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PAULDING AREA CHAMBER ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF HOLIDAY WINDOW DECORATING CONTEST



Pictured above is the Grounded's window's artist, Natalie Stoller.

By: Erica Noggle

Paulding, OH: The Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce the winners of this year's highly anticipated Holiday Window Decorating Contest, which brought joy, creativity, and festive cheer to the community.

Limitless by PC Workshop

captured the hearts of the community, earning the coveted People's Choice Award with its imaginative and dazzling display. Meanwhile, Grounded Coffee & Crumbs impressed the judges with its artistic flair and holiday spirit, claiming the prestigious Judge's Choice Award.

The Chamber congratu-

lates both winners on their outstanding achievements and extends its heartfelt gratitude to all participating businesses for helping to create a magical holiday atmosphere in Paulding County. Events like this showcase the creativity, collaboration, and community pride that make our area so

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PEVS SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2025 ACADEMIC HALL OF FAME

The Paulding Exempted Village Schools Academic Hall of Fame was created to recognize graduates of any

high school currently within the boundaries of the Paulding Exempted Village School District who have achieved a significant degree of success in their professional careers. The first class was inducted in May 2010 and thirty-six individuals are currently in the Academic Hall of Fame. These individuals provide outstanding role models for the students in the PEVS District.

Current members of the Academic Hall of Fame have many traits in common. Each person has achieved success at high levels of education, including advanced degrees such as MD, PhD, DO, DDS, JD, DVM, MA, or MS. In ad-

dition, these individuals have great career and/or societal accomplishments. Many have pursued a military career, while others have become outstanding teachers in their field. Others have served the public through careers such as medicine, law and dentistry, or education. No matter the educational or career path, each inductee has one thing in common... they have provided outstanding role models for the students in the PEVS District.

Do you know someone who graduated from one of the high schools within the current Paulding Exempted Village School District prior to 2010, who would be an excellent candidate to join this elite group? Nomination forms are currently available on the PEVS website at www.pauldingschools.org under the 'Academic' tab or can be picked up in the Administration office. Complete qualifications are listed on the website, along with the bios of previous inductees. The deadline to apply for the Class of 2024 is March 3, 2025.

DEFIANCE LIBRARY UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Please note Defiance Public Library System's (DPLS) upcoming holiday closures:

Defiance Public Library System will be closed December 24-26, 2024.

All DPLS libraries will close at noon on December 31, 2024.

All DPLS libraries will be closed January 1, 2025.

This includes Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, and Hicksville's Johnson Memorial libraries.

PAULDING VFW DONATION TO FRANKLIN B WALTER SCHOLARSHIP



Pictured: Paulding VFW Quartermaster Dan Wilder is presenting the check to the WBESC Superintendent, Thomas Taylor.

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center participates in the Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award's Program that was established by the Ohio Superintendent's Educational Service Center Association to promote student achievement and recognize outstanding students.

Eligible students for this award must demonstrate outstanding academic achievements as indicated by high school test scores along with success both in and out of the classroom.

Locally, each high school in Paulding and Van Wert counties nominates a student to represent their district. From the district nomina-

tions, a county winner is chosen. Each county winner is awarded a \$500 scholarship and the other two students from each county school district are given a \$100 scholarship.

The Western Buckeye ESC (WBESC) will host a recognition program for this scholarship in March. The WBESC would like to thank the John Paulding VFW Post #587 who recently donated \$500 toward this year's scholarship program.

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Community Calendar

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

December 16

- DPLS Board Finance Committee meeting, 3:30pm

December 17

- PC Library Board meeting @ Paulding Library, 5:30pm

December 18

- Ohio's 56th Electoral College @ OH Senate Chamber, 12p

December 19

- DC PERI meeting @ Delaware Twp Fire Dept., 1pm
- WBESC board meeting @ Paulding Conf Rm, 4:30pm

December 20

- Trans Siberian Orchestra Tribute @ Gathering Place, Defiance, 7pm

December 24

- Christmas Trolley, Waynedale, FW, 1-4pm

January 14-16

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The West Bend Printing office will be closed December 24th & 25th so our employees may enjoy some much needed family time for the Christmas Holiday.

We will resume regular business hours on December 26th.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO newspaper published the week of December 30, 2024.

Deadline for ads and news for the January 6th, 2025 edition is THURSDAY, JANUARY 2nd.

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**HEADLIGHTS DIMMED****Penny For Your Thoughts**
By: Nancy Whitaker

Getting old is not fun. It's good to be alive but I think the headlights on my (car) body have gone out. My headlights on this old body are my eyes.

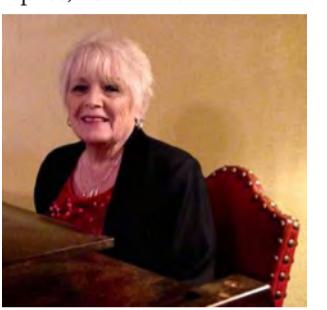
Yes those nasty little growths that dim the eyes of a lot of us seniors have made their home in my eyes.

I was never too concerned about my eyes until my vision got blurry in my right eye. Oh my I panicked and got into an eye Dr. later that night. After testing my eyes, they discovered a cataract on my eye that apparently had been there for a while.

I had noticed my eyesight getting worse but attributed it to old age. I was referred to an

eye surgeon in Lima who scheduled me to get the right eye done on Dec 17 and then the left one on Dec 19. I do all of my writing on my phone and I can see some out of the right eye.

Thank God for His mercy. My sweetie Denny has been taking me to appointments but I hollar at his driving saying, "Watch out for that car coming, I can't see." Luckily he replies, "Umm Well I can."



The things I enjoy doing are limited right now but I can see the TV and see some on my phone.

So remember me in your prayers and hopefully I will be back with A Penny For Your Thoughts soon.

YEARS AGO IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: PAULDING COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM

20 Years Ago

From the Paulding County Progress of Dec. 17, 2004:

Wayne Trace Local School Board welcomed Lori Davis as the district's new treasurer.

A credit union in Antwerp was the target of a second armed robbery in less than two months. No one was injured during the robbery.

Probate Judge John DeMuth is to rule on a possible county park board dissolution within the next week. The county commissioners say the board has been inactive for several years, while several community leaders object to the dissolution.

Former Ohio State University running back Maurice Clarett visited with the 21st Century after school program at Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High.

Auglaize Brown Local School's Class of 1969 recently held its 45th year class reunion.

60 Years Ago

From the Paulding Progress of Dec. 17, 1964:

This week, Greer's Drug Store announced a going out of business sale, starting Saturday this week. L.A. "Doc" Greer, a prominent civic and business leader in Paulding

for the past 47 years, announced his plans of retirement. He came to Paulding in 1917 and started to work for the H.G. Remage Drug Store as a pharmacist, and purchased the businesses in 1918. The corner building has been occupied by a drug store ever since the building was built.

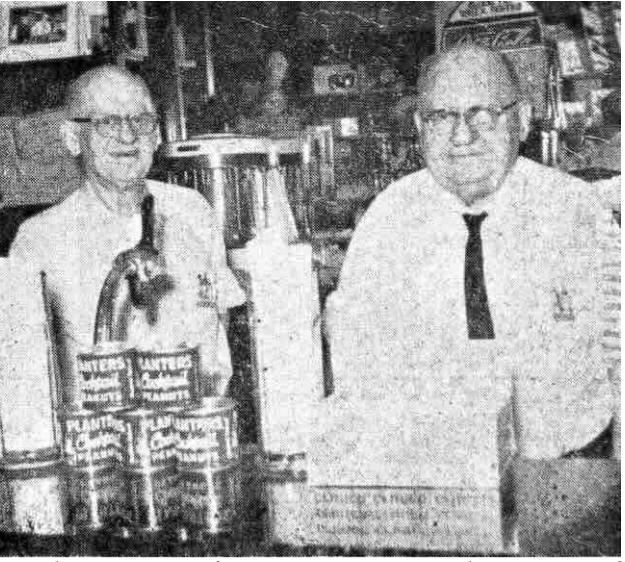
Doc, whose "heart of gold" is known to all the residents of the area, can be considered as one of the remaining pioneers in business in Paulding. He remembers each and every business in downtown, when the hitching racks were around the courthouse square. The faces of Doc and his son, Kenny, behind the soda fountain in the drug store on the corner will always be prominent to Paulding area residents.

The fun of attending a free movie at the Paulding Theatre the day before Christmas has become an annual treat for the school children of this area. Kenny Bryan, proprietor of Kenny's Pastime, is the person to thank for this extra holiday treat. There will be one showing only, at 10 a.m. Dec. 24. No tickets will be necessary. The main feature will be "Mighty Ursus" in color with added color cartoons.

85 Years Ago

From the Paulding County Republican of Dec. 14, 1939:

New Attorney: J. Gareth Hitchcock has opened a law



December 1964: Greer's Drug Store announced a going out of business sale. L.A. "Doc" Greer (left), pictured with his son Kenneth, had operated the store for 47 years at the corner of Williams and Jackson streets on the northwest corner of the square. The site is now part of the Limitless store.



December 1964: "Santa Claus without the whiskers" - A capacity crowd of kids attended a free movie and cartoons at the Paulding Theatre the day before Christmas, sponsored by businessman Kenny Bryan (left).

office on the second floor of the National Bank Building in Paulding. He passed the June Bar Examination and was admitted to practice last August. From September to Dec. 9, he was employed as time keeper at the factory of the Paulding Sugar Company.

Orth Shimp is appointed new fire chief after the resignation of Frank Wallar, who served for six years.

An informal dinner will be given for the Latty High School alumni and their friends on Friday at the Latty School. Later in the evening, two games will be played between the high school and alumni, so bring your suits.

The doctors of Paulding County Academy of Medicine wish to thank the people who donated to the Hospital Tag Week, also the superintendents and teachers of the various schools of Paulding County. Schools donating included Antwerp, Huntsville, Cecil, Grover Hill, Haviland, Junction, Melrose, McCabe, Oakwood, Paulding and Payne.

110 Years Ago

From the Paulding Democrat of December 17, 1914:

Horse thieves are still busy in this locality, and they accomplish some very daring raids. Last Saturday evening a horse and buggy owned by W.J. Reinhart, a farmer of the west part of this township, and driven by his son, was standing hitched to the rack on the

south side of the courthouse square. About 9 o'clock the rig stood there all right and the driver went to the moving picture show. When he got around to look after the rig, the outfit was missing and no trace of its whereabouts could be learned.

Sheriff Zuber is getting tired of the tramp nuisance. The vags have grown mighty numerous of late, and they are impudent and insolent to housewives and others as they appear at back doors pleading for food. The sheriff says he's going to make it so interesting for them they will want to stay away from here.

Some winter weather here in the fore part of this week. Tuesday morning early the thermometer registered 10 degrees below zero.

The basketball season in Paulding will open by the Paulding High School boys team in a contest with the Ada High School boys at the Armory Friday evening. A preliminary game between two Paulding H.S. girl teams will start the evening's program.

The Paulding County History Museum's mission is "Preserving the Past For Future Generations." The museum closed for the winter on Dec. 10 and will reopen to the public on Feb. 18. For special events and announcements, see our Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum.

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THE BIRTH OF JESUS

very tight, was practiced for thousands of years. I have heard that these were strips of cloth set aside to wrap a deceased body.

As a lad I remember leaving the cow stable on Christmas Eve, and what a contented place it was. The barn was always warm, and the cows were contentedly chewing their cud. You would take a few seconds to marvel at what miracle is going to take place in the stable tonight.

If I could observe any moment of History it would be the angels coming to the shepherds:

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord." Other books talk about the star that stood above the stable. That night the shepherds came and found the baby. It turned out to be quite a night, and Luke says Mary kept these things and pondered them in her heart.

Other books talk about wise men coming from the East and following the star. This was probably at a later date when they were living in a house. They probably were Magi, astrologers come from Babylon, which would have been a trip of 900 miles. Travelling at the dizzying speed of 10 miles per day this would have taken 90 days. They knew the scriptures and knew that there would be an unusual star.

When you are gathered with your loved ones this Christmas take two or three minutes to read aloud Luke 2:1-20, the beautiful story that never grows old.

—James Neuhouser

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DEFIANCE CITY PARKS RECEIVES \$15,000 GRANT FOR LATTY'S GROVE PARK REHABILITATION

Amy Daeger, a member of the Defiance Area Foundation Grants Committee, presented the grant check to Rob Cereghin, the Defiance City Parks and Cemetery Director. This contribution marks an exciting step forward in revitalizing the park for residents and visitors alike.

The Defiance Area Foundation has awarded a \$15,000 grant to the City of Defiance for the rehabilitation project at Latty's Grove Park. This significant funding will support upgrades, including new sidewalks, updated shelters, court resurfacing, and equipment enhancements, ensuring the park continues to be a cherished community resource.

The rehabilitation project reflects a commitment to improving recreational spaces and fostering community engagement through enhanced facilities. Congratulations to the City of Defiance on this impactful grant!

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Entertainment Sponsor for its upcoming Gala. The bank has generously contributed \$2,000 to support the event, which will take place on October 4, 2025.

The Gala promises to be a memorable evening of celebration and philanthropy, with support from key community partners like The State Bank. For more details about the event and its sponsors, visit www.defianceareafoundation.org/gala.

PPEC RETURNS \$2 MILLION TO MEMBERS IN CAPITAL CREDITS

Many Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) members will see a lower electric bill around the holidays. This month, the local electric cooperative is returning nearly \$2,000,000 in prior year margins to over 23,000 current and former members.

Eligible co-op members will see a credit on their December electric bill. The money is being returned to members in the form of capital credits.

As a not-for-profit community-focused organization, PPEC uses these margins for investments, such as building or replacing power lines, transformers, and other electric system upgrades to meet members' evolving needs.

After being used as working capital, the money is returned to members. It represents each co-op member's ownership — or equity — in his or her cooperative. Capital credits are allocated to members in proportion to the dollar amount of electricity used.

This month's payment will go to those who used PPEC's service from 1990-2023.

Including this year's capital credits return, PPEC has returned more than \$36 million to its members.

"This patronage cash back demonstrates that PPEC members are not just customers; they are members and part-owners of their electric cooperative," said Board Chairman Joseph Kohnen. "Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op belongs to the communities we serve. Members have equity ownership in our physical assets — and receive a financial return on those assets, unlike customers of other utilities."

Anyone with questions about their capital credits refund should call PPEC at 1-800-686-2357.

The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) has officially launched Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a program dedicated to fostering early childhood literacy by providing free, age-appropriate books to children from birth to age five. Following a successful fundraising campaign, the library began signing up children who had already expressed interest via the Imagination Library website. According to officials from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana, in its first month of operation, Allen County experienced the second highest registration numbers in the

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PAULDING STUDENTS AND STAFF VOLUNTEER AT CARING AND SHARING FOOD PANTRY

On Saturday, December 7, students and staff from Paulding Exempted Village Schools dedicated their time to volunteer at the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Paulding, Ohio. This community effort highlighted the importance of giving back and supporting local

families in need.

The team included Kyle Kramer, an 8th Grade Math Teacher, alongside students Carly Font, Parker Bates, Trinity Gerbers, Brynley Manz, and Aaron Horstman, another 8th Grade Math Teacher. Their collaborative work embodies the spirit of

service that strengthens community bonds.

The Caring and Sharing Food Pantry continues to provide essential support to the Paulding community, and the contributions from these volunteers are a testament to the positive impact of local involvement.

country! To date, the ACPL has registered 2349 children - and counting!

Parents, grandparents, and caregivers are encouraged to sign up any child up to 5 years of age for the program at www.acpl.info/dolly.

There is no cost to the families and the child will receive a personalized book each month until they turn 5 years old. It takes approximately 8-12 weeks from enrollment until the child receives their first book in the mail.

"Every day someone in the community mentions Imagination Library to me. It has been a thrill to watch the community rally around the program and give generously to make it a reality," said ACPL Executive Director Susan P. Baier. "A strong early literacy foundation is absolutely critical to academic, social, and economic success. When we couple a vibrant library system with high quality books in the home - we're building that strong foundation for the children of Allen County. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the ingenuity of Dolly Parton, that work is officially underway!"

The launch now makes the internationally renowned Dolly Parton's Imagination Library available in one of Indiana's largest counties and marks the accomplishment of a key ACPL strategic goal from its

2024-28 Strategic Plan "Allen County's Window to Lifelong Learning and Discovery." In that plan, the ACPL announced its intention to celebrate reading and learning by "exploring partnerships and offering support to increase in-home access to books, including...Imagination Library."

The project is funded by community donations led by the ACPL Foundation's fundraising efforts. In June of 2024, the Foundation launched a campaign with an initial goal of \$100,000 to fund the first two years of

the program. The goal was met in October through donations from individuals, family foundations, social and civic organizations, businesses, library employees, and members of the Friends of the Library. The State of Indiana's Next Level Agenda will match all funds raised, doubling the impact of the program.

The fund currently has raised \$132,000 but requires continued support for the years to come. The community is invited to make donations at acpl.info/imagination-library or by visiting any ACPL branch.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Stop Our Liberal Cancer
I realize many of you liberals don't agree with what I write. I don't believe you ever learned enough to make this kind of decision. Just look at how many can't make change without a computer or taking 5 to 10 times as long as those of mine from the 1950's and before.

You can only blame your predecessor Democrat representatives. It was Democrats

in power (and wanting to be the only power) that forbid God and prayer in school and changed what was taught and how it was taught. Democrats were deathly afraid of God and intelligence. Why do you think America's school ranking has gone downhill since 1960?

Later in time you under educated Democrats elected our first anti-Christian, anti-American President, that was Obama. I know he is very intelligent and gave us a good economy but that is as far as you Democrats can see. He verbally put America down to the world. I believe he would do anything to remove Christianity from America and the world.

Obama didn't want Christians in the White House and forbid any mention of Christmas there and of any greeting mentioning Merry Christmas between anyone. Are you beginning to see what he meant when he said he wanted to change America? He is a full blooded Muslim and I believe he wants to have God and Christianity removed from our world. President Obama was he one making Christianity a crime in our military. All he wanted was a killing machine.

Since the liberal media is also undereducated they have made up for it by honing the art of lying. They have gotten so accomplished at lying that many of you have accepted Satan's evil ways believing it is ok. Here are just two examples of Satan's evil that you have accepted. Abortion is nothing more than premeditated murder. Transgenderism is a lie that only destroys, plus only God can make a boy or girl. Man can

only destroy.

I don't listen to "pig pen" liberal media because I consider it in the same category as swearing, not fit for anything. This next example is from MSNBC and came to me from a very prominent man that millions know and trust.

It is none other than politico reporter Heidi Przybyla. Her voice when saying this was plain disgust. She spoke with great disdain, "Christians in America actually believe our rights came from God, not congress, not from the Supreme Court." She sounds like a liberal who knows little but spouts a lot. I doubt that she tries speaking to God and doesn't listen.

I can vouch that this next bit is 100% true because it happened to me. Anyone that really knows me also knows I don't lie and have never sworn in my life. I accepted Jesus around 1950 and that means a lot to me.

After a 45 1/2 year marriage and with my wife being sick for 43 1/2 of those years, she died in bed one night in Feb. 2003. I lived in rural Defiance back then. I also had a 27 ft. travel trailer ready to spend the winter in Titusville, FL.

I went to Hicksville funeral home on November 1, 2003 to pay respects to two sisters I knew from church that had just lost a sister. Only one and no one else was there at the time. We got to talk 10-15 minutes before hearing anyone else. As I turned to leave a fourth sister was 8-10 ft behind me. At that instant I heard the words, "she is the one."

We knew who each other was since about 1950 and that we were both Christians. Sandy was a year ahead of me in school but we never spoke to each other. But, if you ever hear God like I did that day, you had better pay attention.

I called Sandy about ten days after the funeral and asked if she would like to go out some place to eat. She wanted to say no because she had not gone on a date in seventeen years. She had two teenage granddaughters with her that day and couldn't say no to a date. She asked if I could call back in a week.

I made that call and we had our first date at Bob Evans. We were engaged before Christmas. We don't recommend most couples moving that fast. You need time to know each other. We were in our 60's, only lived four miles apart and ran into each other over a period of about four years.

Now for you stupid, uned-

ucated and impatient ones out there, please absorb this. If you are thinking sex, please seek marriage first. If you go for sex first, you are following Satan's desire for you. Then if you stay and live together without marriage you might find yourself connected to Satan for life. Think about that and your life _____ God or Satan.

Sandy and I are both Christians and have been for a long, long time. Even at our age, that means no sex without marriage. Come March 6th we will celebrate 21 happy years of marriage. We're both in good health and I think that's saying a lot for being 88 and 89.

—Richard Martin
Hicksville, OH

ROHRS LEADS ARCHERS TO WIN OVER TIGERS

Caroline Rohrs scored a game high 35 points and the Antwerp Lady Archers cruised to a 45-32 victory over Holgate in a battle of former Green Meadows Conference girls basketball foes.

Rohrs finished the night with nine two-point field goals, a quartet of three-point field goals and five free throws in the contest to pace all scorers.

Clara Rohrs added eight markers for the Lady Archers with Briley Bagley picking up the final Antwerp basket of the night.

Holgate was paced by Isabelle Blaker with ten points and Julian Eis contributed seven markers.

Other Lady Tiger scorers were Markee Wilhelm (six), Delaney Meyer (five) and Mya Tijerina (four).

Antwerp led at every stop in the contest, opening a 13-9 advantage at the end of eight minutes of action.

The blue and white extended the lead to 27-13 at the intermission after outscoring Holgate 14-4 in the second period.

The Henry County squad did win the third quarter, picking up ten markers compared to nine for the Archers as Antwerp was on top 36-23 entering the final period.

Both squads then finished the game out with nine-point fourth quarters to set the final margin at 45-32.

WHAT SHOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT RMDS?

You may spend many decades contributing to your IRA and 401(k), but eventually you will likely need to take the money out — in fact, you must take the money out or face penalties. What should you know about these mandatory withdrawals?

Here are some of the basics:

- What are they called? Mandatory withdrawals are technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs.

- When must I take RMDs? If you were born before 1951, you've probably already begun taking RMDs. If you were born between 1951 and 1959, your RMD age is 73. And if you were born in 1960 or later, your RMD age is 75. You can postpone accepting your first RMD until April 1 of the year after you reach your RMD age, but this will result in two RMDs for the year. After you take your first RMD, you must take subsequent ones by December 31 of each year.

- What penalties will be assessed if I don't take all my RMDs? For every dollar not withdrawn, the IRS will charge a 25% penalty, but this can drop to 10% if you subsequently withdraw the correct amount within two years.

- Which accounts have RMDs? RMDs apply to traditional IRAs, as well as other types of IRAs, including SIMPLE and SEP IRAs. RMDs don't apply to Roth IRAs. RMDs also apply to traditional 401(k)s, but not Roth 401(k)s.

- Can I withdraw more than the RMD for any given year? Yes, you are free to take out as much as you want. However, if you take out more than the RMD for one year, you can't apply the excess to the RMD for the next year.

- How are RMDs calculated? Typically, your RMDs are determined by dividing your account balance from the prior December 31 by a life expectancy factor published by the IRS. Your financial professional should be able to

perform this calculation for you.

- If I have multiple accounts, do I have to take an RMD from each one? If you are taking RMDs from a traditional IRA, you must calculate each RMD individually, but you can take the total amount from one or more IRAs. If you're taking RMDs from a 401(k) or similar plan, you must take the RMD from each of your accounts.

- How are RMDs taxed? You are typically taxed at your income tax rate on the amount of the withdrawn RMD. You may be able to avoid taxes in a particular year if you transfer your RMDs to a qualified charity in what's known as a qualified charitable distribution.

- If I inherit an IRA or 401(k), am I subject to RMDs? Yes. When you take RMDs from an inherited account, you generally must withdraw all the funds within 10 years, as opposed to over your lifetime, which is the RMD window that applies to your own accounts. The rules are somewhat different if you inherit an IRA or 401(k) from your spouse. In any case, though, you'll want to consult with your tax advisor about how to take RMDs from an inherited account.

If you're already subject to RMDs, be sure you've taken them before the year ends. And if you haven't yet started taking RMDs, learn as much as you can about them — because the more you know, the more likely you'll make the right moves at the right time.

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Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

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BULLDOGS TAKE ON PANTHERS IN HS BOYS BASKETBALL



Junior Blake Rhonehouse, while heavily guarded by Logan Hutcheson and Jordyn Wright, gets a shot off and scores in the 1st quarter! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Paulding, OH - The Defiance Bulldogs secured a hard-fought victory over the Paulding Panthers on December 6, escaping The Jungle with a 58-49 win. Both teams displayed grit and determination in a game that remained competitive until the final quarter.

Defiance leaned on their top scorer, Josiah Schlatter, who delivered a stellar performance with 26 points.

Schlatter's offensive outburst, which included six made free throws and four two-pointers, proved pivotal in keeping the Bulldogs ahead. Teammates Matthew Walter (15 points) and Logan Hutcheson (11 points) added crucial baskets to round out the Bulldogs' scoring attack.

The Panthers didn't go quietly. Jordan Manz led Paulding with 13 points, showing poise on both ends

of the floor. Meanwhile, Xander Kuckuck contributed 15 points, including a pair of critical three-pointers that kept the Panthers in the game during the second half. Grady Barton added a strong showing with 17 points, displaying his knack for scoring both inside and beyond the arc.

Despite a close first quarter, where Defiance led by only two points, the Bulldogs began to pull away in the second half. Defiance's defense came alive, forcing key turnovers and holding Paulding to just nine points in the final quarter. The Bulldogs capitalized on their opportunities, outscoring the Panthers 18-11 in the fourth to seal the win.

The game's physicality was evident, with both teams racking up fouls. Paulding's struggles from the free-throw line hurt their chances, while Defiance capitalized on theirs to maintain their lead.

Coach Bryn Lehman of Defiance credited his team's resilience, saying, "This was a great road win for us. The Jungle is a tough place to play, but our guys stuck together, especially in the second half."

On the other side, Coach Logan Stoller of Paulding remained optimistic despite the loss. "We fought hard against a tough team. Our players left it all on the floor, and I'm proud of their effort," Stoller said.

With the victory, Defiance improves to 3-2 on the season, while Paulding falls to 2-4. The Bulldogs will look to extend their winning streak in their next matchup, while the Panthers aim to regroup and protect their home court in upcoming games.

WILDCATS CRUISE TO WIN OVER ARCHERS

The Antwerp Lady Archers hit the road Monday night to Putnam County where host Miller City cruised to a 66-37 win over the blue and white.

The Lady Wildcats took control in the opening stanza, scoring 25 first quarter points in opening a 25-9 advantage after eight minutes of play.

Miller City added to the lead in the second quarter, picking up 18 markers compared to the Archers' eleven as the Wildcats recorded a 43-20 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, the Putnam County added fifteen markers with Antwerp getting seven to give Miller City a 58-27 margin entering the final stanza.

Caroline Rohrs led all scorers in the contest, bucketing twenty-two points to pace the Lady Archers.

Raeley Franklin and Madisyn Peters both contributed five markers for Antwerp while Briley Bagley totaled three and Mara Philpot had two.

Elizabeth Erford topped Miller City with 16 points with Hailey Warnimont adding 11 and Anna Lamers contributed ten.

Kiera Ruhe (seven), Andrea Pfau (six), Lou Michel (six), Anna Schnipke (four), Kiera Warnimont (four) and Teegan Barlage (two) completed the list of Miller City scorers.

LADY ARCHERS GET WIN OVER STRYKER

Antwerp made the trip into Williams County Tuesday night for non-league girls basketball action where the Lady Archers posted a 44-38 victory over Stryker.

The two squads were even at eight points apiece at the end of one period before the Lady Archers outscored the Panthers 13-11 in the second stanza for a 21-19 halftime advantage.

Antwerp extended the lead in the third quarter, doubling up the hosts 14-7 in the quarter for a 35-26 margin entering the final period.

Stryker made things interesting in the fourth quarter, scoring a dozen points compared to nine for Antwerp but the Archers went on to record the 44-38 victory.

The Lady Archers were paced by Caroline Rohrs with 21 points on the night while Briley Bagley and Clara Rohrs bucketed seven markers apiece.

Madisyn Peters (five), Raeley Franklin (three) and Mara Philpot (one) completed the scoring for Antwerp.

Stryker was led by Grace Froelich with 13 points and Reiss Creighton chipped in nine markers.

Other scorers for the Panthers were Addalee Fulk (six), Anna Donovan (four), Abby Oberlin (four) and Aubrey Clemens (two).

QUICK START PROPELS PANTHERS OVER BEARS

Host Paulding used a fast start and then held off a late rally by visiting Bryan for a 47-40 victory over the Golden Bears in non-conference girls basketball play.

HORNETS WIN THRILLER OVER WARRIORS



Woodlan's Trey Yoder drives in under the basket to score for the Warriors! More pictures at westbendnews.net

to be the difference as Angola added 14 points compared to just five for Woodlan in giving the Hornets an 81-72 decision.

Tyler Rupple paced the Hornets with 20 points in the contest, leading a quartet of Angola players in double figures.

Niles Knox bucketed 15 points to aid the Hornet cause with Cru Weber chipping in a dozen and Ryan Stuckey contributed ten.

Ben Thomas and Tommy Caswell each totaled eight points for Angola with Landon Leach finishing with six and Kyler Huscher picked up two.

Trey Yoder topped all scorers in the contest with 26 points for Woodlan and Oliver Adams picked up 16 for the Warriors.

Mason Moore also reached twin digits for Woodlan with 11 points.

Other scorers for the Warriors were Keaton Delagrange (eight), Jordan Halsey (six), Ashtin Jacquay (two) and Zach Scheiderer (two).

Thursday evening.

The maroon and white put up eighteen points in the opening stanza of the contest while limiting Bryan to eleven as Paulding posted a seven-point lead at the end of one period.

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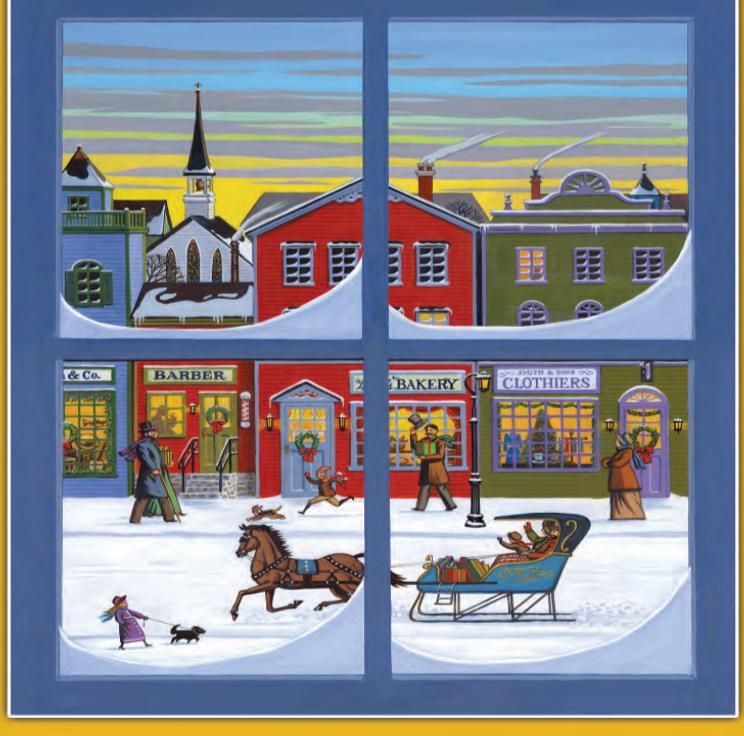
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SPARTANS TOO MUCH FOR WT



Senior Kathleen Stoller is under the basket, shoots, scores and fouled to score the extra point for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Lima Senior outscored host Wayne Trace 17-11 in the fourth quarter as the Spartans pulled away for a 53-47 win in non-conference girls basketball play Tuesday at the 'Palace.'

The Spartans jumped in front 14-11 at the end of one period before both teams added thirteen markers in the second stanza, putting Lima Senior on top 27-24 at the intermission.

Wayne Trace rallied to tie in the third quarter, scoring a dozen points while Lima Senior bucketed nine to send the game knotted at 36-36 entering the final stanza.

Khaliah Luster scored 29 points to top all scorers in the

scoring eight additional points while Bryan recorded six in giving the Lady Panthers a 37-27 margin entering the final stanza.

The Golden Bears out-pointed the Panthers 13-10 in the fourth quarter but it was not enough with Paulding holding on for the seven-point victory.

Addison Pease and Tori Schlatter each reached double digits for Paulding with 19 and 13 points, respectively.

GIRLS WRESTLING STARTS YEAR

High school girls wrestling opened its season recently as both the Defiance and Bryan Invitational were held.

At the home of the Bulldogs, it was Defiance who won the tournament with eighty-one points while Toledo Whitmer (76), Napoleon (67), Fairview (46) and Niles (Michigan, 44) rounded out the top five squads.

Edgerton was sixth at 38 points followed by Springfield (34), Lima Senior (31-1/2), Wayne Trace (30), Coldwater (20), Ayersville (18), Elida (18), Ottawa Glandorf (14) and Hicksville (13) completed the list of squads.

Wayne Trace's Alivia Bell took sixth place in the tournament at the 105-pound weight class, falling by pin in the fifth-place match to Elida's Bailey Dunn.

In round robin matches, Edgerton's Ava Herman recorded a first-place finish at 110 with Fairview's Aleena Foor taking third. Edgerton's Kylie Hazelton also captured a title at 115 with teammate Ruby Stickan placing fourth.

At 125, Wayne Trace's Karsyn Troth was second and Fairview's Taylor Judd took third. The Lady Raiders' Katelynn Bauer also claimed second in the 135-pound weight class.

In the 170-pound class, Hicksville's Nadia King finished second followed by Wayne Trace's Aries Ricker in third and Fairview's Jocelyn McElfresh in fourth.

At the Bryan Invitational,

Delta claimed the team title with 133 points with Archbold (127), Wauseon (110), Tinora (107) and Oregon Clay (102-1/2) completing the top five schools. Edgerton finished 14th at 29-1/2 points with Antwerp 18th at 24 points. Hicksville placed 19th with eighteen points and Wayne Trace was 21st with eleven points.

Hicksville's Nadia King took second at 170 and Antwerp's Madi Doster claimed a championship in the 190-weight pound class.

Edgerton's Ava Herman picked up a third-place finish at 110 with teammate Chloe Hazelton placing sixth at 105. The Bulldogs' Kyli Hazelton took fifth at 115 while Wayne Trace's Katelynn Bauer was sixth at 135.

Wayne Trace's Aries Ricker also claimed fifth place in the 170-pound weight class.

MILLER CITY DOMINATES ANTWERP IN GIRLS BASKETBALL MATCHUP

Miller City's girls' basketball team secured an emphatic victory over Antwerp with a final score of 66-37. The game, played on December 9, 2024, highlighted Miller City's strong offensive and defensive execution against the Archers.

Antwerp Highlights:

• Despite the loss, Antwerp saw solid performances from Caroline Rohrs, who tallied 8 points, and Madisyn Peters, who contributed 5 points. Brinley Bagley and Clara Rohrs also made notable efforts in defense and play-

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SLOW START COSTS ARCHERS



Junior Zaine McMichael is fouled and scores both baskets in the 2nd quarter of this set of shots! More pictures at westbendnews.net

quarter while limiting the Archers to five in sealing the 59-49 victory.

The orange and black was led by Ian Howbert with fifteen points on the night while Calvin Menke and Jarron Swick also reached double digits with 12 and 11 markers, respectively.

Owen Calvelage recorded nine points for the Putnam County squad while Adam Hoersten finished with seven and Brandt Menke picked up five.

Zaine McMichael totaled a game high twenty-seven points for Antwerp with Aiden Lichy chipping in eight markers for the Archers.

Drew Eaken, Tavin Sholl and Keegan Gray-Wyckoff all had four points for the blue and white while Hampton Rogge finished with one basket.



Pictured above are the People's Choice Award: Limitless by PC Workshop.

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and organizations for their participation, which has brightened the season for residents and visitors alike. Thank you to everyone who supported the event by visiting downtown, voting for their favorite displays, and celebrating the spirit of the season.

For more information about upcoming events by sure check out Yodel, the Paulding County Community Calendar. Happy Holidays from the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Antwerp Community Band invites the West Bend News' readers to its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 pm on Thursday, December 19, 2024, in the Huber Opera House, Hicksville. On the program: "O, Holy Night", Bach's "Sleepers, Awake", a holiday medley - "Merry Christmas, Everyone!", "O, Little Town of Bethlehem", "Sleigh Ride" and more.

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Payne Elementary takes

pride in fostering such admirable character traits in its students and applauds their achievements. Congratulations to all!

Pictured above are (front row) Paisley Couts, Mary Gerardot, Kinley Mortensen, Kyla Barajas, Trace Rosswurm,

Emmett Litzenberg, Hailee Burkhard, Jayce Linder, Hannah Mawer, and Monroe Taylor; (back row) Gracelynn Couts, Atlas Allenbaugh, Sam Wilson, Landon Sherry, Silas Dempsey, Zoie Rogers, Thayer Zartman, Annaleigh Walker, Jeremy Seibert.

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY RECEIVES \$10,000 GRANT FOR RENOVATION AND REMODELING



The Johnson Memorial Library in Hicksville has been awarded a generous \$10,000 grant to support the second phase of its renovation and remodeling project. This grant underscores the commitment to improving community facilities and enhancing services for local residents.

The funding will assist in continuing updates to the library, providing a more modern and accessible environment.

ment. Dawn Hostetler, President of the Johnson Memorial Library Friends, and Don Hange, a Defiance Area Foundation Grants Committee Member, were present for the announcement, along with board members Mary Kay Shimko, Beth Headley, and Susan Mack, who expressed gratitude for the support.

This grant is part of the ongoing efforts to revitalize the library, ensuring it con-

tinues to serve as a vital resource and gathering place for the community.

RAIDERS SUFFER FIRST LOSS AT BRYAN

The Bryan Golden Bears controlled the first three quarters of Friday night's non-league boys basketball game with Wayne Trace and then held on in the final stanza for a 55-49 victory.

Bryan opened the contest with a thirteen-point first quarter while the Raiders were held to ten markers in the stanza, putting the Williams County squad on top after 8 minutes of action.

The Golden Bears added 14 markers in the second stanza and held the red, white and blue to a dozen points as Bryan extended the lead to

27-22 at the intermission.

In the third period, the Williams County squad posted 16 points to twelve for Wayne Trace in pushing the margin to 43-34 entering the final period.

Wayne Trace won the 4th quarter with a 15-12 margin but it was the Golden Bears who held on for 55-49 victory.

Gavin Jassing led a trio of Golden Bears in double digits with 18 points with Kingston Sito adding 14 and Landon Bassett chipped in 13.

Jack Kennedy (four), Masen Welling (two), Carter Dominique (two) and Tucker Watson (two) completed the scoring for Bryan.

Wayne Trace was paced by Carter Clemens with 19 markers and Caden Sinn chipped in a dozen points.

Brady Miller (seven), Tyson Gerber (six), Tanner Laukhuf (three) and Zach Stoller (two) rounded out the point scorers for the red, white and blue.

WAYNE TRACE IMPROVES TO 4-0

Lexi Moore scored fifteen points and grabbed fifteen rebounds to lead the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders to a 60-38 victory over Bryan in non-conference girls basketball play Tuesday evening.

Careen Winans added a dozen markers for the red, white and blue with Harper Myers bucketing eleven and Caroline Winans finished with ten points as the Lady Raiders put four players in double digits.

Also scoring for Wayne Trace were Tianna Sinn (eight), Kathleen Stoller (two) and Amber Stoller (two).

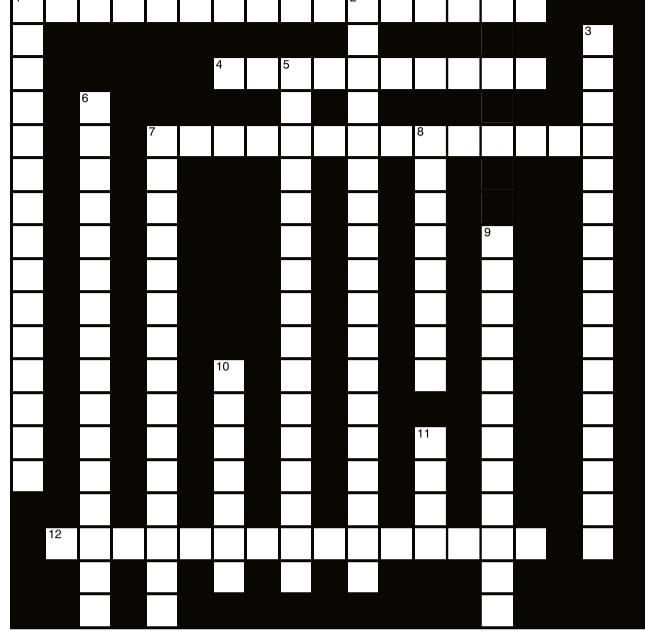
Caroline Winans picked up six boards, two assists and four steals with Careen Winans totaling 5 rebounds, five assists and four steals.

Sinn finished with two assists and two steals and Myers picked up three boards and two steals. Amber Stoller and Kathleen Stoller had three boards apiece as well for Wayne Trace.

Bryan was paced by Josey Arnold with thirteen points followed by Amiyah Langham (seven), Averyann Fisher (four), Piper Hanna (four), Ava Zimmerman (four), Gabby Mossburg (three) and Mylie Vollmer (three).

Arnold and Fisher recorded seven and six rebounds, respectively, with Zimmerman, Langham and Mossburg posting two steals apiece. Arnold recorded two assists as well for the Golden Bears.

WEST BEND NEWS CROSSWORD PUZZLE THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



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Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

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TO: Unknown Spouse of Leslie J. Guelde; The CITI/Group Finance, Inc.

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: of Unknown Spouse of Leslie J. Guelde 13607 Helen Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879; of The CITI/Group Finance, Inc. 525 Metro Place North, Suite 275, Dublin, Ohio 43017

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 Leslie J. Guelde to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate recorded in Volume 257 Page 327; Volume 252, Page 307 of the Paulding County Records.

The real property in question is situated as follows:

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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, Cherie S. Nicely, Deep Green Bank

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: of Rodney Dix at 741 Tom Tim Drive, Paulding, Ohio; of Michael & Cherie 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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Court of Common Pleas

Paulding, County, Ohio

By: Heather Barnhouse

Deputy

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Barnhouse

Paulding County, Ohio

Prosecuting Attorney

120 S. Walnut Street

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NEW HAVEN HIGH STUDENT RECEIVES FULL RIDE LILLY ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP



Alanya Bretlinger, a senior at New Haven High School was surprised by Community Foundation representatives and presented with a Lilly Endowment Scholarship award! Alanya will receive full tuition, required fees, and a book stipend for four years to attend University of Saint Francis. She will study to become a Radiation Technologist. Congratulations Alanya!

LEO HIGH STUDENT LILLY ENDOWMENT FULL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Hayden Couey, a senior at Leo High School was surprised by Community Foundation representatives and presented with a Lilly Endowment Scholarship award! Hayden will receive full tuition, required fees, and a book stipend for four years to attend Butler University. He plans to major in Finance. Congratulations Hayden!

PAULDING COUNTY BAC HOSTS INFORMATIVE IN 4TH QUARTER MEETING

The Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) office hosted the fourth quarter Business Advisory Council (BAC) Committee meeting this week. The meeting was held in the newly remodeled OSU Extension building on the campus of the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

Twenty-one business leaders and educators introduced themselves so participants understood where and how each attendee fits into Paulding County growth. The event

was moderated by PCED Director Tim Copsey. Copsey shared how the council is stronger with participation and how it can benefit school, student and business relationships around the county, for the future.

Guests heard a summary of recent BAC Steering Committee activity. The committee meets quarterly on months just prior to full council meetings. This committee digs deeper into the details of how to develop collaboration between businesses and educators and helps guide future development within the BAC. For the 2024-25 school year

BAC template submission to the Ohio Education Association, 28 programs were identified and reported that were taking place between business and educators in the county. This committee is now reviewing each of these programs individually to see if they remain viable, are relevant to business today, and if we can emulate them at other schools or businesses within the county. Review will continue throughout the year.

As they started out in the past, this group was mentored by other high performing BAC groups around the state. The Ottawa County BAC has

offered an invite for the Paulding County members to join in one of their upcoming meetings to see how they run their BAC and if anything could be learned for the future. The group will look at the date and see if there might be an opportunity to participate in a collaborative meeting soon.

Discussion also took place in regard to trying to connect with last year's high school graduates. It would be of interest to the BAC to be able to share open employment opportunities, from around the county, with graduates and with current college students. This would allow students to see employment opportunities, within their field of study, as they determine their employment future.

One highlighted area, for possible improvement from the committee, is with the OhioMeansJobs employment portal. It was noted that this seems cumbersome for students. A meeting has been scheduled to see if there may be an opportunity to walk through this portal with students and OMJ state leadership to see how training may help, or if there needs to be some tweaking to the portal itself. Results will be shared with the committee at a future meeting.

All three county high schools addressed the group sharing new and exciting things taking place with each of them. Superintendent Rick Turner shared updates from Vantage Career Center and Northwest State Community College Van Wert campus Dean of Students Jon Tomlinson shared information in regard to the college.

Copsey closed out the meeting sharing information about potential opportunities that have taken place in other nearby counties that the BAC should consider. This included a business breakfast at Patrick Henry High School and an elementary business expo at Holgate Elementary. Also shared were dates of April 2 for the Paulding County Business, College and Career Showcase and June 2-5 & 9 for the 2025 Paulding County Teacher Bootcamp. The bootcamp is provided by the State of Ohio to offer local high school administrators and educators the opportunity to tour and meet local businesses professionals while receiving continuing college credit.

The PC BAC will convene again in February with a Steering Committee meeting and a full membership meeting in March

LADY PANTHERS HOLD OFF LANCERS

Host Paulding jumped in front after one quarter before holding off a rally by visiting Lincolnview for a 56-49 victory in non-league girls basketball action last week.

The maroon and white poured in twenty-three points in the opening stanza of the contest while limiting the Lancers to thirteen.

In the second stanza, the Lady Panthers added nine markers compared to seven for the Lancers in giving Paulding a 32-20 halftime advantage.

Lincolnview cut into the deficit in the third quarter, outscoring Paulding 13-10 to trim the Panther lead to 42-33 entering the final period.

The visitors from Van Wert won the fourth quarter

FOUR FLAGS FOR FREEDOM INITIATIVE RECEIVES \$1,000 MOOSE GRANT



Executive Director of Defiance County Economic Development, alongside Stacy McCartney, Administrator of the Defiance Moose Lodge. Their collaboration highlights the impact of community partnerships in enhancing local projects.

For more information about the Four Flags for Freedom Initiative, visit www.fourflagsoffreedom.com.

WARRIORS GET HOME WIN

The Woodlan Lady Warriors improved to 5-3 overall and 2-0 in the ACAC with a 60-43 victory over Adams Central Saturday outside of Woodburn.

After playing to a 9-9 tie at the end of one quarter, the host Lady Warriors took control in the second stanza with a 23-point period that put Woodlan on top 32-22 at the intermission.

Woodlan then followed that up with a 20-point third quarter while limiting the Flying Jets to a dozen markers, giving the Lady Warriors a 52-34 advantage entering the final period.

Adams Central outscored Woodlan 9-8 in the fourth quarter but it wasn't enough as the Lady Warriors cruised to the 60-43 victory.

Alyssa Anderson was

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The Defiance Area Foundation (DAF) is thrilled to announce that Collins & Guilford Wealth Advisors, LLC, has committed \$2,500 to sponsor the Cocktail Hour for the upcoming DAF Gala. The event is scheduled to take place on October 4, 2025, and promises to be an evening filled with celebration and community engagement.

Representing the sponsorship are Kirk Collins and Matthew Guilford of Collins & Guilford Wealth Advisors.

dominant for Woodlan, posting a double-double with 18 points and 20 rebounds in the contest while adding three steals.

Brooke Kneubuhler also recorded a double-double for the Lady Warriors, totaling 13 points and ten boards to go along with nine assists.

Reagan Widenhoefer chipped in 11 points, two rebounds, six assists and two steals with Savannah Scheumann adding five points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Emma McDaniel, Alix Jacquay and McKenna Goble

They were joined by Chris Yoder, Executive Director of the Defiance Area Foundation, during the sponsorship presentation. This generous contribution highlights the firm's dedication to supporting local initiatives and strengthening community ties.

For more information about the gala and sponsorship opportunities, visit the Defiance Area Foundation's website at www.defianceareafoundation.org/gala.

all had three points for Woodlan with Mariah Thullner and Layla Hodson posting two markers apiece.

Kara Fisher topped the Flying Jets with 18 points and two assists while Ava Stafford and Ellie Ogg both chipped in nine markers for Adams Central. Ogg and Stafford also grabbed six and five rebounds, respectively, for the visiting squad.

Myla Ellenberger contributed three points while Tenley Hendricks and Cali Dairymple picked up two points apiece.

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WARRIORS OPEN ACAC PLAY WITH WIN

The Woodlan Warriors opened ACAC boys basketball play on Friday with a 56-40 victory over Jay County outside of Woodburn.

The Warriors took a 15-10 lead at the end of one quarter and dominated the second stanza, outscoring the Patriots 15-2 in the period for a 30-12 halftime advantage.

Woodlan continued to expand the gap in the third quarter, picking up 17 points compared to 14 for Jay County as the Warriors posted a 47-26 lead entering the final stanza.

Trey Yoder led all scorers in the contest with 30 points for Woodlan, which evened its overall record at 2-2 on the season.

Oliver Adams contributed 14 markers for the Warriors while Mason Moore chipped in six and Drew Fleek posted four points. Keaton Delarange had the remaining two points for Woodlan.

Tucker Griffin led the way for Jay County with 16 points on the night and Christopher Comer posted ten markers.

Gradin Swoveland chipped in eight points for the Patriots with Kade Sommers, Cole Forthofer and Aiden Phillips posting two markers apiece.

ANTWERP WRESTLING SHINES AT HICKSVILLE INVITATIONAL

The Antwerp Archers wrestling team displayed great determination and skill at the recent Hicksville Invitational. The team achieved notable individual performances across several weight classes, showcasing the athletes' hard work and competitive spirit.

Results:

- 126 lbs: Dominic Laker went 1-2 with one pin.
- 132 lbs: Kamren Johnson secured 2nd place with a 3-1 record and three pins.
- 138 lbs: Braxton Peters finished 1-4 with one pin.

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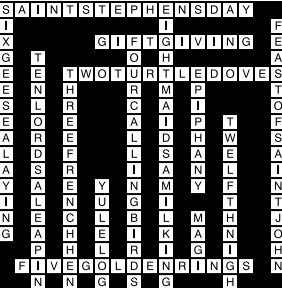
Miller City Highlights:

Miller City's offense was spearheaded by Elizabeth Erford, who racked up 16 points, and Kiera Ruhe, who added 7 points. Hailey Warnimont showcased her versatility, scoring 11 points and making key defensive plays. Contributions from Anna Schnipke

and Anna Lammers further cemented the team's commanding performance.

The game showcased Miller City's cohesive teamwork and execution, while Antwerp will look to regroup and build on individual performances for upcoming games. Congratulations to Miller City on a well-deserved victory!

Others finding the scoring column for the blue and white were Keegan Gray-Wyckoff (nine), Weston Rhonehouse (four), Drew Eaken (two), Aiden Lichty (one) and Hampton Rogge (one).



Crossword solution from page 9

OPERATION CLEAN DUDS RECEIVES \$1,000 MOOSE GRANT

Operation Clean Duds, a local initiative supporting laundromat needs in Defiance and surrounding communities, has been awarded a \$1,000 grant by the Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This funding will be used to assist individuals and families with laundry services, promoting cleanliness and dignity within the community.

The grant presentation included representatives from

the Moose Lodge, featuring Jasmin Conley and Melvina Smith, alongside members of Operation Clean Duds. This partnership highlights the lodge's ongoing commitment to supporting community-focused initiatives.

The Moose Lodge's generosity continues to make a significant impact in the Defiance area, ensuring essential services are accessible to those in need.

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

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

from the children and staff of the Woodburn Christian Children's Home!

Dear WCCH Family,

The wonderment of God's love and care is best seen through the eyes of a child. At WCCH, houseparents, staff and volunteers see this truth while ministering to the children. The following reflection is from Karlee, a young lady who helps us see what children see.

"WCCH has its ups and downs, but it is a wonderful place if you let it be. One of my favorite memories is from Church Camp when I went rappelling and my hair got stuck in the harness while going down

the cliff a third time. It was a scary moment for me – my life flashed before my eyes, but Jim [instructor] helped me by cutting a little bit of my hair off to free up the harness.

This was scary, but when I got out it was a funny experience. That was my first time ever rappelling or doing anything like that, and I am looking forward to doing it again. Another favorite memory at WCCH is Christmas, especially when we walk into the new building and see all the presents. What got me the most last year

was seeing one of the little kids and how her presents seemed to tower two times over her head. It was funny seeing her standing next to it. All in all, we have a lot of fun here even the times when your life flashes before your eyes."

I hope you enjoyed reading Karlee's description of Christmas at WCCH. As adults, we know it is hard to live at WCCH during the holidays. Thankfully, Karlee sees the wonderment of God's generosity far more than the problems that brought her to WCCH. Just like the trouble she en-

countered repelling, Karlee knows God will always send someone to help. God's love is always greater than our problems, especially when we see His gifts compared to a child.

The WCCH children are thankful for your generosity. For the kids, your prayers and donations of food and money are seen as Hope and Love. May God bless you this season as we celebrate Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

*—In Service to Him,
Joe Heins Executive Director*

BIG NEWS: WCCH is debt free!

The WCCH Strong & Courageous Strategic Vision was launched in March 2021, a vision that expands how we care for children and the number of children in our care.

The vision was launched from a foundation of faith and unceasing prayer, careful planning, and belief in God's faithfulness. To realize the vision, we first needed to build a 13,000 SF learning and counseling center and expand the homes with bedrooms for relief house parents. Both projects were completed in April 2023.

Now, we are excited to announce the associated capital campaign is 100% funded! The campaign received 1,436 unique donations totaling \$2,555,250, including a recent donation of \$500,000. Your faithful support allows WCCH to remain debt free!



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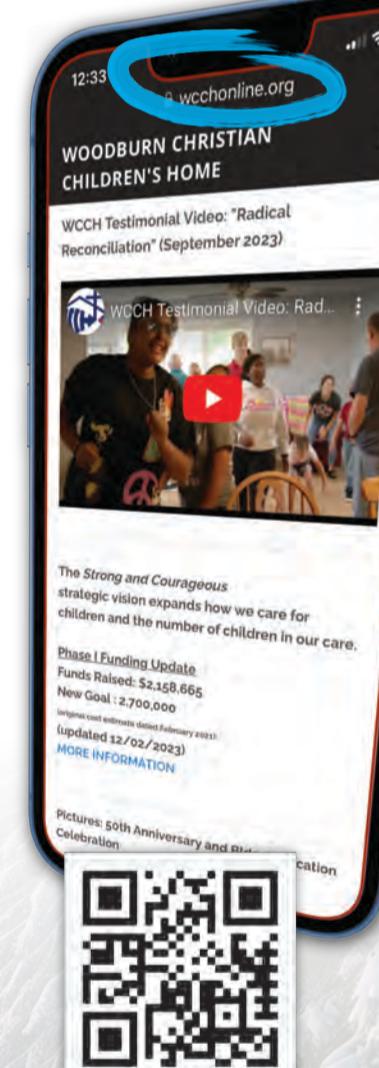
The story of Christmas is of Faith, Hope, and Love. The message of the Old Testament points to Jesus as the Savior, a hope the Israelites had been waiting for. The Promise of God was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus and his life.

Hope for all mankind was turned around when Jesus gave his life for each of us. This great sacrifice, which demonstrated God's love for us, is realized when his followers demonstrate a living sacrifice to provide in ministries such as taking care of orphans and widows. God's promises are not done only with the life of Jesus. But they are made real in all of us.

Woodburn Christian Children's Home is blessed by the people who God provides to make this ministry a success.

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