

## VOTING FOR PAULDING HOLIDAY WINDOW DECORATING CONTEST OPENS DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>



Pictured working on the Paulding County Trails Project Window is Kathleen Stoller.

By: Erica Noggle

The holiday season is officially underway, and the town is aglow with the magic of the Chamber's Annual Holiday Window Decorating Contest! Local businesses have gone above and beyond to create

dazzling, original displays that embody the spirit of the season and showcase their community pride. Now, it's your turn to help choose which window stands out as the community favorite.

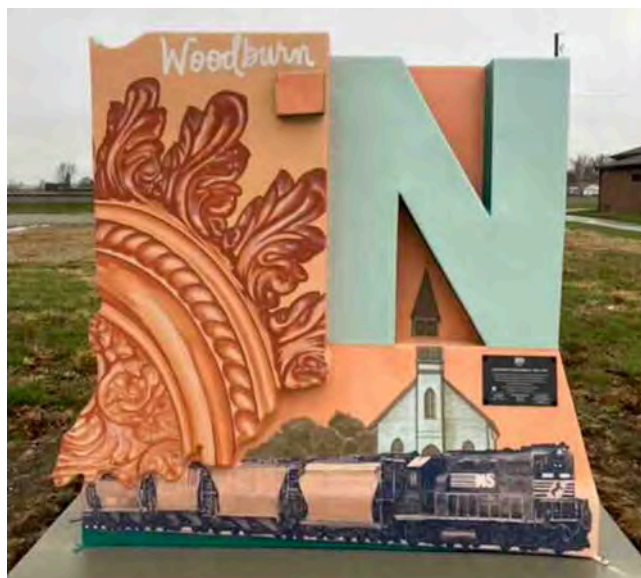
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Choice Award will open on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 5 PM and continue through Monday, December 9, 2024, at noon.

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## WOODBURN MAIN STREET SET TO HOST 2 MAJOR EVENTS



In honor of Allen County Indiana's 200th Anniversary, Woodburn Main Street will have a ribbon cutting at 10:00 a.m. on December 14, 2024. This ribbon cutting is to show off the new monument in town (shown above). This monument was part of a

county-wide project to honor this milestone of history.

Also on December 14th, Santa is coming to Woodburn! He will arrive at the Clock Tower and stay to visit with the children from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. He will arrive on

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### Community Calendar

#### MON & WED

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

#### December 2

- Christmas Lighting @  
Greenway Park (by Town  
Hall) in Antwerp, 6pm
- Merry & Bright Parade @  
Paulding, 6pm

#### December 3

- GIVING TUESDAY!
- PCRTA meeting @ Paulding  
Pancake House, 9:30am

#### December 4

- PC PERI meeting @ PC Sen.  
Ctr., 10am

#### December 5

- Blood Drive @ 1<sup>st</sup> Church of  
Christ, Hicksville, 1-6pm

#### December 7

- Santa Claus in Antwerp! @  
Antwerp Fire Dept, 1-2:30p
- Christmas Open House @  
Oakwood Elementary, 10a-  
4p
- Holiday Craft Bazaar @ NH  
UMC, 8a-2p
- Lifeway Wesleyan Church  
Craft Bazaar, FW, 8:30a-  
2:30p

#### December 6-8

- Elf, Jr. @ Huber, Hicksville  
(see ad on pg 3!)
- Festival of Trees @ Convoy  
Opera House, 3-6p (F), 10a-  
7p (Sa), 1-5p (Su)

#### December 7-8

- Kris Kringle Market @  
Convoy Fox Hunters bldg.,  
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## OBITUARIES



## PREMIER BANK LAUNCHES 5TH ANNUAL KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

Premier Bank is pleased to announce the launch of the 5th annual "Powered By (kind) People. Fueled By You." campaign.

The "Powered By (kind) People. Fueled By You." tagline reflects Premier Bank's longstanding commitment to the community.

Powered By (kind) People represents the strong sense of passion the Bank's associates have for supporting local communities, coupled with the Bank's commitment to giving back. Fueled By You represents the inspiration that the Bank's clients and communities give them to give back and spread kindness in the places they call home.

"This annual campaign is especially meaningful to us because it symbolizes our associates, customers and the communities that we serve," said Gary Small, President & CEO, Premier Bank. "The kindness we witness in our communities inspires us to support local initiatives, events and projects. Whether we are donating our time or resources, we know that every act of kindness makes our communities stronger. Once again, we are excited to invite the entire community to join us in our dedication and passion for spreading kindness, doing good deeds and strengthening our communities!"

Because one simple act can fuel the cycle of kindness, the Bank proudly encourages associates to participate in their Community Volunteer Program, which is designed to give associates the opportunity to represent Premier Bank through community events and organizations that they are passionate about. This program provides paid volunteer time for associates annually. "Partnerships with community organizations, schools and local businesses let the Premier Bank team share their time and expertise through paid volunteer hours and beyond," added Small.

The Bank has also invited 5 of their valued community partners from various markets to join them in a video series titled "Powered by (kind) People. Fueled by You. Video Series", as they work together to spread kindness and collectively support important programs to benefit families in the communities they serve.

For more information, please visit [YourPremierBank.com/Kindness](http://YourPremierBank.com/Kindness) and use #PoweredByKindness to share acts of kindness on Facebook and Instagram to inspire others to keep spreading kindness.

## SUPPORT LOCAL FOOD BANKS WITH DONATED VENISON THIS HUNTING SEASON

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife is again

## PHASE II: OLD FORT RESTORATION PROJECT



Phase II of The Old Fort Restoration Project began Monday, December 2, at the Old Fort on the Doctor's Quarters and Hospital. A crew from Hart Log Homes LLC began demolition of the building Monday morning. The new timbers will arrive Wednesday, December 4. Construction of the new building will begin as early as Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning.

Hard work of the preserva-

tion and maintenance of the Old Fort will be ongoing so all can continue to bring history alive in Fort Wayne for years to come. A Capital Campaign is currently in progress. Historic Fort Wayne, Inc. does not receive state or federal funding but relies on generous donations from members of the community. We need your help to Keep the Fort in Fort Wayne!

Go to [oldfortwayne.org](http://oldfortwayne.org)

## BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH TO SHOW FAMILY MOVIE: GREATER



Everyone wonders "Why bad things happen to good people." On Sunday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m., the Bible Fellowship Church in Paul-

ding will be having a family movie night for all in the community that tries to answer that question.

The film, "Greater" is a masterful portrayal of Brandon Burlsworth's story, arguably the greatest walk-on in the history of college football. It showcases a seamless interweaving of heart-touching family dynamics, intense football action, and moving personal struggles that leaves viewers inspired and emotionally engaged.

Admission to the movie is free and there will be popcorn and water available, also free.

partnering with Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) to support local food banks with donated venison. With a \$30,000 grant from the Division of Wildlife, FHFH and participating processors donate harvested white-tailed deer to charitable organizations throughout Ohio.

Hunters who harvest a deer and would like to donate the venison can bring it to one of 34 certified deer processing shops in Ohio. Each donated deer is provided to a verified charitable organization that offers food assistance. One harvested deer yields approximately 50 pounds of venison, which equates to about 200 meals. Find the complete list of processors accepting donations of harvested deer at [feedingthehungry.org](http://feedingthehungry.org) (<https://feedingthehungry.org/>). Hunters who donate their harvested deer are not required to pay for the processing of the venison.

Donate a harvested deer this hunting season to one of 34 certified processing shops through Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry.

This program encourages the harvest of deer for the purpose of wildlife management in Ohio, as well as provides for the wise and charitable use of the wildlife resource for direct public benefit. During the 2023-24 deer hunting season, FHFH coordinated the processing

of 1,157 deer donated by Ohio hunters. Seventy-nine charitable organizations then distributed the venison.

Ohio's deer archery hunting season is open until Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025. Statewide gun seasons are Monday, Dec. 2 until Sunday, Dec. 8, and again Dec. 21-22. The muzzleloader season is from Saturday, Jan. 4 to Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025. Hunting licenses and deer permits are available on the HuntFish OH (<https://ohiodnr.gov/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/hunting-resources/huntfishoh-mobile-app>) app, at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) (<https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/wildlife>), or at any license vendor.

Venison is a lean meat with high nutritional value. Wild Ohio Harvest (<https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/education-training/wild-ohio-harvest-community/wild-ohio-harvest-community>) provides a variety of delicious recipes for deer, turkey, fish, and small game. Check out the Wild Ohio Harvest Cookbook (<https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/education-training/wild-ohio-harvest-cookbook/wild-ohio-harvest-cookbook>) for ideas on cooking venison and other wild game.

The mission of the Division of Wildlife is to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their

## Scripture of the Week

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
His love endures forever."

— Psalm 136:1,26

## CLEANSING PRAYER



Heavenly Father, I need your Holy Spirit to help me not think and live according to my old ways. I place my childhood fears and bloodline curses behind me and I cancel them, in Jesus's name. By faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, I choose not to be enslaved to them any longer!

Today, I lay aside my fear of facing the pain from past friendships, romances, lovers, and relatives. I renounce the spirits of pride, bitterness, lying, self-exaltation, rebellion, witchcraft, and the occult. I choose to not walk in these any longer. When I am tested by these deceiving spirits, I choose to respond in godliness, righteousness and authority. Father, I thank you for removing any mental strongholds and for helping me to think and see clearly.

I choose not to listen to other spiritual voices. Instead, I choose to listen to your voice. From this time forth, I will not trust in lying spirits who claim to offer me protection from evil. I close every

door to Satan. I will not seek a false defense to shield myself from wrong, exploitation, or harm. I look to you, Lord Jesus, and place my trust in you to protect me from the harm of well-meaning people and from demonic spirits. Jesus, I choose you to be my Savior and Holy Spirit, I choose you to be my defense.

Father, according to your word in 1 John 1:9 it says, If we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. So I confess that I have not loved rightly. I have resented others. I confess and renounce my sin, known and unknown. I now recognize my sin and confess it before you. With godly sorrow and repentance in my heart, I ask you Father, to deliver me from the snare of the fowler and set me totally free. Your truth is a shield to me and under your wings, I see refuge. By faith in your word, I now receive and take hold of your forgiveness and cleansing. Also Father, by the blood of your Son, Jesus, I forgive myself as you have forgiven me.

Lord Jesus, I claim your promise in Psalm 91:14-15: Because I have set my love upon you, you will deliver me. You will set me on high because I have known your name. I will call upon you, and you will answer me. You will be with me in trouble. You will deliver me and honor me.

Father, I give you thanks and praise and I believe it is done, in Jesus' name, Amen!

Peace and Love,

—Pastor Dwayne

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In 2024, join ODNR as we celebrate 75 years of protecting Ohio's natural resources

and providing outstanding and award-winning recreational opportunities.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at [ohiodnr.gov](http://ohiodnr.gov).

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time by taking a stroll through town to admire the creative and cheerful displays crafted by our local businesses. Once you've seen the windows, casting your vote is easy! Each participating display features a sign with a voting link and a QR code to scan for direct access to the ballot.

"We're so proud of the creativity and effort our local businesses have put into this competition," said Erica Noggle, Executive Director of the Paulding Area Chamber of

Commerce. "Their enthusiasm and pride in our community shine through each window. We greatly appreciate their participation and encourage everyone to come out, enjoy the displays, and support our amazing local businesses."

This contest is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season, support local businesses, and enjoy the beauty and creativity of our town. Mark your calendar and get ready to vote starting December 2nd!

## OHIO HAS TALENT! SEEKING AUDITIONS

Contestants for a statewide talent competition have a chance to win \$1,000, \$500, or \$250!

Auditions for Ohio Has Talent! 2025 are set for December 13-14 in Van Wert. Download an audition application at [www.comhealthpro.org/event-calendar](http://www.comhealthpro.org/event-calendar).

The top acts selected will perform in the Ohio Has Talent! March 1, 2025 show at Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert. All entertainment talents are welcome including single and group acts. Talents beyond singing and dancing are especially encouraged to audition. Prize winners are based on audience votes.

Ohio Has Talent! is a benefit show for the patient care fund of CHP Home Care & Hospice, a nonprofit organization serving northwest and west central Ohio.

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# JAMESTOWN



Map from atlas shows Jamestown, Virginia, was 600 MI South of Plymouth, Massachusetts. The climate should have been much warmer.

We tend to think that the pilgrims were the first settlers in America but that is not the case. A group came over from England and settled in Jamestown, Virginia, 10 years earlier. On April 26, 1607, three ships landed in America. They had sailed from England in December, and carried 100 passengers.

They landed at Chesapeake Bay, looking for a place to settle. They sailed about 60 miles up the James River and settled on a peninsula which they called Jamestown, naming both of them after King James.

One of the reasons they chose this is because they thought it would be easy to defend, with entrance on land from only one direction. Also the river was so deep that they could dock against land.

It is said they saw "Fair medders and goodly tall trees," along the coast. "The interesting thing is that these were all men. 100 men. They had been financed by a group of investors who charged them to: search for treasure, to raise farm products to be sent to England, and to spread the Christian faith among the Indians. The very first settlers in America were missionaries.

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They landed on May 14, 1607, and founded a permanent settlement, but things were bad from the start. They had no drinking water, and the land was swampy. The unwholesome conditions weakened the men, and 2/3 of them died of malnutrition, malaria, pneumonia, and dysentery. John Smith was their leader, but something came up and he had to go back to England. Indian attacks, starvation, and disease plagued their colony. The colonist called the following winter, "The starving time."

The next spring women were shipped over to be wives for the men. Lord De La Warr was appointed governor of the settlement. At this time there were 18,000 Indians living in Virginia. 30 tribes gathered together to form a Confederacy under the leadership of Powhatan. His daughter Pocahontas married John Rolfe one of the colonists. England had sent over another wave of, "Young, handsome and honestly educated maids," to become wives for the men.

By 1619 the population of Jamestown was nearly a thousand. In 1619 they set up the first lawmaking body in America called, "The House of Burgess." In 1620 there arrived a Dutch ship carrying 20 negroes. There were many that followed them and they helped make the settlement prosperous. The thing that saved the colony was that they were able to grow their own food, and by now they had children to help with the labor and to stabilize the families.

In 1622 the Indians broke the peace and attacked and killed about 350 people. Later on they attacked again and killed about 500 people. Today Jamestown is an island and a tourist attraction. The area today is owned by the National

Park Service and is operated by the Colonial National Historic Park. In 1957 they celebrated the 350th anniversary of the settling of Jamestown.

If I were younger this would be a neat place to visit and to study the history of our country. Today the park has a replica of the areas first fort, Powhatan's Lodge, and the three ships that brought the first settlers. Too bad the settlers didn't know that I-64 runs just a few miles from Jamestown. They could have hopped on and saved all of that trouble.

-James Neuhouser

## AUGLAIZE CO. FAIR ANNOUNCES 2025 CONCERT FEATURING EDDIE MONTGOMERY



The Auglaize County Fair is thrilled to announce the lineup for its concert on August 2nd, 2025, featuring Eddie Montgomery of Montgomery Gentry. The event will also feature Brother Believe Me as the opening act. The concert will be held in the Auglaize County Fairgrounds Grandstands, with gates opening at 5:30 p.m.

Montgomery Gentry is one of country music's most iconic duos, known for their signature blend of Southern rock and honky-tonk anthems. Formed in the late 1990s by Eddie Montgomery and the late Troy Gentry, the duo gained national recognition with hits like "My Town," "Hell Yeah," "Something to Be Proud Of," and "If You Ever Stop Loving Me." With numerous chart-topping singles and multiple award nominations, Montgomery Gentry has been a mainstay in the country music scene for over two decades. Eddie Montgomery continues to honor the legacy of the duo with performances that keep the spirit of Montgomery Gentry's music alive and rockin for fans across the nation.

Brian Knatz, a member of the Auglaize County Fair Board, expressed the board's excitement for the 2025 concert. "We hope to continue to have that community support and wish to see growth from last year so we can continue to grow this event," said Knatz. "It takes a lot to put on an event like this, and with everyone's support, we hope to keep a concert at the Auglaize Fair for the unforeseeable future. Our community's enthusiasm has been amazing, and we look forward to building on that momentum."

Following a successful inaugural concert in 2024 featuring rising country star Conner Smith, the Fair Board has chosen to bring in one of country music's most beloved acts for 2025. Jake Vogel, another Fair Board member, shared the board's excitement. "The community support was great for the concert last year. From the concert-goers to the sponsors and volunteers—everyone thought it was a big hit, which is why we wanted to keep the ball rolling and continue into 2025," said Vogel.

"Montgomery Gentry is a legendary band with a catalog of great hits, and we thought they'd be a perfect fit for the fair crowd here in Auglaize County. After introducing an up-comer like Conner Smith, we wanted to bring in an established artist with a wide appeal to get the crowd rocking."

The Auglaize County Fair Board is proud to acknowledge the local sponsors, volunteers, and the community for their continued support in making events like this possible. Special thanks go to 92.1 The Frog, RRR Tire Service, Bambauer Fertilizer & Seed, Inc., B. Cook & Son Plumbing & Heating, Inc., and Harrod Nagel Electric, Inc. for their generous contributions.

"Our sponsors and volunteers are vital to the success of this event," said Knatz. "We're incredibly grateful for their unwavering support. With their help, we hope to continue offering incredible live music and entertainment at the Auglaize County Fair for years to come."

Visit [auglaizecountyfair.org](http://auglaizecountyfair.org) for information.

## LEHMKUHLE RELEASES SECOND BOOK



2000 Wayne Trace Graduate, Erik Lehmkuhle, has released his second book, *The Swiss Effect*. This is Erik's year-long investigation that includes research and interviews that lead to the direct influence European Oligarchs have on US soil.

Millions of Americans have wondered, who is running Joe Biden? It is a valid question as we have, in real time, watched his mental capacity deteriorate. My investigation answers this question down to the power brokers and Big 3 asset management corporations that initiate their anti-Constitutional agenda. This money path takes you all over the globe and every vein has one singular destination.

## STUDY REVEALS OHIO'S GROWING STRUGGLE TO PRESERVE AGRICULTURAL LAND AMID URBAN EXPANSION

A trio of researchers from The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) has conducted an in-depth analysis of Ohio's declining agricultural land, providing new insights into the forces driving this trend and its implications for the future of farming in the state.

Ani Katchova, professor and Farm Income Enhancement Endowed Chair in Agricultural Policy, Trade, and Marketing with the CFAES Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics (AEDE), Carl Zulauf, professor emeritus, and Mujahidul Islam, a CFAES PhD student, led the study, which examines the conversion of agricultural land into developed areas.

The report findings have

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significant implications for land-use policies as urban development increasingly encroaches on Ohio's rural areas.

"Since 2001, Ohio has lost 268,430 acres of agricultural land, a decline of 2.04%," Katchova said. "While much of the focus has been on development, it's important to note that development accounts for only half of this land loss."

The research found that nearly half (48%) of the agricultural land lost during this period was converted to developed land, with Ohio's 14 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) — including major cities such as Columbus, Cincinnati, and Cleveland — accounting for the majority of the losses. These cities alone were responsible for 78% of the total agricultural land lost to development in the state.

Franklin and Delaware counties, located within the Columbus MSA, saw the most significant losses, with 13,170 and 9,547 acres converted, respectively. In the city of Columbus alone, 19,670 acres of agricultural land were lost to development within a 3-mile radius of the city boundary.

"The conversion of agricultural land is not just about urban sprawl," Katchova noted in a recent Ohio Farm Bureau podcast discussing the study. "We also need to consider other factors contributing to this loss, such as shifts in farming practices and land use changes beyond development."

"This broader understanding is critical for policymakers who need to balance urban growth with farmland preservation."

The study also found that the rate of agricultural land loss is consistent with trends observed in other Midwest states, where, on average, 55% of lost agricultural land has been converted to development.

However, Ohio's loss of agricultural land stands out for its concentration in major

metropolitan areas.

"As the population continues to grow and urban areas expand, the challenge of preserving farmland becomes more complex," Katchova said. "Ohio's agricultural land is a precious resource, and land preservation efforts are needed if there is a desire to protect it."

Katchova and her team emphasized that land-use policies likely need to be tailored differently for areas inside and outside of MSAs, given the stark differences in land loss patterns. In the Columbus MSA, for example, the pace of agricultural land conversion is significantly higher than in other parts of Ohio.

"This rapid pace of conversion in and around Columbus could have long-term implications for agricultural land loss in the state," Katchova said. "The needs of preserving agricultural land need to be carefully balanced with the needs to converting agricultural land for development purposes around the major cities in Ohio."

Implications for the future

Understanding the underlying causes of agricultural land loss is vital for developing effective policies that can both accommodate urban growth and protect Ohio's agricultural heritage. Katchova's research also highlights the importance of considering the impact of development on both a local and statewide level, if the current pace of development of Ohio's farmland continues.

"Given that Ohio's urban centers are growing rapidly, local governments and policymakers may want to consider strategies that balance farmland conversion with development needs," Katchova said. "Differential policies and preservation programs may be developed for cities and rural areas based on their different rates of converting agricultural land to developed areas."

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an East Central Fire Truck! There will be treats for all – Christmas cookies from Brian's Pizza, Gift Bags from Woodburn Branch Library, Hot cocoa & coffee from Westwood Fellowship

Church, Chili and homemade bread from Woodburn Main Street.

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### SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

With November drawing to a close, we are looking forward with anticipation to the busy month of December. December is a wonderful time to visit the school and enjoy a concert, extracurricular activity, or athletic event. The choirs and band have been busy preparing for holiday concerts and athletic teams are preparing for their competition seasons. Your support at these events is appreciated by the students, directors, coaches, and advisors. Clip and save the list of events in this newsletter for future reference.

Our winter home sporting events that take place in the main gym will be viewable on your computer by going to Youtube.com and typing Antwerp Athletics in the search box. A specially designed camera has been positioned in the main gym to provide this service. Radio station 102.7 FM will also live-stream and provide broadcasters for many home Varsity basketball games. Visit my1027.org to view the games.

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> will be the final day of classes prior to the start of the holiday break. There will be no school December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Classes resume Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone has an opportunity to spend time with family and friends during this holiday season. A reminder that there will be no school Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Also note that a change was recently made to our current school year calendar with Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> being designated as a no school day for students in order for our staff to participate in an In-Service Day with professional development focused on curriculum matters.

January is School Board Recognition Month and a chance for all of us to say thanks to our school board members for the important work that they do for our school. The positive leadership of the board members and their concern for the well-being of the students in our district continue to make Antwerp a great place to work, a wonderful place to go to school, and a source of community pride. Our current Board of Education has 70 years of combined experience leading our school district. Board member Bob Herber is completing his 23<sup>rd</sup> year, Board member Anita Bok is completing her 19<sup>th</sup> year, Board member Dennis Recker is completing his 13<sup>th</sup> year, Board President Sara Schuette is completing her 9<sup>th</sup> year, and Board Vice-President Jayme Landers has served on the Board for the past 7 ½ years.

Our Board of Education would like to thank our district residents for your support of our recent five year .75% Income Tax **Renewal** election ballot issue. Passage of the ballot issue was necessary in order to maintain the district’s current services and programs for our students. During the past few school years, funds from the levy have been utilized for a variety of needs including the offering of full day every day Kindergarten, the purchase of exterior and interior security cameras, providing for a full-time on-site School Resource Officer, and providing professional development opportunities for our staff.

I am very thankful for the support from the community, students, staff, administration, and school board. I am surrounded by people who have a vested interest in making Antwerp Local Schools a great place for each child to reach his/her potential.

Yours in education,  
 Dr. Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

### MS. ARNOLD - HS/MS

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize many groups and individuals for their recent academic and extracurricular accomplishments. Congratulations to our First-Quarter Students of the Quarter! Each staff member chose a student who went above and beyond expectations during the first grading period. The group then enjoyed a day out of school at the Toledo Zoo. The following students were chosen: Bryceton Barker, Noah Lucas, Alyssa Phillips, Aiden Dunderman, Clare Ehrhart, Blake Gribler, Aiden Hook, Eliana Hormann, Alyssa Lawson, Keira Spyker, Krystal Bradbury, Leigha Doster, Zaine McMichael, Raelynne Zuber, Allison Carnes, and Gracie Stoller.

Thank you to the student groups that played a part in our Veterans Day assembly. A special thank you to Mrs. Smith and the MS/HS Choir, Mrs. Newell and our HS Band, Elementary Student Council Members, and Boy Scout Troop #143. Special thanks to our local veterans for joining us. Thank you for your service!

The Archer Marching Band recently wrapped up their successful fall season with their annual indoor Marching Band concert and winter concert.

The *Archer* 2023-2024 yearbook recently was recognized by winning an All-Ohio award. The *Archer* has won this award more times than any other yearbook in the state. Senior Gracie Stoller won Honorable Mention in the JEA Student Media Contests in Philadelphia for Yearbook Theme Design. Students CJ Eaton and Gracie Stoller are also serving as OSMA student board members for the school year.

Winter extra-curricular activities are underway. We hope to see you at a concert and/or athletic event soon.

Thank you for helping to make our first semester a great one. Enjoy the holiday season with your families!

~ Ms. Jessie Arnold, MS/HS Principal

### HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Any student (grades 6-12) wishing to change his/her schedule for the second semester should see Mrs. Hammer before Winter break begins. All schedule changes must occur before January 17<sup>th</sup>. All middle school scheduling changes require a note or email from a parent or guardian.

Vantage faculty will be here in January during AA to talk with sophomores about attending Vantage for the 2025-2026 school year. Interested sophomores will visit Vantage on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Students taking University of Findlay or Northwest State Community College CCP classes will start their Spring semester on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Students should log in to their Sakai or Canvas account on the 13<sup>th</sup> to make sure their courses are active.

For the latest scholarships, please visit <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsmsguidance/scholarships?authuser=0>.

Scheduling for the 2025-2026 school year will begin in late January. More information on scheduling will be available in Mrs. Hammer’s Google Classroom.

### MR. BILLMAN - ELEMENTARY

#### OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

A huge congratulations to our elementary students who earned Student of the Month for the month of October.

**Kindergarten:** Georgia Kobee, Freya Chafin, & Kainen Bok

**1st Grade:** Micah Mendez, Allura DeVault, & Eloise Scharr

**2nd Grade:** Zeke Laker, Riley Henschen, & Duke Wiesehan

**3rd Grade:** Jaxton Schilt & Eve Graham

**4th Grade:** Roman Laker, Deacon Hitzeman, & Ensley Parisot

**5th Grade:** Jayden Fish, Brock Barker, & Lauren Overman

#### UPCOMING WINTER EVENTS:

Our 2nd and 3rd grade students will perform at their Winter Concert on December 12<sup>th</sup>, under the guidance of Mrs. Andrea Newell and Mrs. Mary Smith. On December 9<sup>th</sup> our 1st grade students will spread holiday cheer by caroling at Antwerp Manor. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Katie Scharr, Mrs. Mary Lillemon, and Mrs. Katrina Tonneas for their hard work in organizing this event. Additionally, our preschool will host a canvas painting party with parents on December 11<sup>th</sup>. We're excited about all the fun and festive activities lined up for this holiday season!

~ Mr. Doug Billman, Elementary Principal

### ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month in elementary guidance, kindergarteners learned the difference between tattling and warning by listening to the book, *A Bad Case of Tattle Tongue*. They then completed a fun activity afterward.

First graders learned that they should be grateful for all things big and small by listening to the book *The Gratitude Jar*. Mrs. Lichty then shared her own gratitude jar, which contained small items, such as a fork, toilet paper, and sugar, to remind the students that even on our hardest days, we can always find something to be grateful for.

Second graders learned about gratitude by watching a video explaining what gratitude is. They then took a “gratitude walk” around the school and wrote down all of things they were grateful for in our school.

Third graders also learned about gratitude by listening to the book, *Gratitude is my Superpower*. Then they made their own gratitude superhero and received a gratitude stone and journal to remind them to practice gratitude.

Fourth graders learned about gratitude by making a gratitude rainbow.

Fifth graders learned about rumors and gossip by watching a video on the topic and playing “telephone” to demonstrate how easily a rumor can be misunderstood and get out of control.

As always, Mrs. Lichty is always available to meet with students for their individual needs. You can contact her at 419-258-5421, extension 2204, or lichty\_e@antwerpschools.org.

### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

#### BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

|        |      |                       |
|--------|------|-----------------------|
| Dec 6  | 6:00 | vs. Ft. Jennings      |
| Dec 10 | 6:00 | vs. Ottoville         |
| Dec 14 | 6:00 | vs. Continental       |
| Dec 17 | 6:00 | @ North Central       |
| Dec 21 | 6:00 | vs. Delphos Jefferson |
| Dec 27 | 8:00 | Rte 49 Tourney (Home) |
| Dec 28 | TBA  | Rte 49 Tourney (Home) |
| Jan 3  | 6:00 | @ Tinora              |
| Jan 4  | 5:00 | @ Crestview           |
| Jan 10 | 6:00 | vs. Paulding          |
| Jan 13 | 6:00 | @ Hilltop             |
| Jan 17 | 6:00 | vs. Edgerton          |
| Jan 18 | 4:00 | @ Lincolnview         |
| Jan 24 | 6:00 | @ Fairview            |
| Jan 25 | 6:00 | @ Patrick Henry       |
| Jan 31 | 6:00 | vs. Wayne Trace       |

#### GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

|        |       |                           |
|--------|-------|---------------------------|
| Dec 3  | 6:00  | vs. Stryker               |
| Dec 5  | 6:00  | vs. Holgate               |
| Dec 9  | 6:00  | @ Miller City             |
| Dec 14 | 12:00 | vs. Parkway               |
| Dec 17 | 6:00  | @ North Central           |
| Dec 19 | 8:00  | Rte 49 Tourney @ Edgerton |
| Dec 20 | TBA   | Rte 49 Tourney @ Edgerton |
| Jan 2  | 6:00  | vs. Tinora                |
| Jan 7  | 6:00  | @ Crestview               |
| Jan 9  | 6:00  | @ Paulding                |
| Jan 14 | 6:00  | @ Lincolnview             |
| Jan 16 | 6:00  | @ Edgerton                |
| Jan 21 | 6:30  | @ Continental             |
| Jan 23 | 6:00  | vs. Fairview              |
| Jan 28 | 6:00  | vs. Pettisville           |
| Jan 30 | 6:00  | @ Wayne Trace             |

#### VARSITY BOYS WRESTLING

|        |       |                      |
|--------|-------|----------------------|
| Dec 7  | 9:00  | @ Hicksville         |
| Dec 14 | 9:00  | @ Lincolnview Invite |
| Dec 27 | 10:00 | @ Defiance           |
| Dec 28 | 9:30  | @ Defiance           |
| Jan 11 | 9:00  | @ Crestview Duals    |
| Jan 14 | 6:00  | vs. Edg/FV/PW        |
| Jan 18 | 10:00 | @ Celina             |

#### VARSITY GIRLS WRESTLING

|        |       |                        |
|--------|-------|------------------------|
| Dec 8  | 9:00  | @ Bryan Invite         |
| Dec 14 | 10:00 | @ Archbold Invite      |
| Jan 4  | 9:00  | @ Tinora Invite        |
| Jan 18 | 9:00  | @ Patrick Henry Invite |

### UPCOMING EVENTS

|              |                                       |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| Dec 12       | Winter Choral Concert - 2nd/3rd       |
| Dec 16       | Winter Choral Concert - MS/HS         |
| Dec 17       | Winter Band Concert                   |
| Dec 19       | Board of Education Meeting            |
| Dec 20       | End of 2nd Quarter                    |
| Dec 23-Jan 3 | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Christmas Break    |
| Jan 6        | Classes Resume                        |
| Jan 20       | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> - M.L.K. Jr. Day     |
| Feb 17       | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Presidents Day     |
| Feb 28       | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Teacher In-service |

### CAFETERIA MENU

|            |                                                                     |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon, Dec 2 | Chicken alfredo w/ breadstick, caesar salad, strawberry cup, & milk |
| Tue, Dec 3 | Pulled pork on bun, coleslaw, pineapple, & milk                     |
| Wed, Dec 4 | Hot dog on bun, cheesy tots, apples, & milk                         |
| Thu, Dec 5 | Vegetable beef soup, garlic bread, pears, & milk                    |
| Fri, Dec 6 | Chicken bacon ranch or BBQ chicken pizza, salad, grapes, & milk     |

Our menus are subject to change without notice.



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Friends,  
For over a hundred years, the First Presbyterian Church has been a fixture in the Antwerp Community. Our congregants have been medical workers, teachers, and stay at home moms. We have sent out sons to the military and not always been able to welcome them home.

When faith in God diminished, this church kept

their doors open because of the faithful. We have been able to serve this community in so many ways. Our community reaches out and looks to us for help and comfort at their low times and in times of celebration, we make ourselves available to the community.

In recent years, the congregation has been able to make repairs and upgrades to the building and continue to serve our community. During covid, we were able to work in shifts to make repairs and paint our sanctuary, after a leak was discovered in the roof, we were fortunate enough to be able to make the affected bathroom handicapped accessible and add a second bathroom. Our determination to keep the building in good repair is essential to being able to serve the community.

Now we find ourselves in need of the community's help. The stained glass windows in the sanctuary need repaired, the frames painted and new storm windows put in. This project will again push the desire to make our building more accessible a little further down on our upgrade list. As we struggle to find a way for people to access our fellowship hall from outside and the bathrooms from upstairs, we also struggle with the cost of these 2 projects. The cost of these two things are going to cost us almost \$300, 000, if everything goes according to plan. This is where we need you. We welcome donations in the mail at PO Box 396, Antwerp, Ohio 45813, or in person at our Sunday morning service at 10am.

As donations come in,

you will be added to our donor prayer list, or remain anonymous. Thank you for any help you can provide.

—Antwerp Presbyterian Church

## 2024 CONVOY CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

### DOWNTOWN CONVOY OHIO

#### Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>:

Dining at Cheers & Gears Bar & Grille, Gibson's Barnyard BBQ, Knight Pizza

Enjoy Shopping - 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Secret Garden Floral & Gifts, Phunky Pheasant, Harting Homesteaders, Rebel Bean Coffee, Daily Dose & Danny's Food Mart.

Festival of Trees & Snowman Display - 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Opera House

#### Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>:

Dining at Cheers & Gears Bar & Grille, Gibson's Barnyard BBQ, Knight Pizza & Flying Burrito (at market, carryout only).

Enjoy Shopping - 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Secret Garden Floral, Phunky Pheasant, Harting Homesteaders, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Kris Kringle Market, 8am-noon at Intensity Fitness/Recovery Massage purchase gift cards, Rebel Bean Coffee, Daily Dose & Danny's Food Mart for donuts & coffee.

Library Convoy - 9:30 a.m. Storytime and Craft

Fry Pie Pick Up - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Fry Pie Bakery

Train Displays - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the VMC Building

Festival of Trees & Snowman Display - 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Opera House & Annex

Adult Board & Brush - 10:00 a.m. at Special Occasions

Kids Face Painting & Kids Craft - 12:00-2:00 p.m. at

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and if you are able to stop by the courthouse December 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, or 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or December 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and vote for your favorite door by placing a canned good in the box outside your favorite door.

All food items will then be delivered to the food pantry for distribution to those in need. If you are unable to go up the steps to the second floor we will have pictures of the second floor doors available at the security desk for you to look at.

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## Special Occasions

Santa comes 12:00-2:00 p.m. Sponsored by Convoy Lions Club in the Village Square

Horse Drawn 'wagon Rides 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the municipal building sponsored by Convoy Lions Club

Kids Pinata - 2:00 p.m. in the Convoy Village Square

### Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>:

Dining - 1:00-5:00 p.m. Flying Burrito (at market & carryout only) & Knight Pizza will be open 3:00-11:00 p.m.

Shopping - 1:00-5:00 p.m. Kris Kringle Market, 12:00-5:00 p.m. Secret Garden Floral & Gifts, Phunky Pheasant, Harting Homesteaders, Rebel Bean Coffee, Daily Dose & Danny's Food Mart.

Cookie Walk - 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the Fry Pie Bakery while cookies last. Fry Pie Sales- 1pm Fry Pie Bakery

Festival of Trees & Snowman Display - 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Opera House & Annex

Hot Dogs & Hot Chocolate - 1:00-5:00 p.m. next to the former bank

Train display - 1:00-5:00 p.m. in the VMC Building

Pet Parade - 2:00 p.m. Registration at Convoy Methodist Church parking lot.

Ugly Sweater Cookie Decorating - 2:00 p.m. in the Annex

Ugly Sweater Event - 3:00 p.m. in the Opera House

Memory Tree - 5:00 p.m. in Convoy Village Square

Reading the names and lighting the tree.

O Holy Night Children's Candlelight Parade - 5:00 p.m. - Kids meet at the Convoy Methodist Church and will parade to the downtown ending at the Convoy Village Square for the reading of the Christmas Story, Caroling & Prayer.

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## INFLATION-FIGHTING STRATEGIES FOR RETIREES

At different times, inflation may be high or low, but, except in those rare periods of deflation, it's always with us. During your working years, when you may receive boosts in your salary, you at least have the potential to keep up with inflation — but what happens when you retire? As a retiree, what can you do to cope with the rising cost of living?

Here are a few suggestions:

- Keep some growth potential in your investment portfolio. During your retirement years, you may want to move your portfolio toward a somewhat more conservative approach by owning investments that offer significant protection of principal. However, these same investments offer little in the way of growth, which means they are susceptible to inflation. Consequently, you'll also need to own a reasonable amount in growth-oriented investments, such as stocks and stock-based securities. Of course, these investments will fluctuate in value as the financial markets move up and down, but by owning some more conservative investments, you can reduce the overall impact of market volatility on your portfolio.

- Consider inflation-adjusted bonds. You might want to consider Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS), which are indexed to the Consumer Price Index, so the principal increases with inflation (and decreases with deflation). Another inflation-adjusted Treasury security is the I bond, which differs from TIPS in that the principal doesn't change but the interest rate does, every six months, based on a combination of a fixed interest rate and the inflation rate. Like all investments, though, TIPS and I bonds have various features and risks of which you should be aware before investing.

- Delay taking Social Security. You can start collecting Social Security benefits at 62, but your monthly checks will be much bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, likely between 66 and 67. You

would receive the maximum amount if you waited until 70 before collecting. Of course, if you need the money to help support your retirement, you may not be able to afford to wait, but if you can, your bigger checks can be a big help against inflation.

- Don't hold too much cash.

During your working years, it's a good idea to have an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses in liquid, low-risk accounts. And when you're retired, you might want to have up to year's worth of expenses in such a fund. But be careful about holding too much cash, as it will lose purchasing power each year due to inflation. Instead, when keeping cash, seek the "Goldilocks" solution — not too little, not too much, but just the right amount.

- Think about extending your employment. If you like what you do, you might want to consider working a few years longer than you had originally intended. Not only will you be bringing in more income, but you could also continue to contribute to retirement accounts, including your IRA and 401(k). Even if you don't want to continue working full time, you could do some part-time work or consulting. Any earned income you bring in can help in your fight against inflation.

You can't control the cost of living, but by making some of the moves described above, you can help yourself mount a defense against the effects of inflation during your retirement years.

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# CHRISTKINDL MARKET OF BRYAN OPENED FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29



The Christkindl Market of Bryan opened for the 2024 season on Friday, November 29, running Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 4:00-8:00 p.m. through December 21. It is located on the square in downtown Bryan, Ohio, and includes a European-style outdoor market, hot food and beverage options, visits with Santa, horse-drawn wagon rides and nightly entertainment.

This year's market features 14 vendor chalets with products ranging from locally-produced honey and hand-poured candles to specialty Christmas décor items imported from Europe. The market also includes St. Nick's Snak Haus, a food and beverage chalet that serves hot cocoa, coffee and traditional German treats. "It's hard to believe we're

entering the fourth year of the Christkindl Market. Each year, we try to add something new and improve what we've done in the past. This year is no exception," said Ann Spangler, committee member. "Look for our new Kakao Hutte for specialty hot cocoas, along with new events including Hispanic Heritage Night and a live nativity. Being named one of Ohio's Best Hometowns by Ohio Magazine has us all excited to show even more visitors how we 'live the sweet life' here in Bryan."

Each night of the market, guests can enjoy free activities and entertainment. Some of this year's highlights include a live nativity on December 6; Hispanic Heritage Night, with a performance by El Corazon de Mexico Ballet Folklórico, on December 7; a live reindeer visit on Decem-

ber 20; and the Bryan Area Foundation's Festival of Trees on various nights. See the complete schedule at [bryan-development.org/market](http://bryan-development.org/market).

Created in 2021, the Christkindl Market of Bryan is a beloved community tradition under the beautiful lights of the courthouse square. There is no admission fee, parking is free, and many businesses around the square offer specials and extended hours on market nights to enhance the visitor experience.

The Christkindl Market of Bryan is a project of Bryan Development, which focuses on economic activity, preservation and growth. This non-profit event is made possible through the generous support of corporate and individual sponsors, including the 2024 presenting sponsor, Bryan Area Foundation.

## MOORE LEADS WT TO SECOND WIN

HAVILAND - Junior forward Lexi Moore posted her second double-double of the season with 19 points and 16 rebounds to lead the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders to a 52-24 victory over Defiance Tuesday night at the 'Palace.'

The red, white and blue led at every stop, taking a 14-5 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before widening the gap to 27-10 at the intermission. Wayne Trace took a 41-22 advantage into the final period.

Wayne Trace also got eight points each from Tianna Sinn and Careen Winans while Kathleen Stoller posting six and Amber Stoller chipped in five. Harper Myers and Caitlin Mead completed the scoring for the Lady Raiders with four and two points, respectively.

Jamie Rollins paced Defiance with seven points while Isabella Rowilson added five

and Samantha Hohenberger chipped in four. Caroline McDonald (three), Eliza Ramirez (three) and Alexandra Fernandez (two) also found the scoring column for the Lady Bulldogs.

The Lady Raiders ended the night 21 of 51 from the field (41 percent) compared to Defiance's 6 of 45 (13 percent). At the charity stripe, the red, white and blue converted 8 of 16 (50 percent) while the Bulldogs hit 11 of 24 (46 percent).

Wayne Trace won the battle of the boards 43-37 with Defiance having just eight turnovers compared to eleven for the Lady Raiders.

## LADY RAIDERS OPEN SEASON WITH WIN

Wayne Trace hit the road Monday night for its girls basketball season opener where the Lady Raiders recorded a 53-40 victory over Blackhawk Christian.

The red, white and blue

led at every stop in the contest, taking an 11-5 lead at the end of the first quarter before Wayne Trace pushed the margin to 27-15 at the midway point of the contest.

The Lady Raiders expanded the gap further in the third quarter, scoring 13 points compared to eight for Blackhawk Christian as Wayne Trace posted a 40-23 lead entering the final stanza.

Avery Elsworth topped the Lady Braves with 14 points, four rebounds and two steals while Desi Pope chipped in ten markers and six assists.

Malea Steele contributed eight points and eight steals for Blackhawk Christian with Jaelyn Pickett totaling six markers while Marnie Davis finished with two points. Pickett had six rebounds for the Lady Braves and Davis hauled own two.

Harper Myers and Lexi Moore both had double-

doubles for Wayne Trace. Myers totaled 17 points and 13 rebounds for the Lady Raiders with Moore chipping in 15 points and 28 rebounds in the contest. The 28 rebounds sets a new Wayne Trace single game record in girls basketball, breaking the previous record of 23 set by Lauren Speice against Edgerton on February 13, 2014.

Careen Winans chipped in ten markers, seven boards, two assists and three steals for the Lady Raiders while Kathleen Stoller contributed six points and three rebounds. Tianna Sinn added three markers and five assists for Wayne Trace with Amber Stoller totaling one basket.

## ARCHERS RECORD FIRST WIN OVER BOMBERS

ANTWERP - After dropping their first two contests of the season, the Antwerp Lady Archers rebounded in game three to record a 55-38 win over visiting Edon Tuesday night in non-conference action.

The hosts led at every stop of the contest, opening a 17-8 margin at the end of one period before Antwerp added 16 second quarter points to post a 33-19 halftime advantage.

The Lady Archers then widened the gap to 48-24 entering the final quarter before settling on the 55-38 win.

Leading the way for Edon was Adison Briner totaling 13 points and Genna Ripke posted six markers.

Addi Snyder (five), Grace Ripke (four), Madison Baker (three), Kaylynn Bartlett (three), Nevaeh Smith (two) and Amanda Schwartz (two) rounded out the Bomber scoring.

Pacing the Lady Archers was Caroline Rohrs with 28 points and Mara Phlipot chipped in six markers.

Clara Rohrs and Briley Bagley totaled five points apiece for the blue and white with Raeley Franklin totaling four markers.

Eliana Hormann, Allison Sproles and Madisyn Peters all picked up two points for Antwerp and Avery Honigford chipped in a free throw.

## PANTHERS ROLL TO WIN OVER TIGERS

LIBERTY CENTER - The Paulding Lady Panthers hit the road Tuesday night for a non-league battle at Liberty Center where the maroon and white rolled to a 45-25 victory over the Tigers.

The local squad took control of the contest early on and rolled from there as Paulding grabbed a 12-2 advantage at the end of one period.

The Lady Panthers expanded the gap in the second stanza to 25-7 before taking a 34-22 lead into the final period.

Kayleigh Dunham paced a balanced Paulding scoring attack with ten points while Brooklynn Bakle chipped in eight markers.

Brooklyn Schlatter and Tori Schlatter both totaled six points for the maroon and white while Estie Pease added five. Lucy Breier and Addison Pease finished with three points apiece as well for the Lady Panthers while Brianna Bermejo and Kate Manz recorded a basket each.

Mackenzie Fuller bucketed eight points to top Liberty Center followed by Addi Zien-

## PJHS POSITIVE PANTHERS



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Positive Panther per grade level. These students are recognized for the positive character traits they ex-

hibit as students of Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture from left are Jezai Seba Fuentes (Grade 8), Madison Durham (Grade 7), and Iridessa Reyes (Grade 6).

## PJHS ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH SELECTIONS



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Student of the Month per grade level. These students are recognized for being

some of the top academic performers at Paulding Junior High School. Shown above are (l-r) Connor Manz (Grade 6), Brynlee Mangette (Grade 8), and Finn Bradford (Grade 7).

tek (four), Maddie Bailey (four), Aletha Fausnight (three), Macie Krugh (three), Payten Hageman (two) and Hope Atkinson (one).

picked up three markers.

Madisyn Peters and Briley Bagley also ended the contest with a basket each for the Lady Archers.

## CADETS CRUISE TO WIN OVER ARCHERS

Libbie Baker scored a game high thirty-two points to lead the Hilltop Lady Cadets to a 60-42 victory over host Antwerp in non-league girls basketball action Friday night.

The Williams County squad led at every stop on the night, taking an 18-5 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before expanding the lead to 31-16 at the intermission.

Hilltop then posted a 50-28 advantage entering the final stanza before settling on the 60-42 victory.

Molly Dickinson and Eleana Van Arsdale both scored eight points to aid the Hilltop cause with Kennedy Bailey chipping in seven markers.

Sophia Crossgrove picked up five points as well for the Lady Cadets.

Antwerp was paced by Caroline Rohrs with seventeen markers and Raeley Franklin chipped in eight points.

Eliana Hormann and Clara Rohrs each totaled five points as well for the Lady Archers with Mara Phlipot

## ARCHERS FALL TO MUSKETEERS

Autumn Calvelage scored 22 points and Maggie Pothast chipped in 16 markers to lead the Fort Jennings Musketeers to a 55-36 win over Antwerp in non-conference girls basketball play Saturday in Putnam County.

The Archers struck first, opening a 16-10 lead at the end of one period, before the Musketeers rallied to take a 24-23 advantage at the midway point of the contest.

Fort Jennings then broke the game open in the third quarter, outpointing the blue and white 20-6 to expand the margin to 44-29 entering the final period.

In the fourth quarter, the Putnam County squad picked up 11 points while limiting the Archers to seven to close out the 55-36 victory.

Caroline Rohrs topped Antwerp with 11 markers while Briley Bagley and Raeley Franklin bucketed six points apiece.

Other scorers for the Lady Archers were Clara Rohrs (four), Eliana Hormann (four), Madisyn Peters

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## PJHS 7-MINDSETS: PASSION FIRST



Paulding Junior High School is utilizing the 7-Mindsets curriculum to address the social and emotional needs of students. Each unit revolves around a specific theme students can apply to their lives. This unit's theme was

Passion First. Shown in the picture are Paulding Junior High School's Passion First Mindset Motivators.

## PPEC MEMBERS DONATE \$13,332 TO 13 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



Power House Youth Center received a \$1,000 donation from PPEC members through the co-op's Operation Round Up program. The funds were used to purchase a refrigerator for the after-school program.

Members of Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative recently donated \$13,332 to 13 local charities and community projects through the co-operative's Operation Round Up program.

Thanks to the 80% of members who round up their electric bill and donate to this fund, PPEC has provided more than \$710,900 to northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana communities since 2010.

Participating members round up their monthly electric bill to the next dollar, with the extra pennies being used to help fund charities and groups in their communities. Each quarter, the funds

are dispensed to local causes that applied for funding.

The most recent donation recipients include:

- Antwerp Local Schools: \$1,000 to purchase adjustable desks and chairs for the special education resource room.
- Columbus Grove Pleasant Township Joint Fire District: \$1,215 to purchase a water straining system to ensure water pumped into the trucks is free of rocks and other materials.
- Family Promise of Lima: \$1,500 to purchase air mattresses, pumps, sheet sets, and bed covers.
- Friends of the Grover Hill Library: \$1,500 to help replace and repair their water

Musketeers followed by Addison Sarka (four), Morgan Siefker (two) and Reese Hellman (two).

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- Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana: \$1,000 to purchase classroom kits.

- MAV Youth Mentoring: \$1,000 to support the Buddies Program and One on One matches.

- Ottawa Head Start: \$1,000 to purchase outdoor learning space activities and play station.

- Paulding Chamber of Commerce: \$1,000 to support the Trails Project marketing efforts (printed materials, ads on local radio stations).

- Paulding County Opportunity Center: \$225 to purchase movie tickets for the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program.

- Power House Youth Center: \$1,000 to purchase a refrigerator for the after-school program.

- Vantage Career Center: \$1,300 for the Toss a Toy program for local kids.

- VFW Van Wert County: \$592 to replace a freezer.

- Wayne Trace Schools (Payne and Grover Hill Elementary): \$1,000 to purchase sensory items.

Photos of each recipient can be found on PPEC's Facebook page.

Operation Round Up was started in 2010 as a way to give back to PPEC's communities. Groups in both Ohio and Indiana can apply.

Organizations can apply for Operation Round Up assistance by contacting Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op's Marketing and Communications Manager, Samantha Kuhn, at skuhn@ppec.coop or visiting [www.ppec.coop/operation-round](http://www.ppec.coop/operation-round). If you want to participate by rounding up your monthly bill, call PPEC's office at 800-686-2357. The average member's donation is about \$6 per year.

### ANDERSON DOMINANT IN WARRIOR WIN OVER HORNETS

Woodlan made the trip north to Steuben County last week in non-league girls basketball action with the Lady Warriors returning after a 51-39 victory at Angola.

Alyssa Anderson was dominant for Woodlan, bucketing a game-high thirty points while adding to a double-double with 18 rebounds in the contest. Anderson also posted two assists and a pair of steals for the Lady Warriors.

Brooke Kneubuhler chipped in seven points, six boards, two assists and four

steals for the Lady Warriors and McKenna Goble recorded five points and two rebounds.

Reagan Widenhoefer and Savannah Scheumann aided the Woodlan cause with five and four points, respectively.

Scheumann chipped in five rebounds, four assists and five steals as well for the Lady Warriors.

Bailey Holman topped Angola with a dozen markers while also posting a double-double with ten rebounds. Holman finished with four steals as well for the Lady Hornets.

Lexi Stilman totaled six points and seven rebounds for Angola while Ava Rinard added five points and two boards. Karleigh Gillen recorded four points, ten boards, four assists and four steals for the Lady Hornets while Aspen Sutton finished with four points and five rebounds.

Anna McClure and Kendall Holman both picked up a pair of rebounds for Angola and McClure dished out a pair of assists as well. Stella Stockamp and Holman contributed six and two points, respectively.

### LIONS WIN RIVALRY GAME

The Leo Lady Lions picked up a rivalry win over visiting Woodlan Friday evening as the Lions recorded a 55-43 victory in the battle of East Allen County Schools' squads.

Brooke Kneubuhler led the way for Woodlan with 21 points and four steals while Alyssa Anderson finished with 14 points and seven rebounds.

Makenna Smith, Emma McDaniel, Alix Jacquay and Savannah Scheumann all recorded two points for the Lady Warriors.

McKenna Goble picked up four rebounds and Scheumann recorded three for the Lady Warriors while Scheumann and McDaniel totaled three and two steals, respectively.

### WARRIORS ROLL TO WIN OVER BULLDOGS

In a battle of East Allen County Schools girls basketball squads, visiting Woodlan rolled to a 65-35 victory over New Haven last week.

Alyssa Anderson topped the Lady Warriors with sixteen points while Brooke Kneubuhler chipped in a dozen markers for Woodlan. Emma McDaniel also reached twin digits with ten points for the Lady Warriors.

Also scoring for Woodlan were Reagan Widenhoefer (eight), Mariah Thullner (six), McKenna Goble (five), Layla Hodson (four), Savannah Scheumann (two), Scarlett Gillingham (one) and Kaitlyn Sterling (one).

A'lanah Webb paced New Haven with thirteen points.

Anderson finished with a double-double in the contest in grabbing a dozen rebounds on the night with Alix Jacquay hauling in eight and Kneubuhler picked up six.

Kneubuhler and Scheumann each dished out four assists for the Lady Warriors while McDaniel had two. Anderson topped Woodlan with three steals and Kneubuhler recorded two steals.

## SUCCESSFUL TURNOUT AT SHOP THE VILLAGE EVENT



Pictured for Shop the Village is Trista Evans and Allison Noggle.

By: Erica Noggle

The Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce the resounding success of the 2024 Shop the Village event, held on Saturday, November 23rd. The community came together to support local businesses and entrepreneurs in a festive and bustling atmosphere, marking this year's event as one of the most vibrant yet.

With over 60 talented vendors participating, attendees had the unique opportunity to shop for an incredible variety of handcrafted goods, holiday décor, specialty items, and more. The event also spotlighted 13 local businesses that graciously opened their doors to host these vendors, creating a seamless blend of established shops and visiting artisans.

"Shop the Village is a celebration of community, entrepreneurship, and the holiday spirit," said Erica Noggle, Executive Director of the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce. "We're grateful for the support of our local businesses, vendors, and attendees

who made this day truly special."

The event showcased the creativity and talent thriving within Paulding County and the surrounding area. From one-of-a-kind gifts to delicious treats, there was something for everyone to enjoy while shopping small and supporting local.

The Chamber extends its heartfelt thanks to all who participated and attended, as well as to the vendors and local businesses that helped bring this vision to life. Events like Shop the Village highlight the strength of the Paulding community and its commitment to supporting local entrepreneurs.

The Chamber looks forward to continuing this cherished tradition in the years to come and encourages everyone to keep supporting local businesses this holiday season.

For more information on future events, follow the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce on social media or visit our website at [www.pauldingchamber.com](http://www.pauldingchamber.com).

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## FORT DEFIANCE PLAYERS RECEIVE \$10,000 GRANT



The Defiance Area Foundation wants to congratulate Fort Defiance Players on receiving a \$10,000 grant during our fall grant cycle! This grant funding will cover the final phase of stage-lighting and equipment costs at the Com-

munity Auditorium.

Pictured representing the grant are (L to R) Dr. Bob Barnett - Director of Fort Defiance Players and Dan Michel - DAF Vice President and Grants Committee Chair.

## FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

### Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

In July, State Wildlife Officer Mark T. Williams Jr., assigned to Franklin County, observed four individuals using a cast net along the Scioto River. Officer Williams contacted the individuals, who were in possession of 17 smallmouth bass and a channel catfish. Eleven of the bass were shorter than the required minimum length. The fish and the net were seized as evidence. Each suspect was convicted of using a cast net to catch sportfish. Three suspects paid \$168 in fines and court costs, while the fourth paid \$218 for a leading role. Each suspect also paid \$217.50 in restitution, totaling \$870. Two of the suspects were convicted of prior wildlife violations and had their fishing privileges revoked for one

year.

State Wildlife Officer Nick Oliver, assigned to Champaign County, was recently a guest for a career panel day at Mechanicsburg High School. The event is designed so professionals from various fields can share and discuss their experiences and insights. Officer Oliver spoke about his role as a State Wildlife Officer in Champaign County. He provided an engaging look into his job, discussing the unique experiences and challenges he faces. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about what it takes to become a wildlife officer. The event aims to inspire students as they consider their future and it was a great opportunity for them to connect with professionals from different backgrounds.

### Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

State Wildlife Officer Michele Butler, assigned to Erie County, responded to a

complaint regarding a group of anglers keeping more than the statewide daily limit of one channel catfish longer than 28 inches. Officer Butler found that one angler had taken two channel catfish that were longer than 28 inches. The angler was issued a summons for the violation. One catfish was released back into Sandusky Bay. The angler was found guilty in Sandusky Municipal Court and paid \$165 in fines and court costs.

State Wildlife Officer Matt R. Smith, assigned to Henry County, attended an annual Cops and Bobbers event hosted by the Napoleon Police Department, wildlife officers, natural resources officers, and several other organizations. The event was a big hit, showcasing fishing, archery, BB guns, and outdoor cooking to approximately 100 children.

### Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Randy White, assigned to Lorain County, investigated a hunter who was suspected of harvesting a white-tailed deer with a firearm during the archery season. Officer White found that the individual harvested a buck with a firearm and staged it as a bow harvest to conceal the unlawful take. The hunter was convicted in Elyria Municipal Court and paid more than \$800 in fines and court costs.

State Wildlife Officers Evan Huegel, assigned to Ashland County, and Cory Burroughs, assigned to Holmes County, assisted at the Ashland County Wildlife Conservation League's Kids Day. The event provides experiences and education on topics including waterfowl calling and hunting, bird retrieval dogs, archery, BB guns, and muzzleloaders, with safety in the outdoors as a top priority. There were approximately 800 people in attendance.

### Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

In July, State Wildlife Officer Jerrod Allison, assigned to Coshocton County, received a complaint from a turtle trapper who noticed someone had tampered with his traps. The trapper had been asked by the City of Coshocton to remove turtles from a pond they owned. A day later, Officer Allison received a call from the trapper, who reported that the top had been cut out of one of his traps. With help from the Coshocton County Sheriff's Office, Officer Allison identified a suspect. The suspect was charged for tampering with the trap, paid \$100 in restitution to the trap owner, and paid \$156 in fines and court costs.

State Wildlife Officer Darin Abbott, assigned to Lawrence County, and Wildlife Officer Supervisor Lee VanAllen recently presented a certificate of appreciation to Tim Saunders of The Deer Process Shop in recognition of his service to the sportsmen and women of Ohio. Saunders has processed thousands of deer over the last 32 years and has also helped the Ohio Division of Wildlife collect samples for disease testing.

### Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Micah Collier, assigned to Brown County, patrolled Eagle Creek Wildlife Area to contact white-tailed deer hunters. Officer Collier noticed a vehicle with out-of-state license plates and discov-

ered that the vehicle's owner and another individual did not have a valid controlled access permit, which is required to hunt Eagle Creek Wildlife Area. Both individuals were issued summonses for hunting the property without a valid access permit, were convicted in Brown County Municipal Court, and paid \$149 in fines and \$101 in court costs.

State Wildlife Officer Alex Almeter, assigned to Greene County, recently visited a hunter safety education course at Spring Valley Wildlife Area's shooting range education center. Officer Almeter spoke with the students about Ohio hunting laws and safety in the field. Hunter and trapper education programs are designed for every age and ability and are run by some of Ohio's best and most knowledgeable hunters and trappers. Hunters are required to complete a hunter education course before purchasing an Ohio hunting license. New hunters also have the option of purchasing an apprentice hunting license before taking a hunter education course.

## PATROL INVESTIGATING SERIOUS INJURY CRASH IN WILLIAMS COUNTY

The Defiance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a serious injury crash on November 23, 2024, that occurred at approximately 12:14 A.M. in Northwest Township, Williams County.

Connor Towers, age 20, of Edon, Ohio, was driving a 2014 Chevrolet 3500 northbound on County Road 1.50 at the intersection of US-20. Hunner Mravec, age 27, was driving a 2019 Buick Regal eastbound on US-20. Tumurchudur Munkhbat, age 46, was driving a 2016 Volvo semi-tractor westbound on US-20. Mr. Towers failed to yield the right of way from County Road 1.50 and was struck by Mr. Mravec and Mr. Munkhbat.

Mr. Mravec and his front seat passenger were transported to Parkview Montpelier Hospital by ambulance with serious injuries. Mr. Towers sustained minor injuries and was not transported. Mr. Munkhbat was not injured.

The Patrol was assisted on scene by Williams County Sheriff's Office, Williams County Emergency Medical Services, Northwest Township Fire and Rescue and John's Towing. The roadway was closed for approximately 3 hours.

Alcohol is suspected to be a factor in the crash. The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds all motorists to always wear safety belts, and to never drive impaired or distracted.

The crash remains under investigation.

## OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATES FATAL CRASH ON THE OHIO TURNPIKE

The Swanton Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a two-vehicle double fatal crash that occurred on November 23, 2024 at approximately 0:12 A.M. The crash occurred on the Ohio Turnpike at milepost 26 eastbound in Franklin Township, Fulton County.

Ronald Dempsey, age 46, of Savannah, Georgia was driving a 2007 Freightliner Columbia semi eastbound on I-80. Jean Moise, age 45, of Mi-

## PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION COMES TO THE RESCUE



Pictured above is Payne Fire Chief, Jesse Heffner, with F500 Agent.

In May of 2024 Governor DeWine ordered a recall on all Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) used by fire departments to aid in stopping high-hazard flammable liquid fires. AFFF agent was found to have forever chemicals that increases the risk of cancer. There were thirty-six fire departments in Northwest Ohio impacted by this recall. (EPA, 2024) This includes every fire department in Paulding County. This left the departments scrambling to replace the agent with a safer option. "The need for this agent is great; however, due to the cost for the product and the shipping it was going to be a fair amount for each department to cover, especially as none of us had budgeted in for new foam going into the fiscal year," stated Mayor Lyons.

Paulding County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) found a new product, F500 Encapsulating Agent to replace the AFFF Agent. This new agent allows water to absorb more heat, making water more efficient at putting out fires and preventing fires from rekindling after extinguish-

ment. The EMA worked with the Paulding County Area Foundation on a grant that would cover the cost of a pallet of the F500 Encapsulating Agent. By ordering the agent in bulk the shipping could then be waived, meaning every department would receive the new foam for free under the grant.

With the assistance of the EMA coordinating with all eight departments in the county, each were recipients of this grant. Without this grant, this product and its benefits may not have been available to the fire departments in the county. Collaboratively all Paulding County Fire Departments have expressed their appreciation of the Paulding County Area Foundation's grant.

### Reference:

Environmental Protection Agency, (2024, May 10) "Statewide Firefighting Foam Takeback Program Provides Collection in Wood County," <https://epa.ohio.gov/about/media-center/news/statewide-firefighting-foam-takeback-program-provides-collection-in-wood-county>

ami, Florida was driving a 2021 Freightliner Cascadia semi westbound on I-80 with a passenger, Wilson Jeune, age 59, of Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Moise crossed the median and struck Mr. Dempsey head

on. Both semis traveled off the south side of I-80.

Mr. Jeune was pronounced deceased on scene. Mr. Dempsey was transported by Mercy Health Life Flight to The University of Toledo

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# \$10,000 GRANT GIVEN TO LILY CREEK FARMS



The Defiance Area Foundation (DAF) would like to congratulate Lily Creek Farms for receiving a \$10,000 grant during our last grant cycle. This grant will be used for capital improvements including security and safety cameras, rewiring, ADA compli-

Medical center where he was pronounced deceased. Mr. Moise was not injured in the crash.

The Patrol was assisted on scene by Fulton County Fire Department, Fulton County EMS, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, and Bubba's Towing. The east-bound lanes of the Ohio Turnpike were closed for approximately five hours, one lane is now open.

The crash remains under investigation.

## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

### Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

**Singh Harpreet**, Brampton, ON; Cross divided highway; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Trevor Speice**, Paulding, OH; Deer par no tag; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Modou Faye**, Indianapolis, IN; Failure to control; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**James D. Florence**, Cecil, OH; Criminal damage; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs to defendant

**Cori M. Johnston**, Monroeville, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Oleksandr Buriak**, Brooklyn, NY; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Justin A. Roller**, Paulding, OH; No operator license/expired; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Courtney J. Kupfersmith, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Quinton R. Stabler**, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Keyona R. Dashkovitz**, Paulding, OH; Persistently conduct with persistence; Guilty; 30 days jail, 29 suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Evaluation at Westwood and complete counseling; 20hrs community service; Risk assessment; Repay Ct. appt atty fees

**Jonathan P. Garcia**, Holgate, OH; Driving under suspension/operator license forfeiture, Case dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Colin P. Kauffman**, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Half of fine may be suspended if defendant provides proof of license issues being cleared by 12/20/24

**Andriel T. Cardoso**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Moise S. Armbruster**, Defiance, OH; FRA suspension; Case dismissed at defendant's cost; Proof of insurance provided

**Tina Peterson**, Paulding, OH; Improper backing;

**Lucas G. Hall**, Paulding, OH; Criminal damage; Guilty; 60 days jail, 60 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Pay restitution of \$922 through the clerks office; Placed on standard probation; Complete 20 of community service; Maintain employment

**Joshua L. Stewart**, Antwerp, OH; Violation/brake req; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Jose A. Aguilar**, Celina, OH; No operator license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Diego J. Garcia**, Indianapolis, IN; No operator license; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Israel S. Rodriguez**, Tampa, FL; Marked lanes, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; No operators license, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Joshua R. Williams**, Payne, OH; Driving/texting, Case dismissed at defendant's cost; Proof of insurance provided

**Miryam Soto Araujo**, Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; If the defendant is found to be driving in Paulding County; The vehicle will be held until further order of the court

**Antonio Gonzalez Velazquez**, Fort Wayne, IN; No operator license; Guilty; If the defendant is found to be driving in Paulding County the vehicle shall be held until further notice of the court

## Notice of Public Hearing Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on an application for a SETBACK/SIGN VARIANCE on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 4:00PM, in the office of the Zoning Official, located at 108 N. Main St. Hicksville, OH.

The application, submitted by Bruce Guilford, is a request to install an LED sign and to request a change in side yard setback. The side yard setback would be changed from 6ft to 2ft. for the property located at 952 E. High St.

—Jared Radford, Zoning Officer, Village of Hicksville

## NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION TO PROBATE WILL

PROBATE COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO  
HARVEY D. HYMAN, JUDGE

ESTATE OF DONALD ROY KANABLE, DECEASED

Case No. 20241092

**TO:** Michael Kanable, Next-of-Kin of Donald Roy Kanable, Deceased, whose address is unknown

You are notified as a next of kin of Donald Roy Kanable, deceased, that an Application to Probate Will has been filed with the Paulding County Probate Court on October 8, 2024, being Case No. 20241092.

A hearing on said Application will

be held on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Paulding County Probate Court, 115 N. Williams Street, Suite 202, Paulding, OH 45879.

Upon the admission of decedent's Last Will and Testament, any action to contest the validity of said Will must be filed within three months after the fiduciary has filed a certificate with the Court that notice has been given to all next of kin and beneficiaries of decedent's Will.

John D. Kanable, Executor  
c/o Glenn H. Troth, Esq.  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, Plaintiff

vs.

RODNEY C. DIX, ET AL., DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-24-175

Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

**TO:** Rodney C. Dix; Unknown Spouse of Rodney C. Dix; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Rodney C. Dix; Michael T. Nicely, Cherlie S. Nicely, Deep Green Bank

**LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:** of Rodney Dix at 741 Tom Tim Drive, Paulding, Ohio; of Michael & Cherrie Nicely at 15939 SR 66, Defiance, Ohio 43512; and of Deep Green Bank of PO Box 31548 Seven Hills, Ohio 44131

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Rodney C. Dix to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate recorded in Volume 168 Page 212; Volume 282, Page 539 of the Paulding County Records.

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You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication hereof, or a default judgment seeking sale of your real estate will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Ann Pease, Clerk  
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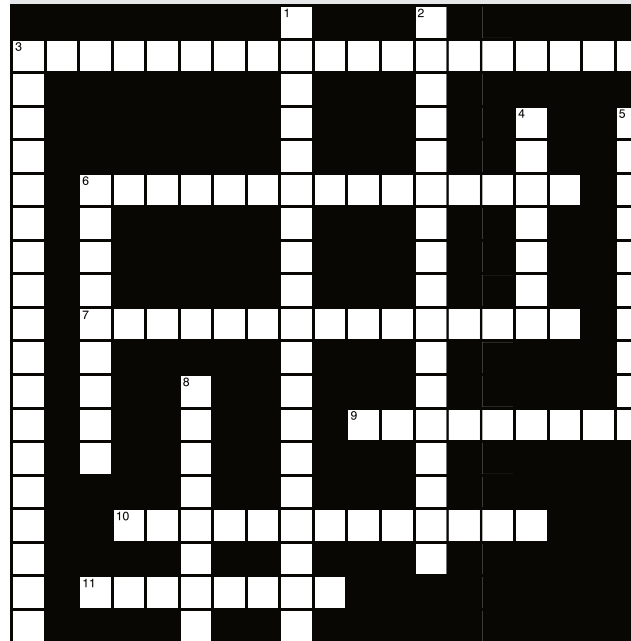
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# Crossword Puzzle

## HOLIDAYS IN DECEMBER



### Across

- Recognized in December for lovers of cold treats, despite the winter chill.
- A day celebrated on December 15th to honor the adoption of the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution.
- A holiday on December 2nd to celebrate mixed-breed dogs.
- Celebrated on December 25th to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ.
- Celebrated on December 12th, honoring the holiday plant named after Joel Poinsett.
- The Jewish holiday often celebrated in December, lasting for eight days.

### Down

- Celebrated on December

- when people create gingerbread houses.
- Observed on December 17th to honor the first successful flight by the Wright brothers.
- A fun celebration on December 8th to enjoy brownies.
- A holiday that celebrates African-American culture, starting on December 26th.
- A Hispanic tradition celebrated in the U.S. from December 16th to 24th, reenacting Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
- Observed on December 26th, primarily by people of British heritage in the U.S.
- A parody holiday from the show Seinfeld, celebrated on December 23rd.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### CHILLER AND BOILER INSTALLATION FOR THE PAULDING COUNTY JAIL

Notice is hereby given that Request for Proposals will be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, 451 McDonald Pike Suite E Paulding, OH 45879, Until Monday, December 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at which time and place, RFP's will be opened and read for Chiller and Boiler Installation and Manufacturer's Recommended Maintenance for The Paulding County Jail.

The Paulding County Board of Commissioners is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide and install a new Chiller and Boiler System at the Paulding County Jail located at 500 E Perry St. Paulding, OH 45879:

#### SCOPE OVERVIEW:

- Install a Heat recovery unit that will capture the exhausted air and reuse it as applicable for the outside air intake on the air handlers;
- Install new chilled water air handlers in place of existing package rooftop units. These units should have hot water coils as well;
- Install air cooled water chiller on the ground with tertiary tan;
- Install a high-efficiency boiler for heating the hot water loop;
- Upgrade controls for the entire facility. Facilitate energy application/analysis software which will use AI to keep the system in optimum tune and provide building analytics for current and projected energy usage and analysis.

The bidder awarded the contract must provide a performance bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Ohio, in an amount equal to the bid. Said performance bond will be required upon signing the contract for this project.

Bids may be hand delivered or mailed in a sealed envelope to: Paulding County Commissioners, 451 McDonald Pike Suite E Paulding, OH 45879, and bearing the Bidder's name and address and marked "RFP for "Chiller and Boiler Installation for the Paulding County Jail". The Board of County Commissioners office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Should you have any questions, please contact the Paulding County Commissioners office at 419-399-8215.

The Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids received.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO  
Heather Barnhouse, Clerk

## ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

LAUREN FAVORITE, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 24 089

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

**418 E Baldwin Ave, Paulding  
Parcel Number: 30-01S-034-00**

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](http://www.uslandrecords.com)

Said premises appraised at Seventy-Five Thousand (75,000.00) 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 December 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

<https://paulding.sheriffssaleauction.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 December 19, 2024 at 10:00a.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](http://www.pauldingohsheriff.com)

James L Sassano & Maureen Zink Delaney, Attorney for Plaintiff











## PC TRAILS PROJECT RECEIVES DONATION FROM PAULDING EAGLES



Pictured above are (front row): Erica Noggle, Executive Director, Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce, Anna Gurney, Paulding County Park District Board member, Fraternal Order of Eagles members, Harold Gottke (Front); Back row: JJ Flint, Colby Orthman, Ron Garrity, Jeff Clark John Gutierrez, Chris Moyer, and Joe Sukup.

The Paulding Fraternal Order of Eagles members donated \$5,000 to the Paulding County Trails Project on Monday, November 25th, 2024. The donation will be used to help bring recreational trails to Paulding County.

The Paulding County Trail Project, when complete, will provide users safe access to destination points, outdoor experiences, and space for recreation. The trail will be a paved, multi-use pathway that

will provide a safe place for walking, jogging, cycling, strolling, and wheelchair use.

The Paulding County Trails Committee has a vision for connection and building a better quality of life for people in the area, and is working to make this trail system a reality and is thankful to have the support of the Fraternal Order of Eagles to help make this project a reality. The Fraternal Order of Eagles is a celebrated organization dedicated to

serving the community through leadership, charity, and civic pride. To learn more about the F.O.E. please visit:

<https://www.foe.com/>. To learn more about the Paulding County Trail Project please visit: <https://pauldingohparks.com/paulding-county-trails/>

The first phase of the Trail will connect the Black Swamp Nature Center to Lelia McGuire-Jeffery Park. Construction is slated to begin in 2027.

## FIVE SAFETY TIPS TO KICK OFF YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON

The holidays are here, and while it's a time of joy and celebration, we can't ignore the unique safety risks this time of year can also bring.

"We're all busy, but it's worth taking a few moments to prepare, so you can fully enjoy the season," said FEMA Region 5 Regional Administrator Tom Sivak. "Reducing the risk of emergencies through smart traveling, cooking and heating practices can be simple, yet effective for keeping your celebrations safe during the weeks ahead."

- Be a prepared traveler. Know the risk of inclement weather for your trip before you leave home. Listen to the radio or television for the latest weather forecasts and road conditions. If bad weather is forecast, drive only if necessary and always keep your gas tank at least half full. Talk with family about who to call and where to meet in an emergency. Visit [www.ready.gov/plan](http://www.ready.gov/plan) for tips to get started.

- Pack an emergency supply kit. If you're driving, keep an emergency supply kit in your vehicle with necessities you may need in case you're stranded somewhere. If you're packing for a flight or train ride, consider a small kit in case of emergency: flashlight, batteries, & a spare USB power bank.

- Protect against home fire risks. Put working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms on every level of your home and in-

## THIS WEEK ON PCBW: PC RECORDER, SARAH SHUHERK



Listen to our next Paulding County Business Weekly episode as we meet our new Paulding County Recorder Elect, Sarah Shuherk. Sarah shares what takes place in the Recorder office and how it is an important piece of the county's history and future. We can't thank OhioMeansJobs enough for sponsoring this program and the team at

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## TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONS FLAG AHEAD OF BICENTENNIAL



Trustees with township flag From left to right: Joe Sukup, Trustee; Mike Meyer, Trustee; Carol Razo, Fiscal Officer; Kevin Stuart, Trustee; Anna Wells, Designer of Flag.

Crane Township will celebrate its bicentennial next year in August 2025. As part of the bicentennial celebration, the Trustees commissioned a flag to honor the township's rich history. Designed by Anna Wells, niece of Trustee Kevin Stuart, and officially approved by the Trustees in August 2024, the flag's elements are filled with symbolism that reflects the township's past and present.

The top section of the flag is blue, symbolizing the

Maumee River that flows through the township. This river was once a crucial waterway for early settlers and played a significant role in the township's founding and development.

A gold band runs horizontally across the center, representing the transition from the township's early days to its modern era. This band pays tribute to key historical events such as the construction of the canal system, the 1887 Reservoir War, and the expansion of

the railroads, all of which were pivotal to the township's growth and progress.

The bottom section is green, highlighting Crane Township's strong agricultural heritage and its deep roots in the fertile lands of the Great Black Swamp. At the center of the flag, a silhouette of a wheat stalk stands proudly, symbolizing agriculture as the primary industry of Crane Township and a cornerstone of its community.

## PC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMPETE IN OHIO PARKS ON THE AIR

In September of this year, the Paulding County Ohio Amateur Radio Club com-

peted in a statewide contest known as "Ohio Parks on the Air". The club, along with the Defiance club, set up and operated from the Independence Dam State Park. Fifty amateur radio clubs from all over the

state set up their equipment in 62 of the 75 different Ohio parks, with over 232 radio operators participating.

The goal was to make as many contacts from anywhere in the world with the state parks being used as a multiplier. These numbers were recorded in logs which were then scored.

After the results were tallied, the Paulding club placed 4th in the state in their category, and the Defiance club placed 2nd in the state in their category.

For more information about Amateur radio in Paulding County, contact Fred Pieper at 419-670-2980.

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