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MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

THE EKKLESIA IN HARLAN CELEBRATES 10th ANNIVERSARY WITH CONCERT



The congregation of the Ekklesia in Harlan will begin a yearlong celebration of its 10th anniversary on May 5, 2024. The church is located at 12616 Spencerville Road, Harlan, in what was the former Harlan Elementary School. The church is known by its unusual name "THE

EKKELSIA IN HARLAN" which is taken from the Greek language used in the Bible. The word "Ekklesia" translates as 'church or assembly'. When asked about the unusual name the Senior Pastor, Lael Barkman, commented, "We wanted to stimulate cu-

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Attention Chocolate Lovers! The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is offering you another chance to try some delicious handmade chocolates and pair them with sweet or dry wine. 2nd Chocolate Walk is scheduled for May 11th, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Enjoy a trip collecting chocolates and, If you would like, add a bottle of wine to take home AFTER the walk. If you plan to reserve a bottle of wine, you will need to specify your

riosity in the community as choice of sweet or dry when making reservation for the

stop and drop off your vote

for your favorite chocolate,

participants will receive a

chocolate-covered cherry and

a chance to win a dozen as-

sorted chocolates.

Walk.

Make plans to enjoy this fun activity and hopefully, Mother Nature will cooperate The morning of the Walk with a lovely spring day. PS... you will need to stop at the you will need a vehicle to hit ALL the businesses partici-Leland Smith Insurance office to pick up your punch pating in this year's Chococard and sample your first late Walk, and you must be 21 chocolate. You will not be years old to reserve a bottle of able to sample chocolates wine. All chocolates are made without a punch card. The locally by chocolatiers of the punch card will list the par-Global Methodist Church. ticipating businesses. Stop at To reserve your spot in each business, sample a this year's Chocolate Walk, chocolate unique to that busistop in and see Alison at the ness, and at the end of the Leland Smith Insurance ofwalk, vote for your favorite fice or text Angel (419-258chocolate at the Leland Smith 0656). RSVP by May 6th! Insurance office. If you re-**PERI CHAPTER 10 MEETING** served a bottle of wine, you will pick it up at this time also. As an added incentive to

NOTICE!! All 96 state members: PERI Paulding County Chapter 10 will hold its meeting at the Paulding County Senior Center, 410 E. Jackson St. at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

we moved into our current

campus". Making the move

10 years ago has opened many

opportunities for daily min-

istry. The facility has the

largest Christian childcare

program in the area called

Raise Up for Christ. This

ministry helps working fami-

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APT MANUFACTURING COMMIT INVESTMENT IN **ARCHERS' FUTURE GENERATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**



Ben Nighswander, APT Manufacturing; Kyle Zartman, Antwerp School, Tony Nighswander; APT Manufacturing -Want to be entirely involved in the upcoming generation of young people, training them for the industry.

By: Bryce Steiner

The April Antwerp School Board meeting took place on April 23 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting began with Superintendent Dr. Marty Miller announcing the guests at the meeting. APT Manufacturing made a \$5,000 donation to the Innovation Center and Kyle Zartman gave a presentation of what will be added to the science center to bring about automation education to the schools. APT is a company in Hicksville that has been making a significant contribution to the food automation industry.

Board President Sara Schuette asked for an approval of the minutes of the previous board meeting. Bob Herber, as the state liaison, stated that proposed Senate Bill 208 would allow a military family move in and could be placed

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school's quotas have been reached. Dennis Recker, Vantage Board, stated there was an all board dinner, but he wasn't able to make it to the meeting. He also said Vantage

is expanding the fire facility and truck driving class. Kristine Stuart presented the financial report for the month of March:

income: 1,661,788.47 expenses: 1,372,958.27 interest: 47,468.74

The school is 75% through the fiscal year. Recker stated that the revenue over the past year or so seems to have increased. Stuart explained why the funding changed at the state level and how it has benefited schools with needs.

Travis Lichty, HS Principal, gave his end of year report. He mentioned prom and the juniors finally were able to go on their eighth grade class

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

May 1

• OPERS meeting @ PC Senior Ctr, 10am • WT School Board special meeting, lecture rm., 7:30am

May 2

• NH UMC Women in Faith Rummage fundraiser, 9a-6p

May 3

• FW Swinney Homestead Open House, 10a-4p

May 4

Oakwood Fire Dept. Open House, 5-7pm

May 11

• WT NHS 5K @ Payne Ball



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I Cor. 10:31 - whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Park, 8am

- Woodburn Lions Donuts @ Hardware lot, 7-11a
- Woodburn Mother's Day Festival
- Antwerp Chamber Chocolate Walk, 11a-1p
- Heritage Lions Donuts @ Hoagland Comm. Park
- JPHS Spring Tea @ Museum, 1-3pm

May 17

• DC Sen. Ctr. Senior Gala @ Eagles of Defiance, 5-9:30p

May 18

• Heritage Lions Donuts @ Monroeville Comm. Park



Add your event to the calendar info@westbendnews.net

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HARLAN, IN:

Jamie Sue Thompson, 61, of Harlan, Indiana, passed away at home on Thursday, April 11, 2024

Jamie was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on June 12, 1962.

She was a graduate of New Haven High School, where she was a member of the track team and the band. Jamie was a valued employee of East Allen County Schools, but will always be remembered for the special love she had for her family.

Jamie will be sadly missed husband, Scott her Thompson; mother, Judith (Stapleton) Hubbart; sons, Matthew (Tara) and Andrew and Adam Thompson; siblings, Jeff Hubbart, Greg (Julie) Hubbart and Jennifer Gregg and her cat, Elley.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Hubbart.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, April 26th at 4 pm. The family will receive friends from 1 to 4 pm at Woodburn Missionary Church, 5108 Bull Rapids Rd, Woodburn, Indiana. In keeping with Jamie's generous spirit, please consider a memorial gift to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome. com

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Dr. Matthew Runyan, section chief of Parkview Physicians Group - Psychiatry and medical director of inpatient services for Parkview Behavioral Health Institute, has been named a Distinguished Fellow with the American Psychiatric Association (APA), the world's leading psychiatric organization.

Runyan is the first Parkview psychiatrist to earn the elite designation from the APA and one of only about 50 physicians in Indiana to receive the title.

Distinguished fellowship is awarded to outstanding psychiatrists who have made significant contributions to the profession in at least five areas: administration, teaching, scientific and scholarly publications, volunteering in mental health and medical activities of social significance, community involvement and/or clinical excellence. It is the highest membership honor bestowed by the APA.

"Dr. Runyan is not just an exceptional physician, working with our patients to address their mental health needs, he's also a great leader for our entire psychiatry team," said Dr. Ahsan Mahmood, physician executive for Parkview Behavioral Health Institute. "Being named a Distinguished Fellow is a major accomplishment and it reflects the excellent care and contributions Dr. Runyan

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has made to the psychiatric community."

Runyan received his bachelor's degree from Anderson University in 2005 and completed his medical degree at the Indiana University School of Medicine in 2010. He completed a four-year psychiatry residency with the IU School of Medicine before joining Parkview in July 2015. In 2018, he was named section chief of inpatient psychiatry, and in 2020 he became medical director of inpatient psychiatry for Parkview Behavioral Health Institute.

In his role with Parkview, Dr. Runvan treats adult inpatients for conditions including depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, substance abuse and other acute psychiatric conditions. As the inpatient section

STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH

The Defiance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal crash that occurred on April 21, 2024, at approximately 1932 hours at the intersection of County Road K and County Road 17 in Williams County.

Steven Thompson, age 36, of Edon, was traveling westbound in a 2019 Ford Ranger on County Road K. John Matthews, age 72, of Bryan was traveling southbound in a 2016 Chevrolet Equinox on County Road 17. Thompson failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection and was struck by Matthews' vehicle. Thompson's vehicle overturned and came to rest in a creek.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene Williams County Coroner, Williams County Sheriff's Office, Brady Township Fire and Rescue, Worthington's

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lies have a safe place for their children while they are at work and that reinforces family and Christian values. The building has been renamed the Christian Community Center of Harlan and is used to accommodate other wholesome events like weddings, receptions, a community "garage sale", auctions, family community rentals for birthdays and holiday events, conferences and inter-denominational even basketball and football programs. The Ekklesia uses the gymnasium as its worship facility on Sunday morning.

chief, he oversees all psychiatric adult, youth, emergency and consultation services.

In the community, Dr. Runyan has served on the board at Erin's House for Grieving Children in Fort Wayne for the past seven years and volunteers as an expert facilitator for the adult and teen support groups. He received the Volunteer of the Year award from Erin's House in 2023.

Mental health services are available to patients via three Parkview Physicians Group - Psychiatry locations in Fort Wayne and Wabash, as well as seven Park Center community health centers located in five counties. For more information, visit parkview.com/ medical-services/behavioral-health.

Towing and Bodyworks Towing.

The Ohio reminds drivers to wear their seatbelts and to never drive distracted

The crash remains under investigation.

SUCCESSFUL RED CROSS **BLOOD DRIVE HELD IN HICKSVILLE**

The most recent blood drive, held in Hicksville on April 18, garnered 41 units of the gift of life. Drive coordinator and Red Cross Ambassador Zelda Zimmerman was pleased with the turnout and expressed her gratitude for all who showed up to donate.

In addition to the donors, the drive was supported by the First Church of Christ, site for the event, and members of the Rotary Club for assistance with setup and teardown. Rotary also footed the bill for sandwich ingredients. Alice Breidenbaugh prepared food for the canteen, with cookies provided by Cornerstone Church. Registration was done by Connie Adams and Diane Collins.

Be sure to make aappointment to donate at the next blood drive, which will held on June 13.

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

notable gospel greats such as Bill Gaither, Lynda Randle, The Collingsworth Family, and Karen Peck and New River. They range in ages from 15 to 23 and are a wonderful role model for Christian youth. Their musical ministry is wide reaching with the sounds of Southern Gospel, contemporary Christian, as well as Caribbean rhythms, mixed with traditional hymn arrangements to stir the heart and inspire all ages. The community is invited to join the congregation at 10:00 AM, Sunday, May 5, for their regular services with guest evangelist Rev. Jim Calhoun and the Chitan Family Singers. (Use door #8). This service will be followed by a luncheon served in the cafeteria. At 2:30 PM a concert with the wonderful artistry of the Chitan's will finish of the day. All are welcome to attend. Evervone is welcomed and encouraged to attend all of the day's events.

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Scripture of the Week

"Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them."

- Hebrews 7:25

wrap it up with blankets and

hold it to his chest so the little lamb can hear his heartbeat.

Once the lamb is strong

enough the shepherd will

place it back in the field with

the shepherd's love and care

the shepherd gave it when it

was rejected. When the shep-

herd calls for the flock, guess

which sheep runs first? The

sheep that remembered the

shepherd's mercy. The scrip-

ture tells us int John10:4-5:

When he has brought out all

his own, he goes before them,

and the sheep follow him, for

they know his voice. A

stranger they will not follow,

but they will flee from him,

for they do not know the voice

the Shepherds voice through

the many times He has rescue

loved more, it just knows inti-

mately the one who loves it. It

trusts the shepherd because it

has experienced love from the

shepherd. Many of us were

bummer lambs, rejected and

herd. He cares for our every

need and holds us close to His

heart so we can hear His

heartbeat. We may be broken

but we are deeply loved by the

Shepherd who will never leave

door. If anyone enters by me,

he will be saved and will go in

and out and find pasture.

10 The thief comes only to

steal and kill and destroy. I

came that they may have life

and have it abundantly." I am

the gate; whoever enters

through me will be saved.[a]

They will come in and go out,

and find pasture. The thief

comes only to steal and kill

and destroy; I have come that

they may have life, and have it

these lost souls and bringing

cried out THANK YOU GOD

FOR ALLOWING US IN

AND OUT THROUGH THE

GOOD PASTURE AND GIV-

ING US LIFE MORE ABUN-

PEACE AND LOVE,

DANTLY! AMEN

AND FINDING

-Pastor Dwayne

Thank you for finding

After I read this my soul

to the full.

GATE

them to Jesus.

(John 10:9-10) 9 "I am the

us or forsake us.

But Jesus is the good Shep-

The bummer lamb isn't

In fact we come to know

of strangers."

and saved us.

broken.

The sheep never forgets

the rest of the flock.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Where would we be without our good shepherd? Jesus Christ our precious Lord and savior, the one who washes and cleanses us from all of our sins. He removes all of our sinful feelings of rejection caused by the residual of sin. As I travel throughout the land evangelizing and preaching the word of God, often times people approach me after service and hand me envelopes, letters and prayer requests. Most of the time I place them in my briefcase without reading the notes or cards. Last week while looking through my briefcase I stumbled across an unsigned letter. I read and it blessed me so I thought that I would mention some of it in this week's column

What happens to a little lamb that is rejected by its mother?

It hangs its head so low it looks as if it is beyond depressed. Every once in a while a ewe will give birth to a lamb and reject it. There are a lot of reasons she may do this. Like us we're often rejected for earthly reasons such as hatred or racism or for reasons we created. If the shepherd tries to return the lamb to the mother it might even kick the baby away, she will never change her mind or heart and accept the lamb as her own.

These little lambs will hang their heads so low that ti looks like something is wrong with their little necks. Their spirit is broken. These lambs are called bummer lambs. Unless the shepherd intervenes, the little lamb will die-rejected and alone.

Do you know what the shepherd does? The Shepherd will take the rejected little lamb into his home, hand feed it and keep it warm. He will



or impaired.

Thompson was pronounced deceased at the scene. Thompson's passenger, Aaron Laney, age 34, of Montpelier was transported by LifeFlight to Saint Vincent's in Toledo, Ohio with serious injuries. Matthews was transported by Williams County EMS to Parkview Bryan with serious injuries. Alcohol is suspected as a factor in the crash.

by Williams County Emergency Medical Services,

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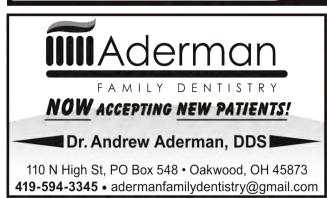
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The first of several planned anniversary events will begin with a kickoff rally featuring the Chitan Family Singers. This multitalented family of hails from Toronto, five Canada. They are known for their sweet harmonies as well as their proficiency in a variety of musical instruments. They have shared stages with



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Penny For Your Thought By: Nancy Whitaker

Maybe no guys ever read the books or watched the TV Series, but 50 years ago when Little House on the Prairie came on TV, my family was in front of our television watching it.

Going back even farther than 60 years, was when I was in school, one of my favorite things to do was read. I was very fond of the Little House books and I think I have read them 3-4 times each. In fact I am reading them again.

The show and books were focused on Laura Ingalls Wilder and about her and her family growing up in the big woods. The stories written were about true events in the life of Laura and took place from 1869-1870. Other books in the series took place from 1873-1874.

This year marked the 50 year anniversary of the show and to celebrate and see each other again a reunion of cast mates was held. Some cast members had not seen each other since the show.

More than 18,000 people gathered for the Little House on the Prairies event, celebrating the show's anniversary at a park in Simi Valley, California, not far from Big Sky Ranch where much of the series was filmed.

Attendees learned how to churn butter, blacksmith and use a washboard. They toured a replica of the Ingalls' house, the Oleson's Mercantile, and the one-room school house. But mostly they came to see the actors they loved. and remembered.

Attending were former cast members, Melissa Gilbert, who played Laura "Half Pint" Ingalls, as well as Alison Arngrim (Nellie Oleson), Karen Grassle (Caroline Ingalls), Bonnie Bartlett (Grace Edwards), Dean Butler (Almanzo Wilder) and Lin-Boomer wood (Adam Kendall. Also attending were a couple actresses who played school teachers.

Fans waited in long lines to collect autographs, screen old episodes, and take pictures of re-creations of the iconic sets. Including the re-creation of Oleson's Mercantile that many enjoyed.

However, it was Michael Landon's golf cart that was made to look like a Surrey – a Christmas gift from cast and crew in 1976.

Little House on the Prairie ran on NBC from September 11, 1974 to March 21, 1983. From September 1974 to September 1976, it was aired on Wednesday nights from 8:00-9:00 EST. Beginning September 27, 1976, it was moved to Monday nights in the same time slot.

There are a few missing faces in the cast. Michael Landon died of pancreatic cancer on July 1, 1991. Also deceased are Victor French (Mr Edward's) Catherine MacGregor (Mrs Oleson) Richard Bull (



Mr Oleson) Merlin Oleson) and the preacher played by Dabb Greer. In 2020 a reboot of Little House was mentioned and I, for one, sure wouldn't miss it.

There are several Little House reunions being held across the country this year.

Would you go to a Little House reunion? Have you ever read Laura Ingalls Wilders books? Did you watch the TV Show?

Let me know and I'll give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

VICTORY SONG

By: Doris Applegate

Let The Trumpet Blow Let The Lord Return Let The Dead Arise Meet Him In The Sky Let The Living Change In The Twinkling Of An

And Join The Host And Those On High Let The Wrath Be Poured

Let Sinners Die Let Satan Be Bound Let Demons Cry Let Every Knee Bow Let All Confess That Christ Is King Let The Earth Now Rest. October 7, 2010

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 3/4/24

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

Mayor Barth announced a notice of Public Hearing which will be held Thurs-day, March 14 at 6 pm. in the Zoning

Office. The application submitted requests the property at 701 Spencerville Street be rezoned from R-4 Single Family to R-8 Multiple Family.

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

Mayor Barth reported on a recent Nuisance Board meeting which was called to address updating property concerns as the Village prepares to transition into working with a new zoning inspector, due to the re-tirement of current inspector Mike Bailey.

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

Council approved the hire. Fire Chief Bruce Hart updated Council on various equipment repairs. EMS rep-resentative Abbey Franz presented a report on the current department activities. On February 24 the new medical director visited the station. He will be return on March 16 for sym lab training with all employees.

The department is currently reviewing ap plicants for the full time and part time EMT positions. The department is looking into having a basic EMT class locally. There has also been discussion with RNs about becoming medics through a class offered at Northwest Community College. Several seemed interested in looking into that classification.

Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith presented her monthly reports. Mayor Barth updated Council on the

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

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

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

Council adjourned into executive session with no action being taken. Council's

ANTWERP MANOR HAPPENINGS

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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 Leonard William and Earl Vernon Main

Leonard was born in Allen County, Indiana, November 6,



1898, and Earl was born in Allen County, Indiana, April 24, 1897. Both are sons of Frank Marie, born January 1, 1870 in Indiana and Nancy M. (Meeks) Main born June 13, 1871 in Allen County, Indiana. This couple was married in 1896.

By 1900, while living in Milan, Allen County, Indiana, Frank was a day laborer. He and Nancy were raising sons Earl, and Leonard. By 1910, Frank and Nancy added children, Enno born July 15, 1902, Cora July 23, 1906, and Agnes U. in 1909. Frank was a field worker on farms. The family lived on Staham Road in Allen County, Indiana. In 1914, a daughter, Agness was born. By 1917, it was evident, that America was going to war.

Leonard joined the National Guard out of Hicksville, Ohio, June 4, 1917. He served in Company E. 21a Ohio National Guard. In late 1917, Leonard was sent to Camp Sheridan, Montgomery County, Alabama to serve in Company L. 146th Infantry.

On January 26, 1918, Leonard contracted pneumonia and died. His body was brought back to Antwerp and services were held at the Methodist Church. The service was largely attended. Rev.

screened from the area. Seven were sent on for closer exam. The day before the spring break was preschool review day. There were two inspectors and they checked over the license. There was no corrective action necessary. The school received a five-star banner. Next year, the ratings will change and Antwerp will be "gold". Finding a licensed intervention specialist has been difficult. This is necesSessions preached an eloquent sermon. The gun squad that fired the honor salute at the grave was made up of Spanish American War Veterans. All places of business was closed during the time of the funeral in respect to a brave soldier who was serving his country. Leonard was buried in Antwerp Riverside Cemetery, February 1, 1918 in the Soldiers Field, space 24.

Leonard's brother, Earl, registered for the draft June 5, 1918 in Paulding. He was listed as a farmer, 5'-7" tall, brown hair, brown eyes, ruddy complexion and single. He was sent overseas to serve in Battery E. 69th Artillery, 95th Division. He was Honorably Discharged, December 29, 1918. Earl came home and lived with his parents, working as a farm hand.

In 1925, sister Agness passed away. She was buried in Antwerp Riverside Cemetery. By 1930, Earl was still living at home with his parents in Carryall Township, Earl's health was not the greatest.

By 1935, Earl and his parents were still living in Paulding County. By 1940 the family had moved to Tiffin, Defiance County, Ohio, Earl was still single. On February 16, 1942, Earl registered for the World War Two draft, but was not chosen due to his age and health. The mother, Nancy, passed away in 1947. She wasburied in Antwerp Riverside with her children.

By 1950, Earl was disabled and not working. He was living in Hicksville at his own place, 114 West Arthur Street. His brother, Enno, sister Marion and father Frank were living with him. Enno and Marion were working at a factory. On August 23, 1953, Frank passed away, and was buried alongside his wife. On August 11, 1955, Earl passed away at the Veterans Administrative Hospital in Ft. Wayne due to palmary edema from heart disease. His brother Enno, took care of the paperwork for his military tombstone.

... Until Next Time!

sary due to supporting areas where the school may be lacking. The school is working with Western Buckeye to fill this position.

The school buses passed state inspection once again.

Lifewise Academy has been utilized by sixth grade students this school year, and will be expanded to 3, 4, 5 and 7th grade this next school year. The NEOLA update has the fewest changes this year.



Welcome to Antwerp Manor Assisted Living located at 204 Archer Dr. in Antwerp, Ohio. Traditionally we have crowned our Valentine Queen and King on Valentine's Day but this year we made an exception. Queen Cindy Meglish Smart was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2023. She has been undergoing chemotherapy treatments for several months. Her last treatment was this past week so she was feeling well enough to join her Euchre partner, King Dick Gasser for the crowning. Dick is a good

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trip that was missed due to the school year disruptions of the pandemic. The sixth graders went to McMillan Health Center. Mrs. Hammer has the sixth grade schedules out for next school year. Second week of May will begin the post season spring sports. The blood drive went so well that the school will be offering a \$250 scholarship. He mentioned that spring sports schedules have been messed up this year because of the weather. Testing has been going well. Prom and after-prom are coming up. The senior awards night is on May 8. Graduation day is May 19 at 2:00 p.m. Sara Schuette will be handing out the diplomas Traci Stokes, Elementary Principal, reported that kids have been bringing in things for the art gallery. There are quite a few end of year field trips happening - from the Spangler museum, to the Fort Ŵayne Children's Zoo. Dr. Marty Miller, gave the superintendent's report. He said that we are still looking for a new elementary principal. There was an executive session following the meeting. Jessie Arnold will be replacing Travis Lichty as high school

treatments he agreed to wear a wig for the crowning. Cindy and Dick have become close friends here at Antwerp Manor. They truly care about each other. Antwerp Manor is not a building filled with people. It

port her hair loss due to the

Sanderson or Jennifer Ramsier would be more than happy to assist you.

principal. There is a growing need for a female wrestling coach for the female athletes. Lichty has been working with the GMC to try and get these responsibilities set. The age range for kindergarteners has been set with turning age 5 by September 30th for this next school year.

Building and Grounds update - the sports complex building is getting closer to completion. The astroturf will be coming on April 24. A 40'

is a building filled with friends. If you are in need of Assisted Living or know someone who is please give us a call at 419-258-1500. Susie

next regular meeting will be Monday, March 18 at 6 pm

LITTLE HOUSE TURNS 50

Craft & Vendor Show

Saturday - May 4, 2024 9 am - 3 pm

Defiance County Fairgrounds Hicksville, OH Enter at gate down from McDonald's

- Over 45 Craft/Vendor Booths
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- Something for Everyone!
- Cattlemen's Food Stand
- Shake Shack
- See you there!

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netting is being considered to help stop the balls crossing between fields and games. The D-wing will be completed this summer by Friend's Flooring. New gym lights to be replaced since so many have gone out.

Harold Gottke said this was a big purchase year for computers, while several of the board members gasped at the price. Gottke said he's working to procure both Dell and Acer computers to save money. The fiber boring project is complete to the new building, but the fiber will be installed after the testing season so there wouldn't be any disruptions.

Jennifer Snyder was introduced by Dr. Miller. Snyder said the third day of screening just finished. 39 kids were



PAGE 4 – WEST BEND NEWS – APRIL 29, 2024 ENVIROTHON RETURNED TO ALLEN COUNTY FOR 2024 SCIENTIFIC COMPETITION



The Northwest Ohio Area Envirothon returned to Allen County for a day of scientific challenges for high school students on Wednesday, April 24, at the shared Lima campus of The Ohio State University and Rhodes State College. 215 competitors were registered.

The Envirothon is a nationwide high school competition that takes place every year where students come together as school teams to compete in a scientific challenge testing their knowledge on four topics -- soils, water, forestry, and a special topic that is different each year. The theme for this year's competition is "Renewable Energy for a Sustainable Future" and the 2024 scientific challenges are wildlife, forestry, aquatics, and

Scientific challenges took place on campus in locations in and around the Ohio State Lima regenerative farm and

NSCC FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$800,000 IN FOUNDATION **SCHOLARSHIPS**



Kimberly White

On Thursday, April 18th, the Northwest State Community College Foundation proudly awarded 306 scholarships worth in excess of \$800,000 to students from the region. The event celebrated NSCC's ranking as the #1 community college in Ohio (per a WalletHub report), and spotlighted scholarship recipients, donors and the commu-

nity as well! "We were blessed to hold another spectacular Scholarship Awards event for our ommunity," said Robbin Wilcox, Executive Director of Development & the NSCC Foundation. "We are so proud of our students' accomplishments, and we are grateful for the generosity of our donors they epitomize what being number one is all about," Wilcox noted. The event kicked off with opening remarks by NSCC

prairie, and in the Tecumseh Natural Area.

Area 1 included schools from the following counties: Allen, Auglaize, Crawford, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Marion, Morrow, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot. 2024 is the first year since the early 1990s that Allen County has hosted the Area 1 competition. The host agency is the Allen Soil and Water Conservation District.

The results of the 2024 Area 1 Envirothon are:

5th place (Alternate team for state competition): Ft. Jennings Team 2.

4th place: Port Clinton 3rd place: Hicksville 2nd place: Ft. Jennings Team 1

1st place: Tinora Team 1 31 teams competed in the event (including two advisor teams).

tinue to fulfill its mission of creating opportunities for transformational learning. The NSCC Foundation works diligently to raise muchneeded funds for educational opportunities that directly and indirectly impact students. "The NSCC Foundation continues to work hard each year to increase funding to support our students through both scholarships and efforts to provide state of the art training equipment," noted Wilcox. She added, "The NSCC Foundation is not only giving over \$800,000 in scholarship dollars this year, but they are also helping the College to develop and expand programs that will help both students and our business partners for generations to come." Additional information about the NSCC Foundation is available at Northwest-

COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT

State.edu/foundation.

The Partners for a Healthy Paulding County, facilitated by the Paulding County Health Department and Moxley Public Health, have been working to complete a new Community Health Improvement Plan for Paulding County. The improvement plan is complete and ready for review!

The Community Health Improvement Plan addresses the health needs of the county. The priorities that were selected for the 2024-2026 plan

• Mental Health and Substance Misuse

Chronic Disease

• Access to Healthcare

You are encouraged as citizens of Paulding County to review the plan and provide any feedback, comments, or corrections you may have. If you are interested in a priority and would like to have an active role in implementing the goals and strategies identified in the place, please reach out to the Paulding County Health Department for more information.

The Community Health Improvement Plan draft can also be found on the Paulding County Health Department's website www.pauldingcountyhealth.com. The draft will be open for comment until May 3, 2024. Comments can be provided to Brandi Schrader at brandis@pcohhd. com or at 419-399-3921.

MAY THE 4th BE WITH YOU **AT THE LIBRARY'S FREE COMIC BOOK DAY**

On Saturday, May 4 the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) will be celebrating Free Comic Book Day and May the 4th's Star Wars Day arts/crafts, writing with workshops, and a Star Warsthemed Space Academy. Every year, the ACPL celebrates Free Comic Book Day, a worldwide event on the first Saturday of each May, with free comic book giveaways (while supplies last). This year, Free Comic Book Day also falls on May the 4th, or Star Wars Day, an international celebration of all things Star Wars thanks to a play on the popular phrase from the film "may the force be with you." "May the 4th and Free Comic Book Day are perfect examples of how we can make reading exciting and relevant to young people,"

Phone: 419-258-2000 • Email: info@westbendnews.net HANDS OF HOPE HOST PAM STENZEL



Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services hosted Pam Stenzel at the Paulding HS/MS auditeria on Wednesday night, April 17. Pam talked about sexual integrity, choices, worth, and health. There was a crowd of about 50 teens and many adults as well. Many who came commented that she was very inspiring and she educated them on various issues.

One topic that Pam talked

said ACPL Youth Services Manager Jacki Fulwood. "Whether it's a Jedi Master, a superhero, or a video game character - when we connect characters that children know with books and the library we capture their attention and invite them deeper into the worlds they already love."

According to Fulwood, comic books and graphic novels are among the most popular items for children and teens at ACPL - and that's a good thing:

"Because graphic novels combine engaging images alongside words, they encourage young readers to connect with the material, make inferences about what is happening in the story, and develop stronger reading comprehension. Furthermore, when children are encouraged to read material that interests them, they are more likely to become lifelong readers," said Fulwood.

In celebration of Free Comic Book Day, all ACPL locations will be giving away free comic books during open hours while supplies last.

The ACPL's Space Academy invites young Jedis to practice their training with physical activities and crafts from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Main Library. It is open to preschool and elementary school-age children. Registration is strongly encourwww.acpl.info/ aged at events.

The Main Library is also hosting activities that are not necessarily Star Warsthemed, but every bit as fun! about was the STI/STD rates, and how common they are. Many are asymptomatic, yet cause detrimental effects to the body later on in life.

Some of the adults mentioned that the kids were so respectful during the talk, and were not on their phones. Many kids made a point to meet her afterwards, which touched Pam. We have a lot of hope for this next generation!

Visit www.acpl.info/events or call (260)421-1200 for full details and to reserve a spot in advance.

SEED QUALITY EFFECTS GERMINATION

As spring planting gets underway, farm stress is high. germinate When seeds quickly that farm stress goes away. Getting new seeds and plants off to a vigorous start increases the potential for a healthy crop with abundant vields. However, when seeds germinate slowly because of challenging soil or weather conditions, early stress on young seedlings is likely to produce a yield drag.

When seeds germinate quickly, corn seed maggot feeding decreases. When root systems develop quickly, wireworm or rootworm larvae is greatly reduced. When seedlings grow very rapidly, and have balanced seed nutrition, they can resistant slugs and flea beetles feeding. However, none of these positive effects occur when seeds germinate slowly or when seeds are of poor quality.

Planting conditions are not always ideal. Poor weather conditions means that often planting occurs under lessthan-ideal conditions. Farmers typically have only about 9-10 days or less to get most crops planted on time. It is even probable that weather and soil conditions will be less than ideal more frequently in the future. Weather variability

This event was so well received, who knows where this will lead. If you would like to listen to one of Pam's talks, you can look her up on YouTube – Pam Stenzel Major Speaker Program. Pam delivers both faith-based messages and public school version messages which promote abstinence until marriage.

this year may even impact germination next year by producing poor quality seed.

When farmers purchase seed, the quality may not always be the best. Many seeds may germinate but lack vigor, and may germinate slowly, even when planted in ideal conditions. This is especially true of commodity grain crop seeds, but also for many vegetable seeds. A researcher tested several hundred seed corn samples from seed suppliers and planted them in seedling trays to test germination and seed vigor. While most of the seed samples reached the germination percentage on the label, many germinated quite slowly, emerging only 5-7 days after being planted. Some emerged 10 days after being planted, despite being maintained in perfect moisture and temperature conditions for rapid germination.

In seed corn production, small seed size seems to be ideal. Hybrid seed corn has a lower yield and often plant nutrition is adjusted for lower yields. Before pollination, the plants are "detasseled" by cutting off the plant above the ear, which removes up to 50% of the plant's photosynthetic capacity. To keep seed size small, plants are desiccated as soon as the seeds reach maturity. The corn seed is smaller, lower in stored carbohydrate energy, and may have less mineral nutrition; resulting in lower quality seed, especially if weather conditions were

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dez and NSCC Foundation Board member Kevin Whitlock (1996 NSCC grad), each providing congratulatory remarks to both students and gratitude to the donors who make the Foundation scholarships possible. Robert Langford, First Energy Regional External Affairs Consultant, provided the Donor perspective. AMAZING STUDENT

STORY

trial Technologies major) provided the student perspective, sharing her perseverance and overcoming seemingly impossible obstacles, including drug use and an intentional overdose. "I graduate next month with my degree in Industrial Technology and will return in the fall to finish my Maintenance

able to give my children a better life and NSCC has taught beautiful life I am creating," White said. She is the recipient of the County North Foundation Scholarship, and

President Dr. Todd Hernan-

Kimberly White (Indus-

Technician degree. I will be me that I too deserve the ABOUT THE NSCC

FOUNDATION The NSCC Foundation was established in 1978 to provide support for the students, people and programs of NSCC. For over 40 years, the Foundation has remained true to its mission to enhance, ex-

pand and sustain Northwest State so that NSCC can con-



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These include:

• Free Comic Book Day Scavenger Hunt – all-ages program featuring popular superheroes and supervillains. 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

• Write Stuff – writing and drawing workshop for ele-mentary school students to explore the world of graphic novels and comics! 11:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon

• Make Art – for middle and elementary schoolers who love to make art or want to try something new, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

• Button Making – teen program to repurpose comics and magazines into wearable art. Limit 2 per person; while supplies last, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public. Some are limited to specific age groups.

Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

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



Phone: 419-258-2000 • Website: www.westbendnews.net DEFIANCE MOOSE LODGE DONATES TO SENIOR CENTER



Pictured presenting and receiving the grant (l-r) is Stacy Mc-Cartney - Defiance Moose Lodge Administrator and Nick Wichman - Defiance County Senior Services Auxiliary Direc-

Defiance County Senior Services Auxiliary received a \$1,000 grant from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094.

This grant money will be used towards new activities and events for our Defiance Seniors!

poor. Seeds with lower nutrition may germinate slowly and are particularly susceptible to insects and disease. Seeds with high seed vigor and good nutrition generally germinate the fastest and get that crop off to a fast start.

The best fast germinating seeds contains abundant nutrition, mineral nutrition as well as carbohydrates, proteins and fats. Seed with generous nutrition will be heavy, have fewer seeds per pound, and have a high-test weight. In addition, the best seed also carries a population of beneficial microbes on the seed surface that immediately colo-

nizes emerging roots and leaves. The inherited microbes from the parent seed are very important. Over time, over using harsh chemicals on your seed may reduce the viability of these beneficial microbes that help a plant get off to a fast start.

Fast root microbial colonization helps reduce root diseases. Without beneficial microbes on the seed, new seedling now need to recruit beneficial soil microbes. This process takes time (up to two weeks) and more energy. Diseases like fusarium, rhizoctonia, pythium, anthracnose, phytophthora and many other

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

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

Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, Library 4 Seasons, Dollar General Cecil: 127 Maramart

Charloe: Charloe Store

Continental: Okuley's Family Video, Orchan Pharmacy, Dollar General, INDIANA LOCATIONS ACE Hardware

Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Senior Center, Walmart, Home, Golden Years Assisted Cabbage Patch, Advanced Living Cabbage Fatch, Advance, Living Auto, Main Stop Marathon, <u>Grabill</u>: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Rite Aid, Defiance Public <u>Hardware</u>, Grabill Country

Edgerton: Kaiser Sales Supermarket, USPS, Utilties Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop Marathon (East) Cafe,Antwerp Exchange Bank

<u>Hill</u>: N&N Quick <u>Hoagland</u>: Mel's Town Branch Library Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub Grover Stop, GH Branch Library Hicksville: Sailers, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Feed & Grain Citgo, Marathon, Dollar General, <u>Monroeville</u>: Mel's Deli, Subway, Senior Center, Village Phillips 66, The Village of offices, Johnson Memorial Library Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General Ney: Marathon <u>Oakwood</u>: Oakwood Market, <u>New Haven</u>: ACP Library, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, **Paulding:** Stykemain, Chief, Crumback Chevrolet, Corner Market, Integrity Bakery, Old City Hall, Nana Do It Post Prov. Prov. Prov. Chevrolet, Library, Landing Strip Napa Do It Best, Bargain Bin, Maramart, Dollar General, <u>Woodburn</u>: Clip-N-Tan, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Woodburn Hardware, Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Woodburn Xpress, Country Albert Automotive, Paulding Oasis, Financial Partners, Courthouse, Paulding VFW Heckley Automotive, S&V Post 587, Paulding Co. Liquors, Post Office, Dollar Sheriff's Office Board of General Phoenix Manor Richard's Sheriff's Office, Board of General, Phoenix Manor, Elections, Gardens of Chop Shop, ACP Library, Paulding, Paulding County Willies Cafe II Hospital, Kwik Mart, PC Carnegie Library

Village office, Payne: Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Maramart, Library Sherwood: Post Office. Bryan: Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS

Scott: Scott Post Office Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Okuley's Family Video, Orchard Tree

 ACE Hardware
 Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems,

 Defiance:
 Newman's

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 Walmart, Walgreens, Great

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 Clips & Goodwill (Maysville

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root-rot diseases may take over when disease repressing microbes are not present. Seeds that do not carry healthy microbes predispose young seedlings to disease susceptibility. Fungicide seed treatments may even make this process worse.

Some of these beneficial microbes are called plant growth promoting rhizobacteria or PGPR's. These bacteria produce phytohormones that influence plant growth and development, particularly root branching. Robust root systems, established immediately after germination, are a critical to producing large crop yields. PGPR's also increase stem size and create a larger vascular system to increase plant nutrition. Plants have the genes to produce more grain and fruit, but often the pipeline is not large enough to supply the water and nutritional requirements to support higher yields

Seeds with abundant trace minerals (manganese, zinc, copper and boron) germinate quicker than those without. Some farmers apply a combination of chelated trace minerals (25 to 100 ounces each) of manganese, iron, zinc, cobalt and copper per ton of seed. When selecting seed, look for high test-weights and healthy seed to increase crop yields. Adding the right biologicals (inoculants) that contain beneficial microbes may be helpful if they are missing in your seed. Overall, seed health and plant health are important for producing high quality food and higher yields.

—James J. Hoorman Hoorman Soil Health Services

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 3/13/24

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Jan Reeb. Council persons present: Bill Boylan, Bryce Steiner, Ja son Franks, Steve Jordan, and Bryan Smith. Motion made by Steiner, seconded by

Franks, to excuse councilman Dean Rister from the meeting. 5 yeas, o nays. Motion carried and approved.

Also attending: Administrator Brian Davis and Fiscal Officer Kevin Hornish. Minutes from the regular council meeting held February 13th, 2024, were re-

Motion made by Jordan, seconded by

Boylan, to accept the regular council meet-ing minutes from the February 13th, 2024 meeting. 5 yeas, o nays. Motion carried and approved. The February finance statements and

the R.I.T.A. Report were reviewed. • Motion made by Steiner, seconded by

Smith, to accept the February finance reports & bank reconciliation report. 5 yeas, o nays. Motion carried and approved.

POLICE REPORT:

Police Chief Clemens provided a written report showing 53 calls for service, 7 to-tal offenses and 6 ticketed offenses for Mayor's court during the month of January. EMS REPORT:

No report was submitted by EMS co-ordinator Ashley McDougall

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

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3rd reading of ordinance 2024-03:

An ordinance authorizing the village Administrator to enter into fourth adden dum to the agreement for collection, transportation and disposal of residential solid waste within the corporate limits of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio.

Motion made by Franks, seconded by Jordan, to approve 02024-03. 5 yeas, o nays. Motion carried and approved. 3rd reading of resolution 2024-02: a

resolution authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$16,409.25 from the general fund to the severance pay reserve fund Motion made by Franks, seconded by Smith, to approve r2024-02. 5 yeas, o nays. Motion carried and approved.

3rd reading of resolution 2024-03: a resolution authorizing and setting perma-

nent appropriations for 2024. Motion made by Smith, seconded by Boylan, to approve r2024-03. 5 yeas, o nays. Motion carried and approved.

3rd reading of resolution 2024-04: a resolution authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$200,000.00 from the general fund to the water operating fund.

Motion made by Boylan, seconded by Steiner, to approve r2024-04. 5 yeas, o nays. Motion carried and approved. 1st reading of resolution 2024-08: a

resolution of necessity to levy a tax that is a renewal of an existing levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses. 1st reading of resolution 2024-09: a resolution of necessity to levy a tax that is a

renewal of an existing levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, and equipment including a umper/tanker fire engine and fire gear for firefighting personnel.

1st reading of resolution 2024-10: a resolution of necessity to levy a tax that is a renewal of an existing levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of police protection. Emergency reading of ordinance

2024-04: an ordinance accepting the final plat of the Maumee Landing subdivision phase 12 (lot 25 & lot 32) to the addition of the village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio, pursuant to ordinance no 94-17, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Smith, seconded by Boylan, to suspend the rules regarding 02024-04. 4 yeas, 1 nays. Motion carried and approved. Discussion took place in regards for

Motion made by Steiner, seconded by Jordan, to approve 02024-05. 5 yeas, o nays.

Motion carried and approved. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports were given NEW BUSINESS:

Steve Jordan wanted to make council aware that the county zoning meeting scheduled for Thursday 03/14/2024 at 6:00 p.m. had been moved to the OSU extension building from its original location if any one was planning on attending.

Admin Davis updated council on projects within the village. Shaffer Road cost analysis has been submitted to FEMA for possible funding. On the water treatment plant, the engineer is still waiting on the Ohio EPA approval on the general plan.

Safe Route To School plan has been finalized and submitted to the state at an estimated cost of \$383,000.00. Davis informed council that the engineering on the water tower restoration is nearing comple-tion and he hopes to put the project up for bid by the end of the month or early April. The Canal & Wentworth waterline/storm

line replacement engineering is under way. OLD BUSINESS: Bryan Smith informed council that construction on the splash pad has resumed and ACDC hopes the project is completed before summer if weather permits. Construction to continue. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Reeb gave the Mayor's Report. Mayor's court brought in a total of \$550.00 in the month of February, with \$511.00 go-ing to the village, \$37.50 going to the state,

and \$1.50 going to the county indigent driver's fund.

Motion made by Steiner, seconded by Franks, to adjorn the meeting. 5 yeas, o nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

YOUNGER WORKERS **MUST BALANCE FINANCIAL PRIORITIES**

If you're a younger worker just starting out in your career, you've got tremendous personal and professional opportunities ahead of you. But this is also when you will need to make some key decisions - especially about your financial priorities.

When considering your priorities, you may find it helpful to look at these three areas:

• Paying off debts - If you're like many young working people, one of your biggest debts may be your student loans — and paying these down is, by necessity, a priority, because falling behind on your student loan payments can lead to late fees and other problems. So, if you haven't done so already, you may want to enroll in autopay, which will help you stay current on your loan and possibly earn a rate reduction.

• Saving for short-term goals – At this stage of your life, you may be thinking about saving for at least one or two significant shortterm goals, such as a wedding or a down payment to a house — or perhaps both. Obviously, your ability to save for these goals will depend on vour income, vour current cost of living and your debt situation. But if a wedding or a new home is indeed a priority for you, you'll want to look at what's possible, in terms of putting money away. Since you know you'll need a certain amount of money at a given time, you may want to automatically move a set amount from your checking or savings account each month to a low-risk account whose principal is essentially protected. You might not earn a lot on such an account, but at the same time, you won't have to worry about a drop in value just when you need to take out the money. • Saving for retirement -

Even though you may just be

PAGE 5 – WEST BEND NEWS – APRIL 29, 2024 at the beginning of your working life, it's not too soon to begin preparing for its conclusion. You could spend two, or even three, decades in an active retirement, so you will need to accumulate considerable financial resources. Fortunately, here's an area in which you may be able to get some help, starting right away. If you work for a mid-size or large company, your employer may well offer a 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Your pretax salary deferral contributions are generally not taxable, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. (If your employer offers a Roth 401(k), your contributions will be taxable, but withdrawals will be taxfree, provided you meet certain conditions.) These days, even many small employers often offer some type of retirement plan, so it's likely to your benefit to take full advantage of it by contributing

as much as you can afford. Prioritizing these longterm savings goals, and striving to meet them with the appropriate solutions, can certainly be challenging. But as a young worker, you have the greatest — and most irreplaceable - asset on your side: time. So, make the most of it. Think carefully about your needs and options and take the steps that enable you to keep making progress toward all your objectives.

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PAGE 6 – WEST BEND NEWS – APRIL 29, 2024 PIRATES PILLAGE ARCHERS



Freshman Luke Parrett chucks the ball to the batter. Photo by Lions Eye Photography



Sophomore Hampton Rogge launches the ball to the plate. Photo by Lions Eye Photography

Other Antwerp Pitchers -C.J. Eaton, Kane Hines, Hampton Rogge

Continental Hitters - Jayden Pitney (two doubles, single, three runs), Tim Shepard (two singles, two runs), Ethan Sullivan (single, three runs), Sam Newsome (single, two runs, three RBI), Quinn Tegenkamp (single, run, three RBI), Jackson Bidlack (two singles, three RBI), Rhettik Bowers (single, two RBI), Carson Etter (run)

Antwerp Hitters – Reid Lichty (run), Teeghun Marlin (double), Riley Smith (single, RBI), Hampton Rogge (single), Michael Rohrs (two singles)

JEREMY BEST TO VAN WERT



The Van Wert Athletic Department is pleased to announce that Jeremy Best, a two-time state champion, is set to become the head boys basketball coach at Van Wert High School, subject to board approval.

Best has an impressive 17year tenure leading the Crestview Knights boys basketball team with a record of 291-110. During this time, he has secured two state championships (in 2014 and 2019), a state runner-up trophy (in 2003), six Northwest Conference titles, as well as 10 sectional, four district, and three regional championships. In addition, Coach Best has been honored as the NWC Coach of the Year five times, District 8 Coach of the Year twice, and State Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year twice.

"We are thrilled to introduce Coach Best as the new boys varsity basketball coach at Van Wert High School," said Van Wert Athletic Director Trent Temple. "His track record as a successful leader speaks for itself, and we eagerly anticipate the positive impact he will bring to our program and the bright future that lies ahead."

RAIDERS DOUBLE UP WAR-RIORS

A nine-run second inning proved to be the difference as

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HICKSVILLE KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATES THE MARRIAGE OF Q & U



Hicksville kindergarten students recently held a wedding ceremony and reception in honor of the letters Q & U as part of their End of Year Reverse Alphabet Countdown. Kindergarten teachers Destiny Hall, Missy Lee, Bri Culler, and Sandi Brown planned and organized the afternoon ceremony with the Nye family of the Barn On Nye Manor Wedding Venue located outside of Hicksville. "What phonics has joined together, let no letter divide!"

Logen Bland added a double for the Lady Raiders with Tianna Sinn, Katie Anna Baumle, Raegan McGarvey and Allison Schilt getting a single each.

Olivia Zartman, Sinn, Baumle, Allison Noggle, Mc-Garvey, Alber and Schilt all scored runs for the Raiders with Bland, Ava Zartman, Sinn, Olivia Franklin and Schilt picking up a run batted in apiece.

Alyssa Harvey ripped a pair of home runs, scored twice and drove in two runs while Victoria Crozier also finished with a home run, three runs batted in and scored once.

Addison Klotz singled twice, scored once and drove in one run for Woodlan with Olivia Roney, Abby Horn and Mva Jones all singled once. Jones and Lexi Metzger also scored for the Lady Warriors.

PILOTS WIN DEFIANCE COUNTY BATTLE

Visiting Ayersville scored a trio of runs in three of the first four innings to roll to a $10\mathchar`-5$ win over host Hicksville Thursday in Green Meadows Conference softball action.

The Lady Pilots plated three runs each in the first, second and fourth innings to take control and cruised the rest of the way for the victory.

Hicksville did get two runs in the first to go along with one run in the fourth and two more in the fifth. The other Lady Pilot ran came in the top of the seventh.

Kendra Waldron led the way for Ayersville, boasting

three singles for the Lady Pilots. Aeriel Brown and Allison Eldridge both finished with two hits while Mabel McGuire and Ava Sigler totaled one hit each.

COUNTY RIVALS MATCH UP IN HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL & BASEBALL

Raiders played host county rivals the Paulding Panthers on Thursday, April 25th. In softball action, it was a low scoring game that had a slow start with he first inning going 0-0. The Lady Panthers cracked through with a run in the 2nd inning which stayed till a rally in the 4th inning where the Lady Raiders grabbed 3 runs & Panthers 1. 5th inning scoring gave the Lady Raiders the edge they needed adding 2 more markers to the scoreboard with Panthers adding 1. Both teams stood strong defense for the remainder of the game, ending with a Raider victory, 5-3. McGarvey pitched the seven innings, giving 5 hits, 3 runs and 10 strikeouts. Panthers pitcher, Mendez pitched the 7 innings allowing 8 hits, 5 runs and taking 2 strikeouts. Score by the Inning:

Wayne Trace – 0 0 0 3 2 0 0 0 = 5; 8H, 3E

Paulding – 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 x = 3; 5H, 1E

Hitters of the Game: Wayne Trace – K Slade (2 doubles), K Baumle (double), T Sinn (double), L Bland (double, 1 run), A Zartman (1 run), P Alber (1 run)

Paulding - O Breier (2 runs), S Leal (1 run)

In baseball action, th eRaiders and Panthers also stood ground for a low scoring rival match up. Wayne Trace

Score by Innings:

Wayne Trace – 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 = 3; 9H, 2E

Paulding -1000100 = 2;5H, 0E

Winning Pitcher - Tucker Antoine (6 innings, 4 hits, 2 runs, 0 earned runs, 5 strikeouts, 5 walks)

Save - Carter Clemens (1 inning, 1 hit, 0 runs, 2 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Greyson Harder (6 innings, 9 hits, 3 runs, 3 earned runs, 5 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Other Paulding Pitcher – Kane Jones (1 inning, 0 hits, 0 runs, 3 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Wayne Trace Hitters Tucker Antoine (two doubles, two RBI), Breven Anderson (single), Cale Winans (run), Cooper Wenzlick (single), Carter Clemens (single, RBI), Kyle Forrer (single), Tyson Gerber (two singles), Tyler Head (run), Tanner Laukhuf (single, run)

Paulding Hitters - Ian Hutchinson (two runs), Kane Jones (single), Blake Rhonehouse (single), Hunter Couts (single), Grady Barton (single), Patrick Paholak (double)

LADY WARRIORS ROUT BULLDOGS

WOODBURN – New Haven made the short trip

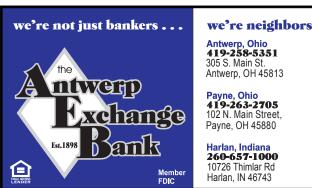
Last week started off rough for the Antwerp Archers. They played host to the Continental Pirates on Monday, April 22nd in high school baseball action. Archers only managed 1 run after 7 innings against the Pirates. Final score: 12-1.

Score by Innings: Continental – 3 3 4 0 0 0 2

= 12; 11H, 2E Antwerp -100000 = 1;5H, 5E

Winning Pitcher - Ethan Sullivan (7 innings, 5 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 10 strikeouts, 5 walks)

Losing Pitcher – Luke Parrett (1 inning, 3 hits, 6 runs, 1 earned run, 1 strikeout, 4 walks)



Wayne Trace doubled up visiting Woodlan 12-6 in high school softball action Monday night.

The Lady Raiders scored first, plating three runs in the opening frame, before Woodlan picked up one run in the top of the second.

Wayne Trace then took control of the contest with a nine-run second that widened the lead to 12-1 at the end of two innings.

The Lady Warriors plated four runs in the third and picked up another run in the sixth but Wayne Trace went on to record the 12-6 victory. Ava Zartman singled twice and scored twice for Wayne Trace with Paige Alber posting two singles and a home run while driving in four runs

two singles and a home run at the plate while striking out five Hicksville hitters in 4-1/3 innings to get the victory.

Taylor Waldron pitched the final 2-2/3 frames for Ayersville, striking out a pair of Lady Aces' batters.

Kennedy Adams suffered the loss for Hicksville, surrendering a dozen hits, ten runs (two earned) and one walk with four strikeouts.

Jalynn Price posted three singles to lead the way for Hicksville with Lillybell Porter recording a pair of singles. McKenna Rice, Kennedy Adams, Addie Sanders, Cici Keeley and Taylor Slattery all had one hit each for the Lady Aces.

Kendra Waldron ripped two singles and a home run while Mikayla Siera added





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NEW HAVEN TRACK COMPETES AT HERITAGE RELAYS



New Haven Track competed in Heritage Relays and were champions of the day. *Photo by Melissa Amstutz*



Kevion Mitchell, Aaron Hoffer and Latrevion Bates shared Most Valuable Athlete of the Meet. *Photo by Melissa Amstutz*

For the 3rd year in a row, the Bulldogs are team champions of the Heritage Relays. Once again it was a complete team effort with the team placing in all but one event.

across Allen County Tuesday night for a non-league high school softball contest at Woodlan with the Lady Warriors scoring in four straight innings to post a 13-1 victory over the Bulldogs.

New Haven opened the game's scoring, getting a twoout single by Ava Low that plated Maddie Jewell for a 1-0 Bulldog advantage.

From there, though, it was all Woodlan.

The Lady Warriors sent ten batters to the plate in the home half of the inning, scoring five times as Woodlan seized a 5-1 lead.

Woodlan added two more runs in the second for a 7-1 lead before plating two more in the third to extend the margin to 9-1. This meet combines the field events into a 2-person relay by adding up the performances of both field event athletes and placing them as a team. Kevion Mitchell was the 110

earned run and three walks. Andrea Davila, Ava Low, Emily Wiggins and Maddie Jewell each posted a single for New Haven.

ARCHERS PULL AWAY FROM COUGARS

ANTWERP – In nonleague softball action on Monday, host Antwerp used back to back four-run innings to pull away from visiting Van Wert for a 9-4 victory over the Cougars.

Elle Clem pitched the Archers to the victory, tossing a complete game surrendering eight hits, four earned runs and two walks with nine strikeouts. The blue and white scored the game's first run in the bottom of the second inning before Van Wert answered with a single run in the top of the third to knot the game at 1-1. Antwerp plated four runs in the home half of the third in opening a 5-1 advantage but the Cougars answered with three runs in the fourth to close within 5-4. However, the Lady Archers again responded with a fourrun outburst in the bottom of the fourth to wrap up the scoring in the 9-4 victory. Caydence Shull had a triple and a home run for Antwerp while scoring twice and driving in three runs with Emma Townley posting a single and a double to go along with scoring two runs.

Meter Hurdle Champion, while Aaron Hoffer finished right behind him for 2nd place in the event. Relay champions were the 4x100 Meter Relay team of Kevion Mitchell, Latrevion Bates, Aaron Hoffer, and Alex Hoffer; the 4x200 Meter Relay of Latrevion Bates, Aaron Hoffer, Alex Hoffer, and Sedrick Boone; and the Distance Medof team Orion lev McGlaughn, Aaron Jackson, Aidan Ackels, and Bryan Garcia. In the Field Event Relays, the team of Will Graves and Luke Beckman won the Pole Vault.

Second place finishers were Bryan Garcia in the 1600 Meter Run and Latrevion Bates in the 100 Meter Dash, the Sprint Medley team of Aaron Hoffer, Kevion Mitchell, Latrevion Bates, and Alex Hoffer; and the Shot Put Relay team of John Bussard and Charles McGrant.

Kevion Mitchell, Aaron Hoffer, and Latrevion Bates shared the Most Valuable Athlete of the Meet by scoring 15 points each respectively.

scored once and drove in two runs for the Lady Archers with Clem, Raelynne Zuber and Maddy Peters picking up a single each. Clem and Aliyah Friend both scored twice for the blue and white while Zuber drove in two runs and Maylynn Carnahan picked up a run batted in.

Alexis Pangle had a single and a double for Van Wert with two runs batted in while Aubrey Wollet singled, doubled, scored twice and drove in one run. Emma Kennedy, Kaitlynn Beair, Emma West and Bella Wise all had singles for the Lady Cougars.

PARKWAY ROLLS OVER PAULDING

up a run batted in with Abbi Taylor singling twice and driving in two runs. Adria Miller singled, doubled, scored twice and added a run batted in while Ellie Prichard doubled twice, scored once and recorded two runs batted in.

Meg Henkle and Meah Suzuki both doubled for the Mercer County squad with Paige Stephenson and Avery White recording a single apiece. Henkle also scored three times for Parkway with Stephenson touching home plate twice.

Maci Kauser had two singles and drove in one run for Paulding while Jalyn Klopfenstein singled and doubled while scoring once. Cadence Schwab, Mariah Klopfenstein and Samantha Leal all finished with a single for the maroon and white while Brooklyn Bakle posted a triple.

Riley Stork took the loss on the mound for Paulding, tossing four innings giving up six hits, ten runs (six earned) and seven walks. Jalyn Klopfenstein pitched the final three frames, allowing nine hits, four earned runs and one walk.

DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 4/15/24

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024, in the Defiance County Commissioners' Conference Room. President Kern called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Dana Phipps and Mick Pocratsky; HR Coordinator, Emily Meyer; and Clerk, Liz Stuart.

The commissioners met in general session to approve and sign various resolutions, contracts, and documents. The commissioners also reviewed the calendar of events and discussed upcoming meetings.

The commissioners met with Engineer Warren Schlatter for a monthly update. He gave an update on the status of the Mansfield Road bridge replacement, which has been delayed due to weather conditions.

The Investment Advisory Committee of Vickie Myers (Defiance County Treasurer), Warren Schlatter (Defiance County Engineer), Amy Galbraith (Defiance County Clerk of Courts) and the Commissioners met for the 2024 First Quarter Investment Advisory Meeting. Ryan Nelson of Redtree Investment Group also attended the meeting. The Defiance County Investment Portfolio, Landfill Closure Portfolio and Post Closure Portfolio were approved.

The Commissioners met with Economic Development Executive Director Erika Willitzer for a monthly update. She is working with several housing developers to source land for new housing to be built throughout the County. The Board met with Allie Redmond,

The Board met with Allie Redmond, Andy Weisgerber, and Darby Naton to discuss the County's 2024 renewal of their CORSA insurance.

The Commissioners met with Mikayla Mueller from Maumee Valley Planning Organization for an update on the list for CDBG and GDIS projects. The projects will be chosen at the upcoming hearing at 10:30am on April 29.

The Commissioners met with Defiance City Council member Jill Krutsch to discuss the Commissioners being involved with an art show she is helping to organize for September and October of this year. The Commissioners will be presenting an award to their choice of artist. TOUGH LOSS FOR LADY ARCHERS



Senior Emma Townley takes a swing at the ball. *Photo by Lions Eye Photography*



Senior Meagan Pendergrast heaves the ball in from the outfield. *Photo by Lions Eye Photography*

Lady Locomotives from Montpelier traveled to Archer country on Monday April 22nd for a battle at the mound. It was a runaway game for Montpelier ending after 5 innings as the Lady Archers just couldn't catch them. Final score: 11-0. Elle Clem pitched 4 of the innings earning 7 strikeouts and Madison Schmidt came in as the relief pitcher earning herself 1 strikeouts.

Score by Innings:

Montpelier – 1 2 1 2 5 = 11; 9H, 1E

Antwerp – 0 0 0 0 0 = 0; 0H, 7E

Winning Pitcher – Madelyn Hopper (5 innings, 0 hits, 0 runs, 13 strikeouts, 1 walk) Losing Pitcher – Elle Clem (4 innings, 5 hits, 6 runs, 2 earned runs, 7 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Other Antwerp Pitcher – Madison Schmidt (1 inning, 4 hits, 5 runs, 0 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 0 walks)

Montpelier Hitters – Lyla Mahan (two singles, two runs), Neriah Thorp (single, run), Kelsie Bumb (single, home run, run, two RBI), Madelyn Hopper (double, RBI), Jada Uribes (run), Lillian Mahan (two singles, two runs), Addison Dick (run, two RBI), Henna Beck (single, two runs, RBI), Maggie Jacob (run)

In the fourth, the Lady Warriors put the game away with a quartet of runs to wrap up the 13-1 victory.

Victoria Crozier and Lillian Riley each had three hits for Woodlan with Mya Jones and Jade Lichty both chipping in a pair of hits. Alyssa Harvey, Olivia Roney, Lexi Metzger, Gabi Koos and Addison Klotz all had one hit for the Lady Warriors.

Jones, Lichty, Crozier and Riley all scored twice for Woodlan with Roney and Jones each driving in two runs.

Abby Horn struck out ten New Haven hitters in picking up the five-inning victory, allowing just four hits, one

Caroline Rohrs doubled,

PAULDING – The Parkway high school softball team scored in six of seven innings as the Mercer County version of the Panthers cruised to a 14-2 win over Paulding Monday in non-league action.

Parkway plated two runs each in the first, third and fifth innings while adding four in the fourth and three in the seventh to cruise to the victory. The Mercer County squad also picked up a single run in the sixth.

Paulding plated one run each in the fifth and sixth innings.

Emmery Temple led Parkway at the plate, recording a single, double and triple while scoring three times and driving in two runs. Bryn Schoenleben singled twice and picked





Recently, Central Local Schools Fairview's 8th grade baseball team joined forces with the Easter Bunny and Tommy Moose to help make our Defiance Community Easter Egg Hunt a huge success.

The team unloaded bounce houses, set out 1,500 eggs, and distributed 150 bags of candy for the children who attended the Easter egg hunt. In return for spending their morning on tĥis community service

project, the Defiance Moose Lodge #2094 granted the team \$1,500, through the Defiance Area Foundation. This grant will ensure the team has safe and updated equipment, as well as to defray the cost of player fees.

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PHS APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School Students of the Month for April are From L to R: Freshman Michael Clifford, Sophomore Clayton Manz, Junior Jalyn Klopfenstsein, and Senior Sarah Lewis.

STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH

Ottawa Township - The Lima Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal crash that occurred on April 25, 2024, at approximately 12:20 P.M. at the intersection of Old State Route 65 and County Road M in Putnam County.

Andrew Ellerbrock, age 31, of Ottawa, was traveling south on Old State Route 65 in a 2017 GMC Sierra. Ramon Ramos-Villa, age 44, of Leipsic, was traveling west on County Road M in a 2007 Ford Edge. Ramos-Villa failed to yield from a stop sign at the intersection and was struck by Ellerbrock's vehicle. Ramos-Villa's vehicle overturned before comjuries. Ellerbrock was transported by ambulance to Ambulatory Care Center for minor injuries.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by: Putnam County Prosecutor's Office, Putnam County Coroner, Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Putnam County EMS, Mercy Health Life Flight, Ottawa EMS, Glandorf Fire Department and DAB Towing & Automotive Service Center LLC.

The crash remains under investigation.

TID-BITS IN THE BEE-AR-GUS, ANTWERP

1914-2001 Part 4

11-26-1964 - Worst pre-1950.

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING 4/1/24

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 com-munity time. Wann recommended Cody

Burlingame for the open general laborer position. Council approved the hiring. Solicitor Rachel Hammersmith pre-sented the first reading for Ordinance 2024-08 by caption only. Second readings were given for Resolutions 2024-07 and 2024 08 2024-08

Police Chief Denning reported that the Marcs system has not yet been activated and the Ohio State Sheriffs 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 treat-ment procedures in the coming weeks. There will also be a pediatrics trauma train-ing session. He recommended Chloe Whitman Basic EMT to fill one of the part-time positions. She will work up to three weeknights on the overnight shift. Council ap-proved the hire. Silcott stated he has more candidates and is waiting to establish de-partment 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.

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING - MON-DAY, APRIL 15, 2024

Defiance County 9-1-1 Coordinator Kristi Booth spoke to Council at the Mon-day, April 15 meeting to explain the statewide 9-1-1 system which will be im-plemented in 2029. The program is in the initial stages, however, the Final Plan which she presented, needs to be approved by municipalities so planning can proceed. Council did approve the measure.

Councilwoman Toni Egly reported on the recent Police, Fire and EMS Committee meeting. She presented items discussed at the meeting and reviewed the most recent issues being addressed. Administrator Cory Wann reported

Administrator Cory Wann reported on recent projects in the Village. Several water and street work projects are currently underway. It was also noted that a camera has been installed which allows viewing on the progress of the splashpad project. It is included on the Village website for access.

Solicitor Rachel Hammersmith pre-sented several pieces of legislation. First readings of Ordinance 2024-09, Resolution 2024-09 and Resolution 2024-10 were presented by caption only and all declared as emergencies. Rules were suspended and measures passed. Final readings for Reso-lution 2024-07 and Resolution 2024-08 were presented and the measures were passed. A second reading for Ordinance

2024-08 was given with no action taken. Mayor Barth announced the recent retirement of Fire Chief Bruce Hart. He thanked Chief Hart for his years of continuous service. A committee has been formed to select a new chief. Stacy Lemper

is currently serving as interim chief. EMS Chief Bruce Silcott reported on several repairs which have been needed on fire and rescue vehicles. They recognized Mike Myers of Millcreek Inc. for his work on the fire department truck and for making the repairs without charge to the Vil-lage. Silcott noted the need to determine repairs for one of the rescue units in order to make sure there are two reliable units in service. He nominated Rebecca Summers for the final part time EMT position. nomi

Phone: 419-258-2000 • Email: info@westbendnews.net LANGUAGE TIME AT ANN'S **BRIGHT BEGINNINGS**



Ann's Bright Beginners welcome Mrs. Marcia Pressler twice a month for language time with our preschoolers. They work on sounds while having a lot of fun with her! Shown here working on patterns and shapes are: Ava Coy, Johanna Federighi, Henry Ferguson and Gatlin Gerschutz.

touched on the ongoing concerns with the tower driveway situation in Industrial Park. Farmers and Merchants Bank has contacted the Village to say they have space available for rent in case the Village would like to use it. Consensus was that the bank could submit numbers, however, at this time there is not an interest by the Village Mayor Barth announced a recent bequeath of \$25,000 to the Fire Department and \$25,000 to the EMS Department from the Annabelle Green estate. He thanked Mrs. Green's family for her thoughtfulness.

Council's next regular meeting will be Monday, June 3 at 6 pm.

MINUTES FOR THE WOOD-BURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING 03/18/2024

Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on March 18th, 2024:

The meeting on March 18th, 2024: The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Hileman, Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker as well as Council Members Graber, Gerig, Gentz,

as Council Members Graber, Gerig, Gentz, Sarrazine, and Watts. Chief's Report: Nothing to report. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Walls reported we are waiting for AEP to acquire a transformer to get the high school lift station active, no timeline at this moment. A billing issue with a business was pre-

A billing issue with a business was pre-sented, discussions to waive late fees was denied by council. Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the March 4th meeting. After discus-sion, Council Member Gerig moved to accept the meeting minutes as presented, sec-ond by Council Member Graber, all present in favor.

The warrants were presented. After discussion, Council Member Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Council Member Sarrazine, all present in

Clerk-Treasurer presented a quote from Boyce for \$40,880 for new accounting and bill software. After discussion Council Member Watts moved to approve the quote, seconded by Member Sarrazine, All present in favor.

Councilmen's Report: Council Member Gentz presented his

thoughts about sewer costs for citizens within and out of City limits. Audience:

A citizen was in attendance to ask Council to adjust the sewer portion of his utility bill. The citizen informed the Council that his outside water was left on and the water had not entered the sewer. After dis-

cussion Council Member Watts moved to approve an adjustment, seconded by Council Member Sarrazine. All present in favor. Representatives from Baseline Communications and GovGrant were in the

audience to present an idea to the board of bringing a fiber network to the city. After discussion Council Member Watts moved to enter into contract with Correct water and the Council Member GovGrant, seconded by Council Member Gentz, All present in favor.

Council Member Watts moved to adourn the meeting, second by Council Member Gerig, all present in favor. Meet-ing was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Go to cityofwoodburn.org to see pre-viously approved minutes and recent community news.



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<u>NOTICE:</u> Cemetery Clean Up

10-21-1965 - Bee-Argus copies of each issue for the last 12 months = 1004 8 cents per copy. Subscription

Thanksgiving blizzard since

over 2,000 attended) appointed postal clerk filling the vacancy caused by the

ing to rest.

Feliciano Ramos-Villa, age 34, of Pandora, was occupying the front-right seat of the vehicle driven by Ramon Ramos-Villa and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Ramon Ramos-Villa was transported by Life Flight to Mercy Health, St. Rita's in Lima for his in-

12-10-1964 – Gateway Arch, St. Louis over half done: 630 feet tall.

12-17-1964 - Color TV's advertised by L. Smith and Son. 2 kinds - rolls about or swivel.

3-4-1965 - Snow storm blankets area. 7-8" snow and biting wind made 3-4' drifts. 3-11-1965 - 183 teachers

NOTICE VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE

As established by Chapter 905 of the Village Ordinances, it is hereby determined that weeds or grass growing at a height of eight (8) inches or higher after the first day of May of each year are a public nuisance. All property owners are required to regularly cut the weeds upon their properties during the ensuing months of the year. Failure to do so could result in a property tax assessment if the Village of Hicksville has to clear the property of high weeds or grass. Mowing grass clippings into the street is prohibited.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day on which a violation occurs or continues.

3-3-1966 – "A Republican Newspaper" is added to the box listing the Bee-Argus and editor/publisher.

5-12-1966 – Wilmer Rekeweg disbarred as an attorney for commingling (mixing trust funds with his own personal funds). Had been a lawyer since 1935.

6-30-1966 – Antwerp to celebrate 125 years as a village.

9-29-1966 - Dr. William Caine, local physician, hit and killed by car on a village street at night. He was crossing the street and was in a dark coat.

10-27-1966 - WANE-TV lists movies to be shown each day of the month at 4:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

- Submitted by Carol B.

ncil appro ringing the number of EMTs on the department to nine. He also announced the annual Department Community Breakfast will be June 1 in conjunction with the Village garage sales.

Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith presented

her monthly reports. Police Chief Denning asked about several pieces of legislation which have been adopted by the Village in recent months which are not shown on American Legal vebsite. The Ordinance committee will look into the situation.

Mayor Barth reported on several meetings he had recently attended. He also

By order of the Village of Paulding Cemetery Board of Trustees, all older weathered wreaths, flowers, grave blankets and decorations on the graves at Live Oak and Paulding Memorial Cemeteries are to be removed by May 17, 2024. Anything weathered, damaged or prohibited at the gravesites after that date will be removed Cemeteries will be cleaned up on the weekend of May 18 & 19, 2024. You may place new items at your loved ones gravesites after May 20, 2024.

Due to safety concerns, shepherds hooks, plant hangers, decorative stones, mulch, statues, solar lights, perpetual lights, wreaths on stands (or not on headstones), etc. are prohibited. Any items not directly on the grave stones or its foundation will be disposed of. Please refer to the rules and regulations for Paulding cemeteries which are available on our website at www.villageofpaulding com

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2024-07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

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

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

		Original/Amended Budget Amt.	Proposed Budget Amt.	Amount of Change
1000-750-220	Solicitor-Insurance Benefits	\$3,500.00	\$30,500.00	\$27,000.00
	Total Amended Appropriations:	\$27,000.00		

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

DATED: 03/18/24 MICHAEL BARTH, MAYOR ATTEST CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER Phone: 419-258-2000 • Website: www.westbendnews.net

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the Park Avenue Villas re-

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the apartments threatening

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parked semi-truck/trailer was

parked on Cleveland Street.

The company was contacted.

dispute was reported at the

North Garden Apartments.

Prior to the officer arriving,

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

PAULDING COUNTY COURT

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ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

The Antwerp Police presented their reports for publication to the community.

On April 10, a resident reported being threatened or attempted assault and asked for it to be documented.

On April 11, a resident of High St. reported a possible littering complaint.

On April 14, a call came in from a local business. The police responded to the employee at the location and said that she had been harassed over the last several years by her ex-husband. It was found she was not a resident of the village and was referred to the Sheriff's Office to help her.

On April 16, a resident of Daggett St. reported that his ex-girlfriend threw eggs at his house. A report was prepared and sent to the prosecutor.

On April 17, a resident of Daggett St. reported that his ex-girlfriend had trespassed on his property. A report was prepared and sent to the prosecutor.

On April 17, a resident of Frank Leinard Mobile Home Park called and requested an officer because she and her boyfriend were having an argument. Nothing physical occurred. A report was prepared.

On April 17, a semi-truck was east bound on Canal Street, striking the guard rail. The vehicle continued on without stopping. A report was prepared.

On April 19, an officer as-

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153 **PREMIER BANK, Plaintiff,**

VS. ASHLEY KESLER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 23 178

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

7980 Road 87, Paulding Parcel Number: 28-33D-010-00

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

Said premises appraised at Ninety Thousand and No/100 (\$90,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date. The first sale date will be on the May 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be

registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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

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

dismissed at defendant's cost

James D. Sebring, Defiance, OH; Domestic violence; Guilty; Defendant to pa all fines and costs; 180 days jail, 174 days suspended; Placed on standard probation; Evaluation; No contact with victim; 3rd party child exchange; Risk assessment; Online classes; Maintain employment

William J. Jackson II, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; 90 days jail, 87 days suspended; Operator license suspended from 2/27/24 to 2/27/25; Proof of insurance not provided; Standard probation; Evaluation with Westwood; Secure a valid driver's license; 20 hours community service; Risk assessment; No alcohol; No bars; Online class determined by probation

Sarah E. Smith, Oakwood, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Isaac L. Swary, Payne, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Charles Scott Jr., Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case dismissed

Crystal Elaine Altman, Ottawa, OH; Seat belt/pass; Case dismissed

Robert S. Casper Sr., Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/ drive; Case dismissed

Oakwood, OH; No operator license, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Failure to control, Pled no contest,found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and cost

William B. Robinson, Wayne, MI; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Megan C. Parisot, Cecil, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case waived by defendant

Jason A. Zamora, Payne, OH; Seat belt/pass; Case dismissed

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ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF BLUFFTON, Plaintiff,

DOVETAIL DEVELOPMENT, LTD., ET AL., Defendants, Case No. CI 22 109

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

209 West Harrison Street, Paulding Parcel Number: 30-24S-103-00 and 30-24S-104-00

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

Said premises appraised at Eighty-Four Thousand and No/100 (\$84,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

Richard L. Spurck, Arlington, OH; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

defendant

Tyzon R. Pelfrey, West Unity, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Anthony O. Kahlig, Cold-

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

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

PROBATE COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO ESTATE OF TERESAL RICHHART, DECEASED

Case No. 20231040-A

PERSONS "то ALL INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF TERESA L. RICHHART AKA RICHHART, TERESA DECEASED, LATE OF 512 WEST RIVER STREET, RIVER VILLAGE ANTWERP OF PAULDING COUNTÝ PROBATE COURT CASE NO. Paulding, OH 45879... 20231040.

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

Paulding FILED County Probate Court. APR 1 1 2024

A hearing on PROBATE COURT the complaint PAULDING COUNTY, OH 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.

Judge Harvey D. Hyman

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153 NWL COMPANY LLC, Plaintiff,

VS. KAYLEE SHAFER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 23 093

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

19411 Co Rd 1048 Defiance Parcel Number: 01-03C-023-00

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

Said premises appraised at Seventy-five Thousand and No/100 (\$75,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the May 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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

Case was waived by defen-**E**. Stevenson,

Antwerp, OH; Driving/texting, Guilty, Case was waived Timothy L. Stokes Jr., by defendant; Failure to control, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Jakob J. Salisbury, Paulding, OH; Display plates, Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Chad A. Salm, Minister, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by de-

Antwerp, OH; Domestic vio-

lence; Pled no contest, found

guilty; 180 days jail, 178 sus-

pended; Defendant to pay all

fines and costs; Maintain

general good behavior;

Placed on standard proba-

tion; Mental health assess-

ment; Evaluation and com-

plete treatment; 40 hours

customer service; No contact

with victim; Probation to de-

ance, OH; No motorcycle li-

cense; Case dismissed at de-

OH; Driving/texting; Pled no

contest, found guilty; License

forfeiture may be released

when paid in full; Registra-

Wayne, IN; Driving under

non FRA suspension, Count

A dismissed; Seat belt/drive,

Pled no contest, found guilty,

Pled no contest, found guilty,

Defendant to pay all fines

Fort Wayne, IN; No opera-

tor's license; Guilty; Defen-

dant to pay all fines and costs

rose, OH; Seat belt/drive;

Pled no contest, found guilty;

Defendant to pay all fines

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Julie A. Sponsler, Mel-

Armando Mendez Lopez,

Marco A. Morales, Fort

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Jana K. Menzie, Paulding,

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fendant Kacie В. Karlstadt,

Paulding, OH; Seat belt/ drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Emily A. Butler, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty;

dant

Brianna L. Draper, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on June 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com David W. Cliff, Attorney for Plaintiff

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David T. Brady, Attorney for Plaintiff

PAGE 10 - WEST BEND NEWS - APRIL 29, 2024 REVIEW: "GLADYS IN WONDERLAND" OFF STAGE PRODUCTIONS



By: Perry Luhn

One of the most interesting themes for stage plays, is the idea of death. Of course, this is the thing that everyone fears, and I wouldn't think they would be interested in an investigation of the process. But that hasn't stopped playwrights. For thousands of years comedies, and dramas, about the afterlife have been popular. The idea that life exists, after this life, is an easy sell for those writing plays or stories. We're curious. Last night, I got to see one that figured to be like this. I attended the opening of this story, at Vantage Career Center provided by long-time dinner theatre group, Off Stage Productions.

"Gladys in Wonderland" is another of those efforts which pokes fun at death. But this is not about post-life. It's more about what happens, or, in this case, appears to happen, just before one's demise. Gladys is an 87-year-old woman, whose time has apparently come. Her guide into the next world is a nattily dressed young man named Mort. This fellow knocks on the door of Gladys' home and succinctly informs her that he is there to take her. Where, he's not exactly saying. This surprises and shocks her, of course, and she puts her foot down, refusing to leave. She's not ready, yet. Nearly the entire rest of the story is a series of visits from folks Mort brings, thinking she'd rather do without. Though he is perturbed at her stubbornness, Mort is as patient as he can possibly be, although that becomes more difficult as time goes by. Gladys has family that worry about her, possibly to extreme. Mort shows her these things, and even gives her a visit to a nursing home, to show her just how much

fun that would be.

The two big stars of this story are Stephanie Wagner as Gladys, and Travis Nihiser, as Mort. Wagner gives us a woman who can be affable, confused, annoyed, and intransigent. Sometimes all in one short scene. She clearly identifies with Gladys and makes her likeable to the audience. Nihiser cannot, for the most part, give us much emotion. This character remains mostly calm, and solid. But he gives us great laugh lines, which he knows how to deliver. The audience loved these two together.

Sparkling performances abounded from the others involved in Gladys' life. And death. Emily Smith, as daughter Doris, served as a narratorof-sorts for some of the proceedings. Her character is worried, and sad. She doesn't get a lot of laughs, but there are always characters in these types of shows who don't. Smith gave us her version of the story, without being obtrusive. It was a sweet performance from an actress who has maybe less experience than some of the others.

The biggest over the top performance came from long time Van Wert stalwart, Ed Eichler. As Gladys' brother, Frank, Eichler is loud, selfcentered, and annoying to his sister. Eichler knows how to do this, with aplomb. And he showed me a different side to him than I had seen previously. Not a lengthy performance, but a memorable one.

First rate portrayals, some with more than one role, were delivered from some veteran talents, and some newer to the stage.

Lisa Eichler, Yessenia Lau, Jamie Sons-Beard, Matt Rau, and Dolores Foreman, each gave us someone with that dif-

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ferent edge. Every one of them delivered a piece of the puzzle which was necessary for its completion. The ensemble was cohesive, well blocked, and understandable. Some of the credit for all of this must go to Daniel Sanderson, who was the play's director. I am told this is Mr. Sanderson's first effort at directing. I believe I will give him high marks for this experience. Aside from a couple of very small glitches with the sound system, those at the back of the room could still understand what was happening. It was a nice night of theatre.

The good news about this fun with death, is that you still have a chance to go and see it. If you call 419-605-6708 you can reserve your tickets for both the dinner and this cute play. I believe there are still performances tonight, tomorrow, and three times next week. This should give you a chance to see what Off Stage Productions can accomplish. You won't be disappointed.

Call the box office number 419-605-6708 to reserve your tables or seats! Box office hours: Monday through Saturday - Noon until 6:00 PM, no Sunday calls please. Please make reservations for Dinner Shows by Thursday prior to the show date. All performances are held at in the Commons at Vantage Career Center, 818 N. Franklin Street, Van Wert, Ohio. Enter door 13 off the back parking lot where plenty of parking is available

"Gladys in Wonderland"

By Rosemary Frisino Toohey Produced by special ar-

rangement with Playscripts, Inc.

Show dates are April 19, 20, 21 and 26, 27 & 28, 2024. Saturday and Sunday performances will be dinner theatre shows. For Saturday performances, doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and show at 7:30 p.m.. For Sunday matinee performances, doors will open at 12:30 p.m., dinner at 1:00 p.m. and show at 2:00 p.m.

HORN DOMINATES TIGERS

Woodlan pitcher Abby Horn struck out ten while giving up just three hits and a walk in tossing a completegame shutout as the Lady Warriors cruised over Bluffton 7-0 in high school softball play Thursday.

Horn finished the contest with 73 strikes thrown out of 107 pitches in lifting the Lady Warriors to 9-2 on the season.

Addison Klotz had a single, double and home run to lead the Woodlan offense, coring twice and driving in two runs. Mya Jones added two singles and a run scored for the Lady Warriors with Victoria Crozier posting three runs batted in and singling once. Lexi Metzger, Jade Lichty and Lillian Riley all singled as well for Woodlan while Metzger, Lichty, Jones and Olivia Roney scored once apiece. Lichty picked up a run batted in as well for the Lady Warriors. Tressa Renner finished with two singles for Bluffton and Konley Ault had one single.

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PAYNE ELEMENTARY MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Students of the month earned an "Owl be Responsible" certificate for showing responsibility during the month of March. These students displayed the character trait of responsibility in many aspects of their school day. Thank you for your effort. Front Row: Chase Seibert, Ella Carnahan, Sawyer Stoller, Teresa Monterroso, Holden Mullins. Second Row: Brady Cox, Jerica Gonzales, Andrew Cox, Elise Steffen, Aubree Lamb, Brezlyn Strickler. Back Row: Krandon Crites, Aubrey Fairley, Shawn Bradford, Callen Stoller, Piper Mills, Avery Welch, Zoey Kraegel, Antonia Negrete-Pawoli. Not pictured: Layne Delgado.

is finally here to stay. The time has come to feed your lawn for the first time if you already haven't done that. You can also get rid of those pesky weeds at the same time. In this article, I'll give you some information about perennial weeds, picking a good weed & feed, and application tips to make your chosen product more effective.

Perennial weeds, such as dandelion, plantain and clover, are present in the lawn all year long. In winter, the plants may wither and disappear, but their root systems are still alive and well. These noxious roots are lurking beneath the surface of your lawn, and waiting for warm spring weather to reappear as evesores in the lawn. When warm weather (finally) arrives, new leaves begin to grow, and begin their "crowding out" tactics to take over the lawn. Summer annual weeds, such as chickweed, oxalis, spurge and purslane also begin to invade.

Control of these pesky weeds is done by applying a post-emergent weed control. Unlike digging or pulling weeds, weed controls get rid of weeds from the roots to help ensure the weeds cannot grow back from root stubs that may be left in the soil. This is not accomplished overnight. Instead, the weeds slowly disappear over a period of a few weeks as the weed control kills the roots. Weed controls come in both liquid and granular form. Whether liquid or granular, the weed control needs to have an opportunity to adhere to the leaves of the plant in order to be effective because the ingredients enter the weed primarily through the surface of the

leaves.

For those who prefer a non-granular, fertilizer free post-emergent control for spot treating small areas, liquid controls provide an ideal option. Some are water-proof in an hour(s). The ready-touse and concentrate versions are effective for treating a host of broadleaf weeds without harming the lawn. Because the weed control is already in a liquid form, it adheres to the plant and absorbs into the weed more quickly than the granular versions. The granular forms of the weed controls are typically combined with a grass fertilizer to feed your lawn-hence the name weed & feed. All granular applications should be made on a damp lawn in order to help the weed control adhere to the weed plant. Application after a light rainfall

LOCAL 5K ORGANIZATION RECEIVES DONATION



Congratulations to One Step at a Time 5k Run/Walk for recently receiving a \$1,000 grant from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This money was used for the suicide prevention events that were held all throughout this

or early morning dew is ideal. Additionally if it's possible, apply the granular weed & feed to a freshly cut lawn. If within 24 hours of mowing, it will help the granules of nutrients and weed control absorb in the fresh cuts on grass and weeds alike. After application, avoid foot traffic on the lawn and hope the weatherman was right in predicting no rainstorms from 24 to 48 hours. The heavy rain and foot traffic with the 24 to 48 hour window could dislodge the granules and make the

22319 Ward Rd., Woodburn, IN 46797 • 260-632-1065 past week, along side Team Kevins. Pictured receiving the grant (l-r) is Sherri Hammersmith - Founder of One Step at a Time and Stacy Mc-Cartney - Defiance Moose Lodge Administrator.

weed control less effective.

The timing of post-emergent weed control application is important if the lawn is to get the maximum benefit from the product. As a general rule, the application should be made when the weeds are actively growing. Application for the most northern part of the U.S. is recommended in mid- to latespring. For our area this means an application should be made sometime in late April or early May when air temperatures are between 60-



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) <u>New Schedule For Smaller Villages</u> 3rd Wednesday of each month Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)

Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church) Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)

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As I come to my desk this morning in late April my phone says 41°, 31° and frost tonight. My plants are sitting in pots on the front porch waiting patiently to sink their roots into the planet, and the furnace didn't go on when I turned it up. I look out the window and it is a dull gloomy day. So much for spring.

We are coming into May and I know what's going to happen, it will get hot. From cold to hot. But my mind wanders to the first Saturday in May, for one of the great spectacles in sports. Where will you be at 5:30 p.m. on May 4th. I will be watching the Kentucky Derby, if the Lord allows. This will be the sesquicentennial running. There will be be upwards of 150,000 in person and millions watching on TV.

In Spring Of 1872, Merryweather Lewis Clark Jr, (grandson of one of the members of Lewis and Clark,) attended the Grand Prix de Paris at the Hippodrome de Longcamp. He got the idea that we needed a prestigious horse racing event in the US. He purchased 80 acres in Louisville, Kentucky, and named it Churchill Downs. Horses had been pretty much

90 degrees F. Another time for applying weed controls is in the early fall. From mid-September to early October, weeds are actively growing. Weeds are susceptible to the weed controls in the fall because they are naturally translocating nutrients to their roots in preparation for winter dormancy.

Make sure to space out your feedings. You need a period of at least 6 to 8 weeks between feedings. Otherwise you maybe overfeeding your lawn causing you to mow your lawn more often. If you have broadleaf weeds coming up and you have recently fed your lawn, use a granular or liquid weed control that

depleted by the end of the Civil War, but were making a comback.

On May 17th, 1875, the Louisville Jockey Club ran the first Kentucky Derby. 15 thoroughbreds ran the 1.5 mile course. The winnner was Aristrides, in 2:37.75. The winning jockey was Oliver Lewis. Later they would partner with the Preakness and Belmont stakes for the running of The Triple Crown. So, put on your fancy bonnet, grab your Mint Julep and get ready for the fori the gates to open. Just be advised that at 5:29 all betting is over.

I do not play the lottery, I do not place bets. If I wished to take chances I would become a farmer. But I am going to make a prediction just for fun. Fearlessness, Sierra Leone, and catching freedom, are the top picks followed by Forever Young, and Dornoch. Fierceness pays 3-1 and Dornoch 12-1. My pick would be Sierra Leone. If you bet two bucks you will receive seven in return.

But remember I know very little about anything. Free advice is worth exactly what you pay for it. Spring has officially arrived when we see the Kentucky Derby.

seeded area. If you've already applied weed control but need to overseed, it is best to wait one month after your last application. Whether liquid or granular, using a weed control will help ensure your lawn stays weed free in the warmer weather to come!

> -Len Schrock Jonathan Green Lawn Consultant Grabill & Woodburn Hardware

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nominations and assessed rankings and awards from reputable organizations such as Forbes, Newsweek, Great Place to Work and Fortune. The list is intended to highlight hospitals, health systems and healthcare companies that positively influence their employees and communities.

During Parkview's firstever culture survey in 2023, more than 90% of co-workers agreed that they're proud to work for Parkview, and the health system has seen its retention rates not only beat national healthcare benchmarks, but also improve in the years since the pandemic when many workers shuffled employers and sought out new careers. "We ensure our physicians, providers and co-workers are equipped to provide the best care and patient experience every day because of the support system we have in place," said Dr. Ray Dusman, president of physician and clinical enterprise, Parkview Health. "Excellent care for patients starts with taking care of our co-workers, enabling them to be fully focused and engaged on the important services they provide in our communities." The award from Becker's is the latest workplace recognition captured by Parkview. Since the start of 2024, Parkview Wabash, Parkview Whitley/Parkview Kosciusko and Parkview Ortho hospitals were named Best Places to Work by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and

. TIME TO CLEAN OUT your closets, attic, baseand garage. ment, Antwerp garage sales are on June 7th and 8th. If you would like included on the map of the sales in the area, send \$5 and your name, address, and what you are selling to the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce PO Box 893, or drop it off at the West Bend News. The deadline to get on the map is May 24th. We want to print them and have them available for people to pick up during Antwerp Days in downtown Antwerp on May 31st and June 1st. The \$5 helps to cover printing costs and advertising. 18-19

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Parkview Health was selected within the Top 50 Inspiring Workplaces by the Inspiring Workplaces Group. Parkview was also named a Most Loved Workplace by both Newsweek and the Best Practices Institute and was selected as a Best-in-State Employer by Forbes within the last year.

WHEN TO START **PLANTING?**

Its Mid-April and as May approaches, farmers are gearing up for planting season. Early planted crops generally have a yield advantage over late planted crops. Most crop yield is related to moisture at pollination in both corn and soybeans. Good yields are possible if there is adequate summer moisture. Usually, July rains have a big impact on corn yields, while August rains have more of an impact on soybean yields. There is about a 3-week window in Ohio for optimal planting. In Southern Ohio, April 10-May 10, and in Northern Ohio April 25th and May 10th. For crop insurance coverage, May 5th in southern Ohio and April 10th in northern Ohio. Planting after May 10th, on average, results in about a 0.3% yield loss per day when corn planting is delayed and by the end of May, this loss increases to 1% per day. However, it pays to plant when weather and soil conditions are fit. Mudding crops in can be a disaster if it gets dry. Shallow rooted

PAGE 11 – WEST BEND NEWS – APRIL 29, 2024 crops in compacted soils often result in poor crop stands and low yields.

What crop should be plant first, corn or soybeans? The answer is that both corn and soybeans have a similar planting window. Corn is often planted first, because corn is sensitive to moisture at pollination. The growing point on corn is below ground until V6 (six true leaves), so corn is tolerant of frost more than soybeans. Early planted corn benefits more from June and July rains. Since soybeans are indeterminate in their pollination, soybeans tend to be a little more resilient to dry weather. Dry weather still hurts soybeans yields, but soybeans bloom over a longer period of time. Ideally, both corn and soybeans should be planted at about the same time to obtain optimal yields. Many farmers will have several rigs planting at the same time to get their crops planted in a narrow optimal time frame.

Ideally soil temperatures should be above 500F to plant corn. For Columbus, when Lake Erie water temperatures are 45-480F, this translates into soil temperatures around 52-530F. Ideally, check the soil temperature at 4 inches deep. Early planted crops can either have a more active roots system to survive poor spring weather or they can get really stressed from long periods of cold wet soil conditions. Planting deeper helps corn emerge a little slower, but the kernels tend to emerge more evenly. Soil temperatures and moisture tend to be more consistent deeper in the soil which aids in uniform emergence.

While early planting of crops may be optimal, it does not always happen. Yields on late planted crops (End of May to early June) are quite variable. In a dry year, yields can nose dive. However, it's also quite possible to have average or even above yields if there is adequate moisture. In 2024, a hot dry June hurt yields but July and especially August rains helped improve soybeans yields.

The biggest variability in crop yields occur when crops are planted past the optimal time period. The yield spread increases dramatically the later the planting date with yields ranging from 62-100% of average 5-year yields. Good crop yields are still possible with adequate summer moisture and ideal weather. However, dry weather usually spells disaster. The best way

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Sudoku solution from page 9

to increase crop yields is to have resilient soils by increasing your soil health so that planting delays become less critical.

What affect is the weather having on weeds? Henbit and purple nettle are broadleaf weeds that are blooming, putting on seed, and growing quite rapidly. In wheat and cover crops fields where you want to kill the weeds but let the other crop grow; Harmony, Osprey, and Power Flex many be options for terminating some of these weeds. Weedone (2-4D) can be used on oats and small grains but there are restrictions on plant height and application rates. Sharpen herbicide applied at low rates has been effectively used to kill many troublesome broadleaf weeds and has less planting restrictions than Weedone (2-4D) on corn and soybean fields. Weedone is very effective for fall applications to clean up marestail and waterhemp and other fall annuals while Sharpen is slightly less effective in the fall, but Sharpen is commonly used during the growing season.

For wheat and cover crops, the warm weather and moisture is making them both grow. If it is wet, letting cover crops grow can help soil dry out. It is starts getting to dry, terminate the cover crop. For wheat, wheat grows best from 60O-80OF. Warm wet weather promotes head scab. Cold wet weather promotes powdery mildew and Septoria. Enjoy the spring weather!

- James J. Hoorman Hoorman Soil Health Services



doesn't have fertilizer to get rid of those eyesores.

The only times weed controls should not be used is on newly planted grass. Once that new grass has had time to grow and has been mowed at least four regularly spaced mowings (approximately 20+ days), then you can apply a weed control to the newly

Parkview was one of only two Indiana hospital systems named to the list by Becker's, a top healthcare media company with print, digital and live event platforms.

The Becker's Hospital Review editorial team accepted



THE VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE

The Village of Hicksville is taking applications for a full-time Utility Clerk and a part-time Assistant Clerk. Applications are available online (www. villageofhicksville.com) or in person at the Utility Office.

Preference will be shown to those with computer skills and billing experience. Requires knowledge in the use of computers, related word processing, and spreadsheet applications.

Send resumes to: Village of Hicksville 111 South Main Street, Hicksville, OH 43526 by May 3, 2024 Or email hixcs@defnet.com

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FIRE CHIEF VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE OHIO

The Village of Hicksville seeks a qualified person for the position of Fire Chief for the Hicksville Volunteer Fire Department. The Chief is responsible for overseeing all Fire and EMS functions within the department.

Resumes will be accepted until May 3, 2024, and may be sent to: Mayor Michael Barth at 111 South Main Street, Hicksville OH 43526 or hixmayor@metalink.net.

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The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Jeremy Thompson, Charles Walker, and Shenia Mesker (PC Workshop) as the guest speakers at the April 25, 2024, club meeting. They came at the invitation of Michelle Stahl (CPA, BRSW). Jeremy, Charles and Shenia spoke to the Kiwanians about the film that they made for the Easterseals Disability Film Challenge which is an inspiring initiative that encourages filmmakers to create and produce short films that highlight disability in its many forms.

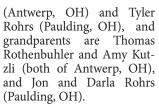
LYNNORA LEVELED UP TO A TITLE!

Four year old Lynnora was crowned as Totally Nostalgic



Supreme (one of the higher titles of pageant) at the recent Barbie vs Lisa Frank Pageant that took place in Whitehouse, Ohio on April 20, 2024. She also earned the People's Choice Award, Best Dressed, and Prestige VIP. Lynnora earned a total of four crowns and a 6 foot trophy. She had a total of 315.9 points (just 5 points shy of the highest score of the pageant out of 24 contestants!). Over 1000 items were collected for the Fayette Regional Humane Society.

Lynnora is coached by Sydney Gilbert from Crowned to Perfection who was also Miss MAG (Miss American Girl) Ohio. They are working on her next move within Pageantry which will be bigger and better! Her parents are Brittany Kutzli



ACDC NEEDS ENTRIES For 2024 Antwerp Days Parade

The A.C.D.C would like to invite you to participate in this year's Antwerp Days Parade. The parade is on Saturday, June 1st, 2024, at 10:00 AM in downtown Antwerp, Ohio.

Line up starts at 8:45 AM at the Antwerp School, we ask that everyone please be completely lined up and ready by 9:45. The parade travels through town from the school, down canal street on to Main Street and will end at the Antwerp Manor Assisted Living facility. There will be an area in front of the announcers' stand (SR 49 and CR 424) to perform and have your pictures taken if you wish. The theme this year for the parade is "Summer Fun".

Promote your business, group, team, bank, club, church, or organization to the town and have some fun too! There is no entry fee to participate – just be a part of the celebration! For questions or to obtain a Parade entry form, call Dustin Sensabaugh at 419-506-0576 or email at sensabdm@airproducts.com.

Please have all forms returned by Friday May 24, 2024.

Please join us after the parade for a day of Food, Fun, and Entertainment downtown Antwerp from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.



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PAULDING FFA CHAPTER ANNUAL PLANT FUNDRAISER



Pictured here are 4 Paulding FFA greenhouse students with some blooming flowers they grew that will be available (l-r) Lucy Breier, Riley Stork, Jocelynn Parrett and Maci Kauser.

house. The Paulding FFA

By: Addison Hunt,

Paulding FFA Reporter The Paulding FFA Chapter will kick off its annual plant event on April 26th at the FFA greenhouse located on Caroline Street. The greenhouse is filled with a wide variety of plants consisting of flowers, vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets, decorative plants, and more. The students in the Greenhouse class at Paulding High School have been working hard and preparing the greenhouse for this event since February. Students have been cleaning high and low, and getting their hands dirty planting flowers in a green-

SPRING FUN IN STORE AT JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Parents and caregivers can find free fun for kids in May at Johnson Memorial Library, 116 W. High St., Hicksville.

Spring Storytime takes place at the library on Wednesdays (May 1, 8, & 15) at 10:30 a.m., including a special "Read to a Guinea Pig" session on May 15. No registration is needed. In addition, visit the library for these other programs and events:

May 4, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Comic Book Giveaway: Stop by the library during open hours and get a free comic book, while supplies last.

May 20, 5:00 p.m., Pokémon Party: Visit the library for a Pokémon snatch-andcatch game, scavenger hunt, Lego building, and more.

For adult patrons, the Hicksville Beautification Committee will host a special three-class series, "Let's Talk Plants!" at the library on May 7, 14, and 21 at 5:00 p.m. Learn all about plant care, including how to divide your plants into new

Chapter would greatly appreciate your support at this year's plant event. Our chapter looks forward to seeing our community support our students and the Paulding FFA Chapter at this yearly sale. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Staci Miller, Ag Education teacher at 419-399-4656 Ext. 1170. Please watch our Facebook page Paulding FFA Chapter for more information. Thank you in advance for your support of the program!

The dates for the plant event will be as follows:

NSCC FORGES TEACHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP WITH SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY

Northwest State Community College (NSCC) announces a partnership with the University of Saint Francis (Fort Wayne, Indiana).

In the new articulation agreement, NSCC students who complete associate degrees in Early Childhood Development or Applied Science-Paraprofessional Education will be accepted with junior-year status into the Bachelor of Arts in Educational Studies program in the Saint Francis Division of Teacher Education. Earning a bachelor's degree will then allow those students to enter the Transition to Teaching or master's level program to pursue teacher licensure. A total of 62 or 63 credits will transfer toward the 120 required credit hours for the Saint Francis bachelor's degree.

In addition to our Archbold campus, Northwest State Community College is opening a full-service campus in Van Wert, Ohio in the spring of 2025, less than 45 minutes from Saint Francis' campus. Friday April 26th 12:00-4:00 p.m

Saturday April 27th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Friday May 3rd 12:00–4:00 p.m.

Saturday May 4th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Friday May 10th 12:00–

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teacher candidates in our communities. NSCC will provide learners with handson field experience as well as a wealth of classroom knowledge to take with them to Saint Francis," said Amy Thomas, NSCC education faculty and coordinator of ODE Associate Licensure Programs.

NSCC is excited to partner with Saint Francis to improve the education field by providing high quality teacher candidates in our communities. "

Dr. Todd Hernandez, president of Northwest State Community College, added, "Northwest State is excited to partner with Saint Francis to create additional access for our students. The ability for our graduates to easily transfer to a four-year partner to continue their education is very mission centric for us by improving lives and strengthening communities."

This partnership will officially begin on August 1, 2024.

This agreement follows others with four-year universities in Indiana (Purdue Fort Wayne, Indiana Tech) along with many here in Ohio, including Defiance College, Bowling Green State University, and Miami University, to name a few.

starts.

To see more, including the library's summer programming, visit defiancelibrary.org/calendar. "NSCC is excited to partner with Saint Francis to improve the education field by providing high-quality

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