

CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE



Supporters, volunteers, local government officials, business owners and friends and family, joined in at the ribbon cutting and Open House of the new location of Caring & Sharing Food

Pantry on Thursday May 2, 2024. The new location is at 318 N Walnut St., Paulding. C&S Board President Dan Bulau greeted guests and thanked all involved in making this new building possi-

ble. It took approximately \$600,000 to complete this project. The new Pantry opened to clients on April 20th. 244 households have already benefited from the new

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JAMES B. SHERWOOD AWARDED EAGLE SCOUT RANK



James B. Sherwood V, son of James and Tessie Sherwood IV, of Woodburn Indiana was Awarded the Rank of Eagle Scout on March 14, 2024.

James started his scouting career as a Cub Scout in Pack 3049 at Leo United Methodist Church in 2013.

This is where he learned that he enjoyed scouting activities like fire building, camping, knife safety and even cooking.

He then joined Troop 2 in 2017 earning 36 Merit

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MAKE PLANS NOW FOR 4th ANNUAL HOLLY KOBEE MEMORIAL TURTLE TROT

The 4th annual Holly Kobee Memorial Turtle Trot is a 5k or 1 mile walk/run. It will begin in the scenic Antwerp Veterans Memorial Riverside Park August 10, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. This event will kickoff Antwerp's Day in the Park festivities.

Anyone can sign up! Any registrant under the age of 18 is FREE of charge. All ages are welcome! All registrants will receive a T-shirt. Additional T-shirts are available for non-registrants during online checkout.

Holly Kobee was a lifelong Antwerp resident, educator and friend to anyone she met.

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PC BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES EXCELLENCE



Pictured Left to Right: Tiffany Rockhold, OhioMeansJobs Defiance/Paulding Counties; Kim Wannemacher, Paulding County Hospital; Kristen Schilt, Paulding County Economic Development; Fahyth Griner, Haviland Companies

The Paulding County Business Advisory Council (BAC) proudly announces its recent recognition for excellence, attaining a 2-star rating during a ceremony held on Friday at Terra State by Ohio College TechPrep.

In compliance with state regulation, all Ohio school districts and Educational Service Centers (ESC) are required to establish a Business Advisory Council. Ohio has over 110 councils, among which is the Paulding County Western Buckeye ESC BAC.

Members Tiffany Rockhold (OhioMeansJobs), Kim Wannemacher (Paulding County Hospital), Fahyth Griner (Haviland Drainage Company), and Kristen

Schilt (Paulding County Economic Development) accepted the excellence award on behalf of the council. Their unwavering dedication has played a great role in shaping the BAC's success.

Additionally, at the award ceremony, Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) Director Tim Copsey was honored with the 2024 Economic Development Partner of the Year Award for his exceptional collaboration contributions to the educational and business partners, the BAC and the overall community.

Established in 2021, the Paulding County BAC is

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-12p
 - May 11**
 - WT NHS 5K @ Payne Ball Park, 8am
 - Woodburn Lions Donuts @ Hardware lot, 7-11a
 - Woodburn Mother's Day Festival, Clock Tower, 11a-2p
 - Antwerp Chamber Chocolate Walk, 11a-1p
 - Heritage Lions Donuts @ Hoagland Comm. Park
 - JPHS Spring Tea @ Museum, 1-3pm
 - May 15**
 - Western Buckeye ESC board meeting, Paulding, 5:30pm
 - May 17**
 - DC Sen. Ctr. Senior Gala @ Eagles of Defiance, 5-9:30p

- May 18**
- Heritage Lions Donuts @ Monroeville Comm. Park

- May 26-27**
- Rummage Fundraiser @ Martini Luth. Church, 8a-3p & 8a-12p

- June 1**
- Woodburn Lions Donuts @ Antwerp Days, 7:30-11am

- June 6**
- Heritage Lions Donuts @ Monroeville Car Show

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I AM



It is my custom to rise at dawn praising God through prayer. This one particular morning, I was asking and thanking God for his continued extension of mercy and forgiveness on this imperfect fleshly man that I am.

I don't know why but sometimes I focus too much on my many imperfections and flaws, and it hurts me deep in my soul. Perhaps it's because I'm a sinner and perhaps that is the way sinners should feel without the dispensation of grace. Now I know you probably won't hear very many pastors say this about themselves but it's a fact, I'm a sinner... saved by grace, and OH thank God for His grace! If it were not for His grace, where would we be?

I don't know about you but I make so many mistakes it will make your head spin. But then God spoke into my spirit and said "THAT'S WHY YOU ARE DOWN ON YOUR KNEES ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS AND PRAISING ME AT THE SAME TIME. IF I MADE YOU PERFECT, YOU WOULD STOP PRAISING ME, AND SEEK PRAISE AND GLORY ALL FOR YOURSELF. YOU WOULD DISOWN ME. SO I COVERED YOU WITH MY PRECIOUS BLOOD. YOU WERE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE...MY LIFE FOR YOUR LIFE. I'VE GIVEN MY LIFE FOR YOU; WILL YOU GIVE YOUR LIFE FOR/TO ME? MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN YOUR WEAKNESS".

It was at that moment that God made me recall who I am in Christ. 1.) I am a child of God (Romans 8:16) 2.) I've been forgiven (Colossians 1:13-14) 3.) I've been redeemed from the hand of the enemy (Psalms 107:2) 4.) Saved by grace through faith

(Ephesians 2.8) 5.) I've been redeemed from the curse of the law. (Galatians 3:13) I am above only and not beneath (Deuteronomy 28:13) I am an Heir to the throne of Eternal

life, and a joint Heir with Jesus Christ (Romans 8:17)

It was at that time that I realized that He, God, Jesus Christ, is the Great I AM. He is everything that we could

ever hope to be. All of our aspirations and desires are found in Christ alone.

Peace and Love,
—Pastor Dwayne

Scripture of the Week

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

— Romans 12:12

REUNIONS IN HEAVEN RED CARPET EVENT



Pictured L-R: Jay stoner(Bill/Associate Producer), Maverick Risley(Christian), Becca Blanc(Maize), Samantha Ryan(Director), Melissa Coles(Renee), Bridgette Bussing(Young Renee), Judy Littlefield (Nana). Zach Vessels, Director of Photography with camera.

"Reunions in Heaven", Directed by Williams County's very own, Samantha Ryan is set to hit the big screen soon. In preparatio, there will be a public red carpet event to showcase the short film and Q&A with the Director and cast on May 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at the Bryan Ohio Theatre.

What would you say to your loved ones if you could see them one last time? "Reunions in Heaven" aims to make sense of the enduring impact of loss by offering viewers a glimpse into the ini-

tial moments following death, where loved ones reconnect with those who have departed before them.

Reunions in Heaven, completely filmed in NW Ohio, is in dedication to the loved ones of the cast and crew, whom we long to see again. Many Williams County residents acted in the film and oversaw the production. Filming Locations included private residents, Bryan First Church of Christ, The Compassion Clinic, and Cabin Fever in downtown Defiance.

Samantha Ryan, the Direc-

tor of Reunions in Heaven, will be making an appearance at the red carpet event alongside the lead actors to talk about the film and answer attendee questions, and take photos.

The event takes place on May 18th 2024 at 11am, with a place for photos and Q&A following the film.

Visit:
<https://bryantheatre.com/admission-specials/>
Link to Trailer:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGA2EkHTiNQ>

(Caring & Sharing ... cont'd from Page 1)

pantry location. Bulau thanked Rev. Singh and the St. Paul Lutheran Church for first bringing a new location for the Pantry to the board for consideration. He thanked the other contributors including the multitude of volunteer hours organizing and cataloging the inventory and manning the Pantry, as well as Hartzog Construction during the building of the location. Pastor Jeremy Thompson lead a prayer blessing over the Pantry right before the Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors - this sums up the mission of the Caring & Sharing

Food Pantry: Engage the local giving community and volunteers to help serve our neighbors and work against food insecurity in Paulding County.

It takes tons of food donations to deliver on the mission of Caring & Sharing Food Pantry... literally tons... 46.1 tons (in 2023) to be exact. For reference, that amount is equivalent to NINE John Deere tractors (JD tractor 404 weights 10,490lb.!) Donations have been made by individuals, food drives, West Ohio Food Bank, and the Feeding America program through the Van Wert Walmart. Also, C&S purchases food for the pantry directly with the monetary donations that are given by the community donors. Volunteerism is the driving force behind the workings of Caring & Sharing. It takes approximately 90 volunteers a month to keep the food pantry functioning.

People who do not have access to the food they need to live, is the definition of "food insecurity". In Paulding County, 11% fall under this category and currently C&S is only servicing half that percentage. There are only two requirements to receive help from C&S: you must live in Paulding County and you have to have a household income at or below 200% of Federal Poverty level. In 2023, Caring & Sharing served clients all over the county: 45 in Antwerp, 22 in Cecil, 217 in Paulding, 18 in Payne, 8 in Latty, 13 in Haviland, 9 in Scott, 39 in Oakwood, 10 in Melrose, 15 in Grover Hill, and 27 from other areas of Paulding County.

Next on C&S board's agenda is fundraising for the future building goals of a

walk-in freezer, walk-in cooler and a paved parking lot. This new building is a fabulous asset for the village of Paulding and Paulding County Ohio.

If you are interested to learn more about Caring & Sharing, their hours of operation are Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

Other pantries in the county:

Grover Hill Food Pantry, Auglaize Chapel Church of God, Cecil Community Church, and Christian Food Pantry of Antwerp.

THE RIGHT TRAIL

By: Doris Applegate; Scribed by: Jessica Stevens

There's a long, long trail a-winding unto the land of our dreams, and we can rest assured that Jesus our Lord walks each step with us along this path.

Many times this trail is rough and bumpy causing our feet to slip and us to stumble. With the Lord Jesus by our side, he is able to help us gain our stride again.

What a comfort to have Him walk beside us. Jesus promised that He would never leave us or forsake us as children who have accepted the great salvation that Jesus Christ paid with His blood sacrifice. He bought and paid for us with His blood and when we accept Him we do not belong to ourselves anymore, but Jesus now owns us.

As a believer now belonging to the Lord we now must give our will and our life to him completely. Sometimes it is hard for us to surrender to the Lord because we do not want to die ourself as the

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Lord commands us.

In the book of Luke we read the following: "If you want to follow Jesus, you have to die to self daily, and by dying you actually live" (Luke 9:23).

Dying to self is not always easy because it is a death to our self will, desires and what we want to do. Jesus Christ was our great example when he prayed to God his Father and asked if His death could be prevented.

We who are saved thank God the Father for allowing Jesus to die for us. The path that we were on was leading us into destruction and away from the land (Heaven) of our dreams. There is a narrow road that leads to life and very few people find it.

There also is a wide road that leads to death and many are walking on it (Matthew 7: 13-14) Since Jesus Christ said that he is "The way, the truth and the life no one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6).

We must make sure that

we enter through Jesus Christ who is the door. Many people try to climb into their salvation some other way (tradition, good works, church attendance, etc.) thinking that all is well on this trail to their dreams and in the end will be very disappointed and still lost.

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

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

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THE LOVE OF FOOD

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Penny Whitaker
 Something we all like to do, including every species, is eat. I call myself a foodie cause I love to cook and eat.

Every place we go and do, such as the fairs, restaurants, churches, schools and almost every event, there is food.

We can eat snacks, cakes, pies, potatoes, vegetables, fruits, meat and so much more. However, after recuperating from a bad case of ulcers, I found out that my own diet changed a lot.

I used to be able to sit down and eat lots of big chocolate bars, sour worms and cookies i loved big juicy cheeseburgers and fries. I ate peanut butter and bananas, broth, mashed potatoes and oatmeal. Quite a change! But I was just happy to get to eat.

Has food and methods of cooking changed through the

Before we ate those hot kernels she would add salt.

When I was younger, I went to a small school named Hoagland Jackson. Each year we would have an event called The Farmers Institute. One day there was a demonstration of a microwave oven. What fascinated me was that a guy put a potato in the microwave, turned it on for 8-10 minutes and that potato was done. As a kid I thought "I'll never get one of those and I



doubted if it was even real. No one could cook a baked potato in such a short time

How happy I was, when years later, microwaves became a household appliance. And yes, later, we got one. No more shaking a hot pan for popcorn or baking a potato for an hour.

When I got married in

were 12 cents a pound. and a chuck roast was 39 cents a pound.

A couple weeks ago I went into a store and looked at the chuck roasts. I could not believe it; the price of a small chuck was over \$13.

Growing up we did not eat like we do today. I think food is a blessing and I feel rich if I have food in my pantry.

There is a lot of hunger all around. the world, and it's

heart breaking to know that hunger exists all over. Yes, I love to cook and eat, but I thank God for the good HE puts on my table.

Do you like to eat or go to socials, teas, out to eat or just eat at home? Do you like to cook and bake? How much were groceries when you were younger? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

PJHS FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS



On Saturday, April 27th seventh grade students and staff from Paulding Junior High School volunteered at the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Paulding, Ohio. Shown in the picture from left are: Lily Leatherman, Kamryn Burk, Mrs. Katelyn LaFountain (7th Grade Math Teacher), Jonah Anders, and O'Koner Feeney.

MUSEUM PLANNING SPRING TEA ON MAY 11



JPHS spring tea 1 & 2: Reserve your tickets for the John Paulding Historical Museum's Spring Tea on May 11. Those attending will enjoy the opening of the new vintage clothing exhibit, featuring a century of ladies' fashions.

A few tickets are still available for John Paulding Historical Museum's upcoming annual Spring Tea.

The tea will be from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 11. Guests can preview the museum's new vintage clothing exhibit. Be the first to see 100 years of ladies' fashions, from the 1880s to 1970s. This special event would make a great Mother's Day gift. It's a wonderful way to celebrate with daughters, granddaughters, sisters, mothers and other special women in your life.

Advance Tickets only for this event. Ages 12 and older are welcome to attend.

For more information visit the museum on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by calling 419-399-8218. Or, contact Eileen Kochensparger at 419-399-5818 or Melinda Krick at 419-769-3993.

The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive in Paulding, across from the fairgrounds. The tea is an important fundraiser for the historical society, which is a 501c3 charitable organization.

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

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Verner Enoch Meek was born November 5, 1892 in Haviland, Ohio. The son of Enoch Leander born July 1859 in Ohio and Eatie E. (Everett) Meek born July 1867 in Ohio. She is the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Everett.

Enoch and Eatie were married in 1884 in Ohio. By 1900, while living in Emerald, Twp. outside of Paulding, Enoch and Eatie had four children. Carrie born May 1885, Elvey L. February 1887, Verner November 1892 and Dora E. November 1897. Enoch was a farm laborer. By 1910, Enoch and Eatie had added children, Eunice Naomi September 28, 1902 and Herbert E. June 19, 1906. Enoch had purchased a farm and was farming.

He had the help of the children. Carrie had married and moved out of the home. She married a fella named Frederick M. Aufrance, February 25, 1908. Strange twist, one of Carrie's children, Virginia, will marry a fella named Alfred D. Manson. That is my grandmother's brother! Sorry, I will now focus on the topic.

The rest of the children, except for Herbert and Elvey were in school. As war loomed, a National draft was called. On June 5, 1917, at the Emerald Precinct, Verner reg-

istered for the draft. He was listed as tall, slender build, blue eyes, black hair, single, and a farm laborer. Verner was also working for a fella named Hessler. Verner ran a milk truck in Paulding, making deliveries to homes and businesses. Elvey's husband, Ora Leslie Sanders, registered for the draft June 5, 1917, he was not chosen. On May 18, 1918, Verner was serving the National Army out of Paulding. He was sent to Camp Gordan to serve with 23rd Company, 6th Training Battalion, 157th Depot Brigade. He will serve until June 27, 1918. His status changed to Automatic Replacement Draft Company 51st Infantry. That meant that he was going overseas. On July 24, 1918, at Boston, Massachusetts, Verner will board the ship, "Beltana" and set sail for France. On September 8, 1918, while in the ammunition train yard, Verner was killed in an accident. News was received by his father. Verner will be buried in France in the Protestant Cemetery in Avord, France in grave number 106 B. Back home in Paulding, a memorial service was held in his memory. The Rev. I.L. Wilkins, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Verner was a member of the Paulding lodge I.O.O.F. no. 577.

About 50 Odd Fellow members attended the memorial. A large congregation and a number of sorrowing friends and relatives were also in attendance. Verner made a great sacrifice as he was sent across the sea to make the world safe for democracy, so that others might enjoy the freedom such as the people of this land so long have had. A memorial stone was placed in Verner's honor in Live Oak Cemetery, section 4, lot 452, row 1, grave 4.

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years? Yes of course. From wood burning cook stoves to microwaves, what leaps and bounds have been made in preparing food.

Grandma used to put lard in an iron skillet, add some popcorn, put a lid on it and when the corn started popping, she would shake the pan.

1962, the price of food was so much cheaper, in fact, I recall buying a weekly supply of groceries for \$10.

Thinking back, I pulled up a partial grocery ad from 1962.

20 lbs of potatoes were only 89 cents; T bone steak was 89 cents a pound apples

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Badges. He enjoys working at the Haunted Castle and Black Forest every year with his friends.

He has participated in countless campouts, multiple service projects and has helped train younger scouts.

He attended Camp Chief Little Turtle for 9 years learning countless scouting skills such as gun safety, welding and pioneering.

Although the best thing about Scouting is making lifelong friends with fellow scouts and staff.

He held leadership posi-

tions including Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Instructor.

James is also in the BSA Ventures Crew 2802 and serves as Vice President. One of James' favorite things to do with the Ventures is the Ski trips, especially Winter Park.

James did his Eagle Scout Project for the Land Acre Trust at Blue Cast Springs.

His project was designing and building 4- 25 ft bridges that are 6 ft wide. The bridges will combat widening trails due to people walking around the wet areas.

This will ensure the protection of the wildlife that is on the Preserve.

James coordinated all the

donations and the multiple volunteers that arrived to help with his project.

He will be graduating from Antwerp High School and was inducted into the National Society of High School Scholars as a Gifted Student.

James will be attending Purdue as an Honor student in the Engineering Program.

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As we enter the month of May and the last few weeks of school for the 2023-2024 school year, students and staff are very busy with end of the year activities. Award programs, concerts, sporting events, and student programs highlight the month of May. Please check the district calendar and support our students with your attendance at these celebrations. Students in grades K-11 will likewise be in a celebratory mood with their last day of school arriving Tuesday, May 21st.

The end of April and the first two weeks of May are also times to celebrate and recognize the efforts of our faculty. Ohio School Bus Driver Appreciation Day was Tuesday, April 23. School Secretaries Appreciation Day was Wednesday, April 24. National Teacher Day is scheduled for May 7 while May 6-10 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. May 8 has been designated National School Nurse Day. Please consider during this timeframe thanking a bus driver, teacher, aide, school nurse, or other school employee who made a difference in your child's life. We are proud of all our employees and believe they make a huge difference in the lives of children every day.

The Class of 2024, our 140th graduating class from Antwerp High School, will celebrate commencement on May 19 at 2:00 p.m. with doors opening at 12:30. The ceremony will take place in the Main Gym. We congratulate our senior class on their many accomplishments in reaching this milestone and wish them the best as they continue on a journey of lifelong learning.

During the summer months, a few projects will be completed in time for our annual Open House slated for Wednesday, August 14 and the first day of school scheduled for Thursday, August 15. Repairs and sealing of our asphalt parking lots will take place during the month of July. Interior projects include replacement of carpet in the D-Wing hallway and Central Office. In addition, we will replace the lighting system in the main gymnasium and the gymnasium floors will receive their annual re-waxing during the month of July. Another major project will be the installation of a new backstop netting system for the baseball field.

The Range Wellness and Recreation Center Grand Opening will take place during our Open House event August 14. Details regarding the Grand Opening will be shared in the August Newsletter and posted on our website in early August.

On the academic front, we are excited to share with you that our school has received two donations toward the purchase of robotics and coding equipment for elementary and middle school age students to utilize in our innovation center. A big thanks to the Paulding Eagles and APT Manufacturing Solutions in Hicksville, Ohio.

Prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school year, incoming 7th and 12th grade students will need updated immunizations per Ohio law. Students entering 7th grade will need the Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines. Students entering 12th grade will likewise need the Meningococcal vaccine. Additional information regarding the vaccine requirements, other recommended vaccines, and immunization clinics provided by the Paulding County Health Department can be found on our school website and school app.

I want to thank the community for the support given to the staff throughout this school year. Antwerp is a wonderful school district with excellent staff, students, and parents. As noted earlier, the 2024-2025 school year will begin Thursday, August 15. In the meantime, enjoy the long summer days with your family and friends.

A big thank you to all of those working to make this year's Prom and Post-Prom a safe and memorable night for our students! Our public walkthrough will be from 4:30-5:30 at Grant's on May 4 with dinner and the dance to follow.

Spring Assessments will be completed during the first week of this month. Many thanks to our staff and students for their hard work.

Attention Seniors!! Please remember that all academic requirements must be met and all school fees/fines must be paid prior to graduation practice. Students must take part in graduation practice on May 15 in order to participate in our Graduation ceremony on May 19.

Our Senior Academic Awards night will be held on Wednesday, May 8 in the Auditoria at 7:00 p.m. Parents will be notified of the awards to be received that night as we get the information. Families are invited to attend. Awards for underclassmen will be given out during the week of May 20th.

Summer School for MS and HS students will begin on May 28 and finish on June 10. We will have morning sessions from 8:00-11:00, as well as an afternoon session from 12:00-3:00. Students and their parents will be notified by the end of the school year if they will be required to attend Credit Recovery classes during this time.

It has been an honor to serve the Antwerp School community for the past 2+ decades. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the families and watching our students grow and succeed. Antwerp is and will continue to be a special place because of the people that live here. Thank you for your continued support of our school. As always, Go Archers!

~ Mr. Travis Lichty, MS/HS Principal

HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Parents of students who are required to come to summer school for credit recovery purposes will be notified in early May for first semester failures and no later than May 24 for second semester failures. Summer school will run from May 28 through June 10.

AP Exams will be May 9 for AP Psychology and May 16 for AP Biology.

The Senior Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. All seniors are encouraged to attend.

Students in grades 6-11 will be given a tentative copy of their 2024-2025 schedule before the end of the current school year.

Fourth quarter report cards for grades 6-12 will be available on Progressbook after May 24.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4 Prom
- May 8 Senior Awards - 7:00 p.m.
- May 9 Sports Physicals
- May 9 StuCo Community Service Day
- May 16 Seniors Last Day of School
- May 16 Board of Education Meeting
- May 19 Graduation
- May 21 Last Day of School (K-11)
- May 28-Jun 10 Summer School - MS/HS

May has come quickly! May brings summer for Antwerp students, with Tuesday, May 21 being the last day for students.

This May also brings my time as the elementary principal at Antwerp to an end. I am excited to be getting back into the classroom and back to teaching. I have loved my time as principal but truly miss being in the classroom teaching. Next year, I will be teaching sixth grade here at Antwerp Middle School. I am looking forward to watching these students soar. I am excited to see what 2024-2025 has in store for all the students at Antwerp Local Schools.

MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

- KA: Cassidy Treesh & Evelyn Gaisford
- KB: Chance Dickess & Emma Cross
- KC: Allura DeVault & Alayna Krick
- 1A: August Gordon & Coralyn Smith
- 1B: Evelyn Yenser & Jonathan Melgar Cruz
- 1C: Zoey Dix & Stella Gaisford
- 2A: Irenia Hand & Lyric Smith
- 2B: Addy Chrisman & Lincoln Bowers
- 3A: Roberta Poppe & Blade Ruffing
- 3B: Deacon Hitzeman & Ensley Parisot
- 3C: Addie Straley & Rylan Ruffing
- 4A: Brock Barker & Zoey Cottrell
- 4B: Adelle Cline & Madison Wiesehan
- 4C: Lauren Overman & Greyson Smith
- 5A: Alex Shipman & Cy Zuber
- 5B: Jameson Malfait & Sophie Partin
- 5C: Audreylynn Comer & Mattalyn Zielke

KINDERGARTEN

If you missed kindergarten screening, please contact Mrs. Kosch in the elementary office at (419) 258-5421 ext. 2200.

Your child must be 5 years of age before September 30, 2024, to attend kindergarten. S/He will also need to participate in a kindergarten screening in order to attend kindergarten in August.

TEACHER LISTS

The 2024-2025 class lists will be posted at the school in August.

~ Mrs. Tracey Stokes, Elementary Principal

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

The character trait for the month of April is patience. Teachers nominated two students from each of their classes who demonstrated patience this month.

In classroom guidance, Mrs. Lichty focused on stranger danger with kindergarten this month. Students learned what a stranger is and how to respond if a stranger approaches them.

First grade learned about personal space, and second graders did a lesson on patience. Third grade learned about growth mindset in preparation for state testing. Fourth grade learned about cyber safety, and fifth grade talked about what middle school will look like and what to expect next year.

Mrs. Lichty is always available to meet all students' individual needs as well. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please call Mrs. Lichty at 419-258-5421, extension 2204, or email lichty_e@antwerpschools.org.

VARSITY BASEBALL

- May 3 5:00 @ Edgerton
- May 7 5:00 vs. Crestview

VARSITY SOFTBALL

- May 2 5:00 @ Ottoville
- May 6 5:00 @ Edgerton
- May 7 5:00 vs. Lincolnview

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

- May 3 4:30 Antwerp Invitational
- May 6 4:30 @ Paulding/WT
- May 9 3:30 GMC @ Ayersville Field
- May 10 5:30 GMC @ Ayersville Finals
- May 16 TBA District
- May 18 TBA District

JV SOFTBALL

- May 1 4:30 @ Hicksville
- May 2 5:00 vs. Edgerton

JH TRACK

- May 2 4:30 Paulding Relays
- May 7 4:00 GMC @ Hicksville

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Archer athletes will have the opportunity to get their sports physical for next school year on May 9 at the school. Paulding County Hospital will be performing sports physicals for all athletes at Antwerp School from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Forms will be distributed to athletes before that day and must be thoroughly completed and signed by both the student and parents prior to arrival. The cost is \$15.00 for the sports physical and all money will go to the Antwerp Athletic Department. Please see Mr. Altimus for an appointment time and physical form. Additional appointments can be made at a later date by contacting your primary care provider.

2024-25 CALENDAR

- Aug 14 Open House
- Aug 15 First Day of Classes (1-12)
- Aug 20 First Day of Kindergarten
- Sept 2 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- Sept 20 Inservice - NO SCHOOL
- Oct 18 Fall Break - NO SCHOOL
- Nov 4/6 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov 27 P/T Conf. Tradeoff - NO SCHOOL
- Nov 28-29 Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 23-Jan 3 Christmas/New Years break
- Jan 20 M.L.K. Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL
- Feb 17 Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL
- Mar 14 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
- Apr 17-22 Easter Break
- May 16 Seniors Last Day
- May 18 Graduation
- May 21 Last Day of School (K-11)

CAFETERIA MENU

- May 1 Spaghetti & meatballs, breadstick, green beans, peaches, & milk
- May 2 Boneless wings, french fries, oranges, & milk
- May 3 Pepperoni pizza rippers, coleslaw, applesauce cup, & milk
- May 6 Toasted cheese, tomato soup, orange smiles, & milk
- May 7 Chicken teriyaki, steamed rice, broccoli, peaches, & milk

Our menus are subject to change without notice.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Freedoms Wakeup Call
If America doesn't wake up right now, we will be finished as a free people. You non-thinking liberals believe it requires war to capture and control our worlds leading nation but you are 100 percent wrong. How much have we lost already?
You may say I'm crazy, but when people lose God, they have lost everything. Without God, you have nothing. You

say you have your home, thousands of dollars, a good job or business but do you really? What happens when some power says that money is worthless or your work is no longer needed or the state now owns everything?
Do you know why we have not won a war since WWII ended in 1945? We've been in many but not once did we come out on top. Do you have any remembrance of what took place shortly after the war ended?

The year was 1947 and Democrats had control of all three branches of our government. They declared separation of church and state. This was the very beginning of Democrats taking God out of America. Power hungry Democrats saw this as their opportunity to gain total control of us.

First a short history lesson, specifically England's. I refer to England because we are on the same ill-fated road they took. They were once a great Christian Empire. It was said, "the sun never sets on English soil." Winston Churchill tried warning them of the great possibility of Germany attacking them. Like many liberal American Democrats today, they didn't listen. Their silence brought them into WWII. IF it wasn't for America entering that war there might not be an England today.

You see, after they cast God out they lost hope and strength, Satan moved in to destroy them. I just can't see much positive about them today. I even heard Islam wants control over them.

Now look at America. We were once a strong Christian people. We were 98% Chris-

tian. We had God's strength and the world wanted to be like us. Ever since the Democrats first evil move to wards taking total control of America, they have had us moving downward. Like everything else, our path to failure moved faster each year as they got bolder. Satan is very smart, they took one little step at a time so you wouldn't suspect the goal. Every immoral and anti-God ruling has been Democrats.

Democrats sided with Satan in 1947 to remove God from America. They've taken God from schools and in the process have ruined millions of lives and are destroying the greatest nation on earth. Starting with the Obama-Biden administration, stupid democrats have concentrated on taking God out of our military. America is now less than 15% committed Christian. I am thankful to be in that 15%.

Our America is more corrupt and immoral than any past or present society. I strongly believe Democrats have purposely guided us across "God's mercy line" and exposed us to God wrath now, it is a known fact that in general Democrats do not believe in or support God and they don't care for those that do. Their past and present actions prove to fe just how stupid they are. If you don't approve of my use of the word stupid, substitute evil in it's place.

Take my advice and get right with Jesus now. IF you are not saved before you die, you will be too late. If you think we have had problems in the past, you ain't seen nothing yet. Times will get unbearable. Remember this thought "Drive carefully - it isn't just cars that are recalled by their maker."

Where do you stand with God?
—Richard Mastin
Hicksville, OH

PLANS BEING FINALIZED FOR MOTHERS' DAY PLANT EVENT

The Hicksville Beautification Committee is busy finalizing plans for their Mothers' Day Plant event, to be held on Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11. Again this year, the event will be held in the Multipurpose Building at the Defiance County Fairgrounds. Masses of locally grown flowering annuals, vegetables, and perennials will be available in flats, individual pots, hanging baskets, and planters.

The Committee contin-

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ues to use Auburn, Indiana's Garden Gate; Kirchers in Defiance; plus Hurshtown Gardens of rural Harlan, Indiana, to provide a selection of plants for the event.

The popular Planting Service will again be available and those interested are encouraged to bring their own planter or purchase one at the event. Silent Auction items will be "advertised" on Facebook prior to the event.

An important feature of this annual sale is the chance to learn about gardening, in general, and the uses of specific plants, in particular. Experienced gardeners are available throughout the sale to answer questions and also provide additional gardening resources, if desired.

Although the Beautification Committee was originally formed in 1988, for many years it was a one-person operation with Lila Lee Wittig doing most of the planting and maintenance of community flowerbeds. In 2004, the Committee reorganized as part of the Hicksville Community Service Center, and additional volunteers were recruited. Each year, the Committee has expanded the village plantings and also looked at other ways to make Hicksville more attractive. All of the proceeds from this annual Mother's Day plant sale, which began in 2006, are used to fund village plantings, plus other special beautification projects.

For more information about the plant sale, please call the Hicksville Community Service Center. Also, on sale days, individuals can place and pick up their order without leaving their car.

FINANCIAL FREEDOM: A GIFT TO YOUR FAMILY

Here's a sobering statistic: 72% of retirees say one of their biggest fears is becoming a burden on their families, according to a study by Edward Jones and the consulting firm Age Wave. If you are near retirement, how can you prepare yourself to become financially free, so you won't have to depend on grown children or other family members?

Here are a few suggestions to consider:

- Keep adding to retirement savings. Today, with a greater awareness of healthy lifestyles, many people are spending two, or even three, decades in an active retirement. To help pay for those years, then, you'll likely need to build your retirement savings as much as possible. So, while you're still working, try to contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you are in the later stages of your career, possibly close to your peak earning power, you may be able to put in sizable sums every year.

- Choose an appropriate withdrawal rate. While it's obviously important to build your retirement savings, it's just as essential to make the money last. Once you retire, you'll want to establish an appropriate withdrawal rate — that is, the amount you can take out each year from your 401(k) and other investments without running the risk of outliving your money. The amount you can safely withdraw each year will depend

on a variety of factors, including your age, your account balances, Social Security benefits, inflation, income tax rates and spousal income. In any case, selecting a suitable withdrawal rate can help go a long way toward preserving your financial freedom throughout your retirement.

- Think about downsizing. One possible way to boost your savings and add liquidity is to downsize your living arrangements. This may be an attractive option if your children are grown and your current home feels too large. Of course, downsizing is a highly personal decision — if you've lived in your home for many years, have fond memories of raising a family in it and still enjoy the neighborhood, it can certainly be hard to leave. Consequently, you'll need to weigh these emotional factors against the potential financial benefits of moving into a smaller, less expensive space.

- Prepare for long-term care costs. If you were ever to need some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, you could face some sizable expenses, most of which may not be covered by Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan. And clearly, you would not want to put your grown children in a position where they might feel the need to step in financially. To help avoid this possibility, you may want to consult with a financial professional about addressing these costs through strategies that may be appropriate for your needs.

These aren't the only ideas to consider in helping maintain your financial independence and reducing your potential dependence on your family during your retirement years. But taken together, they can give you a good start — so think about putting them to work.

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Cecil: 127 Maramart

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

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

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

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

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

Ney: Marathon

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

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

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

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

Scott: Scott Post Office

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

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

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

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

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

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PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL'S WELDING PROGRAM GRADUATES THIRD COHORT



Pictured Left to Right: Staci Miller, Jim Drewes, Matthew Bail, Jay Estrada, Giovanni Linares, Sam Reinhard, Johnathan Lipps, Drake Ankney, Kristen Schilt, and Thomas Zuber

Paulding High School proudly announces the successful completion of its after-school certification program in welding. The program, in its 3rd year of completion, is in collaboration with Northwest State Community College (NSCC) and allows students to gain skills and certifications including Welding, OHSA-10, LEAN Six Sigma, and Blueprint Reading.

Leading this initiative were Staci Miller, Paulding High School's FFA Advisor, and Thomas Zuber, owner and operator of Zuber Welding and Fabrication. Their dedication and expertise were instrumental in guiding students through the class, preparing them for promising careers in welding or other hands-on skilled trades they would pursue.

"I have truly enjoyed co-teaching with Thomas Zuber as we taught these students the basics of welding and blueprint reading and helping them to prepare for their futures by assisting with their

resume and interviewing skills. This group of students have amazing potential and any employer would be lucky to have them. It shows true dedication for these students to want to stay after school to learn a skill like welding. We are so proud of each of them," shared Miller.

Over the course of 13 weeks, students engaged in a mix of hands-on training, book work, interview skills and business tours at North American Stamping and Mansfield Welding. Under the guidance of Miller and Zuber, alongside partners Tiffany Rockhold with OhioMeansJobs and Tim Copsey and Kristen Schilt with Paulding County Economic Development, students gained experience and knowledge, totaling 50 hours of instruction outside of their regular school day and extracurriculars.

Reflecting on the experience, one student shared, "This welding class provided me with the basic skills to weld and read blueprints that could provide me with future

employment while doing it in a fun and hands-on setting with our instructors. I gained many new skills and welding techniques as well as different welding methods. I would recommend the class to others in the future."

The program graduates and their families celebrated their dedication and accomplishments last Thursday. Program graduates were Drake Ankney, Matthew Bail, Jesus Estrada, Giovanni Linares, Jonathan Lipps, and Samuel Reinhard.

Paulding High School remains committed to innovation and excellence in education, empowering students with the skills and certifications necessary to thrive in today's workforce environment.

For more information about future workforce initiatives, Paulding High School's welding program, or other opportunities here or around the county, please contact Paulding County Economic Development at 419-399-8282.

PANTHERS, RAIDERS GET TOURNEY BYES

Sectional matchups were finished on Sunday for high school softball teams as the trio of county schools learned of their tournament opponents.

In Division IV, Antwerp was tabbed as the sixth seed in the Bryan district where Ayersville was selected as the top seed.

The Lady Archers (5-6) will host eleventh-seeded Fayette (0-10) on Monday, May 6, with the winner advancing to play at Ayersville (9-3) on Thursday, May 9.

Other sectional semifinal games include ninth seeded North Central (2-10) at second seeded Hilltop (15-5) and tenth seeded Stryker (3-7) at seventh seeded Edon (5-9) with both on May 6.

Sectional championship games on May 9 has the Edon-Stryker victor at fourth seeded Edgerton (7-6) while fifth seeded Hicksville (6-9) plays at third seeded Montpelier (10-7). Eighth seeded Pettisville (4-7) awaits the winner of the Hilltop-North Central contest with the best seed hosting the sectional championship.

District semifinals are scheduled for May 13 with district championship battles on May 17.

In Division III, both second seeded Paulding and third seeded Wayne Trace earned home games for their tournament openers.

Fourth seeded Coldwater (9-8) plays ninth seeded Allen East (5-10) in Mercer County with the winner visiting Paulding (9-3). Fifth seeded Fairview (8-7) will host eighth seeded Fort Recovery (6-10) on May 7 with the winner traveling to Wayne Trace (11-3) on May 10.

Tenth seeded Ottawa Glandorf (2-10) welcomes in eleventh seeded Bluffton (1-8) with the survivor battling top seeded Parkway (15-3) in Mercer County.

The other sectional championship features sixth seeded Van Buren (9-6) hosting seventh seeded Delphos Jefferson (9-9). Sectional semifinals are slated for May 7 with the sectional championships scheduled for May 10. District semifinal play is scheduled for May 14 and the district title matchup is scheduled for May 16.

LADY RAIDERS WIN BATTLE OF COUNTY RIVALS

Raegan McGarvey struck out ten Paulding batters and pitched the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders to a 5-3 victory over the Lady Panthers Thursday evening in Green Meadows Conference softball action.

Paulding opened the scoring, getting a single run in the bottom of the second, before Wayne Trace answered with a three-run fourth for a 3-1 lead.

After the Lady Panthers scored another run in the fourth, the red, white and blue picked up two runs in the fifth for a 5-2 lead. The maroon and white then closed the scoring with a run in the bottom of the fifth to set up the 5-3 final.

McGarvey tossed a complete game for Wayne Trace, giving up six hits, three runs (two earned) and five walks. Tia Mendez took the loss for Paulding, allowing eight hits, five runs (four earned) and one walk while striking out two.

Maci Kauser had three sin-

gles to pace the Paulding offense with Cadence Schwab, Riley Stork and Jadyn Klopfenstein also recording a single piece.

Wayne Trace was paced by Kaitlin Slade with two doubles

and a single while Logen Bland added a single and a double.

Tianna Sinn and Katie Anna Baumle each had a double for Wayne Trace with Paige Alber recording a single.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY PATRIOTIC PROGRAM



The Oakwood Elementary third grade would like to invite you to their annual patriotic program. This year it will be held on Monday, May 20th at 7:00 pm. It will also be held during the school day with a performance at 1:30 pm. We hope to see you there! Pictured are third graders Ryleigh Girod, Zeke Nunez, Kallen Walters, and Mackenzie Lee.

ARCHERS, PANTHERS CLAIM PAULDING JH RELAYS TITLES



PAULDING - The Antwerp boys and Paulding girls took team titles in the Paulding Junior High Track Relay Meet held Thursday at the home of the Panthers.

The Lady Panthers totaled 82 points to claim the championship with county rival Wayne Trace finishing second at 72 and Fairview placed third at 66. Antwerp (62), Ayersville (38) and Hicksville (24) completed the list of schools.

Paulding posted first place finishes in the discus (Leslie, Mead, Ametewee), 3200 relay (Foor, Kohart, Borland, Mangette), high jump (Mead, Arend) and shot put (Leslie, Mead, Ametewee).

Wayne Trace claimed titles in the long jump (Gerschutz, Manz, Jacobs), distance medley (Manz, Stoller, Kurtz, Kipfer), 400 relay (Noggle, Ogle, Troth, Shepherd), 1600 sprint medley (Shepherd, Jacobs, Sennebogen, Ogle) and 800 relay (Shepherd, Jacobs,

Manz, Gerschutz). On the boys side, Antwerp posted 73 points to capture the title over Paulding (62) and Wayne Trace (51). Hicksville (42), Ayersville (42) and Fairview (36) were the other schools to take part.

The Archers recorded first place finishes in the long jump (Woodby, Peters, Schilt) and high jump (Barker, Cline) while Wayne Trace took first in the discus (Kennedy, Johnson, Miller), shot put (Kennedy, Miller, Stoller) and distance medley (Cook, Knowles, Hire, Morehead).

Wayne Trace (Knowles, Ross, Stoller, Cook) and Antwerp (Morrow, Bauer, Ingol, Peters) tied for first place in the shuttle hurdles.

Paulding's 800 relay team (Weible, Omonayin, Santillan-Rodriguez, Manz) and 400 relay quartet (Manz, Omonayin, Santillan-Rodriguez, Pier) both posted first place finishes as well.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK May 6-12, 2024

Thank You

A huge thank you goes out to our amazing 59 RN's and 12 LPN's at Paulding County Hospital.

Thank you for your care and compassion, you truly make a difference in the community!



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Thank you to the coaches who helped sell tickets, student athletes for set up and tear down and all those who bought tickets and supported the many raffle items. We are very grateful for your support!

Paulding Athletic Boosters
Bill Beckman, Angel Pease, Kelly Evans, Mandy Woods,
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NEW HAVEN RELAYS



N'NQE Jackson took 1st in the 100m hurdles & 300m hurdles, and 2nd in 100m. She was also named Armstrong Winner of the meet. Photo by Melissa Amstutz



Alex Hoffer nabbed the 1st in the 300m hurdles. Photo by Melissa Amstutz

The Lady Bulldogs placed 3rd at the 68th Annual New Haven Relays on Friday, April 26th. Individual Champions were J'NQE Jackson (100 and 300 Meter Hurdles) and Makenna Dommer (Discus). Second place finishers were J'NQE Jackson (100 Meter Dash) and Madeline Graves (400 Meter Dash). J'NQE was the Armstrong Winner for being the High Point Winner.

For the 2nd year in a row, the Boys' Varsity Track & Field are Team Champions at

the New Haven Relays. Individual Champions were Kevion Mitchell (110 Meter Hurdles), Latrevion Bates (100 Meter Dash), Bryan Garcia (1600 Meter Run), and Aaron Hoffer (300 Meter Hurdles). Second place finishers were Aaron Hoffer (110 Meter Hurdles) and Kevion Mitchell (300 Meter Hurdles and Long Jump). Kevion Mitchell was the Armstrong Award Winner for scoring the most points with 26 points.

ZOLMAN NO-HITS LADY ARCHERS

Tinora senior pitcher Scylea Zolman was dominant on the mound Thursday night as the Lady Ram hurler struck out 16 batters and tossed a complete-game no-hitter in a 6-0 Tinora win over Antwerp.

Zolman allowed just two walks to the Archers as the Lady Rams improved to 13-2 overall and 4-0 in the Green Meadows Conference. Antwerp drops to 5-5 in all games and 1-3 in the league.

Tinora scored all the runs it would need in the top of the fourth, picking up a single run on a Paige Gamby run scoring double that plated Tegan Norden.

Trynity Koerber touched home plate on a Mickey Starkey single in the fifth to put the Rams up 2-0 before the green and white put the game away in the sixth.

The Lady Rams scored four times in the frame to extend the margin to 6-0 as the Defiance County squad remained unbeaten in conference action.

Norden finished with a double and a triple while scoring twice for Tinora with Gamby totaling a double and two singles to go along with one run scored and one run batted in.

Tanae Smith, Koerber and Starkey all added singles for the Lady Rams with Madison Spangler, Zoe Billings and Koerber scoring a run each. Spangler, Billings and Starkey picked up a run batted in apiece for the green and white.

Elle Clem took the loss for Antwerp, striking out 14 Tinora hitters while allowing eight hits and six runs (four earned).

PANTHERS NIP ARCHERS IN GMC BATTLE

Paulding and Antwerp went down to the last at-bat of the contest before a Panther squeeze bunt plated Kane Jones with the winning run in a 6-5 Paulding victory over the Archers.

The maroon and white took a 4-0 lead in the second before Antwerp scored once in the fourth and fifth to cut the deficit to 4-2.

After Paulding added one run in the fifth to extend the margin to 5-2, the Archers responded with a trio of runs in the sixth to tie the game at 5-5.

That set up the winning squeeze play by the Panthers, who are now 8-5 overall and 3-2 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Antwerp falls to 4-9 in all games and 1-5 in the league.

Colten Hunt and Grady Barton each had a double for the maroon and white with Kane Jones, Patrick Paholak and Greyson Harder recording a single apiece.

Casey Agler, Jones, Paholak, Harder, Barton and Hunt scored the Paulding runs while Blake Rhonehouse, Hunter Coutts and Hunt drove in one run apiece while Barton picked up two runs batted in.

Reid Lichty and Riley Smith both recorded a double for Antwerp with Smith also picking up a single. Reid Lichty, Aiden Lichty, Michael Rohrs, Smith and Teeghun Marlin touched home plate for the blue and white with Reid Lichty, Marlin, Derek

NSSC PHLEBOTOMY & MEDICAL ASSISTING GRADUATES CELEBRATED AT PINNING CEREMONY



Phlebotomy spring 2024 graduates. Front: Mendoza, Carter, Swalley. Back: Logan, Pursel, Seibert, Klingensmith, Henderson. (NOTE: Silguero, Walls and Yeager were absent and not pictured.)

Three students from the medical assisting program, along with twelve students from the phlebotomy technician program were recognized at a special ceremony held earlier this week at Northwest State Community College. Both options lead to entry-level positions in the health care field, and students earning the phlebotomy technician certificate may choose to continue their education for an associate degree in medical assisting.

Medical Assisting student recognized:

Sarah Breece (Hamler), Jessie Lake (Delta), and Alethia Stimpfle (Montpelier)

Phlebotomy students recognized:



Medical Assisting spring 2024 graduates: Stimpfle, Breece, Lake.

Katelyn Carter Pursel (Napoleon), Hadlee Henderson (Delta), Sheyann Klingensmith (Hudson, MI), Kyleigh Logan (Cecil), Makena Mendoza (Defiance), Brandy Mitchum (Waterville), Karsen

(Archbold), Logan Seibert (Oakwood), Reed Silguero (Stryker), Skye Swalley (Bryan), Caitlin Walls (Whitehouse), and Selene Yeager (Wauseon)

Hines and Kane Hines finishing with a run batted in each.

BOSTELMAN SHUTS DOWN ARCHERS

Hunter Bostelman struck out 13 Antwerp batters and added two singles at the plate to lift the Tinora Rams to a 5-1 win over the Archers Thursday in Green Meadows Conference baseball action.

The green and white jumped in front in the first, getting a single run, before the Archers scored their lone run in the bottom of the third to tie the game at 1-1.

Tinora then took the lead for good in the fifth with another run before putting the game away with a three-run sixth.

Bostelman scattered two Antwerp hits and gave up just one walk in throwing the complete-game victory.

Reid Lichty took the loss for the Archers, allowing four hits, five runs (one earned)

and three walks in five innings on the mound while striking out five. Aiden Lichty threw the final two innings, surrendering two hits and a walk with one strike-out.

Ayden Moser singled and doubled for the Rams while Alec Schaublin posted a pair of singles. Moser, Bostelman,

Mason McQuillin, Alex Homier and Adam Spychala scored runs for the green and white with Trentin DeLarber, B.J. Morlock and Spychala picking up a run batted in apiece.

Reid Lichty singled and scored once for Antwerp with Aiden Lichty adding a single.

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PAULDING FFA PETTING ZOO IS A HUGE SUCCESS!



Pictured here is Paulding FFA member Addison Pease with her duck Henry interacting with the students from Ann's Preschool. Henry was such a well behaved duck that enjoyed all the attention.

By: Addy Hunt, Paulding FFA Reporter

Friday, April 26th the Paulding FFA Chapter held its annual petting zoo with over 800 students and staff attending.

FFA members volunteered to bring in their animals for students and staff to enjoy. The elementary students truly enjoy this day because they get to pet and interact with livestock they may not get to see up close all the time. The animals that were brought in this year by our members included chickens, ducks, geese, goats, a donkey, a miniature pony, a calf, a sow and 5 piglets, a turtle, a guinea pig, a hedgehog, a toad and two dogs.

This day was a wonderful opportunity to educate the

youth about agriculture and livestock grown in Paulding County. Students were given the opportunity to choose a small gift to take home having to do with some of the livestock they may have just seen.

A special thanks to Paulding Farm Bureau for providing gift bags with an agriculture coloring book for the elementary students. A corn kernel guessing game was also available to the kids for a chance to win a grand prize. We also did a coloring contest for grades K-5 to participate in to win a prize.

The petting zoo was a huge success and the Paulding FFA Chapter cannot wait until next year! Our FFA chapter loves to educate and interact with younger students about agriculture and FFA!

RAIDERS CLAIM SHARE OF GMC TITLE

For the third straight season, the Wayne Trace baseball program earned the title of Green Meadows Conference champions Friday evening with a 6-1 win over visiting Edgerton.

The Raiders clinch a share of this season's conference crown after winning an outright title last season and were co-champions in 2022. Wayne Trace has one league remaining this year against Hicksville where the red, white and blue will try to win an outright title.

Breven Anderson picked up the victory on the mound for Wayne Trace, tossing a complete game with two strikeouts while allowing four hits and one earned run. The victory is Anderson's 18th of his career, breaking the previous school record of 17 victories by Neal Welch in the mid-1970's.

Wayne Trace took control of the game with a three-run second while adding single runs in the third, fifth and sixth innings. Edgerton's lone run came in the fourth.

Kyle Forrer had a triple and a run batted in for Wayne Trace with Tucker Antoine adding a double and two runs batted in. Cooper Wenzlick posted a single and a double while scoring once.

Tyler Head singled, scored twice and drove in two runs with Carter Clemens scoring once and singling once. Anderson and Cale Winans scored a run as well.

Maddox Baker and Cory Herman doubled for Edgerton with Scottie Krontz and Kaden Kennerk picked up a single apiece. Herman scored the lone run for the Bulldogs and Krontz picked up the run batted in.

Kennerk suffered the loss for Edgerton, throwing three innings giving up three hits,

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committed to enhancing educational opportunities and fostering relationships between education and local businesses. Through quarterly meetings, the council facilitates collaboration between leaders in these sectors, creating learning experiences and preparing a skilled workforce. The council consists of businesses from different industries, including: manufacturing, agriculture, healthcare, service sectors, as well as representatives from our three local school districts, Vantage Career Center, and regional colleges.

"Our BAC is dedicated to continually improving to benefit our students and local businesses," shared Kristen Schilt Office Manager for PCED. "We are glad to be recognized as a ranked business advisory council this year. We know there are still workforce needs that need addressed in our community and our BAC will continue to work together to understand how collectively we can narrow those gaps."

Partnerships between local schools and industries have resulted in initiatives such as: enhancing the annual spring career expo, teacher boot camp, Paulding

four runs (two earned) and four walks. Elijah Martin tossed the final three frames, surrendering three hits and two runs (one earned) while striking out one.

IHSAA SOFTBALL MATCHUPS RELEASED

The Indiana High School Athletic Association set up and released the 2024 high school softball sectional tournament matchups on Sunday as local teams learned of their tournament trails.

In Class 4A at Columbia City, New Haven is part of the six-team sectional tournament.

The opener of the sectional features Huntington North against Fort Wayne Wayne while game two has host Columbia City battling New Haven.

The winner of the Huntington North-Wayne contest returns to play Fort Wayne South Side while the Columbia City-New Haven victor comes back to tangle with Homestead. Those two winners will then battle in the sectional championship.

Class 3A action will take place at Leo with Heritage, Leo and Woodlan all involved in the sectional.

Woodlan opens up sectional action against Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran and host Leo starts its sectional tournament with a battle against Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger. The remaining opening round contest has Heritage tangling with Garrett.

The Woodlan-Concordia survivor returns to play Angola with the Leo-Bishop Dwenger and Heritage-Garrett victors taking on each other in semifinal action.

The two semifinal winners will then square off for the sectional championship.

Sectional games are slated to be played the week of May 20 through May 25.

HS welding program, Paulding HS construction program, Panthers for Career partnerships, Archer Advantage program, Antwerp Innovation and Aquaponics Center and the new Wayne Trace STEAM center. These initiatives not only enrich the learning experience for students but also help establish a skilled workforce tailored to the needs of the local economy.

As the Paulding County BAC looks to the future, it remains committed to fostering innovation, collaboration, and excellence in education and workforce development.

For more information about the Paulding County Business Advisory Council and its initiatives or to join an upcoming meeting, please contact Paulding County Economic Development at 419-399-8295.

NSSC RECOGNIZES AWARD OF MERIT & DISTINGUISHED FACULTY MEMBERS AT LUNCHEON CEREMONY



Award of Merit in the Nursing & Allied Health division went to (l-r) Allison Boles and Kali Heffelfinger. (Not pictured: Sarah Breece and Bethany Klopfenstein)

Archbold, Ohio - Northwest State Community College recently recognized seventeen Award of Merit recipients. For over 25 years, Northwest State has recognized graduates within the degree programs for their academic achievements. Award of Merit recipients are chosen by faculty from the respective divisions based on leadership involvement, special talents or abilities in their academic field, and significant contributions to Northwest State.

Following an open by Dr. Lana Snider, NSSC Vice President for Academics, and a welcome by NSSC Executive Vice President Dr. Albert Lewis, Jr., the recipients were brought to the stage for recognition of their achievements.

In addition to recognizing the Award of Merit recipients, the College also nominated eight faculty for Distinguished Faculty status during the ceremony. The award recognizes exemplified excellence in teaching. The list of honorees is as follows:

Award of Merit recipients:

Arts & Sciences division - Kyla Bressler (Napoleon), Jayne Durham (Malinta), Jake Stephens (Defiance), Grace Torres (Defiance)

Business & Public Services division - Greg Dobson (Defiance), Rheya Down (Defiance), Megan Hannigan (Risingsun), Luke Leatherman (Liberty Center), Brienne Young (Montpelier)

Nursing & Allied Health

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF BLUFFTON, Plaintiff, vs. 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.

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.

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

Joshua A. Koltak, Attorney for Plaintiff

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:

Section 1: 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.

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MICHAEL BARTH, MAYOR
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alcohol or drugs Samantha J. Stahl, Paulding, OH; Breaking & entering, Defendant waived the preliminary hearing, Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Theft (2 counts), Defendant waived the preliminary hearing, Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court

Myles F. Meyers, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Roland R. Davis, Grover Hill, OH; Failure to control; Pled no contest, found not guilty; Costs waived

Jamie F. Coombs, Paulding, OH; No operators license, Pled no contest, found guilty, Show proof of insurance by, 4/25/24, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Traffic device/signs, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Sheena S. Tracy, Latty, OH; Obstructing; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; 30 days jail, 27 days suspended; Maintain general good behavior; Write a letter of apology to the arresting agency

Rena J. Greenwalt, Hicksville, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Brenda J. Fraley, Melrose, OH; Theft (3 counts); Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Complete community service; Placed on standard probation; Maintain general good behavior; 90 days jail (30 days on each count), 90 days suspended

Larry M. Dix, Paulding, OH; Breaking & entering, Preliminary hearing waived, Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court

Taven M.N. Wilson, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Danyalle D. Jackson, Las Vegas, NV; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Michael R. Scarbrough, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Yang Yang, Unionville, ON; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Kenneth A. Koyton-Green Jr, Detroit, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Christopher L. Jansen, Lacklick, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Alexis N. LaBounty, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Jaideep S. Sivia, Woodstuck, ON; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David F. Schwan, Middleburg, OH; Unsafe vehicle; Case dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived

Kali R. Zielke, Antwerp, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Destiny P. Hostettler, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Rylee L. Johnson, Payne, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kurt W. Belau, Holgate, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cameron L. Moore, Napoleon, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Sukhyun Jung, Kokomo,

IN; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brittany L. Morrow, Antwerp, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

NORTHWEST OHIO MULTI-COUNTY PURSUIT

On April 29, 2024, at approximately 0212 A.M., The Ohio State Highway Patrol was notified by Indiana law enforcement of a vehicle pursuit that started in Angola, Indiana and was now traveling into Williams County, Ohio.

Troopers with the Defiance Post were able to successfully deploy tire deflation devices on the vehicle in Williams County. The vehicle continued through Williams County into Defiance County and was finally stopped in Paulding County, Ohio. The driver was identified as Nelson Eddy, age 78 of Angola, Indiana. Mr. Eddy was operating a 2021 Jeep Compass. He was taken into custody without further incident. Mr. Eddy appeared to be having a medical emergency and was transported by Paulding County EMS to Paulding Hospital.

Assisting the Ohio State Highway Patrol was the Angola Police Department, Williams County Sheriff's Office, Bryan Police Department, Defiance County Sheriff's Office, Paulding County Sheriff's Office, Paulding County EMS, and Gideon's Towing. The case remains under investigation.

(Turtle Trot ... cont'ed from Page 1)

The Turtle Trot was created to keep her memory alive and give back to the community.

All funds raised from this years Turtle Trot will be do-

nated the the Antwerp Ball Association play ground project.

Sign up link for the run is on the 4th Annual Holly Kobe Memorial Turtle Trot Facebook page.

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:

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com

David W. Cliff, Attorney for Plaintiff

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.

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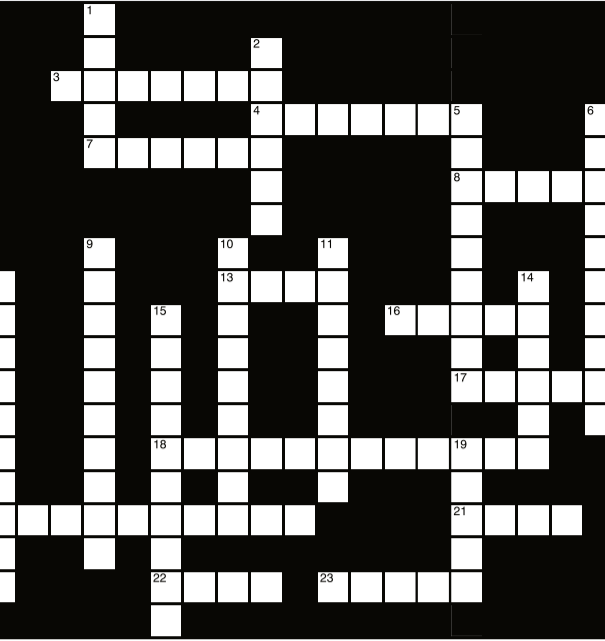
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David T. Brady, Attorney for Plaintiff

Crossword Puzzle DISNEY PRINCESSES



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7. The sleeping beauty who is cursed by Maleficent but awakens with true love's kiss.
8. The brave warrior who disguises herself as a man to take her father's place in the army.
13. The brave lioness and childhood friend of Simba in Disney's The Lion King.
16. The book-loving beauty who becomes the Beast's unlikely love interest.
17. The adventurous mermaid who dreams of living on land.
18. The responsible and pragmatic ant princess who leads her colony in Disney's A Bug's Life.
20. The mischievous fairy who is friends with Peter Pan and often associated with Disney's Peter Pan franchise.
21. The optimistic and determined princess who embarks on a journey to find her estranged sister Elsa.
22. The Snow Queen with the power to control ice and snow, who learns to embrace her abilities.
23. The adventurous navigator who sets sail on a daring voyage to save her island.

DOWN

- 1. The adventurous daughter of Simba and Nala who learns about responsibility and leadership in Disney's The Lion King II Simba's Pride.
2. The sarcastic and independent woman who becomes Hercules' love interest in Disney's Hercules.
5. The free-spirited Romani woman who captures the heart of Quasimodo in Disney's The Hunchback of Notre Dame.
6. The kind-hearted servant girl who wins the heart of a prince with the help of her fairy godmother.
9. The warrior princess who rules the underwater city of Atlantis in Disney's Atlantis The Lost Empire.
10. The fairest of them all, who befriends seven dwarfs and finds true love with a prince.
11. The long-haired princess with magical locks who yearns to see the world beyond her tower.
12. The Native American princess who seeks to bridge the gap between her people and the English settlers.
14. The skilled archer from the Scottish Highlands who defies tradition to carve her own path.
15. The intelligent and compassionate woman who befriends Tarzan in Disney's Tarzan.
19. The ambitious waitress who dreams of owning her own restaurant in New Orleans.

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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.

NOTICE: Cemetery Clean Up

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

UNITED WAY OF DEFIANCE COUNTY RECEIVES GRANT FROM MOOSE LODGE #2094



The United Way of Defiance County recently received a \$1,000 grant from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. Congratulations to our friends at United Way! This grant money will be used for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

To learn more about the Imagination Library visit www.unitedwaydefiance.org/imagination-library-enrollment.

Pictured receiving the grant (l-r) is Kenna Wagner - United Way Marketing Director and Stacy McCartney - Defiance Moose Lodge Administrator.

EVANSPOUR VETERANS' FIREWORKS & HIGHLAND TWP FD RECEIVE MOOSE GRANTS



Congratulations to the Highland Township Fire Department for recently receiving a \$1,000 grant from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This money will be used for a new fire hose nozzle.



Congratulations to the Evansport Veteran's Fireworks Association for recently receiving a \$1,000 grant from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This money will be used for the community fireworks that will take place on Saturday, July 6th in Evansport.

PACKING FOOD FOR OVERSEAS



Submitted by: **Camdyn Manz**

Members from the Leaders of Tomorrow 4H club recently gathered to pack soup for people in Ukraine.

Pictured from left to right are Liam Jones, Forrest Webb, Eddie Manz, Kiersten Arend, Betsie Manz, Calla Manz, and Maggie Webb.

UNEARNED RUNS SEND PILOTS OVER ACES

Ayersville scored four unearned runs and the Pilots made them stand up in a 4-1 victory over Hicksville Thursday in high school baseball action.

The Pilots scored single runs in the fourth and fifth before adding two more in the sixth to pick up the victory. Hicksville's lone run came in the fifth inning.

Abe Delano tossed the win for Ayersville, throwing six innings allowing three hits, one earned run and one walk. Delano also struck out seven Hicksville hitters.

Delano also added a single and a double at the plate for Ayersville, scoring twice and driving in one run. Carter Michel also doubled with Kolton Dockery, Andru Barick, Trenton Florence and Chris Steingass chipping in a single each.

Lucas Fishpaw and Steingass also touched home plate once each for the Pilots with Florence and Dockery picking up a run batted in apiece.

Fishpaw pitched the final inning for Ayersville, giving up one hit and striking out one.

Aidan Pollick took the loss for Hicksville, surrendering seven hits, four unearned runs and one walk with five strikeouts.

David Taylor led the Aces offense with two singles while Pollick and Deacon Bell finished with a single each. Caden Steffel scored the lone Hicksville run and Rylan Bassett had a run batted in.

LADY RAIDERS OUTLAST BULLDOGS

Tianna Sinn scored on an Allison Noggle sacrifice bunt in the bottom of the eighth inning to lift the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders to a 4-3 victory over visiting Edgerton Friday night in Green Meadows Conference softball action.

Wayne Trace opened a 1-0 advantage in the bottom of the fifth as an Allison Schilt single drove in Katie Anna Baumle.

After Edgerton tied the game at 1-1 in the top of the sixth, the Lady Raiders answered with a Tianna Sinn single that plated Ava Zartman to make it 2-1.

The Bulldogs again responded, picking up an Alivia Farnham tripled and scored on a Kennedy Stuu single to even the contest at 2-2.

In extra inning, Edgerton struck first when Corinne Cape reached on a Wayne Trace error before Olivia

Wallace followed with a single that plated Cape for a 3-2 Bulldog advantage.

The home half of the frame saw Wayne Trace answer.

Kaitlin Slade singled with Ella Crosby entering as a courtesy runner for the Raider catcher. Tianna Sinn then followed with a one-out double that plated Crosby to even the contest at 3-3, setting up the heroics by Sinn and Noggle for the Wayne Trace win.

Slade finished with a pair of singles for the red, white and blue while Schilt added two singles and drove in a run. Sinn chipped in a single and a double while scoring once and driving in two for the Lady Raiders.

Katie Anna Baumle doubled and scored for the red, white and blue while Ava Zartman and Crosby also touched home plate. Noggle also picked up a run batted in for Wayne Trace.

Raegan McGarvey recorded the win on the mound, throwing the eight-inning complete game giving up eight hits, three runs (two earned) and two walks with a dozen strikeouts.

Farnham tripled and scored for Edgerton while Olivia Wallace finished with two singles and two runs batted in. Casey Everetts, Corinne Cape, Ella Miller, Ava Giesige and Kennedy Stuu finished with a single each for the Lady Bulldogs.

Lola Giesige and Cape each scored a run for Edgerton while Stuu picked up a run batted in.

Corinne Cape suffered the loss for the Williams County squad, allowing seven hits, four runs (two earned) and one walk with three strikeouts.

MUSTER ON THE ST. MARY'S



Historic Fort Wayne, Inc. is gearing up for its first event of the summer season! "Muster on the St. Mary's - A Timeline Event" is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 11-12, 2024, at The Old Fort on Spy Run Avenue. It is a living history experience that will take you back through the ages of time. This is probably our most attended event by reenactors and interpreters.

As you enter the grounds of the fort, you will find yourself immersed in history from medieval times up to World War II. Reenactors representing soldiers from different eras of war will answer questions about their uniforms, weapons, and military life. Experience first-hand the life of the civilians in the camps as they perform their daily activities. There will be demonstrations on period cooking, gardening, clothing, and much more. Local artisans will also be on hand. The Old Fort will be bustling with activity!

Visitors can indulge in a variety of homemade baked treats while at the Old Fort as well. There is also Old Fort-

themed swag, for those looking to take a piece of history home with them.

The historic ambiance of The Old Fort provides a perfect backdrop for this event. Families and history enthusiasts can explore the buildings of the fort and interact with the reenactors, civilians, and local artisans.

While at the event, you can also check out the new construction. The Old Fort is almost fifty years old! Time and weather have taken their toll and major repairs are needed. Phase I is almost complete. Find out how you can help "Keep the Fort in Fort Wayne" at <https://oldfortwayne.org/about-us/oldfortrestoration/>.

Admission to the event is free, with the option of freewill donations. Historic Fort Wayne, Inc. is a nonprofit organization committed to preserving the rich heritage of Fort Wayne. As a volunteer-driven organization, it relies heavily on community support and donations to continue its mission of education and preservation.

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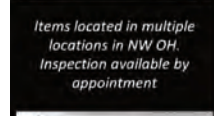
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RUBY'S STORY



Bradley did his best to help around the place. A couple of weeks later he told Ruby he was ready to pop the question, and set a date. Ruby was beyond happy that Bradley would ask her to marry him.

One day as Ruby and her mother were sitting on the front porch, the time came for Bradley to come home, but he did not show up. They didn't think a great deal of it because he sometimes worked late, so they waited. Evening came and still no Bradley. Her mother told her not to stress because of the baby. Sunrise came and still no Bradley. Ruby asked her mother to hitch up the wagon and take her to town.

No one had seen Bradley, and he hadn't shown up for work. They had no choice but to go back home. In the next few days a man came to their house, and said that Bradley had owed him a significant amount of money. Apparently Bradley had been a gambler. Soon a new problem arose, as Ruby started hemorrhaging. Her mama took her to the doctor. She lost the baby.

Her mama could tell Ruby was stressed, and one day she completely passed out, and back to the doctor they went. The doctor put her to bed and watched her constantly. She was in a coma for four days before she saw her mama. But her mama thought Ruby looked vexed. She had a strange look in her eyes. Her daughter seemed different. When they were home her daughter was no longer sad, all of her worries had vanished.

On Sunday Ruby was the first one to church, and stood up to testify which was completely out of character. She asked the minister to be baptized, and was baptized on a beautiful spring day. One day her mama sat her down, and asked her what made the change. She told her mama that she had never really been happy even when Bradley was around. She had always wanted to be a mama.

She said during the time that she was unconscious her body had left the land of the

I have often been amazed with the Appalachian people, and the stories they tell. I always wanted to visit the people that have very little education, seldom see a doctor, and perhaps never a dentist. I have gone to visit my daughter near Atlanta and have traveled I-65 to Nashville, I-24 to Chattanooga, then I-85 to Atlanta. When I see the hills, I wish I could go and visit the people there. Of course you can't see any life from the interstate, but there has got to be people there. The Appalachian Mountains cover parts of 12 states from New York to Georgia. Now for Ruby's story. Ruby's story began in the early 1900s, when she lived at Cave Cove, near Townsend, at the gateway of the Smoky's. She lived with her mama, as her daddy had passed away at the close of the century. They kept up the house as best they could, and raised nearly all of their food. But she needed a job and Jerry Miller the owner of the General Store offered her a job to keep the place clean.

Ruby was ecstatic and enjoyed the job. One day a drifter came through, and spoke to Ruby on the way out. She was instantly amazed by him. The drifter showed up at church, the next Sunday. He had gotten a job on a farm and kind of stuck around. He started coming around to see Ruby. Now don't get ahead of me, but they soon became an item.

One day they discovered that Ruby was with child. The drifter was ecstatic, and her mother was happy but worried that they were not married. Mama wanted Ruby to rest but there was just too much to be done, and Ruby did what she could. Later on Ruby finally took it easy.

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living, and had entered the spirit land. She had sat down and talked to a young man. She had seen heaven and it

FIRST FINANCIAL TO LAUNCH BOOK DRIVE FOR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



The First Financial team in Ft. Recovery, Ohio, helped to collect some of the 280 books gathered throughout Mercer County during the most recent book drive in 2022.

First Financial Bank (Nasdaq: FFBC) is launching a book drive at its location in Paulding, with the goal of contributing to improved financial literacy in the community. Books about personal finance and other subjects can be dropped in a specially marked bin in First Financial at 201 N. Main St., from May 6-24. All members of the community are welcome to join the effort, and donors do not need to be First Financial Bank clients. At the end of the campaign, First Financial associates will deliver the books to local organizations such as schools, libraries and non-

profit financial wellness tools and resources online at bankatfirst.com.

During First Financial's most recent book drive in 2022, the bank's associates, clients and other community members collected more than 20,000 books throughout Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois.

The book drive is the latest example of First Financial's work to help local communities. The bank and its associates gave more than \$4 million and 14,000 volunteer hours throughout its four-state footprint in 2023. Earlier this year, First Financial also announced a new Community Benefits Agreement in which it committed to \$2.4 billion in lending and investments to low- and moderate-income clients and census tracts from 2024-2028.

About First Financial Bancorp.

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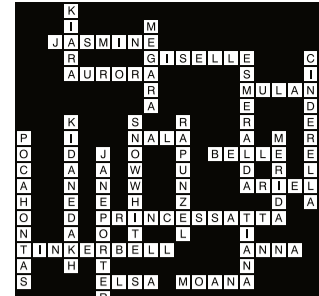
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took away all of her worry. "Who was the man?" "It was my son!"
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BASEBALL TOURNEY ASSIGNMENTS MADE FOR IHSAA SQUADS

The quartet of schools in the East Allen County School District will battle in two different high school baseball sectionals as pairings were released by the Indiana High



Crossword solution from page 9

School Athletic Association Sunday.

New Haven is in Class 4A Sectional 6 that is slated to be hosted by Columbia City.

Huntington North will play host Columbia City in the opener with Fort Wayne South Side and Homestead battling in a sectional quarterfinal as well.

Those two winners will meet in one sectional semifinal contest. The other sectional semifinal has New Haven tangling with Fort Wayne Wayne.

The two semifinal winners then meet in a sectional final to determine the sectional championship squad.

The trio of Heritage, Leo and Woodlan will all take part in the Class 3A, Sectional 21 that will be hosted by Angola.

In sectional quarterfinal pairings, Leo battles Heritage with Woodlan taking on Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran. Garrett tangles with Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger in the other sectional quarterfinal.

Sectional semifinal matchups has Angola playing the winner of the Garrett-Bishop Dwenger contest while the Leo-Heritage and Woodlan-Concordia victors square off in a sectional semifinal as well.

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Sectional games are slated to take place between May 22 and May 27.

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KIWANIS CLUB JOIN CARING & SHARING OPEN HOUSE FESTIVITIES



Pictured above are Kevin Stahl, Jane Gray, Randy Price, George Carter, Harry Wiebe, Corey Walker, Dave Burtch, and Bret Mack.

The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County had the honor of joining the Grand Opening festivities for the Caring & Sharing Food

Pantry during their May 2nd, 2024, club meeting.

Opting for a change of scenery, the group chose to forgo their usual meeting

routine and embark on a "field trip" to extend their support to this remarkable organization and celebrate their accomplishments.

MOONLIGHT ON THE MISSISSIPPI

Join us at the Eagles of Defiance for Food, Friends, Fun and Dancing on Friday, May 17th 5:00-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 4:00 p.m.).

Menu includes: Brisket, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans with Bacon, Cinnamon Peaches, Veggies with Dip, Dinner Rolls and Brookies for Dessert. Drinks will be available as well as a cash bar! Entertainment provided by Lee Warren.

Sponsors for this event and more are: 2024 Premier Events Sponsor: Sam Hornish;

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WOODBURN TO HOST MOTHER'S DAY FESTIVAL

There will be a Mother's Day Festival at the Woodburn Clock Tower on Saturday, May 11, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mother's Day Baskets Drawings will take place during the event along with a

cookout of Hamburgers & Hotdogs (free will offering).

Bumblebee the Transformer will visit at 11:00 a.m., as well as Face Painting and Balloon Art by T.A.G Art Company. Woodburn Branch of the Allen County Public Library will have a make & take craft - Mother's Day bookmarks. Indiana Wild will have animals on hand to pet and enjoy. Sno Biz will also be making Fluffy Hawaiian Ice Drinks.

This event is sponsored by: Woodburn Main Street, The Chop Shop, Financial Partners, FCU, Brian's Pizza and Woodburn Hardware.

SPECIAL FISHING REGULATIONS SET AT LA SU AN WILDLIFE AREA

Fisheries biologists with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife have set the special fishing regulations for this year at La Su An Wildlife Area in Williams County. The area is open to fishing now through September 2, 2024.

Fishing is permitted on Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from sunrise to sunset during the open season. Lake La Su An Wildlife Area is closed to fishing at all other times. Reservations are not needed to fish the lakes on Lake La Su An Wildlife Area. All vehicles are required to park in a designated parking space.

The sunfish daily limit is 15, with no more than five fish of 8 inches or longer. Largemouth bass have an 18-inch minimum length requirement and a five fish daily limit. Channel catfish have a two fish daily bag limit. Daily limits are posted on site and are in effect area wide. Anglers may only catch up to one daily limit for a species regardless of how many lakes are fished. All other statewide fishing regulations apply to the area's lakes. Anglers are also reminded that no fish may be used as bait on the area.

These regulations have been designed by Division of Wildlife fisheries biologists to continue the tradition of quality bluegill fishing on the Lake La Su An Wildlife Area lakes. The Division of Wildlife accomplishes this by limiting the number of days the lakes are open to fishing and the number of sunfish that anglers take home each day.

For more information and a map of fishing access locations, visit the Lake La Su An Wildlife Area page at wildohio.gov. The Division of Wildlife wants to help new and experienced anglers make the most of their outdoor adventures. Visit the Wild Ohio Harvest Community page for information on getting started, fishing tips and tricks, and delicious wild game recipes.

Visit wildohio.gov to find out more.

THIS WEEK ON PCBW: HOLISTIC WIZARD WELLNESS



This week on PCBW we hear from Joel Fields, owner of Holistic Wizard Wellness in Paulding, Ohio. Listen in as Joel walks through his journey to becoming a licensed massage therapist and a business owner. Learn how his passion for holistic health, and nearly a decade of experience, has created unique services here in Paulding County including; therapeutic massages, craniosacral therapy, and solutions for stress and

burnout-related issues.

Huge thank you to OhioMeansJobs for sponsoring this program. You can tune into 102.7FM on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or listen online at www.my1027.org/paulding-county-business-weekly/. Paulding County Business Weekly is also available on many podcast platforms including Apple, Google & Spotify. #pauldingcountystrong

MT. CALVARY SPRING RALLY DONATES TO HANDS OF HOPE



Pictured is Joe and Cheryl Stromski delivering the baby items to Hands of Hope director Mindy Stoller

On April 20th Mt Calvary Lutheran Church held a Spring Rally with other Defiance Zone Lutheran Churches. (Missouri Synod)

Everyone enjoyed a breakfast, Christian fellowship, business meeting, and a program with keynote speaker Monica Kelsey, from Safe Haven Baby Boxes in located in Woodburn, IN.

Monica's inspirational journey is truly incredible that led to creating the Baby Boxes now being placed all over the United States. More information can be found at SHBB.org.

An ingathering of baby items from those in attendance was donated to Hands of Hope in Paulding, Ohio.

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PER LB

CHECK OUT OUR 6

NEW PRODUCTS IN THE

PICK 5

PROGRAM!

DUTCH FARMS

OVEN-TO-TABLE ORANGE CHICKEN



\$6.99

32 OZ BAG

FROZEN BULK

JIMMY DEAN PRE-COOKED BREAKFAST SAUSAGE LINKS



\$1.99

PER LB

HOMEMADE

BREAKFAST SAUSAGE

ALL VARIETIES



\$4.99

PER LB

SMITHFIELD

POWER BITES SAUSAGE POPPERS • HAM & CHEESE



\$3.29

12 OZ BAG

KITCHEN READY

CHICKEN OR BEEF BROTH



\$1.99

DAILY CHOICE

PRE-COOKED BACON



\$1.99

300 SLICE PK.

FRESH

CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS



\$1.49

PER LB

UNITED WAY OF PAULDING COUNTY'S

PURSE BINGO

Free Will Donation: Mexican Bar & Refreshments

May 11th, 2024 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM | OSU Extension Building

Paulding Fair Grounds, Paulding, Ohio

\$30 PER TICKET, 10 PURSES TO WIN

GRAND PRIZE: 4 DAY/3 NIGHT HOTEL STAY

MULTIPLE DESTINATIONS TO PICK FROM.
Flights and taxes not included.

KATE SPADE, COACH, & MICHAEL KORS PURSES
RAFFLE ITEMS, JEWELRY & DOOR PRIZES

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