

CHARLOE SNO-CONE CHANGES OWNERSHIP, LOOKING TO EXPAND

The Charloe Sno-Cone, located at 10768 Rd 171, has recently changed ownership. Daniel and Dimare Dunlap have purchased the building and business and hope to grow the business. They have also named Cannina Lewis as

the Operations Manager for the facility.

The business had a soft opening over Easter weekend. The goal for the future business schedule is to be open seven days a week ASAP along with adding a morning shift for coffee and pastries. Current hours are Thursday thru Sunday from 11am-8pm. There will be additional days

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PPEC AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO 7 LOCAL SENIORS

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) knows career preparation can be expensive. That's why one of PPEC's cooperative principles, "Education, Training, and Information," aims to uplift the next generation of leaders and help them succeed through the co-op's Children of Members Scholarship Program.



Jamy Hunt

scholarship competition, where she will compete for up to \$4,100 in additional funds. Additionally, first-place winner Corinne Bowers of Her-

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PC WORKSHOP ENTERS EASTERSEALS DISABILITY FILM CHALLENGE



By: Angel Steiner

It's no secret that PC Workshop in Paulding Ohio is making its mark on the map in re-defining the limits of individuals with disabilities in our communities. From the daily programming they offer their clients to the extracurriculars and outreach programs they do to operating the Limitless retail store in downtown Paulding, they stay

busy in the community. This past week PC Workshops turned their direction to the movie making industry again. Many of you have watched or purchased "Limitless League" that came out last summer or their Christmas special that they did for the holidays. Now through the Easterseals organization, PC Workshop has entered a film festival challenge, the Easterseals Disabil-

ity Film Challenge.

Entries from all over the worlds will be in this Film Challenge and it's an online competition which will potentially make its reach farther than anything PC Workshop has done previously with the opportunity for winning prizes. Entrants were instructed to make their entire film - writing, filming, editing

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UPCOMING DEFIANCE COUNTY PERI MEETING

Defiance County PERI District 1 chapter 30 is meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Delaware Township Fire Hall (located at SR18, east of Sherwood, OH).

Defiance County Commissioners will be in attendance at this meeting. All public employees are urged to attend.

PAYNE AMERICAN LEGION TO OFFICE NOMINATIONS

American Legion Post 297 Payne, OH will hold

nominations for offices on May 7, and elections for offices will be on May 21, 2024.

PUBLIC MEETING SET FOR NEW SOLAR FARM

Mink Solar (Geenex Solar) has scheduled a Public Meeting for the new proposed Solar field that will be located in northern Carryall Township and southern Hicksville Township. This meeting is set for Apr 17, 2024, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM at Hicksville High School, located at 958 E High St, Hicksville, OH. This is a local public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(C), where

the Ohio Power Siting Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person.

JOIN US IN MAINTAINING THE BEAUTY OF THE HERB MONROE PARK

By: Erica Noggle

The Herb Monroe Community Park, nestled in the heart of downtown Paulding, stands as a cherished gathering place for families, professionals on lunch breaks, event organizers, food trucks, and the entire Paulding County Community. With its lush greenery, inviting spaces, and vibrant atmosphere, the park enriches the lives of all who

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Community Calendar

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

April 15

- WT school board meeting, HS lecture rm., 6:30pm

April 16

- PCCL trustee meeting @ conference rm, 5:30pm
- PEVS school board meeting @ Oakwood Elem, 6pm

April 16-19

- PCH Spring Health Fair @ Black Swamp Nat. Ctr, 7-9am

April 17

- Guest Speaker, Pam Stenzel @ Paulding HS, 7pm
- WBESC meeting @ Conference Rm, 5:30pm
- Mink Solar Public Meeting @ Hicksville HS 6pm

April 18

- Evening w/Bill Hinsch @ Huber @ 7pm

April 21-24

- Spring Revival Svcs @ Auglaize Chapel Church of God, Oakwood, 7pm

April 27

- Little Big Band @ Huber, 7:30pm
- Crane Twp Cecil FD Pancake Breakfast, 7-11am

May 2

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DEFIANCE, OH:
John Anthony (Jack) Willitzer, Sr., age 92, passed away early morning on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at his home in Defiance. He lived with his daughter and son-in-law, Sandra & Tim Hutson.

Born on September 1, 1931 to the late Joseph and Helen (Hart) Willitzer in Independence, OH. He and his family lived in the old homestead built by his grandparents on Standley Rd before moving to Paulding at a young age. When he was 14 he was enrolled in the seminary in Carthagena with his good friend, John. After being there for a few months they decided it wasn't the place for them and decided to run away. They were stopped close to the edge of the property (many acres) and then were asked to leave. He always laughed and said that's what they were trying to do!!

Jack joined the Merchant Marines and National Guard before quitting his senior year of high school to proudly serve in the US Navy. He received his high school diploma from Paulding High School in 2013 with the help of the veteran's office. He was so proud standing in front of the graduating class dressed in his Honor Guard uniform as they gave him a standing ovation before handing him his diploma!

On March 13, 1954 he married Rose Marie Reynolds who passed away in 2008. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Defiance, an Usher and Greeter for many years and an Honor Guard for the VFW in Defiance until covid shut down the country and he lost his strength when it opened back up. He was a life member of the Eagles #372, the VFW #3360 and a member of the Moose Lodge #2094. In his younger years he owned the Sinclair Gas station, put up antennas and worked at Dinner Bell as a truck driver. He continued to drive truck for B&H Trucking and Freightway until his retirement in 1993.

Jack was a loyal Cleveland Browns fan and a true OSU Buckeye. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and friends that became his family.

Jack is survived by his children John A. Willitzer, Jr., Audrey Lynn (Barry) Roth, Mark (Laurie) Willitzer, Sandra (Tim) Hutson, all of Defiance and Crystal Willitzer, Antwerp, his grandchildren Chad, Danica, Emily, Misti, Kacey, Miles, Stetson, George, Taven and Kahlia, his 20 great grandchildren and one great, great granddaughter. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law Maxine Pippin and Carol Willitzer, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Helen Willitzer, daughter Shelley

Limber, sisters Helene Justus, Geraldine Font, Geneva Waldron, Joan Clark and Eileen Mack, brothers Bob, Dick, Don, and Wayne (Bud) Willitzer.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 from 2:00 pm -8:00 pm t Schaffer Funeral Home on Jefferson Ave., Defiance.

A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 11:00am at St. Mary Catholic Church, Defiance. Internment will take place at Riverside Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to CH Defiance, Ft. Defiance Humane Society or to a charity of the donor's choice.



FREEMASONS OPEN THEIR DOORS

On April 27, 2024, Flat Rock Masonic Lodge #580 will open their doors for a public open house. The Lodge is located at 505 S. Main Street in Payne, and it will hold its open house from

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Anyone who would like to know more about Freemasonry or is just curious and would like a peek inside may

attend. Members and their families are also invited to come share the day. Guided tours of the building will be offered. Your questions about Freemasonry will be answered by knowledgeable brothers.

Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest men's fraternity in the world. Thirteen signers of the Constitution and fourteen Presidents of the United States, including George Washington, were Freemasons. Today, there are more than 2 million Freemasons in North America alone, 90,000 of which are Ohio Freemasons.

The origins of Freemasonry are rooted in the guilds of stonemasons, who built the castles and cathedrals during the middle ages. The tools and objects used by stonemasons have been adapted as symbols in the ceremonies of modern Freemasonry to teach moral lessons. Known worldwide as a symbol of character, charity and friendship, the Square and Compasses design is the emblem of every Masonic lodge.

Today, Freemasonry is a fraternity that brings together good men from various political, social, ethnic and religious backgrounds to work to improve themselves and their communities in the spirit of brotherly love, relief and truth.

For more information please contact Ron Schmidt, 419-769-1884 or visit www.freemason.com.

Scripture of the Week

“Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.”

— Luke 9:23-24

PARKVIEW HEALTH RESPIRATORY THERAPIST RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD



Parkview Health Respiratory Therapist Chase Gorman poses with an award certificate and statuette after being recognized with the PHIL Award from The FACES Foundation following a surprise presentation at Parkview Regional Medical Center. The national award honors respiratory therapists who provide exemplary care, with nominations made by the patients they serve.

Parkview Health Respiratory Therapist Chase Gorman was recognized recently with the PHIL Award, a national honor recognizing therapists who provide exemplary care for patients with respiratory illnesses.

Gorman is the first-ever Parkview co-worker to receive the award from The FACES Foundation, although more than 40 therapists within the system were nominated by patients for consideration in 2024.

The PHIL Award was created in 2006 in honor of Philip C. Lamka, who died of interstitial lung disease. This once-per-year award is given to “best of the best” therapists who are nominated by the patients they serve. Gorman joins more than 500 therapists nationwide who have been honored with the PHIL award since 2006.

Gorman started with Parkview in November 2009 as a student associate before beginning as a respiratory therapist in 2010. He is one of Parkview's charge respiratory therapists and works in the Neonatal Intensive Care

Unit (NICU) and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU). Gorman also works on NICU transport cases at PRMC, the role in which he was nominated for the PHIL Award.

Gorman was nominated by a Parkview intensive care nurse and new mother, whose pre-term baby needed to be transferred to the PRMC NICU shortly after birth. Gorman helped prepare the family and their baby for the transport and upon arrival in the NICU, re-evaluated the baby's condition, answered numerous questions and helped the parents feel confident and reassured that their newborn was in good hands.

Parkview leaders surprised Gorman with an award presentation at PRMC on Thursday, March 28. PHIL winners receive an “Appreciation” sculpture, a framed certificate and PHIL Award lapel pin from The FACES Foundation.

More information about the PHIL Award and a list of past recipients can be found at <https://www.thefaces-foundation.org/phil-award>.



OAKWOOD, OH:
Mary A. Saxton, 98, of Oakwood passed away at 12:50 pm on April 8, 2024 at the Laurels of Defiance.

She was born February 16, 1926 in Bowling Green to the late Finnis and Aurabelle (Sweet) Burwell. On January 5, 1946, she married Maurice J. Saxton, he preceded her in death on November 12, 2010.

Mary is survived by 2 children, Dr. John (Karen) Saxton and Patricia (Thomas) Siebeneck, 8 Grandchildren; Beth (Sam) Carnahan, Dr. Brian (Tammy) Saxton, Mark (Siebeneck, Todd (Miranda) Siebeneck, Lisa Siebeneck, Stephanie (Terrie) Giesige, Wendy (Stephanie) Giesige, Cory (Jeff) Price; 19 Great Grandchildren; 7 Great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by a Daughter-in-law Janet (Singer) Saxton in 1991, 3 Brothers and 4 Sisters.

She was a leader for the Snappy Snippers 4-H Club, member of the Ladies Live and Learn Club. She also volunteered at the Paulding County Hospital. She loved spending time with her family and telling stories of her life.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, April 15, 2024 at Den Herder Funeral Home with Pastor Terry Porter officiating. Burial will follow in Milton Township Cemetery, Custar, OH at 2:30 P.M.

Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 14, 2024 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation from 9:00 A.M. until time of services on Monday.

Memorial donations may be made to Paulding County Relay for Life.



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& posting – during the week of April 2-7. The theme of the film was to be a “Buddy Comedy”. PC Workshop started with writing their script according to the theme, and on the title, “An Unusual Perspective”. Jeremy Thompson, community integration specialist at PC Workshop, with his son, Caleb, helped make this film come to life with the PC Workshop clients.

The group who participated in this film challenge enjoyed all aspects of film making process. Some were writers, others were actors, editors, videographers, and voice overs. They set up with Caleb on Zoom to go through the script. It was a round table discussion to get the story ready for filming. There were criteria that needed to be adhered to in entering this challenge. After going through the pre-filming discussions, the writers and directors were satisfied their film was up to par and ready for the cameras.

Charles, a PC Workshop client, helped with the editing process as well as being one of the extras in the film. Working on this film, Charles learned many things, including, “Working with dogs, you realize that life doesn't always go as planned.” The dogs' attention span made filming a challenge for the rest of the crew.

Another one of the film participants, Michael, was a voice of one of the dogs in the film. He was happy he participated in this film. He stated making films was fun, and he's excited that they could win prizes. He also stated it makes

this mom proud. As with any project, things don't always go according to plan, and Eric thought the bloopers were so funny! “We want everyone to watch and vote and share our film,” Eric stated. He had two roles in the film – he played himself as well as a voice of one of the dogs.

Here's where you all come in! Once the voting begins for this Challenge, one of the awards that PC Workshop can win is an Awareness Award. The link to the film was released on Saturday, April 13, 2024 (the awareness campaign runs through April 21, 2024) and it needs to be watched, liked, shared, commented on, and re-watched and shared again! Copy & paste this link to go to the website & find the film challenge to watch PC Workshop's Film to learn more: <https://disabilityfilm-challenge.com>

Keep watch on West Bend News social media pages for more opportunities to help PC Workshop get awareness out there for their Easterseals Disability Film Challenge beginning April 13-21. A Watch Party is planned to take place at Limitless soon, and they will also have the film available to watch on their YouTube channel after the challenge is over.

“An Unusual Perspective” is sure to exemplify another divergence into who PC Workshop truly are in our community and how important their contribution is to all. Charles said it best when he stated, “We're like everyone else ... in our own ways.” Good words to remember.

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PHIL AND PHYLLIS HAVE BIG NEWS

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker
The first official Groundhog Day celebration took place on February 2, 1887, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The annual ritual has roots in pre-Christian traditions and was brought to the U.S. by German immigrants.

Phil, the groundhog, emerges from his burrow each year the morning of Feb. 2. If he sees his shadow, tradition holds, there will be six more weeks of winter. This year, he did nothing to see his shadow heralding an early spring.

Now for the Big news: Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog who comes out of and gives us a weather forecast, and his wife Phyllis are the proud parents of two little baby groundhogs. First of all, I did not know Phil had a wife. So good for them.

The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club said in a Social Media post Wednesday that Phyllis recently gave birth to two healthy babies. It did not specify their sex or give names for either one.

I know Ground Hog day is over but when I read this news, I thought it was so cute, I had to write about it

"We're pleased to announce that Punxsutawney Phil has had his first children; We believe there are two baby groundhogs and that Phil and Phyllis have started a family," said Thomas Dunkel, president of the tuxedo-clad group called The Inner Circle that carries on the groundhog tradition each year, said at a news Wednesday. "We're pleased

about it, and I talked to Phil with my cane, which let's me speak Groundhogese, and Phil could not be more excited that he started a family."

Dunkel said a club member discovered the babies Saturday when he came to feed their parents fruit and vegetables.

No I don't care for ground hogs and, actually, they scare me.

NOTE: More than a century ago, Punxsutawney residents relied on groundhogs for more than just weather forecasts. They ate them as well. I have never tasted groundhog but I know a few



who have cooked and ate them.

I did not know this but groundhogs are smart. They can communicate with their children; they can sense anything dangerous; and they work together to burrow down in the ground where they live.

When the groundhogs builds its home, it actually builds a bathroom. It's a designated place away from the space where the family sleeps or stores its food.

Groundhogs can hold their breath for up to 5 minutes when diving into water to escape danger.

The sound of a groundhog is like a whistle. When a guy groundhog sees a good looking lady ground hog, he whistles at her.

Well next Feb 2, Phil and Phyllis's babies will be a year old. Wonder if their dad will show them how to forecast weather?

I hope you enjoyed reading about groundhogs as much as i did writing them Have you ever had a groundhog on your property? Did you know how smart they are? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024: GOOD PLANNING FOR A HISTORICAL EVENT



By: PC EMA Office

On Monday April 8th, at 3:10 pm we got to experience a once in a life time event in Northwest Ohio, a Total Solar Eclipse. The aww inspiring event was viewed by millions of people across the United States and here, in Ohio. The weather was the big question and mother nature came through, with what cloud cover there was, they were very thin clouds.

People from around the area had family & friend gathering parties, workers taking time out of their busy day to observe history in the making and visitors from other parts of the region, that was not in the totality of the eclipse came to watch. It is going to be truly hard to estimate the number of people that came to Paulding County, it was expected to be an estimated 3,500 to 5,000. From the conversations that I had with communities and the observation from law enforcement, those numbers were high. Perhaps 2,500 maybe, EMA Director Edward Bohn stated.

The state of Ohio Tourism reported that the booking of all Hotel/Motels rooms in Northwestern Ohio for Sunday night was 87 percent and 69 percent of the rooms were booked for Monday night. The volume

of traffic in the region was witnessed to be far more than on a normal Monday, heading south and east by 11:00 am and certainly, following the Solar Eclipse being over, heading north. One individual estimated he passed nearly two hundred vehicles on St. Rt. 49, just between Antwerp and Hicksville, Ohio. Ross Laukhuf, superintendent of the Paulding County ODOT, reported much more traffic on St. Rt. 49, County Road 87 and St. RT. 637/Co. Rd. 143, than US 127. He felt it was due to the US 127 bridge being closed, just north of the county line, in Defiance County.

"The preparation for the Total Solar Eclipse was in the works since 2021 for Paulding County," stated Director Bohn. "1st Responders, school systems, government agencies, the Paulding County libraries, and other groups and organizations, planned for "what ifs" during those meetings and I am thrilled to say, it was uneventful," Bohn stated. The fire departments and EMS agencies, in the county were staffed or had their members able to respond. Law Enforcement agencies were manned and positioned in the county and villages. ODOT had crews available with fuel cans, if needed, to

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visit. Maintaining this beloved community asset is a shared responsibility, and the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce proudly oversees its care. As stewards of this green space, we are reaching out to our community to join us in maintaining its beauty. We are excited to announce an opportunity for individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations to get involved and make a tangible difference. By signing up for a one-week time slot, volunteers can contribute to the upkeep of the park, ensuring it remains a welcoming haven for all.

Tasks will include simple yet impactful activities such as picking up litter, tending to flower beds, sweeping mulch

off pavements, and other essential maintenance duties. Together, we can uphold the charm and cleanliness of Herb Monroe Community Park for generations to come.

Erica Noggle, Executive Director of the Chamber, expresses enthusiasm about community involvement. "This initiative is a fantastic opportunity for everyone to play a role in preserving this beloved park. Whether you're an individual looking to give back, a church group seeking a meaningful activity, or a business interested in corporate social responsibility, your contribution matters."

To join in this rewarding endeavor, interested volunteers can reach out to Erica Noggle at the Chamber by calling 419-399-5215. Alternatively, the sign-up link is available on the Chamber's website and Facebook page.

The deadline for the West Bend News is THURSDAYS at 5pm for the following issue. Send your news, ads, and classifieds to info@westbendnews.net Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.

MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry

Garret Paul Mathias was born January 1, 1897 in Payne, Ohio. The son of Abraham Lincoln born June 5, 1861 in



Ohio and Margarette Annie (Deardorff) Mathias born December 20, 1862 in Logan County, Ohio. This couple was married November 25, 1883 in Paulding.

By 1900, Abraham and Margarette, along with children, Ethel B. born August 1884, Nellie F. May 1890, William S. September 18, 1894 and Garret Paul were living in Harrison Township. Abraham was a farmer.

On November 6, 1900, Margarette passed away due to illness. She was buried in Wiltsie Cemetery. On September 11, 1904, Abraham married a widowed gal by the name of Della (Reeb) Anderson from Antwerp. She was born in 1865.

By 1910, Abraham, Della along with sons William and Garret, were living in Harrison Township on Wiltsie Road, still farming along with his two sons.

On June 5, 1917, at the Crane Township precinct, William Sherman Mathias, registered for the World War I draft. He was listed as medium and slender build, blue eyes and black hair. He was married and with a child, and was working for Crane Township.

He was married October 1, 1914 in Paulding to a gal named Hazel Cora Foltz, and they had a daughter named Alberta Maxine Mathias. William did not have to serve.

Garret joined the National Army on June 4, 1918, and was stationed at Jefferson Barracks Missouri. He was listed as 5'2", light complexion, light brown hair, blue eyes and a farmer by trade. He was assigned to serve with 362nd Labor Regiment. He served until July 25, 1918. He was re-assigned to 322nd Field Remount Squad until August 10, 1918, then assigned to the 327th Field remount Squad until July 10, 1919.

He was Honorably Discharged, July 18, 1919. By 1920, Garret was back home living with his parents in Harrison Township on Wagoner Pike Road. He was working as a labor on the farm.

By 1930, still single, living with his parents, Garret became a rural route mailman. On December 16, 1932, his father Abraham, passed away. He was buried with his wife Margarette in Wiltsie Cemetery. Garret continued to deliver mail until his health gave way. On January 31, 1938, Garret passed away from acute pericarditis in Paulding. He was buried in Wiltsie Cemetery, section 1, lot 68, grave 3.

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assist motorists if they ran out of gas. Communications was a big unknown, so the Ohio EMA had the counties in the path of totality, have a backup system in place. The Paulding County Amateur Radio club had their communications trailer staffed and up and running, just in case, as well as, their club members available throughout the county. The state of Ohio did not have any radio communication issues as well as the cellphones worked as normal.

It will take a while to estimate the financial impact the Total Solar Eclipse had on the state of Ohio. An estimated nationwide, based on the inflation rate of the 2017 economic impact and the fact it covered more states, this time around, of nearly \$6 Billion Dollars. The fact is, young or old, the witnessing of this event will be a memory of a life time. The reaction of people and their comments on social media,

the news reports and conversations with people in and around the area, they were glad, they had the opportunity to view the eclipse.

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ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS RECEIVE A SPECIAL VISITOR



Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers were recently visited by Mary Nieto who brought along homemade cupcakes for all of the children. They got to frost them and then decorate with jelly-beans and sprinkles. What a

very special treat! Need summer care? Get your name in NOW at 419-399-KIDS (5437). Shown here with Miss Mary are from left: Lakelynn Sauber, Johanna Federighi, Brynleigh Adams, Mateo Ash and Van Snyder!

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Chelsea Erford

itage High School will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Chelsea is the daughter of Aaron Erford of Ottawa, OH. She is very active in her community and high school while still maintaining a 4.0 GPA and becoming her class Valedictorian. Chelsea is a member of the National Chapter of the National Honor Society, Yearbook Club, and the Golf team. Chelsea has been accepted to Bowling Green State University, Bluffton University, and Lourdes University and plans to major in Social Work.



Corinne Bowers

Corinne is the daughter of

Robert and Laura Bowers of Monroeville, IN. Corinne is a member of the Student Council and has been on the honor roll for all four years of high school. Corinne will be focusing on Nursing or Nutrition at either Purdue Uni-



Jacob Kitson



Ashlyn Siefker

versity or Ball State University.

Second place, \$800
Second-place winners Jacob Kitson (Van Wert High School, OH) and Ashlyn Siefker (Ottawa-Glandorf High School, OH) will each receive \$800 scholarships. Jacob lives in Ohio City and is



Madison Hoersten

the son of Jeremy Kitson and Amanda Kitson. He will be attending the Florida Institute of Technology to become a commercial pilot. Ashlyn resides in Ottawa with her parents, Brian and Tracy



Annabelle Welch

Siefker. She is planning on attending the University of Toledo and majoring in Nursing.

Third place, \$600
Third-place winners Madison Hoersten (Ottoville High School, OH) and Annabelle Welch (Fort Jennings High School, OH) won \$600 scholarships. Madison is the daughter of Krista Hoersten of Cloverdale, OH. She has been accepted to Kenyon College, Ohio Wesleyan University, the University of Findlay, and the University of Dayton and plans to major in Physical Therapy. Annabelle is the daughter of Chip Welch, who resides in Fort Jennings, OH. She will be majoring in Public Health with a pre-medicine concentration at the University of Toledo, the University of Findlay, or Bluffton University.

At-Large Winner, \$600
Paulding High School senior Jamy Hunt is the at-large winner of a \$600 scholarship. She is the daughter of Michael and Heather Hunt of Oakwood, OH. She will be attending the University of Northwestern Ohio and will be majoring in Agribusiness.

Congrats to the winners, and thanks to all students who applied. Their hard work has not gone unnoticed, and PPEC wishes them the best in their future endeavors.

Scholarship applications typically open each year in December for high school seniors who are children of PPEC members. Interested parents and students can visit ppec.coop/scholarships for more information.

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THE NEW EARTH

By: Doris Applegate

The time is getting shorter
The hour is almost here
When we will hear God's trumpet blast
And the glorious shout of Jesus Dear
The sky will split apart so wide

To show the coming host
Angels, saints and our own Lord

The one we love the most
We who are left on earth alive

Will meet them in the air
And then forever be with Christ

With wondrous bodies, oh so fair
The prayer we prayed "Thy Kingdom come"

At last it has arrived
And we with Christ will rule and reign

Forever by His side
Love and kindness will prevail

All hate and evil gone
A wondrous paradise for all

As earth again will sing her song!

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Juniors: *Lainee Bonifas, Faith Clem, Karsen Donat, Lyndsay Dulaney, Owen Franks, Lydia Johnson

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Juniors: Cade Backhaus, Reagan Clemens, Ashlyn Dudgeon, Elijah Miler, Sara Woolbright

Seniors: *Emily Baxter, Carson Etter, Jonathan Etter, Dominique Hammond, Chelsea Jones, Caden Mason, *Mason Rayle, Jonathan Riebesehl, Timothy Shepard, *Braxton Stegbauer, Ethan Sullivan, Peyton Wilson, Trista Woodin

CRESTVIEW
Juniors: Audrey Dealey, *Payton Scott, Kaleb Swander, Hailey Waltmire

Seniors: *Emily Dealey, Troy Frazier, Jaycee Kennedy, Lillia Krugh, Adrianna Scott

FT JENNINGS
Juniors: Maya Calvelage, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Isaac Heitman, Emma Hellman, Katelyn Knippen, *Piper Osenga, *Ezra Webken

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DELPHOS JEFFERSON
Juniors: Layken Brinkman, *Kyla Carder, Gavin Eblin, Angel Garza, *Samuel Hasting, *Megan Hoersten, Alexis Pad-dubny

Seniors: Jadrick Buffin, Seth Catlett, Bailey Herman, Xach Houx, *Garret Johnson, Katelyn Knepper, Blaine Martin, Elijah Mueller, Truex Neely, *Ethan Owens, Boston Reynolds, Alonnah Sellers, *Dakota Sloan, Annabelle Stepleton, Tyler Wilkins

DELPHOS ST JOHNS
Juniors: Isaac Dickman, Marley Haunhorst, Melaina Kroeger, *Jeffrey Neumeier,

GOV. HOLCOMB, INDOT AWARD MORE THAN \$200 MILLION TO LOCALS THROUGH COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCHING GRANTS



Governor Eric J. Holcomb and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) gathered today at the Clay County Courthouse with cities, towns, and counties from across west central Indiana receiving portions of the \$207 million awarded through the Community Crossings matching grant program, a component of Governor Holcomb's Next Level Roads program.

"Year after year Indiana's local Community Crossings program enables hundreds of critically important infrastructure improvements to happen," said Gov. Holcomb. "I cannot overstate the transformative significance of this program and the positive impacts it has throughout our cities, towns and counties across the Hoosier State known as the Crossroads of America."

Communities submitted applications for funding during a highly competitive call for projects in January. Funding for Community Crossings comes from the state's local

road and bridge matching grant fund. The Community Crossings initiative has provided nearly \$1.7 billion in state matching funds for local road improvement projects since 2016.

"Partnership with our local communities is vital to enhancing our state's transportation network," said Commissioner Smith. "Community Crossings is just one of many ways INDOT is working with local agencies to improve safety, mobility and connectivity in the places they call home."

State legislators identified long-term funding for Community Crossings as part of House Enrolled Act 1002, passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. Holcomb in April 2017.

A list of all 252 communities receiving matching funds in the 2024 spring call for projects is available here. The next call for projects will open in July. Learn more about the Community Crossings matching grant program on the INDOT website.

*Tori Swick
Seniors: Luke Bockey, *Zane Bockey, *Chloe Etzkorn, Casey Flanagan, *Aubrey Friedrich, Ashton Milligan, Tyler Teman, Tess Vonderwell

KALIDA
Juniors: Bailey Basinger, Maddix Calvelage, Brady Lehman, Reese Miller, Dylan Siefker

Seniors: Kadon Gray, K Cassidy Hipsher, Kyle Lammers

LEIPSIC
Seniors: Mariyah Brown

LINCOLNVIEW
Juniors: Ashlyn Bugh, *Ella Burkhardt, Skylar Byer, Brittany Ganger, Braxtyn Germann, *Alex Hefner, Elizabeth Johnson, William Langlois, Jevin Looser, *Cody Ricker

Seniors: Reece Berryman, Hayden Boroff, *Jenna Corzine, Trevor Davis, Jaden Kohnen, Madison Pugh, Ryan Renner, *Maddisyn Waltmire

MILLER CITY
Juniors: *Isaac Niese, Terek Schroeder

Seniors: Jared Niese

OTTOVILLE
Juniors: *Wyatt German, Alex Horstman, *Kinsley Kemper, *Justice Manley, *Isabelle Moreno, Taylor Wymer

Seniors: *Ethan Calvelage, Nathan Geise, Aiden Hilvers, Masin Metzger, *Quinton Schnipke

PARKWAY
Juniors: Breece Baltzell, Nolan Bollenbacher, Nevaeh Etgen, Zachery Glosser, Tyler Miller, *Micah Reeder, Kailyn Regedanz

Seniors: Kilyr Grier, Liam Hall, *Addisyn Hileman, Kaid Hileman, William Molloy,

*Lily Noll, Merissa Price, Brit-tany Sites, Tori Williams

PAULDING
Juniors: Hannah Arnold, *Brianna Bermejo, Ethan Frederick, Allen Levandoski, Summer Wilhelm

Seniors: Noah Carpenter, Kaiden Dick, *Caleb Larson, *Ishara Mason, *Lathan Schneider, *Dillon Shough-germann

VAN WERT
Juniors: Bryanna Binkley, *Haley Chiles, *Zoe Howard, Mason Imler, Hannah MCGovern, *Victoria Quiroz, Mackenzie Stevens, Logan Sutton

Seniors: Gracie Bear, Jordyn Biberstine, Morgein Bigham, McKinley Carter, Cienna Flores, Cayden Karl, *Cassandra Martz, *Izabel Moore, Alyssa Pangle, Carter Price, *Kaitlyn Sully, Christian Wallenhorst, Alayna Wannemacher

WAYNE TRACE
Juniors: Alana Beebe, Elana Bidlack, Haylee Bland, Jayce Elston, Riley Hildebrand, Keegan Hohman, Corbin Kimmel, Kal-El Lands, Mason Lee, Olivia Mcmillan, Braden Miller, Brady Miller, *Brooklyn Miller, Gage Ogle, Blake Osborn, Kennedy Parsons, Maya Reynolds, Amos Sinn, *Kamryn Sutton, Trenton Thomas, Trent Thornell, Jared Varner

Seniors: Kassidy Lewis, Jordan Lotz, Jasmine Mattson, Trenton McClain, Parker Schisler, Kyla Schoenauer, Kamrun Smith, Jude Stoller, *Maddox Treece, Graiden Troth

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- 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.

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Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lotteries
That letter last week about casinos made me think. I'm sure everyone sees all these advertising for those ridiculous lotteries with millions or more up to win. They are everywhere and people are just going nuts spending money to try to win. The one was, I believe, over a billion dollars and when won after taxes was worth, I think, around \$600 million dollars.

Does the normal person think they would be able to handle coming into that much money overnight? Everyone says they could do so much for everyone, their families, charities etc. They don't realize how much trouble that would bring that they could not lead normal safe lives anymore. You couldn't put it in a bank or multiple banks, you would have to get an accountant to help you, of course for a large sum for the work.

These lotteries are getting people who can't afford to play a lot to do it just for a dream because of the odds. The everyday person doesn't realize how much money that is compared to what they are probably making. You have to give the government half to waste as they do all of our taxpayers money for doing nothing for it, and then you could never feel safe going anywhere with all the low life criminals out there.

Of course they have to announce who wins so everyone knows who you are, so are you going to move somewhere away, build walls around your property, hire guards to accompany you everywhere?

When I worked at BF Goodrich the person in the locker next to me won 3 million dollars back then, took it in 20 years installments. He got \$125 thousand dollars a year and went spending crazy and almost ran out of money before the next year.

These lotteries should go back to smaller amounts with better winning odds to make it so people could live more normal lives if they win. I don't play these ridiculous things because of the odds and I don't want that much money to ruin my life.

Years ago the Readers Digest magazine had an article on people who had won big lotteries and within a year almost all of them wished they had never won it. Nothing but trouble from relatives, people they didn't know, businesses and so forth making their lives miserable. As the saying goes, "money is the root of all evil" and today it's even worse. You aren't safe with a few dollars on you let alone huge amounts.

At Goodrich there was a man always going around saying "with the help of the Lord I'm going to win the lottery." A friend I grew up with and took lunch breaks with always said, "the Lord has more important things to do than help the devil ruin someone's life." It's too bad these lotteries are pushing a dream, that if it does happen, brings nothing but trouble into peoples lives when there is so many other things going on that they should be using money for.

They have plenty other games that you can play to win less but at least live a normal life if you win. I know this will go on, people will spend more money than they should, then if they do win find out the truth about money being the root of all evil. Too bad some are addicted to this dream instead of playing a dollar and just not living for something that has a slim chance of happening.

Going to a casino is more fun, take a limited amount of money, play it, keep what you win and when "the limited" amount is gone, go home. Common sense, you make a little and lead a normal life. Win that ridiculous amount and nothing will be normal or safe for you ever again. Play responsible.

Little different editorial than my usual but seeing these ridiculous amounts made me want to speak my opinions on this.

Thanks to the West Bend News for allowing our opinions to be spoken.

—Gregg Gorman
Paulding Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Evil Democrat Party
God created life and everything good in our world. God created man and woman, with each having a specific purpose. Each was designed with totally different, unchangeable internal workings. Better follow God, not stupid man. Read Colossians 1:16.

This life destroying goofball, maniac, anti-God, transgenderism that today's insane

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Democrat party is pushing is impossible. They may be able to somewhat change a person's features but it stops there. You just can't change a boy into a girl or a girl into a boy. To think you can is right out of Satan's play book.

It also was Satan and his earthly school generals that told today's younger generation to have their sexual fling with multiple partners. Some of Satan's medical generals make their fortunes taking life (baby) by abortion. Abortion in its correct sense is Democrats way to legalize murder. It is my estimate that around 85 - 90% of abortions are with unmarried girls that had no real knowledge what their sleeping around with different guys would bring them. As fas as Democrats are concerned, it's a vote for them.

A very high percentage of those going through the transgender change later regret their decision. Many more lives are destroyed or ruined than improved. An extremely high percentage commit suicide while others regret having their God given body mutilated. I'm guessing these insane doctors feel they're improving God's creation. We all know it's only for the very high money they get.

If we're to be stuck with Biden, or Heaven forbid, that cackling irresponsible vice-president of his and their communist loving comrades for another four years, no person living today would ever be able to recognize America again. Democrats will have changed us into a communist nation with no freedoms.

Democrats are very active today working to change our elections to copy Russia's evil system so that only Democrats can ever be elected. Why else do you think they took God out of school and our military? No God! No hope! No future! It's people like today's Democrat party that cause civil wars.

I doubt that most Democrats can see trouble coming. I believe they are the ones God said will be blind to truth and right in the End Times. We have been in the 'end times' for a very long time and I believe are approaching the end of the "end times".

God also said there will be wars and rumors of wars in

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BE CAREFUL WHEN NAMING BENEFICIARIES

You might not have thought much about beneficiary designations — but they can play a big role in your estate planning.

When you purchase insurance policies and open investment accounts, such as your IRA, you'll be asked to name a beneficiary, and, in some cases, more than one. This might seem easy, especially if you have a spouse and children, but if you experience a major life event, such as a divorce or a death in the family, you may need to make some changes — because beneficiary designations carry a lot of weight under the law.

In fact, these designations can supersede the instructions you may have written in your will or living trust, so everyone in your family should know who is expected to get which assets. One significant benefit of having proper beneficiary designations in place is that they may enable beneficiaries to avoid the time-consuming — and possibly expensive — probate process.

The beneficiary issue can become complex because not everyone reacts the same way to events such as divorce — some people want their ex-spouses to still receive assets while others don't. Furthermore, not all the states have the same rules about how beneficiary designations are treated after a divorce. And some financial assets are treated differently than others.

Here's the big picture: If you've named your spouse as a beneficiary of an IRA, bank or brokerage account, insurance policy, will or trust, this beneficiary designation will automatically be revoked upon divorce in about half the states. So, if you still want your ex-spouse to get these assets, you will need to name them as a non-spouse beneficiary after the divorce. But if you've named your spouse as beneficiary for a 401(k) plan or pension, the designation will remain intact until and unless you change it, regardless of where you live.

However, in community property states, couples are generally required to split equally all assets they acquired during their marriage. When couples divorce, the

community property laws require they split their assets 50/50, but only those assets they obtained while they lived in that state. If you were to stay in the same community property state throughout your marriage and divorce, the ownership issue is generally straightforward, but if you were to move to or from one of these states, it might change the joint ownership picture.

Thus far, we've only talked about beneficiary designation issues surrounding divorce. But if an ex-spouse — or any beneficiary — passes away, the assets will generally pass to a contingent beneficiary which is why it's important that you name one at the same time you designate the primary beneficiary. Also, it may be appropriate to name a special needs trust as beneficiary for a family member who has special needs or becomes disabled. If this individual were to be the direct beneficiary, any assets passing directly into their hands could affect their eligibility for certain programs.

You may need to work with a legal professional to sort out beneficiary designation issues and the rules that apply in your state. But you may also want to do a beneficiary review with your financial advisor whenever you experience a major life event, such as a marriage, divorce or the addition of a new child. Your investments, retirement accounts and life insurance proceeds are valuable assets — and you want them to go where you intended.

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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
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Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree
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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
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PAULDING TRACK HOSTS TRI-MEET



Pictured here is Jamy Hunt making a jump in the pole vault competition. More photos at www.westbendnews.net

Paulding High School track hosted Continental and Lincolnview on Tuesday April 9th.

TEAM SCORES:
Lincolnview (LV) 76; Paulding (PAU) 53; Continental (CN) 42

BOYS RESULTS:
Discus:
1st Woods PAU 136'5"; 2nd Smith LV 127'3"; 3rd Looser LV 102'10"
110M Hurdles:
1st Etter CN 17.28; 2nd Clementz CN 17.34
4x800M Relay:
1st PAU: Koenig, Highwarden, Grinnell, Mead 9:47.03; 2nd LV: Johns, Norton, Kunderdt, Tow 9:15.91
100M:
1st Larson PAU 12.00; 2nd Thomas LV 12.12; 3rd Davis CN 12.19
4x200M Relay:
1st LV: Spray, Denman, Klausung, Thomas 1:39.75; 2nd PAU: Manz, Schweller, Cooper, Harwell 1:42.69
Shot Put:
1st Woods PAU 55'3"; 2nd Smith LV 47'2"; 3rd Hammond CN 38'11"

1600M:
1st Tow LV 4:57.69; 2nd Johns LV 5:04.88; 3rd Norton LV 5:06.44
4x100M Relay:
1st PAU: Coutts, Iloff, Hagerman, Hagerman 1:00.07; 2nd LV: Spray, Waltmire, Thomas, Mason 47.29; 3rd PAU: Langsdorf, Lindsay, Beckman, Woods 1:02.74
400M:
1st Clementz CN 54.91; 2nd Davis CN 55.06; 3rd Koenig PAU 56.47
Long Jump:
1st Mason LV 17'7"; 2nd Hefner LV 16'8"; 3rd Spray LV 16'3.5"
300M Hurdles:
1st Clementz CN 45.87; 2nd Manz PAU 50.16; 3rd Grant CN 53.81
4x400M Relay:
1st LV - Denman, Ricker, Klausung, Tow 3:46.19; 2nd CN - Wilson, Clementz, Miler, Davis 3:47.56; 3rd PAU - Grinnell, Schweller, Mead, Koenig 3:55.81
High Jump:
1st Larson PAU 6'2"; 2nd Klausung LV 5'10"; 3rd Mead PAU 5'6"



Payton Manz makes his jump in the Long Jump competition. More photos at www.westbendnews.net

800M:
1st Tow LV 2:11.43; 2nd Johns LV 2:15.90; 3rd Miler CN 2:18.90
Pole Vault:
1st Etter CN 12'6"; 2nd Schweller PAU 10'6"; 3rd Waltmire LV 10'6"
200M:
1st Clementz CN 24.18; 2nd Thomas LV 24.34; 3rd Manz PAU 25.63
3200M:
1st Norton LV 11:10.38; 2nd Jones PAU 13:09.03; 3rd McClure PAU 13:33.00

GIRLS RESULTS:
Discus:
1st Hughes LV 91'4"; 2nd Elling LV 84'6"; 3rd Bragg LV 75'9"
100M Hurdles:
1st Dunham PAU 17.28; 2nd Shock CN 17.97; 3rd Hatcher LV 18.56
4x800M Relay:
1st LV: Renner, Miller,

Bertsch, Snyder 12:06.37; 2nd PAU: Griffith, Miller, Manz, Elkins 11:19.25; 3rd LV: Byrne, Milligan, Hoffman, Moody 10:56.31
Shot Put:
1st Hughes LV 30'9.5"; 2nd Elling LV 28'3"; 3rd Berryman LV 26'1"
100M:
1st Elkins PAU 13.50; 2nd Marshall CN 13.56; 3rd Rein-del LV 14.00
4x200M Relay:
1st LV: Dunlap, Welker, Geier, Mount 2:00.44; 2nd PAU: Elkins, Manz, Dunham, Hunt 1:56.72
Long Jump:
1st Marshall CN 16'1"; 2nd Anspach LV 12'8.5"; 3rd Griffith PAU 12'3"

1600M:
1st Moody LV 5:32.09; 2nd Griffith PAU 6:01.66; 3rd Hoffman LV 6:06.47
4x100M Relay:
2nd LV - Dunlap, Geier, Reindel, Mount 56.06; 3rd PAU: Bautista, Jackman, Car-wile, Bermejo 1:04.06
400M:
1st Hunt PAU 1:05.28; 2nd Coil LV 1:12.00; 3rd Reindel LV 1:12.46
4x400M Relay:
1st PAU: Griffith, Elkins, Miller, Hunt 4:37.97; 2nd LV: Reindel, Coil, Byrne, Moody 4:33.78; 3rd LV: Geier, Long, Schaad, Sver 5:02.50
High Jump:
1st Dunham PAU 5'0"; 2nd Suerer LV 4'8"; 3rd Byrne LV 4'6"
300M Hurdles:
1st Dunham PAU 51.85; 2nd Hatcher LV 53.44; 3rd Welker LV 54.28
Pole Vault:
1st Menke LV 7'6"; 2nd King LV 7'6"; 3rd Hunt PAU 6'6"
800M:
1st Moody LV 2:27.69; 2nd Byrne LV 2:37.60; 3rd Hoff-man LV 2:45.88
200M:
1st Elkins PAU 29.00; 2nd Dunlap LV 29.75; 3rd Miller PAU 29.87
3200M:
1st Milligan LV 13:44.25; 2nd Elkins PAU 14:00.50; 3rd Renner LV 14:17.24; 4th Snyder LV 15:09.60

PANTHERS ESCAPE WITH WIN OVER LOCOS

Paulding scored four times in the seventh inning to tie the game and then won it with a single run in the ninth as the Panthers posted a 5-4 victory over Montpelier in high school baseball action Monday afternoon.

Tied at 4-4 entering the ninth inning, Casey Agler singled and Greyson Harder

drew a walk to put a pair of Panthers on the basepaths.

Following a Kobe Foor strikeout, Patrick Paholak put down a sacrifice bunt to move Agler to third and Harder to second. Hunter Coutts then came up with a single to left field that scored Agler to put the Panthers on top 5-4.

Montpelier would get one runner on in the ninth on a Panther error but the maroon and white held on for the victory.

Couts had a single and a double for the Paulding offense with Kane Jones, Blake Rhonehouse and Agler adding a single each. Jones, Rhonehouse and Colten Hunt all touched home plate once for Paulding with Agler scoring twice. Agler, Harder, Foor, Paholak and Coutts drove in one run apiece.

Rhonehouse recorded the victory, throwing two innings with one strikeout in relief. Agler pitched the first seven frames, giving up nine hits, four runs (one earned) and one walk while striking out three.

Griffin Cooley, Kam Smith and Wesley Hartsock all had a pair of singles for the Locomotives with Hayden Sharps, Landon Fackler and Jaxon Stahler singling once each. Fackler scored twice with Stahler and Smith touching home plate once apiece. Sharps and Hartsock both had a run batted in for the Williams County squad.

RAIDERS PICK UP WIN OVER GOLDEN BEARS

Wayne Trace hit the road in high school baseball action Monday afternoon as the Raiders posted a 7-5 victory over Bryan in Williams County.

The red, white and blue scored once in the second and twice in the before plating four runs in the fourth for a 7-0 advantage.

Wayne Trace held on from there, giving up a single run in the bottom of the fourth before the Golden Bears scored four times in the sixth to close within 7-5.

Brody Rosswurm recorded the victory for the red, white and blue, pitching five innings giving up four hits, one earned run and one walk with three strikeouts. Kyle Forrer picked up the save, tossing the final two frames surrendering four hits, two earned runs and one walk with a trio of strikeouts.

Tyson Gerber and Carter Clemens both recorded two singles and scored once for Wayne Trace while Gerber also drove in a run.

Tucker Antoino added a double, scored once and drove in two runs with Breven Anderson singling, scoring once and a run batted in. Cale Winans picked up two runs batted in for Wayne Trace and Rosswurm scored twice and singled. Tyler Head chipped in a double for the Raiders with Micah Sinn scoring once as well.

Cole Uran singled twice

for Bryan while scoring once and driving in two runs with Carter Dominique singling once and scoring twice. Jase Kepler and Elijah Fry both doubled for the Golden Bears while Camden Bukowski, Lazarus Lane and Noah Huard all singled.

Huard and Lane each picked up a run batted in with Kepler and Lane touching home plate once each.

Cade Carlin took the loss for Bryan, allowing two hits, five runs (four earned) and five walks while striking out three in three innings.

BLUE STREAKS DOUBLE UP ACES

The Hicksville Lady Aces returned to the softball diamond Friday night but came up short in a 4-2 loss to visiting Archbold.

Both teams scored a run in the first inning before the Lady Aces picked up a single run in the second for a 2-1 advantage.

However, the Blue Streaks tied the game in the fourth before plating two runs in the fifth to post the 4-2 victory.

Adi Kinsman scored twice while singling and doubling to lead the Blue Streaks with Meghan Taylor adding a double for Archbold. Tess Ames drove in two runs and singled to aid the Fulton County squad's cause and Ryann Burkholder added a single and a run batted in.

Rayne Kinsman and Alanna Pedraza scored a run each as well for Archbold.

Allie Nelson finished with two singles and scored a run to pace Hicksville while McKenna Rice, McKenna Baird, Jaylynn Price and Taylor Slattery all chipped in a single. Lillybell Porter doubled and drove in one run for the Lady Aces while Slattery also posted a run batted in. Baird touched home plate as well for Hicksville.

Makena Thiel took home the victory for Archbold, tossing four frames giving up three hits and two walks with seven strikeouts. Katie Stoner threw the remaining three innings, allowing five hits, two earned runs and three walks with two strikeouts.


Kennedy Adams suffered the loss in a complete-game effort for Hicksville, striking out one while allowing five hits, four runs (three earned) and four walks.

BLAZERS SWEEP PAST ACES

In a battle of cross-state rivals, it was the squad from the Hoosier state that picked up the Hoosier victory as Eastside swept Hicksville in high school baseball action Saturday.

The visiting Blazers took the opener of the day 7-1 behind a four-run third inning.

After the Aces plated one run in the fourth, Eastside answered with a two-run fifth before scoring the game's final run in the sev-



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BULLDOGS TRACK TAKE 1ST AT BALL STATE



New Haven Boys Track Team takes home 1st place on April 6th. Photo by Melissa Amstutz



New Haven Girls Track Team takes home 1st place on April 6th. Photo by Melissa Amstutz

The New Haven Track Program took part in the Owl Burris Invitational held at Ball

State University on April 6. The boys took home 1st place for the second year in a

row and girls team brought home 1st place at this year's competition.

enth. Aydian Davis pitched the complete-game victory for the Blazers, recording six strikeouts while allowing two hits, two walks and a run.

with Bassett and Owen Stuckey getting two singles apiece. Rylen Bassett also had a hit for Hicksville along with a run batted in.

Hicksville with a complete game effort that included three strikeouts. Moyra McAfee took the loss for Eastside, fanning 14 Aces batters while walking two.

Austin Sanders took the loss for Hicksville, giving up six hits, six runs and four walks with three strikeouts in four innings.

ACES, BLAZERS SPLIT PAIR

Game two saw the roles reversed as Hicksville held a late advantage before Eastside scored five times in the final two frames for a 10-7 victory.

Jace Mayberry had a single and a double to lead the Blazers with Loden Johnson recording a double while Jacob McClain added two singles. Noah Acquaviva and Nolen Steury also had singles for the Blazers.

Eastside made the trip to Hicksville Saturday for a high school softball doubleheader with both the Blazers and Aces picking up a win apiece.

The Blazers led 3-2 after one inning but Hicksville tied the game at 3-3 in the home half of the second. After Eastside picked up a run in the top of the third, the Lady Aces plated three in the bottom of the inning for a 6-4 advantage.

Parker Bassett and David Taylor picked up a single each for Hicksville. Eastside then completed the sweep with a 12-1 victory in game two, breaking the game open with a six-run fifth before adding four in the seventh.

In the opener, Hicksville rallied from a late 2-1 deficit with two runs in the bottom of the sixth to post the 3-2 victory.

Hicksville was still on top 7-5 after five innings before Eastside scored four times in the sixth and one in the seventh to take the victory.

Wyatt Shull took home the victory for the Blazers in game two, limiting the Aces to five hits, one walk and one run in four innings while striking out five.

Kennedy Adams had a pair of hits to lead the Lady Aces offense with McKenna Baird, Lilly Porter, Evy McAlexander and Taylor Slattery adding one hit apiece. Josie Smith, Allie Nelson and Baird scored the Hicksville runs while Slattery and Porter drove in a run each.

Kitchen led the Blazers' offense with four hits and three runs scored while Victoria Roose, McAfee and Lucy Kitchen recorded two hits apiece. McClain, Timmerly Hunter, Kennedy Smyth and Elodie Bishop also had one hit each for Eastside.

Parker Bassett threw 4-2/3 innings for Hicksville in suffering the loss. Bassett fanned three Blazer hitters while allowing nine walks, five hits and eight runs.

Jayci Kitchen and Lilli Cline both had two hits for Eastside while Reese Shull and Emily McClain picked up one each. McClain and Kitchen touched home plate for the Lady Blazers with Kitchen recording the lone run batted in.

Roose also scored three times and Cline touched home plate twice for the Lady Blazers. McAfee drove in three Eastside runs with Hunter picking up two runs batted in.

Eli Lawrence posted three singles to top the Aces

Adams got the win for

games as the Raiders fell to the host Lancers before cruising to a win over Bluffton.

a walk with eight strikeouts in five innings on the mound. Thompson recorded the final six outs for Oak Hill, allowing one hit and three walks with one strikeout.

sixth.

In game one, the Raiders allowed a trio of Lincolnview runs in the fifth to give the Van Wert County squad a 4-1 victory.

Lawson, Jackson Lamb, Thompson and Cameron Aguilar all picked up a hit each for Oak Hill.

For Paulding, Jalen Manz took third in the high jump and fourth in the 400 dash while Schweller placed fifth in the pole vault. Caleb Larson also took second in the high jump for the maroon and white.

Wayne Trace then rebounded to earn a split on the day by blanking the Pirates 10-0 for the Raiders' second win of the season.

Alex Piedra topped Woodlan with two hits while Adams and Gavin Sheehan finished with a single each.

The Lady Patriots finished with 94-1/2 points to capture the championship. Tinora (80), Evergreen (71-1/2), Montpelier (71), Fairview (66) and Wayne Trace (59) completed the top six squads with Paulding taking 11th with 26 points.

Against the Lancers, the red, white and blue struck first as Tyson Gerber walked, took second on a wild pitch, advanced to third when Carter Clemens was thrown at first and scored on a Tanner Laukhuf single.

Sheehan took the loss for the Warriors, giving up four hits and two runs (one earned) while striking out nine.

Caroline Winans recorded an individual title by taking first in the 400 dash (1:03.56) while the Lady Raider 1600 relay team took first in 4:26.12.

RAMS, PATRIOTS WIN TRACK INVITE

Lincolnview tied the game in the fourth on a Reide Jackson run-scoring single that plated Myles Moody.

The Bob Eisenhart Track Invitational was held at Tinora High School on Saturday with the host Rams winning the boys portion while Patrick Henry took first on the girls side.

Caroline Winans (eighth, 200 dash and third, pole vault), Bethany Miller (third, 400 dash), Caren Winans (second, 800 run), Miley Jacobs (fourth, pole vault) and Kathleen Stoller (fourth, shot put) placed individually for the red, white and blue.

The Lancers wrapped up the victory in the fifth, getting a run-scoring double by Holden Price before Aiden Hardesty added a two-run double to set the final 4-1 margin.

Tinora totaled 116 points to take the boys team title with Delta (87), Evergreen (74-1/2), Archbold (57-1/2), Wayne Trace (55) and Fayette (53) rounding out the top six schools. Paulding placed eighth with 44 points.

Paulding freshman Kayleigh Dunham placed in three events, taking second in the 300 hurdles and fourth in the 100 hurdles while also finishing eighth in the high jump. Abby Elkins recorded a sixth-place finish in the 800 run for the Lady Panthers with Jayla Griffith posting a sixth-place finish in the 1600 run.

Kyle Forrer topped Wayne Trace with two hits while Tucker Antoine added a double. Moody and Hardesty both had two hits to lead Lincolnview with Chayse Overholt, Price, Austin Bockrath and Jackson getting one each.

Freshman Eli Treece picked up a first-place finish in the 400-meter dash for the Raiders, recording a time of 53.84 seconds, while Paulding junior Jack Woods won the discus (153-10) and shot put (56-0-3/4).

The Wayne Trace quartet of Tori Young, Jacobs, Emma Stouffer and Emma Benschneider took seventh in the 400 relay while the Paulding foursome of Emma Elkins, Kate Manz, Dunham and Jamy Hunt finished eighth in the 800 relay.

Jack Dunlap recorded the complete-game win for Lincolnview, striking out four while allowing four walks, four hits and an earned run.

Other placers for the red, white and blue were Cole Morehead (third, 800 run), Clay Stoller (eighth, 110 hurdles), Hudson Myers (third, 300 hurdles), Landen Foltz (second, discus) and Luke Stouffer (fourth, discus and second, shot put).

In the 3200 relay, Wayne Trace's squad of Ava Stoller, Madison Gurney, Miller and Caren Winans placed third and the Paulding foursome of Griffith, Claire Miller, Manz and Abby Elkins took seventh. The Lady Panthers also placed sixth in the 1600 relay with the quartet of Griffith, Makayla Spears, Miller and Emma Elkins.

The second game of the day saw Wayne Trace score five times in the first to take control of the contest.

Wayne Trace's 1600 relay team consisting of Myers, Treece, Morehead and Corbin Varner placed second with Paulding's team of Landon Grinnell, Jack Schweller, Jeremiah Koenig and Jalen Manz finishing eighth. The Raider 3200 relay squad of Landon Blankenship, Treece, Prestyn Schnepf and Morehead took

In the second, the Raiders added three more runs with the big hit being a two-run triple by Carter Clemens. Wayne Trace held a commanding 8-0 advantage at the end of two innings.

Conner Davis tossed a two-hit shutout on the mound for Wayne Trace, striking out five and walking two.

The Raiders then picked up single runs in the third and fourth to seal the 10-0 victory.

Clemens and Winans both scored twice for the red, white and blue.

Laukhuf, Antoine and Breven Anderson all had two hits for the Raiders with Cale Winans, Forrer, Clemens and Head adding one hit apiece.

OAK HILL RALLIES TO GET PAST WOODLAN

Kitchen led the Blazers' offense with four hits and three runs scored while Victoria Roose, McAfee and Lucy Kitchen recorded two hits apiece. McClain, Timmerly Hunter, Kennedy Smyth and Elodie Bishop also had one hit each for Eastside.

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Roose also scored three times and Cline touched home plate twice for the Lady Blazers. McAfee drove in three Eastside runs with Hunter picking up two runs batted in.

The Warriors struck first in the contest as Drew Fleek scored on an Oliver Adams groundout to put Woodlan on top 1-0.

McKenna Rice, Porter and Adams all had two hits for the Lady Aces while Slattery, Jaylynn Price, Ciannah Keeley and Baird posted one apiece.

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Oak Hill opened the third with a Noah Thompson single before Avery Mills reached on a Woodlan error to put runners at the corners with one out. After Mills took second on defensive indifference, Lawson's double scored both runners to put the Golden Eagles on top.

Emmett Dorothy then kept the Woodlan offense in check, tossing five innings giving up just three hits and

Adams got the win for

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Wayne Trace traveled to Lincolnview on Saturday for a pair of high school baseball

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Must See Racing 410 Sprints return to Sandusky Speedway.



UMP Sportsman open the season April 27th at Oakshade Raceway. Charlie Orns Photo



Quarter Midgets at Little Loran Raceway. Left Turn Photo Works

By: Ron Burt

If you like fast cars on short tracks, you might want to make the trip to Sandusky Speedways half-mile Saturday, April 27th for the Sprint Car races on the very fast paved track. The Must See Sprint Racing Series presented by Perfit-Parts will join the Maxima Racing Oils MSR Midwest Lights Series for a Sprint Car double-header to open the 2024 season.

The Must-See 410 Sprints haven't raced at Sandusky since August 25th, 2019. Five-time series champion Jimmy McCune won that event. The MSR Lights Series last competed at Sandusky in October 2022.

When you think of Sandusky Speedway, you think of Supermodifieds, but winged-sprint cars have played an important part in the track's history. In 1989 Jeff Gordon claimed an All-Star Circuit of Champions 410 victory before he really got into NASCAR. The track has hosted many 305 and 602 Winged-Sprint events over the past three decades.

Sandusky started out as a quarter mile dirt track in 1950 and was enlarged after the 1954 season to a half-mile asphalt oval to start 1955. For decades it's been home for Supermodified racing in the Buckeye State. Almost every top Supermodified driver has competed on this fast semi-banked oval. Older race fans remember Sandusky Speedway was the site of Nolan Johncock's fatal crash, October 3rd, 1971.

This will be the season opener for the 410 National Series and the Midwest Lights Series. A huge fan turn-out is expected because of the lengthy absence of the series. A large car count from 8 states and Canada is expected for both classes. In addition to MSR regulars a huge contingent of Florida drivers is expected to make the trip to Sandusky. Midwest fan favorite and defending MSR champion Jason Blonde is expected to be in the starting field to defend his championship. For more on this event be sure to check the Must See Racing Facebook page. They

will list the drivers as registrations are received. Joining the Sprints for this special night of racing will be two weekly fan favorite divisions, the Pure Stocks, and the All-American Iron Series.

In 2024 the MSR Sprints and the Midwest Lights will be at Berlin Speedway May 18th and Plymouth Speedway June 15th.

Starting Thursday, April 25th I will host a weekly Facebook Live at 6:00PM on the Ohio Sports Blitz. Each week I will go down the racetrack schedules in the Tri-State and mention where nationally known drivers might be racing for big payouts. I will also cover USAC and their events for the week. My show will also feature driver interviews starting in May. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

SPLASH PAD & SIDEWALKS ON AGENDA AT HICKSVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

Council President Charlie Martin presided over the April 1 Village Council meeting in the absence of Mayor Mike Barth. All members were present.

Village resident Philip Fairchild was present to ask Council why it was decided to proceed with the splashpad instead of the pool. Council members explained the splashpad funds were raised by the Hicksville Foundation and are in place for the pad's construction. The pool was put on hold due to financing concerns for the project. It was noted that Council is still seeking ways to secure funds and construct a new pool in the future.

Bills and minutes were approved. There were no board or committee reports.

Administrator Cory Wann updated Council on the sidewalk repairs issues working on securing a concrete contract and noting that he and Zoning Inspector Jarod Radford had visited several of the sites in question to determine the extent of repairs needed. An audience member asked about the deadline for the repairs, which has been misunderstood. He will be meeting at the high school to talk about a program for senior students to earn community time. Wann recommended Cody Burlingame for the open general laborer position. Council approved the hiring.

Solicitor Rachel Hammett presented the first reading for Ordinance 2024-08 by caption only. Second readings were given for Resolutions 2024-07 and 2024-08.

Police Chief Denning reported that the Marcs system has not yet been activated and the Ohio State Sheriff's organization is working on the problem. Fire Chief Hart gave a brief report. EMS Chief Silcott reported there will be a training for K-9 treatment procedures in the coming weeks. There will also be a pediatrics trauma training session. He recommended Chloe Whitman Basic EMT to fill one of the parttime positions. She will work up to three weeknights on the overnight shift. Council approved the hire. Silcott stated he has more candidates and is waiting to establish department funding details before presenting any names to the Council. He invited Council members to come to the EMS Department after the next meeting to see the equipment and facility.

Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith presented her monthly reports.

There was no mayor's report. Council's next regular meeting will be Monday, April 15 at 6:00 pm.

NEW GAGA BALL PIT FOR PAYNE ELEMENTARY



The Payne Elementary PTO used earnings from the fall fundraiser to purchase a GAGA ball pit for the playground! This is something the students have been wanting for several years, so the PTO was excited to buy it. They would like to thank the students and families who participated in the fundraiser, the anonymous family who donated the wood, and Scott Strahley for putting together the gaga ball pit. Now it's time to have fun and play ball!

PAULDING FFA CELEBRATES ITS 97th ANNUAL FFA BANQUET



Pictured from right to left. The 2024-2025 officers are as follows: President-Grace Goyings, Vice President- Jalyn Klopfenstein, Secretary- Brooklyn Schlatter, Treasurer- Brooke Kilgore, Reporter- Addy Hunt, Student advisor- Blake Rhonehouse, Sentinel- Tori Schlatter, Parliamentarian- Johnathan Lipps, and Chaplin- Myrriah Manz.

By: Addy Hunt, Paulding FFA Reporter

On Saturday, April 6th, 2024 the Paulding FFA chapter held its 97th Annual FFA Banquet. Several people attended the banquet including community, alumni, and staff members. There were 375 people who attended the banquet. The theme for this year's banquet was "Glory Days In The FFA."

Several awards were given to the community and FFA members at the banquet. Members who met the qualifications to get their Greenhand or Chapter degree received their degrees during the banquet.

We also had thirteen students recognized for getting their state degree, they will receive their certificate & pin at the State FFA Convention in May. Those members are Matthew Bail, Allison Carnahan, Anna Clemens, Makenna Dunham, Grace Goyings, Maci Kauser, Brooke Kilgore, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Jonathan Lipps, Marley Parrett, Hope Rose, Brooklyn Schlatter, and Jack Woods.

We had four students who will receive their American degree this year at the National Convention, the highest degree one can earn in FFA. These members include Paige Jones, Katie Beckman, Mason Schlatter, and Carter Manz. The Blue and Gold Award was awarded to a group of individuals this year to recognize all that they have done to help out the Paulding FFA chapter.

This year's winners were Jim Dietz, Kim Coutts, and Katie Sunday. The Honorary FFA degree was also awarded to Colten Howell this year. Any member who participated in a CDE (career development event) throughout the

year received a certificate and pin for their jacket for their outstanding work. Star awards were handed out to a select few students from each grade who showed leadership not only in the classroom but also in their community and through FFA programs and activities. Tori Schlatter and Mariah Klopfenstein received the star Greenhand, Addison Hunt and Xander Bartley received the star Chapter farmer, Jalyn Klopfenstein received the star 3rd year member, Tyler Schlatter and Jamy Hunt received the star 4th year member, Tytus Manz and Brooklyn Schlatter received the Quiet leader award, Kobe Foor received the star in Agribusiness, Brooke Kilgore received the star in Community Service, and Grace Goyings received the Ag Credit 110% award.

The Paulding FFA Alumni awarded scholarships to Jamy

Hunt, Kobe Foor, Tytus Manz, Riley Stork, Maci Kauser, and Allyson Merriman for their outstanding leadership and the influence that they have made on the Paulding FFA chapter.

Chapter President, Jamy gave a very inspirational speech encouraging members to step out of their comfort zone and experience new things throughout the FFA. And finally, it was time for the installation of the new officers. The 2024-2025 officers are as follows: President-Grace Goyings, Vice president- Jalyn Klopfenstein, Secretary- Brooklyn Schlatter, Treasurer- Brooke Kilgore, Reporter- Addy Hunt, Sentinel- Tori Schlatter, Student advisor- Blake Rhonehouse, Parliamentarian- Johnathan Lipps, and Chaplin-Myrriah Manz. We want to thank everyone who attended the banquet and the community support of our FFA chapter!

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The Antwerp Village Council met on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. The meeting was able to start on time after abruptly ending the Discovery Channel interview of the Police Department. The meeting began with the regular agenda items and review of the previous meeting. It was noted by Councilman Bill Boylan that the income tax revenue since the beginning of the year was down significantly from the previous year. Fiscal Officer Kevin Hornish responded that it may have been due to last year going after back taxes, and that it might be better to compare with the previous year. Hornish said he would include the previous year (2022) comparison in the next month RITA report.

After looking at the police report, Councilman Bryan Smith mentioned that Mayor Jan Reeb was going after those that were passing stopped buses. Mayor Reeb responded that she had to fine two drivers at the maximum allowed by law - \$500.

The second reading of three tax renewals to be placed on the November ballot took place. Next month they will be voted on.

The council approved by emergency measure for an inter-fund transfer for the water tower project (R2024-11). Meaning as bills come in, they can be paid out of the general fund and then the state will reimburse the village 60-90 days after they receive the invoices that can only be submitted once per month. This way there won't be interest or late fees on the project.

In old business, Councilman Steve Jordan asked why the barrier on the corner of Main and Canal Streets has not been repaired since this has been an ongoing project for several months. Administrator Brian Davis responded that he was still waiting on Nick Longardner to complete

the project.

Next, it was brought up by councilman Bryce Steiner that Judge Beckman issued a judgment that remanded the case involving the Wilcox St. trailer, owned by MBN Realty, back to the Antwerp Village Zoning Board of Appeals for a new meeting. The town neglected to respond to the request issued by Judge Beckman. Specifically the judgement stated, "the Board was to forward a complete transcript of all the original papers, testimony, and evidence offered, heard and taken into consideration in issuing its decision. To date, this Court has received nothing that it can review to determine the appropriateness of the decision."

Administrator Brian Davis said this was a matter for executive session due to pending litigation. Councilman Steiner said it was no longer in litigation since the judgement has been rendered and discussion can be public since Judge Tiffany Beckman stated that it must go back to the board. Steiner asked why the town officials not answer the judge when asked. Solicitor Cam Stanley stated we should go into executive session for that discussion.

After the executive session Davis stated that the town will get street sweeping done in several areas for \$400. He has also applied for a FEMA grant for Schaffer Road. He also reported about the engineering of the water infrastructure along with the water tower bids. The sewage lagoons have too high of ammonia levels. He has contacted Jones and Henry Engineering to evaluate modifications to try and resolve this problem. He said we will have to file for variances from the EPA requirements until this can get resolved. Davis also stated we are seeking prices in Archbold for liability insurance for the

Village. Councilman Jordan asked about tree trimming at several intersections in town.

Councilman Steiner asked why the Antwerp Branch Library was refused their request to have the building power washed. Davis replied that, "A. We don't have a power washer, and B. It's not our obligation, and C. It costs money to have it done." Council Steiner replied, "It is our building." Davis mentioned that he was told by the library that a previous village employee had done it in the past. He continued that it was not the village's obligation to take care of the cosmetics, only the structure. "It's my decision that it is not the obligation of the Village," stated Davis. To which Steiner responded, "It is our building and I think we need to." Davis responded, "noted."

Mayor Reeb gave her report and following that the meeting was adjourned.



The meeting can be watched at the West Bend News Youtube channel or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dwcb15BnqhY> or scan the QR code here with a smart phone.

ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS



On March 29, an officer witnessed a resident of what looked like burning of trash and debris. The officer talked with the resident and instructed that no open burning is allowed in the village.

On March 30, an officer located a resident and arrested him on a warrant for domestic violence.

On March 30, a vehicle unlock request was received and an officer helped the resident.

On April 5, a motor vehicle accident was reported on Wilcox St. The officer responding prepared a report and one of the drivers was cited.

On April 5, a resident of North Garden Apartments reported a gray Jeep was speeding through the parking lot. The vehicle was not located by the responding officer.

On April 5, a resident of Maumee Lane reported the cap of a water main was broken. The officer referred this to the Village Administrator.

On April 6, an officer fielded a call in reference to a deceased person. The Antwerp EMS, County Coroner, and the Paulding County Sheriff's Deputy all assisted.

On April 6, a resident of Erie St reported a neighbor yelling obscenities at him. A report was prepared and submitted to the Prosecutor.

On April 7, a person of CR 250 called and reported a missing person. The caller was

referred to the Sheriff's Office. On April 8, a golf cart inspection took place for a resident.

On April 9, a motor vehicle accident took place at Daggett and Erie St involving a semi-truck striking a power pole. The officer helped the driver, prepared the report and contacted AEP and Frontier.

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

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Joanie M. Taylor, Defiance, OH; Trespassing; Guilty; 30 days jail, suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; 20 hrs community service; Risk assessment; No unlawful contact with all parties and property

Karam D. Balo; Macomb, MI; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Cassandra D. Oates, Paulding, OH; Driving under FRA suspension, Guilty; Seat belt/drive, Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Lori A. Ward, Continental, OH; 30 days operation; Guilty; 30 days jail, suspended; ALS vacated; 20 hrs community service; May be permitted to donate in lieu of community service; Driving privileges unlimited until valid with BMV

Elmer E. Conklin Jr, Napoleon, OH; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John H. Hensley, Lima, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Justin R. Meglich, Antwerp, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Amy L. Brueggeman, Paulding, OH; Criminal mischief, Count A dismissed per state; Resisting arrest, Pled no contest, found guilty, 30 days jail, 29 days suspended, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, No contact with victim

Donald D. Herman Jr., Paulding, OH; Assault, Count A dismissed per state; Menacing, Count B dismissed; Disorderly conduct, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, Any property or firearms seized from the defendant may be released to the property owner

Kenneth M. King, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nikolche Joredanovski, Burlington, ON; Driving/texting; Guilty; Defendant completed course

Rodney L. Osburn Jr., Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant completed course

Curtis L. Nestleroad, Woodburn, IN; R.R. crossing; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (7) persons on

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

Thursday, April 11, 2024:

Everett Darrel Mowery (11/23/1981), Oakwood, OH; Rape, F1

Sheri S. Kraegel (12/26/1986), Antwerp, OH; Identity fraud, F5; Failure to comply with an order or signal of a police officer, M1

Mark A. Barrett (12/20/1968), Paulding, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F3

Joshua M. Brown (4/8/1987), Paulding, OH; Theft from a person in a protected class, F4

Brandon N. Decker (7/7/1997), Grover Hill, OH; Domestic violence, F3; Strangulation, F4

Noah Arron Kline (4/13/2000), Haviland, OH; Ethnic intimidation, F5

Brevin M. Luna (3/26/2004), Kima, OH; Unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, F4

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that time. There are many wars going on right now and talk of another big one. God also said there will be many new pestilences to take our lives. Some will be man made. Storms to weather will see big changes. This will include earthquakes, droughts, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes.

When we were Christian People who believed in God, we had a spiritual strength that helped us win wars. That strength was taken from us starting 1947. We've since had Democrats sensor pastors, take God and prayer out of school, presently taking God from our military and telling the evils of our world that we are weak. We have not won a

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war since Democrats started attacking God.

Let's look at some recent real losers that Democrats have picked for president. Their first evil mistake was "lying" Clinton who disgraced the White House and America with his womanizing. Then came our "anti-Christian" Obama who I believe was out to change Christian America into a third world nation. Last was "do nothing" Biden who has never been right in foreign affairs in his 50 years in Washington.

We need to start praying, thinking and study people's history and stay away from crap like CNN and most liberal news.

—Richard Mastin, Hicksville, OH

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

PROBATE COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
 ESTATE OF TERESA L. RICHHART, DECEASED
 Case No. 20231040-A

Paulding County Probate Court. FILED APR 11 2024

"TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF TERESA L. RICHHART, DECEASED, LATE OF 512 WEST RIVER STREET, VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY PROBATE COURT CASE NO. 20231040.

A hearing on the complaint will be held on the 11th day of June, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Persons knowing any reason why the sale should not be granted should appear and inform the court.

The Court is located at 115 N. Williams St. Room 202, Paulding, OH 45879..

A Complaint for Authority to Sell Decedent's Real Estate to Pay Debts has been filed in the

Judge Harvey D. Hyman

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds

2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW

3rd Weekend- Payne ,

(Paved lot east of Homier's)

4th Weekend- Antwerp ,

(13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

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)

Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)

For Questions Call : 419-399-3630

or Visit : www.pauldingcountywmea.com

PAULDING ELEMENTARY MARCH MINDSET MARVELS



Paulding Elementary 2023-2024 March Mindset Marvels left to right: Front row: Wyatt Turner, Naomi Seibert, Kyrie Jack, April Hernandez, Adrienne Arend, Cloie Schlosser, Grace Laney. Middle row: Rayne McCoskey, Allison Ball, Bella Jasso, Dulce Galeana-Monterrubio, Quynn Arend, Lillyn Munoz, Everliey Reed. Back

row: Trenit Valle, Reagan Wilson, Carolyn Dulaney, Carolyn Miller, Lexis Smith, Violeta Gutierrez-Santillan, Sam Vance.

PAULDING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL POSITIVE PANTHERS



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Positive Panther per grade level. These students are recognized for the positive character traits they exhibit as students of Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture from left are Nolan Schlatter (Grade 7), Brady Hayes (Grade 8), and Lincoln Thompson (Grade 6).

(Luci); Parker, Mason; Rader, Kristen; Roughton, Ellette; Schaffer, Faith; Schlatter, Nolan; Seba Fuentes, Jezai; Shepherd, Shohawna; Sherry, Kinlee; Smith, Wyatt; Sunday, Kendyl; Vanvlerah, Jady; Webb, Hunter

EIGHTH GRADE:

Adkins, Brodin; Ametewee, Annabelle (Gracie); Arend, Addison; Barnes, Presley; Collard, Kinzley; Cox, Rylee; Egnor, Parker; Hunt, Ridge; Johanns, Delaney; Kingen, Alivia; Kuckuck, Kaydence (Kayde); Laker, Quinton*; Lambert, Cameron; Landers, Gannon; Manz, Tyson; Mead, Adriana (Anya); Mullins, Gabriella (Gabby); Omonayin, Miracle (Mimmy); Pumphrey, Civil; Schlueter, Nicholas (Nick); Scott, Delaney; Stork, Gabriella (Gabby); Weible, Dylan

ACES, RAIDERS WIN QUAD TRACK MEET

Hicksville's girls and Wayne Trace's boys picked up quadrangular meet victories Thursday night in high school track action at the home of the Aces.

The Lady Aces nipped both Wayne Trace and Edon to win the girls portion as the Lady Aces totaled 76 points compared to the Raiders' 74 and the Bombers' 70. Stryker finished fourth with 22 points.

Wayne Trace's Caroline Winans was a double winner in the meet, taking first in the 400 dash (1:05.15) and the pole vault (9-0). Hicksville's Aubree Baird also won multiple events, capturing the 100 hurdles (17.99) and 300 hurdles (55.74). The Lady Aces' Hayden Neidhart also picked up a pair of first place finishes, taking the shot put (33-5) and discus (115-1).

Other individual winners in the girls meet included Wayne Trace's Ava Stoller (3200 run, 15:56.38), Edon's Jaycea Craven (100 dash, 14.17), Wayne Trace's Bethany Miller (200 dash, 28.67), Hicksville's Baylee Scher (1600 run, 6:37.77), Wayne Trace's Careen Winans (800 run, 2:44.01), Edon's Genna Ripke (high jump, 4-0) and Stryker's Aubrey Clemens (long jump, 13-5).

Edon took first in the 400 relay with the foursome of Jaycea Craven, Genna Ripke, Grace Ripke and Kendall Siebenaler recording a time of 56.85 seconds. The Bomber

quartet of Grace Ripke, Genna Ripke, Natalie Wofford and Emma Trent combined to win the 800 relay in 2:00.36.

Wayne Trace's 1600 relay squad of Careen Winans, Amber Stoller, Bethany Miller and Caroline Winans was victorious in 4:32.00 while the Lady Raider team of Madison Gurney, Ava Stoller, Libby Merz and Miller captured the 3200 relay in 11:52.18.

Wayne Trace's boys picked up first place with 76-1/2 points while Edon (63), Hicksville (60-1/2) and Stryker (44) completed the field.

First place finishers included Edon's Max Radabaugh (100 dash, 11.85), Wayne Trace's Maddox Treece (200 dash, 23.00), Stryker's Garret Moser (400 dash, 55.47), Wayne Trace's Cole Morehead (800 run, 2:14.34), Edon's Hayden Tenant (1600 run, 5:20.11), Hicksville's Alex Rost (3200 run, 11:41.12), Wayne Trace's Clay Stoller (110 hurdles, 17.71), Edon's Zander Kurtz (high jump, 5-4), Wayne Trace's Hudson Myers (300 hurdles, 44.49), Edon's Joseph Sparks (pole vault, 9-0), Wayne Trace's Landen Foltz (discus, 149-10), Stryker's Jacob Myers (long jump, 19-3-1/4) and Wayne Trace's Luke Stouffer (shot put, 55-8).

The red, white and blue also won three of the four relay races.

Ben Gurney, Dyson Scott, John Vielma and Corbin Varner combined to win the 800 relay for the Raiders in 1:43.37 while the foursome of Myers, Gurney, Varner and Morehead captured the 1600 relay with a time of 3:53.57. The quartet of Landon Blankenship, Aiden Lee, Prestyn Schnepf and Morehead took first in the 3200 relay in 9:35.16.

Edon captured the 400 relay with a time of 47.46 seconds for a squad that included Eli Dickman, Kendol Brigle, Max Radabaugh and Gauge Nester.

HERITAGE LIONS ANNOUNCE 2024 ICE CREAM SCHEDULE

The Heritage Lions in Hoagland have announced they will bring their popular ice cream trailers to the following events this summer:

May 11 - Opening Day, Hoagland Youth League, Hoagland Community Park
May 18 - Opening Day, Monroeville Youth League, Monroeville Community Park

June 6 - Monroeville Car Show, Downtown Monroeville

June 13-15 - Hoagland Days, Hoagland Community Park

June 20-July 25 - Monroeville Music in the Park, Monroeville Community Park

August 1-2-3 - Monroeville Harvest Festival, Monroeville Community Park

August 10 - St. Aloysius Summerfest, 14623 Bluffton Rd., Yoder

September 7 - Heartbeat of Hoagland, Hoagland Community Park

September 21 - Hessen Cassel Fall Festival, 469 and State Road 1

The Heritage Lions donate all profits from the sale of ice cream to local Fire/EMS, food banks, and other local charities. They have donated well over \$120,000 in the past 15

PAULDING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Student of the Month per grade level. These students are recognized for being some of the top academic performers at Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture from left are Jarret Griffith (Grade 8), Jordyn Nagy (Grade 7), and Victor Lechuga (Grade 6).

years. There is a need for more members to help with ice cream sales and other worthy projects throughout the year. Please contact a Heritage Lion and join with us in strengthening our community.

MICHAEL BESCHLOSS TO SPEAK AT PURDUE FORT WAYNE



Beschloss appears regularly as the NBC News presidential historian and contributor to "PBS NewsHour." He has won an Emmy and numerous other awards and honorary degrees for his work. His most recent book is, "Presidents of War: The Epic Story, from 1807 to Modern Times," which was published in 2018.

The Omnibus Speaker Series at Purdue Fort Wayne is made possible in part due to the support of the English-Bonter-Mitchell Foundation, which has sponsored every season since the series launched in 1995.

For anyone wanting to get tickets to the show in person, box office hours are from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday-Friday.

Tickets were released April 11th. They are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis through the Schatzlein Box Of-

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ONCE IN A LIFETIME

As one ages it becomes difficult to generate a great deal of enthusiasm for most things, but I had heard about the eclipse for almost a year. I told you a couple weeks ago I had thought about driving 20 or 30 miles from my home base. Leaving just in time to get there. According to maps I saw we are right on the edge of the path.



I was pleasantly surprised when my grandson from Minneapolis, Minnesota, called me and said he and his wife would like to take us to the totality of the eclipse. It had been years since we had seen them. I really didn't want to put forth the effort but he insisted. I had planned on taking US 30 East to the Lima, Ohio area. It looked like US 30 was perpendicular to the path. He said the least cloud cover would be at Portland, Indiana, south on US 27.

The kicker came when he said we'll get up at 7:30 a.m. Now I never saw 7:30 a.m. so I wasn't sure exactly what that meant. He was afraid of the traffic, and I couldn't imagine heavy traffic being on US 27. Each Amish farm did have a wash on the line. We got to Portland at 11:00 a.m. in plenty of time to see the eclipse. We spent some time at a local Walmart, and the best part we found a good restaurant where we could eat outside. This was probably the first nice day we had all year, and it was beautiful. There was not a cloud in the sky.

There weren't a great deal of people but it seems like everywhere you went there were groups of people just hanging out. Families playing with frisbees, just being together. And it was quite a phenomenon. Where we were the totality was about three and a half minutes, and the total eclipse over a couple of hours, I didn't keep track. It did seem like dusk perhaps, and the temperature felt like it dropped several degrees. I've never heard exactly if the temperature did drop.

All in all was a great experience, and the funny part, coming home the traffic was really heavy. I have never seen stop and go traffic on one of our major highways. Then my grandson's GPS told him to get off of 27 and go through Decatur. I'm sure we didn't save any time but we really did have a scenic drive, and Decatur is a beautiful city.

All in all it was a beautiful experience. It's probably the first and last time I'll see something like that. And the fellowship with my grandson and his wife was priceless. I was a bit put off, when watching the men's basketball final game, the announcers were

making fun of the eclipse. One said he didn't even bother going out to look at it.

Actually the eclipse was a better show than they're boring ball game. I've seen many final games turn out to be a blowout. It was kind of like watching a cat playing with a mouse, you know who's going to win.

On the other hand seeing God's handiwork, and the way men have studied for thousands of years, to predict almost the exact second when a phenomenon like this will take place. My grandson is already planning on traveling to the next one. We see flowers and trees bursting forth in every direction. The heavens declare the glory of God.

—James Neuhausser

LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER

How to Choose the Proper Grass Seed

As soon as we have warmer weather, many of you will want to buy grass seed to fill in some bare spots or over seed thin areas of your lawn. Spring is an excellent time for applying grass seed! But what type of seed should you get for your lawn? The short answer is high quality seed. A lawn can never be better than the seed that is sown.

Buying grass seed is like buying a car without seeing it or driving it. There is nothing tangible to compare it to. Until the seed grows into a lawn, the true quality of what you bought won't be visible for months. The only thing to evaluate is the seed label. Seed labels are written to meet agricultural regulations, and are unfortunately not "consumer friendly." Let us give you four guidelines to break down a seed label's four major requirements: Inert Matter, Germination, Variety Matter, and Weed Seed.

1. A pound of seed is not the same amount of seeds between varieties. A seed label tells you what varieties are in the package. However, it only tells you in percent by weight of the total package. It does not tell you that seed size and weight are dramatically different. For example, one pound of bluegrass is 1,400,000 seeds. That same pound in fine fescue is 530,000 seeds, and it only takes 225,000 ryegrass or tall fescue seed to make a pound. What this means, is the label does not tell you the amount of each variety you will see in your lawn. Ideally, you could determine the amount of a particular seed present by calculating the percentage by seed count. Unfortunately, seed count is not required on the label, and difficult to determine.

2. Germination is under the ideal conditions...not "normal" Mid-West weather. A label gives you the percent of pure seed that is capable of growth in a prescribed time under laboratory conditions. These laboratory conditions are ideal. Seeds are placed on wet filter paper and grown in an incubator with perfect light and moisture control for as long as 28 days. Furthermore, germination percentages cannot be compared between different manufacturers. The germination values may be the same, but they may have been achieved under differing laboratory conditions (i.e. Lab A germinated seed in an incubator for 10 days, and Lab B ger-

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WANTED: Good used pick-up truck. 419-980-5851 or 419-789-3704 15-16p

minated seed in an incubator for 20 days).

3. Double the inert matter percentage for a more realistic filler amount. Some grass seed packages have filler in them. This is called inert matter. Inert matter or bulking agents like corncobs or chaff are often added to make larger packages. Sand may be added to that the packages will meet weight requirements. Volume of inert matter can generally be found by multiplying the percentage by weight by two. (i.e. 5% inert matter = approx. 10% of the bag's volume).

4. Weed seeds weigh less, so their unwanted plant count can be higher. Weed seeds are also a factor in selection of a grass seed mix. The label says percent by weight of all seeds in the package which were not included in the good pure seed crop. Similar to guideline 1--amount and weight are not equal things--is even truer of weed seeds. One harmless needle grass seed weighs the same as 32 harmful chickweed seeds. But both would be listed as 0.27%. If only 0.10% were chickweed, that would result in 560,000 plants in a 10,000 square foot lawn.

So, now armed with an understanding of grass seed labels, back to the question of what seed to get? Choose a premium seed mixture that guarantee a great lawn. Quality seed mixtures that work well in the Midwest will use a high percentage of bluegrass seed. Bluegrass has very small seeds, so a smaller package of premium seed can cover more area of your lawn. The bonus of bluegrass is its rhizome ability, which means the plant's roots spread to create new plants.

Bluegrass may be combined with other grasses to derive multiple benefits. Ryegrasses geminate fast to hold the soil. Tall fescues are drought-tolerant, but do not spread. Fine fescues are more shade tolerant. Grasses like Dorado Tall Fescue, Montana Tall Fescue, Frontier Perennial Ryegrass, and Madison Kentucky Bluegrass are better than common-type grasses because they have been bred to improve their natural traits. These varieties create greener and denser lawns. They are also slower growing which means less mowing for you.

Some premium mixes have developed their seeds to grow roots up to four feet deep. This drastically improves drought tolerance. The enhanced disease resistance in these varieties is due to a waxy coating on the grass—much like the skin of an apple. There are mixtures of grass seeds designed for sunny areas, sun & shade areas, dense shade areas, high traffic, fast grow and more.

A lawn is only as good as the seed you put on it. So choose a premium grass seed mixtures that will give you the best-looking, strongest, and most worry-free lawn you've ever had. Happy spring seeding!

—Len Schrock
Johnathan Green Lawn Care Consultant
Grabill & Woodburn Hardware

LOSS OF SPOUSE

When you repeated your wedding vows you promised "until death do us part." At that point in your life death

was something in the vague, vast future. If it has now become a reality; it is something you to deny.

Losing your husband or wife brings intense heartache and can leave you feeling paralyzed and wondering how to manage all the changes in your life. What was easy and normal when there were two of you can become an insurmountable hurdle when you are alone.

Beginning anew can be overwhelming when life as you knew it is gone and feelings of loneliness threaten to overtake you. If you are looking for hope and encouragement, know that you do not have to do this alone.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." Is said by Jesus Christ in John 10:10 NIV. An end of one part of life is also the beginning of another. This is something you didn't ask for or want, but now it is a reality. Memories are precious but sad, and you long for the day when those memories will become cheerful and comfortable.

GriefShare is a program that understands your feel-

slowly added with the intention of being open seven days a week by peak boating season. The new owners intend to stay open year around and utilize the indoor seating, likely shutting down the soft serve ice cream operation in the off-season, but keeping the hard dip flavors and full-service kitchen options available.

The Sno-Cone will offer a full food menu this year and pretty much every ice cream you could imagine, including hard dip, soft serve, slushes, and bringing back the actual Sno-Cone!

Dunlap grew up in the area of the Auglaize River. His background is in real estate investing and construction. He is also the owner of Four County Home Inspections, Code 3 Properties, LLC, and Flat Rock Real Estate Corporation. He was previously an EMT, paramedic and firefighter. Once he married Dimare, they chose to live on the river and enjoy it all the time. Dan stated, "I grew up as a kid eating at the Sno-Cone on weekends and enjoying the delicious ice cream. Now we have the privilege of owning the establishment and sharing it with others."

In connecting with the history of the business, the Dunlaps brought back the original signage with the Native Amer-

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ings and offers hope. Led by a video, there is discussion and interaction with others who have similar feelings and are in different stages of their grief. The atmosphere is not depressive but uplifting and comfortable. The session lasts two hours, beginning at ten and ending at noon. The meeting will be held in the library of Leo Methodist church on Hwy. 1. Participants may register online at griefshare.org or by calling 260 627-2580, or by just showing up on Saturday morning. The material is nondenominational but Biblically based.

This sign was painted by a local artist to represent the history of the unincorporated village, which was named after Chief Charloe Peter in 1839.

In developing into the future, the Dunlap's hope to bring pizza to the menu and obtaining a liquor license for the sale of beer and wine, along with wine slushes and other refreshments. They are currently repairing the large deck looking over the river. It should be open soon. They are also adding three brand new docks in the water to accommodate passing boaters who would like to visit from the river.

The menu options and pricing have changed to better serve the community. The end goal is to provide the best service at the best pricing. This decision is supported by stopping the automatic tips added to orders. This will allow customers to tip at their own discretion. You can call the business for more information at 419-594-3594 or find the business on Facebook or order online at charloesncone.com

If you would like to enjoy some savory deliciousness from the Charloe Sno-Cone and experience a beautiful river view, support local and give the new team a try.



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TRINE TAKES TWO TOP AWARDS AT AICHE REGIONALS



From left, Trine University chemical engineering majors Madison Ruen, Natalie Crowner, Dean Campbell and Travis Mersing with their winning ChemE car.

ANGOLA, IN (04/11/2024) - It was a day of firsts for students in Trine University's McKetta Department of Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering.

On April 6, 16 chemical engineering majors traveled to Ohio State University to compete at the American Institute for Chemical Engineering (AIChE) Northcentral regional conference.

Trine students won the ChemE car and undergraduate research poster competitions for the first time.

Trine also placed second in ChemE Jeopardy, had another student place third for his undergraduate research poster, and placed third in undergraduate research technical presentations.

"We were one of the smallest chemical engineering programs competing - maybe even the smallest - and we were the only school to place in all competitions," said Amanda Malefyt, Ph.D., pro-

fessor in the McKetta Department of Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering and undergraduate research project advisor.

In the ChemE car competition, teams design a car that starts and stops using a chemical reaction. The car that travels the closest to a designated distance, which is not revealed until the day of the competition, is declared the winner.

The Trine team of Natalie Crowner of Saline, Michigan, Madison Ruen of Antwerp, Ohio, Dean Campbell of Batesville, Indiana, and Travis Mersing of Swanton, Ohio, topped a field of 14 teams, including those from the University of Toledo, University of Michigan, Ohio State University, Purdue University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

The Trine car finished 4.4 centimeters from the target distance of 18.7 meters, qualifying the team for the na-

tional competition in October. The team also placed third in the poster competition related to the car.

"Safety is the foremost important aspect of the competition, so ensuring you are safe first then still being able to accomplish the task at hand can be difficult," said Mersing, the team captain. "The car functioned precisely as designed, resulting in a final distance from the desired distance that not only the team was happy with, but was good enough to win the competition. It was also the closest Trine has ever come to the desired distance in a competition."

Seven Trine students competed with undergraduate research posters, more than any other university.

Alyssa Keptner of Midland, Michigan, won with her poster, "Media Optimization for Biofuels from Cyclotella cryptica." Her research examined the best methods for growing a unique cell type that is a promising candidate for biodiesel production.

"What excites me most about my project is the way it has developed over time," she said. "Since I have been lucky enough to do it for a few years, there are so many new paths or side projects that I have been able to explore and see through, which is incredibly rewarding."

She said the recognition confirmed her decision to attend Trine.

Gavin Campbell of Leesburg, Ohio, received third place with his poster, "Antibody Panitumumab: Binding to HCT 116 Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor." He continued research within the McKetta Department of

Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering seeking to develop an antibody that inhibits colon cancer growth.

"There's so much potential in pharmaceutical research. Antibodies and other therapeutics possess a wide variety of applications in medicine that can help a lot of people," he said.

"A lot of what we do is on our own initiative," he said. "It shows how hard we've worked over the past couple of years and how much we enjoy it. I'm proud of my ability to explain and spread interest for what I do. I overall had a great time presenting and competing."

Annamarie Lechleidner Hartman of Bryan, Ohio, participated in the undergraduate technical presentation competition. Her presentation, "Mitigating the Effects of Road Salt on Concrete," placed third.

"Participating in a research project really helped with developing improved time management in terms of planning an experimental process that takes multiple weeks from experiment start to finish," she said. "Although it was nerve-racking presenting in front of judges, the presentation itself helped fine-tune my presentation skills and reinforced my ability to develop a presentation under time constraints that showcases the most important results."

Trine sent three teams to compete in ChemE Jeopardy, with the team of Campbell, Zaavan Clear of Auburn, Indiana, Aaron Phillips of Marengo, Illinois, and Jacob Doyle of Marengo, Illinois, placing second out of 18 teams total.

Their team won both its preliminary and semifinal rounds to advance to the final competition against the University of Akron and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Akron won with 6,100 points, followed by Trine with 5,600 & UW-Madison with 0.

"We played well, taking chances when we had to in order to get a lead and playing conservatively with that lead to ensure we progressed to the finals," said Doyle, the team captain. "While we weren't able to pull out the victory in the end, we still kept it to an extremely close competition, being in the running all the way until Final Jeopardy."

The team could possibly receive an at-large bid to national competition, depending on the outcome of other regional events.

WEST SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Bob West (Area Environment and Public Affairs Manager, Holcim) as the guest speaker at the April 11, 2024, club meeting. Bob came

at the invitation of Kristen Schilt (Office Manager, Paulding County Economic Development). Bob spoke to the Kiwanians about Holcim and some of the changes that have happened there over the years.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BRINGS BACK GOLD CARD MEMBERSHIPS

The Friends of the Allen County Public Library (FOTL) recently reintroduced its prestigious Gold Card membership program to the community. The program invites Allen County residents who would like to become lifetime gold card holders to join for a one-time donation.

Gold Card holders will receive a special gold library card, a behind-the-scenes tour of the library, and a one-on-one genealogy consultation. Their card will never expire and can be used to access all services available on a standard ACPL library card.

"The Friends of the Library represent the library's greatest fans and the Gold Card members are truly its most fervent cheerleaders," said Friends Board President Michael Horton.

The Friends of the Allen County Public Library is a non-profit, membership organization that has supported the ACPL since 1981. The Friends rely on membership

contributions to fund library programs that are not supported by the library's operating budget. Past projects include the Library's pollinator gardens, annual Book Bowl contest, the Summer Learning Program, and more.

The Gold Card program was popular in the community in the past, but it was phased out in recent years. In late 2023, Friends and Library leadership came together to add it to the Library's 2024-28 strategic plan "Windows to Lifelong Learning and Discovery" under the strategic goal of "Connecting community through increased collaboration between ACPL and the Friends of the ACPL."

"We are so grateful to the Friends of the ACPL for their continued support of Library programs and services over the past 40+ years because it allows us to enhance our offerings and meet the needs of our community in truly impactful ways," said ACPL Executive Director Susan P. Baier.

More information can be found at acpl.info/gold-card.

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