Jason McKay, Franco Rivera, Anabelle Saylor, Jazmine Yanez

**SEVENTH GRADE:** Tyler Bradbury, Teagen Eaton, Brooklyn Lawson, Robert Montgomery, Garrett Robbins

**SIXTH GRADE:** Layla Bermejo, Eliza Cline, Isaac Friend, Kyler Johnson, Heidi Rice, Benton Rogge, Jordan Steel, Kolton Stuckey, Emma White

**HS Honor Roll 3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a C)**

**SENIORS:** Jill Magoulas, Taylor Morales

**JUNIORS:** Teeghun Marlin, Magdaline Trabel

**SOPHOMORES:** Krystal Bradbury, Amelia Graham, Kane Hines, Ethan Porter, Cayman Williamson

**FRESHMEN:** Payleigh Dickess, Maddilan Doster, Lexy Hicks, Emery Jones, Emily Laker, Jennifer Lawhorn, Ethan Marlin, Aaron Mylek, Kara Pierce, Weston Rhonehouse, Holly Richey, Michael Rohrs, Kage Slattery, Riley Smith, Lucas Sproles

**JH Honor Roll 3.49-3.0 (with no grade less than a C)**

**EIGHTH GRADE:** Reese Franklin, Aaden Friend, Lilly Halsey, Kaira Jones, Kati Phares, Alyssa Phillips, Allison Rice, Clara Rohrs, Triston Schilt, Izaiah Thompson

**SEVENTH GRADE:** Liam Bryant, Elliana Burtnett, Gianna Laker, Allison Miller, Emerson Morrow, Evan Overman, Cate Rohrs

**SIXTH GRADE:** Brooklyn Baum, Serenity Camarillo, Bradyn Coleman, Jameson Graham, Luke Jones, Cooper Nestleroad, Braelyn Putnam, Marshall Rice, Bentley Taylor, Rylan Winslow, Christopher Yanez

# PHS ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Students of the Month for Paulding High School are from Left to Right: Freshman, Kayleigh Dunham; Sophomore Hope Peters; Junior Abbie Bail; Senior Elli Barton

# PJHS STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY



On Saturday, March 23rd 8th grade students from Paulding Junior High School volunteered at the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Paulding, Ohio. Shown in the picture from left are: Lela Brownell, Billie Dix, Mr. Jon Snodgrass (8th grade US History teacher), Brady Hayes, and Gauge Krill.

# KLOPFENSTEIN, BRENNAN INTRODUCE BILL PERMITTING PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS IN SCHOOLS



State Representatives Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) and Sean Patrick Brennan (D-Parma) introduced legislation that requires schools to allow U.S. Title 36, which permits patriotic organizations to provide information to students.

Patriotic organizations covered by this legislation include the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA, Civil Air Patrol, Boys and Girls Club of America, and others.

"These groups play a vital role in imparting civic and moral values, fostering robust leadership skills, and promoting personal development among our youth," said Klopfenstein.

The legislation would allow the organizations to present information about their activities at least once per academic year. It is at the discretion of the school to determine when, where, and how long the organizations can present.

This measure ensures the safety of students while facili-

ating meaningful interactions, as organizations seeking to engage with students must undergo and pay for a background check akin to those required for teachers.

"Teachers and administrators are bombarded with groups and individuals who want an audience with our students," said Brennan. "Our bill will assist our schools by requiring proper vetting of those requesting to present to students and, at the end of the day, will benefit our young learners by giving them access to quality opportunities."

The bill is modeled after similar legislation in Indiana, which passed with strong bipartisan support.

The legislation awaits a bill number and committee assignment.

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# PETE'S BEST



I've heard it said that most overnight successes take a long time. This is one of those stories which includes a blinding snow storm, but success beyond all imagination.

Pete Best was a drummer. He got together a little band that played in "The Cavern Club," in Liverpool, England. They had been hoping for great success but now they were finished. The last turn down was the last straw. Pete had arranged a session with Decca records in London on January 1st, 1962, They left on the afternoon of December 31st, 1961, for a 5-hour drive to London, which turned into a 10-hour drive because of a blinding snow storm. They had always used public transportation but this time they had hired a driver with a van, with only two seats, for five shillings each.

Arriving in the middle of the night, they did a bit of sightseeing, and was at the studio promptly at 10:00 a.m. No one was there. The manager Brian Epstein finally showed up but he was hungover, and in no shape to do anything. They played five songs, then 15 more songs,

each with just a single take. They waited a month and then came the letter. They had no future in show business. Guitar groups we're on the way out.

Pete Best quit the band and never played with them again, Ringo Starr took his place. But the group did attain success, and you remember when they came to the US, a rag tag bunch of boys called, "The Beatles." My wife says her father was upset when Elvis Presley came along, and it was worse when The Beatles came along. But that is not the end of the story.

Pete Best worked for an unemployment office for 20 years. He performed off and on with different groups with some success. He was probably one of the best drummers ever. In 1996, 33 years later, The Beatles put out an anthology, which proved quite successful. There were six songs on that album when Pete Best was still the drummer. For this he received millions of pounds in royalties, and became instantly rich. I guess the strangest things happen, we must simply persevere.

—James Neuhouser

## APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

This year celebrates the 41st year since April was designated National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF), serving the state

chapter for "Prevent Child Abuse America", takes the time each April to raise awareness and try to keep families strong and to prevent child abuse. Additionally, our current Family & Children First Council's initiative is to "reduce child abuse and neglect

## JOB POSTING

The Hicksville Township Trustees are accepting resumes for the Township Roadside Mowing position. This position is considered part-time and entitled to OPERS Retirement. Pay based upon experience.

Resumes can be submitted to any of the Hicksville Township Trustees, mailed to 11873 Casebeer Miller Road Hicksville, Ohio 43526, or emailed to hicksvilletownshipohio@gmail.com.

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## The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments**

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During National April Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund is excited to host four prevention focused webinars to help raise awareness about some of the great services in our state designed to support children and families. These webinars are free and open to all Ohio parents and professionals.

- April 4th at 11am – "Triple P Fear-Less: A Parent Educator's Toolbox to Support Families Parenting an Anxious Child or Teen," presented by, Susan McDonald, Knox County HeadStart

- April 11th at 11am – "Portage County Prevention and Beyond," presented by, Leanne Biltz, Children's Advocacy Center of Portage County

- April 18th at 11am – "Guernsey Cares: Coordinating Access to Resources, Education, and Services," presented by, Lori Robson, East Central Ohio Educational Service Center

- April 25th at 11am – "The Map Forward Project: Neuroscience for Hopeful Futures," presented by, Tammy Baumgartel, Albany Counseling Services

You can find out more information about each webinar and register here: April National Child Abuse Prevention Month Events | Ohio Children's Trust Fund

According to childhelp.org, every year nearly 6 million children in the U.S. experience child abuse, and four children under age four die each day due to abuse. As a community of people who work with kids and strive to show them love, this is a sad and shocking statistic. We must all make an effort to help put a stop to this terrible trend.

According to Alaska Children's Alliance, Child abuse or neglect often takes place in the home at the hands of a person the child knows well – a par-

ent, relative, babysitter, or friend of the family. According to the OCTF, in some states, when a parent exposes a child to drug activity or substance abuse, that can also be defined as a form of child abuse. In Ohio, some examples of this might include when a child has access to illegal drugs or needles in a home; a parent provides a child with illegal drugs or uses illegal substances with a child; or when an infant tests positive for substances at birth or shows signs of withdrawal or is diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

According to the Alaska Children's Alliance, there are four major types of child maltreatment. Although any of the forms may be found separately, they often occur together.

Neglect. Failure to provide for a child's basic needs:

- Food
- Shelter
- Medical care
- Education
- Supervision
- Clothes

It's also considered neglect in many states to abandon a child. Abandonment is often defined as happening when the parent's identity or location is unknown, or the parent has left the child in a situation that exposes the child to harm, or has left the child with no contact and no support. Abandonment is also legally defined as a form of neglect in Ohio.

According to the Alaska Children's Alliance:

**Physical abuse.** Physical injury as a result of hitting, kicking, shaking, burning, pulling hair, choking or otherwise physically harming a child.

**Sexual abuse.** Any situation where a child is used for sexual gratification. This may include indecent exposure, fondling, rape, or commercial exploitation through prostitution or the production of pornographic materials.

**Emotional abuse.** Is any pattern of behavior that impairs a child's emotional development or sense of self-worth, including constant

criticism, threats, and rejection.

Children depend on the adults around them to keep them safe and to help them when they are hurt. ALL of our children need an opportunity to reach their full potential as adults by having a safe and nurturing environment with caregivers they can depend on for love, guidance and respect.

According to Atlanta Innovative Counseling - Signs that you are experiencing parenting stress:

Are you maxed out as a parent? Are you having trouble falling asleep or staying asleep because you are worried about your kids? Is your fuse much shorter with your children than it usually is? Do you long for adult company? Are you drinking more alcohol to cope with your child's behaviors? Do you find yourself worrying that you aren't available enough to your children, or that you aren't making them happy?

Stress does not make you a bad parent! It makes you a parent who is doing your best to provide a safe environment for your kids. The following are some ways to manage your stress:

Don't ignore your stress. It's important to learn to control your stress, rather than letting it control you.

Have a plan for stress. Once you've named your stress and acknowledged how you are feeling, put your parenting stress plan into action. No matter what it involves, stick to it.

Try to maintain a sense of humor. A sense of humor is critical in helping people handle stress.

Identify your strengths. Focus on what you are doing "right" as a parent is much more effective than focusing on the negative.

Take care of yourself. It doesn't have to be a long amount of time, but it's im-

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portant to take time where you are the priority.

Seek help when you need it. If you are feeling overwhelmed and stretched thin as a parent, there is no shame or stigma in reaching out for help from friends and family, or reaching out for professional help. A therapist can help you work through your stressors and provide clinical, evidence-based methods for reducing your stress and helping you become the parent you want to be.

Are you or someone you love struggling with mental health or substance abuse:

"LocalHelpNow" app can provide the help you need – go to: tricountyadamhs board.org

If you are experiencing mental health or addiction crisis and need immediate assistance:

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# CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY ON THE MOVE!



Dan Bulau, pantry board president, showing off new pantry storeroom shelves.

At 318 N. Walnut Street in Paulding, the new building of the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is nearly ready for business. Shelving (some purchased and some donated) is being assembled in the new market and stockroom. Here's the schedule of events for the next two weeks:

- April 1-9 - both pantry locations will be closed for moving freezers, refrigerators, stock, supplies, furniture
- April 10 - the new pantry location at 318 N. Walnut Street will be open for clients
- May 2 - save the date for the ribbon cutting and community open house; more details to come

The schedule in the new building will continue to be open 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Wednesdays and Saturdays. Clients can continue to visit the pantry twice every 30 days and receive three days of food based on their family size.

"We are amazed at what our community has done to make this dream a reality for

Paulding County," said Laurie Barnes, pantry board member.

About the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the mission of the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is to engage the local giving community and volunteers to help serve our neighbors and work against food insecurity in Paulding County. It operates solely based on food and financial donations from the community and with the support of Feeding American and West Ohio Food Bank, of which it is a member.

For more information about the pantry, follow the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry on Facebook. To contact, the pantry call (419) 399-9562 or email pauldingfoodpantry@gmail.com.

## EMERGENCY/WEATHER SIREN TESTING

All village and township emergency/weather sirens in Paulding County are sched-

uled for maintenance beginning 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 3. Sirens will be activated throughout the day ensuring all are in proper working order.

"We have 21 emergency sirens strategically placed around the county by our various townships and villages. They are tested every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Some malfunctions have been reported from time-to-time," said Sheriff Jason K. Landers. "We are bringing a vendor in April 3rd to troubleshoot any problems with the towers that might be on our end. We intend to use various outlets to inform the public, this is only maintenance."

Each individual siren is the property and responsibility of the government entity in which it is located. If you find a siren is not functioning properly during a Wednesday test, contact the township or village where the siren is located. There is also a reporting feature on the Sheriff's Office website under the General Information tab.

In the event of severe weather on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, the testing of these sirens will be postponed.

Download the free Paulding County Ohio Sheriff's App on your smartphone, and enable push notifications for any up-to-date information.

## NORTHWEST STATE TO HOST FREE JOB & CAREER FAIR

Area job seekers have an opportunity to network with roughly 70 employers at a community-wide Job & Career Fair on Tuesday, April 2 from 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The event will be held in the

# JPHS SPRING TEA SCHEDULED FOR MAY 11



The John Paulding Historical Museum will host its popular Spring Tea on May 11.

Plans are in place for JPHS' annual Spring tea.

The tea will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 11. The museum is already being readied for an exhibit showcasing vintage clothing

Ages 12 and older are welcome to attend. Because last year's event sold out, those interested in attending are

encouraged to contact early.

Contact the museum on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or by calling 419-399-3667 (leave message). Or, contact Eileen Kochensparger at 419-399-5818.

The museum is looking for a few more table hostesses. Anyone interested should call one of the above

phone numbers.

The John Paulding Historical Museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive in Paulding, across from the fairgrounds.

The vintage clothing exhibit will continue through June 25. Admission is free during regular hours on Tuesdays.

Atrium at Northwest State Community College and is presented by NSCC Career Services. The Job & Career Fair is free and open to the public.

"This year, we will have about 70 area businesses looking to fill full-time, part-time and seasonal positions, as well as internships. This event is a great opportunity for community members, NSCC students and

alumni to connect with those businesses," said Mike Jacobs, Career Services Coordinator at NSCC. "Preparation is key for any job seeker, especially at an event like this. Attendees should bring several copies of their resume, dress in professional attire and be prepared with a brief 'sales pitch' covering their skills and experience."

Industries that will be

represented at the 2024 Job & Career Fair include healthcare, manufacturing, human services, financial, business and more. Additional information is available at NorthwestState.edu/job-fair. For more information, call NSCC Career Services at 419.267.1330 or email

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