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PINK OUT KATIE'S CANCER BENEFIT SET FOR APRIL 18 IN ANTWERP



ANTWERP - A community-wide benefit to support local resident Katie Gaisford and her family will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Antwerp VFW Post 5087. The event, titled "Pink Out Katie's Cancer Benefit," will feature a full day of activities designed

to bring the community together while raising funds to assist with medical and recovery expenses. The day will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a golf outing hosted at Pond-A-River Golf Course. The four-man scramble will include a 50/50 raffle and

prizes throughout the event. Those interested in participating in the golf outing can contact Jeff Hitzeman at 419-506-1052 or Matt Moore at 260-312-2348 for more information.

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PASS 24-HOUR BASKETBALL MARATHON IS BACK!!!

The time has finally come for Paulding County's longest running charity event, the 46th Annual Paulding Area Support Society Basketball Marathon. Each year the Marathon raises funds to support P.A.S.S. which helps support those in need with medical assistance, medication expenses, physical challenges, transportation expenses for medical appointments, and speech programs. The society normally helps between 125-150 Paulding County residents each year. This year committee chairman Clint Reinhart was able to secure donations from the Paulding

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LIBERTARIAN CHRISTOPHER ELDER ANNOUNCES BID FOR OHIO'S 82ND HOUSE DISTRICT

Christopher Elder declared his candidacy for State Representative in Ohio's 82nd District, representing Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert Counties, and a portion of Defiance County. Elder is running as a Libertarian and will appear on the Primary ballot in May.

"All your freedoms, all the time. Government overreach into your personal liberties has grown rampant and unchecked; I am running to drastically scale back the role big government plays in your life."

Why Libertarian? A main tenet of Libertarian philosophy is this: If what you do doesn't result in a victim or the imminent threat of harming someone else, then there is no crime or reason for punishment. Therefore, it should not

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MIKE ILER ANNOUNCES REPUBLICAN BID FOR PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONER



Mike Iler, a lifelong resident of Paulding County and former owner of the beloved Past Time Café, has officially announced his candidacy for County Commissioner on the Republican ticket. With a platform built on deep community roots and a passion for the county's future, Iler aims to bring a business-minded approach to local government.

A Foundation of Service and Faith

A 1987 graduate of Paulding High School with a background in Business Administration and Management, Iler is a familiar face to many. His commitment to the community is reflected in his extensive involvement:

- Member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish and the Knights of Columbus (St. Joseph Council).

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- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-12p
- March 31**
- Kindergarten Registration Deadline for Wayne Trace Local Schools
- April 1**
- PERI Dist 2 Meeting @ Paulding Library, 10a
- April 2**
- PC Republican Central Committee Meeting @ Hollywood & Vine, 7p
- April 4**
- Easter Egg Hunt @ Payne Community Park, 12p
 - Easter Egg Hunt @ Paulding Nazarene Church, 1p
- April 9**
- PCED Career Day @ PC OSU Ext. Bldg, Paulding, 9a-12p
- April 10-11**
- CC Banks Presents Chicago @ Studio 211, Antwerp, 7:30p
 - Out of Sight, Out of Murder @ Huber, Dinner, 6p; Show, 7p
- April 11**
- LifeWise Antwerp's Evening of Impact Fundraiser @ Grant's Catering, 6p
 - Out of Sight... Out of Murder @ Huber, 6p



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OBITUARIES

PAULDING FFA IS 2026 AG BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS!



Pictured here left to right is our 2026 Paulding Ag Basketball team. Ridge Hunt, Magdiel Lopez, coach Gannon Parrett, Jose Gonzales, Colten Hunt, Grady Arend holding the championship plaque, Jackson Griffith, Wes Grindstaff, and coach Zach Barton.

By: Vivienne Myers, Paulding FFA Reporter

On Saturday, March 21st the Paulding FFA Chapter hosted Arlington FFA for a mini ag basketball tournament.

Ag ball is for all FFA students that do not normally play basketball with a new rule this year being we could have 1 basketball player on the court if wanted. Paulding has participated in ag basketball for the last several years. Our chapter loves to participate and have fun. It also allows

members to mingle with other chapters in the nearby area. Paulding FFA Ag ball team was victorious, winning against Arlington in two out of three games.

The team was made up of Colten Hunt, Jackson Griffith, Grady Arend, Jose Gonzales, Juice Pessefall, Ridge Hunt, Magdiel Lopez, and Wes Grindstaff with Coaches Gannon Parrett and Zach Barton. Some game highlights included Grady Arend hitting 6 three-point shots. Ridge Hunt and Wes Grindstaff were the best dressed basketball play-

ers. We had 2 seniors who have played throughout their high school career which were Colten Hunt and Jackson Griffith.

The Paulding FFA team received a plaque to commemorate the 2026 tournament. Everyone had a lot of fun playing basketball along with the students who were there cheering on our team. We are looking forward to next year's tournament and are thankful that Arlington was able to attend this year, it was a blast to watch.

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throughout the day include a car cruise-in and a variety of family-friendly events. Doors at the VFW will open at 4:00 p.m., at which time the silent auction will begin accepting bids. From 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., kids' activities and snacks will be available.

Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. and is open to the public. A bake sale will also be

p.m.- 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2026 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, OH. There will also be calling one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made in Richard's memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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available for free-will donations, with dinner service concluding at 7:00 p.m. A live auction featuring larger donated items will take place at 6:00 p.m., followed by the closing of the silent auction at 7:00 p.m. The evening will wrap up with Okie-Dokie Karaoke beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Katie was diagnosed with breast cancer in July of 2025 and has since undergone chemotherapy and surgery. She resides in Antwerp with her husband, Tyler, and their three daughters, Evelyn, Emery, and Ella. Proceeds from the benefit will go toward supporting the family as Katie continues her recovery.

Community members wishing to contribute, donate items, or learn more about the event may contact Cindy Brewer at 419-769-7772, Mandy Moore at 260-602-7097, Chelsey Hahn at 260-582-9290, or Kim Kemerer at 419-506-0491.

Organizers encourage the public to attend, participate, and show their support for the Gaisford family during this time of need.

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be subject to government regulation.

Elder is running to promote ranked choice voting, the eventual abolition of property taxes, and a return to more localized control of the government.

For the last three years, Elder has worked as a Family Teacher at the Marsh Foundation in Van Wert. He has seen the impacts government has had on families and children. A key part of the Marsh Foundation's program is growing self-advocacy skills. As Representative, Elder hopes to passionately support the needs expressed by constituents in the district. Elder also has experience in hardware retail, information technology, and other social service organizations.

For more information about Christopher's election campaign for State Representative visit his campaign link tree at: <https://linktr.ee/elderforoh82>

Elder for Ohio: Brian Sandwisch, Treasurer
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Scripture of the Week

"My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge."

— Psalm 62:7

PALM SUNDAY



As we gather to celebrate Palm Sunday, let us remember the significance of this day in our faith. It marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, where the crowds joyfully welcomed Him with palm branches, proclaiming Him as the King.

As king, he could have ridden in on royal horses, drawn in golden chariots, but instead he chose a donkey colt, a definite sign of humility, exemplifying his mission of love over pride and power.

Two scriptures come to mind: ****Zachariah 9:9**** (NIV): "Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your

king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

"And then he said to me, 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty." (Zechariah 4:6, NIV)

This moment reminds us of the hope and excitement that Jesus brings into our lives. It's an invitation to reflect on our own journey of faith and to recognize how we can welcome Him into our hearts. A question arises: which would you have chosen? Which mode of transportation would you have chosen?

Let us take this time to prepare ourselves for the coming Holy Week. May we carry forward the spirit of joy and hope, reflecting on Christ's humility. As we wave our palms and sing our praises, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Which translates to Lord, save us. Save now. Let us renew our commitment to follow Him with love, compassion, and imitate His humility.

Wishing you all a blessed Palm Sunday filled with peace and joy!

Peace and Love,
—Pastor Dwayne

SHOP THE VILLAGE EXPANDS IN 2026 WITH MULTIPLE EVENT DATES AND OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Paulding, Ohio - The Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the return and expansion of Shop the Village in 2026, featuring multiple event dates throughout the year to encourage shopping local and supporting small businesses in downtown Paulding.

The first event, Shop the Village: Spring Edition, will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with additional dates already scheduled, including:

- Summer Blast Edition - Saturday, July 11 (held in conjunction with Summer Blast activities)
- Shop Small Season Kick-off - Saturday, November 21
- Additional holiday shopping dates may be announced

This year's Spring and Summer events will feature an expanded outdoor experience, with Jackson Street closed from Main Street to Williams Street to create a walkable, open-air shopping environment. The street closure allows vendors to set up outdoors, creating a vibrant, festival-style atmosphere with increased visibility and an improved flow for shoppers.

In 2025, Shop the Village featured approximately 70 vendors throughout downtown, creating a lively and well-attended shopping experience. That momentum is already carrying into 2026, with 20 vendors currently signed up for the May 2 event—and more continuing to come in.

Shop the Village brings together a diverse mix of pop-up shops, cottage businesses, youth artisans, and established retailers, offering a unique opportunity for the community to discover one-of-a-kind products while supporting local entrepreneurs.

A limited number of indoor vendor spaces will also be available within downtown businesses, though indoor placement is not guaranteed.

"Shop the Village continues to grow into something

more than just a single event—it's becoming a series that brings consistent energy to our downtown throughout the year," said Jill Strahley, Executive Director of the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce. "This expansion really came from our downtown businesses. They saw the value, asked for more opportunities, and with their help, we've been able to bring those additional dates to life. That kind of collaboration is what makes this so impactful."

The event is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to explore down-

town, shop local, and enjoy the seasonal atmosphere.

Vendors interested in participating in the Spring Edition are encouraged to submit their interest soon, as the April 4, 2026 deadline is quickly approaching: <https://forms.gle/pXLzuE4jShF-SP3zVA>

Additional event details, vendor placements, and logistics will be shared with confirmed participants.

For updates, vendor highlights, and event details, follow the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce on Facebook or visit www.pauldingchamber.com.

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Thank You...

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a very heartfelt thank you for all the support following my accident when I was hit by a car while riding my bicycle on June 12, 2025 here in the village of Paulding.

Thank you to everyone who was part of my medical care team initially here in Paulding, on my life flight journey, at Parkview Regional Main Campus, at Parkview Randallia Rehabilitation Center and my return to PCH for continued outpatient therapy.

Thank you to everyone who has offered their support in any way, those who sent gift cards, monetary gifts and well wishes and especially for all the continuous prayer support. Thank you to everyone who had brought food or participated in the meal train. It all truly does make a difference!

Thank you to Salon 104 and their staff for sponsoring the raffle, to anyone who donated a gift or purchased tickets. Also, thank you Salon 104 for your services in doing my nails, toes and hair when I was initially released from the rehabilitation center. We greatly appreciate your support and ongoing friendship.

Thank you for all the ongoing love and support from family members, friends, community and our church family.

We firmly believe, we would not have made it as far as we have without all of you and God's Saving Grace.

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THE FLU AND WORDS

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

I have been pretty lucky in not catching a flu bug this winter, but the other day I got unlucky and have the nasty germs in my stomach, my sinus and have no energy. This will be a short Pennies, but to me this bit of information is worth having you read. This is very amazing and I hope you enjoy:
A Friend of Mine Once Told Me:
'Sad' has 3 letters, but so does 'Joy'.
'Fall' has 4 letters, but so does 'Rise'.
'Curse' has 5 letters, but so does 'Bless'.

'Ignore' has 6 letters, but so does 'Listen'.
'Enemies' has 7 letters, but so does 'Friends'.
'Immature' has 8 letters, but so does 'Maturity'.
'Ignorance' has 9 letters, but so does 'Knowledge'.
'Negativity' has 10 letters, but so does 'Positivity'.
I never thought of this and found it so true But let me ask: Did you know these opposites and just saying these words over might help you through a hard or bad day. Have you had this flu and you just don't feel like doing anything? Take it easy and I will give you a Penny For Your Thoughts



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- 35-year Associate Member of the Paulding VFW Post 587.
- Lifetime Member of the Paulding County History Museum.

"I feel I have been truly blessed to be from Paulding County," Iler said. "This community has given so much to me and my family, and I am ready to give back by ensuring our county remains a place where families can thrive for generations."
Family Values and Local Dedication
Married to Marcy (Reinhart) since 1998, Mike is the proud father of four daughters who embody the spirit of service: Macy, a four-year Navy veteran; Morgan and Miranda, members of the Ohio Air National Guard 180th

Fighter Wing; and Molly, a senior at Paulding High School. Preservation and Presentation
Iler's vision for the county centers on a "gem" that he believes sits right within the county lines: its history and natural resources. He is a staunch advocate for the work of the Park Foundation and Friends of the Park.
"Preservation and presentation are vital," Iler noted.
"We have beautiful rivers and natural resources that offer our residents a place to relax and connect. We must protect these assets while presenting Paulding County as the premier place to raise a family."
Recognizing the need for a forward-thinking economy, Iler's campaign focuses on two main goals: keeping residents

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The Defiance Area Foundation is pleased to announce that Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 372 has committed a \$2,000 sponsorship as a Bronze Sponsor for the Foundation's 2026 Gala, scheduled for October 3. Support from sponsors helps grow the Defiance Area Community Fund, which provides grants to nonprofit organizations serving Defiance County and addresses emerging community needs. The Defiance Area Foundation is grateful for Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 372's support and commitment to strengthening the community through philanthropy.

in the county and creating more jobs. "To grow, we need to show people why Paulding County is a hidden gem. That means bringing in more opportunities and jobs so our children and grandchildren choose to stay here and build their lives."
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SAFE ZONES ENFORCEMENT TO BEGIN ON I-74

INDIANA - The Indiana Department of Transportation announces the activation of its worksite speed control pilot program, known as Safe Zones, on I-74 in Decatur and Shelby counties. Starting on Wednesday, April 1, Safe Zones enforcement will begin on I-74 in the construction zone between mile markers 113 and 134. The program is currently active and will continue in the Clear Path I-465/I-69 work zone on the northeast side of Indianapolis, on I-70 in Hancock County and on I-65 in Jasper County. Once active, vehicles traveling 11 mph or more over the posted speed limit will receive a violation notice via mail. The first violation results in a zero-fine warning, followed by a \$75 civil fine for second violations, and a \$150 civil fine for third and subsequent violations. Safe Zones was authorized by the Indiana General Assembly during the 2023 legislative session through House Enrolled Act 1015. By statute, the program may be active in up to four work zones at any given time. The program aims to protect the lives of motorists and road workers by slowing drivers down and reducing crashes in work zones. How Safe Zones Works
The system documents vehicle speeds using truck-mounted speed timing devices as they pass through work zones. When a vehicle is traveling 11 mph or more than the posted speed limit, the system captures an image of the vehicle's rear license plate. After data is validated, violations are certified and issued to the owner of the vehicle by mail. In accordance with state statute, collected fines go into the state's General Fund. Signs are posted to notify drivers entering and exiting active worksites that speeds are being monitored by an automated system. Workers must be present at the time of an event for a violation to be valid. Violations may be paid online, by phone, or by mail. Payment is due within 30 days of a violation being mailed. Click here to view a short video about the program. To learn more about Indiana Safe Zones, including active locations and answers to frequently asked questions, visit SafeZonesIN.com.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry
Herbert R. Troyer was born October 8, 1896, in Paulding, Ohio. He was the son of George Washington Troyer, born January 1856 in Ohio, and Missouri Ann (Dangler) Troyer, born February 1860 in Ohio. This couple was married January 3, 1883, in Putnam County, Ohio. By 1900, the family was living in Jackson Township, Paulding County. George and Missouri had four children: Henry E., born September 1888; Mattie M., January 1890; Emmett A., September 1893; and Herbert, October 1896. Henry and Mattie were attending school. By 1910, the Troyer family was still living in Jackson Township. George was engaged in farming, and the family had grown with the addition of John H., born April 28, 1901. The family was also raising a niece, Missouri Dangler, the daughter of John and Phoebe Dangler. Herbert graduated from Paulding High School in 1914. He went on to continue his education at Bowling Green University. While studying there, Herbert registered for the World War I Draft on June 5, 1917. He was described as medium height and build, with blue eyes and brown hair, and was single at the time. His brother Emmett also registered for the draft at the Jackson Township North Precinct. Emmett was single and farming with his father, George. On August 14, 1918, Herbert was inducted into the National Army out of Paulding. As a private, he served with the Field Artillery Replacement Corps in Jackson, South Carolina. He was honorably discharged January 7, 1919. By 1920, Herbert was a school teacher in Paulding County and was living with his parents. On June 23, 1924,

Herbert married Janet E. Haylor in Wood County, Ohio. Janet was a 1915 graduate of Wooster College and taught school in Portage, Haskins, as well as in the Barberton and Akron school systems. In 1925, Herbert and Janet were living in Toledo at 1709 North 12th Street, where Herbert continued teaching. On November 19, 1927, a daughter, Sarah Ruth Troyer, was born. She passed away November 23, 1927, and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Bowling Green, Ohio. By 1930, Herbert and Janet were living in Bowling Green, where Herbert was an Industrial Arts teacher. A son, James David Troyer, was born January 9, 1930. In June of that year, Herbert continued his education at Ohio State University.



In 1933, a daughter, Margaret Jane Troyer, was born. On April 18, 1935, Herbert's father, George, passed away and was buried in Live Oak Cemetery. On October 19, 1935, Herbert's son James passed away and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Bowling Green. By 1940, the Troyer family was still living in Bowling Green at 217 North Maple Street, and Herbert continued his work as an Industrial Arts teacher. In 1942, Herbert registered for the World War II Draft but was not selected due to his age. On November 7, 1947, Herbert passed away from a heart attack. Services were held Monday, November 10, 1947, and he was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bowling Green. Janet passed away July 16, 1982, in a Wood County nursing home in Bowling Green. ...Until Next Time!

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RAIDER SPOTLIGHT

MARCH 2026

From the Superintendent's Desk ...

We have entered the fourth quarter of the school year already! Spring is officially upon us, and our spring sports have begun competition.

We recently met with the architects Munger & Munger about the anticipated STEAM center project. They went over the plans and showed us a rendition of what the finished product will look like. They are going to email me the renditions soon and we will show them to the public when available.

Due to Ohio House Bill 114, the kindergarten entrance age requirement has changed for the 2026-2027 school year. Students must be 5 years old on or before the first full day of kindergarten instruction, which will be August 27, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year. Please do not hesitate to contact the Payne or Grover Hill elementary office with any questions or concerns you may have.

From the Treasurer's Desk...

Did you know that Property Taxes make up 27% of the school districts overall revenue collections? These dollars are a vital source of income for the district's educational operations. These dollars do a lot to support educational supplies, software, professional development, utilities and wages and benefits. The district appreciates the support that the Wayne Trace Community gives to the students who are our future!

Grover Hill Building Update...

Innovation is buzzing through the halls of Grover Hill Elementary this month as students dive into hands-on engineering, and collaborative learning. From the "Shark Tank" to the roller coaster tracks, our school is highlighting a season of high engagement and academic rigor. The spirit of innovation extended beyond the school



Band - Antonia Negrete-Pawoli, Zoey Schnipke, Connie Landwehr



Choir - Carson Blair, Logan Cozart, Audrey Reuille, Mailey Stoller, Lienna Stoller, Brenna Beining



Congrats to our JH Students for being selected to perform at OMEA JH Honors Festival this past Saturday in Wapakoneta Way to represent Raider Nation!



day during the recent STEAM Night family event.

The 3rd Grade recently hosted its annual Shark Tank event, where student-inventors pitched creative solutions to everyday problems. To bolster their technical skills, Miss Myers hosted a specialized Construction Day, giving students a practical environment to master the concepts of area and perimeter through building and design.

Meanwhile, the 6th Grade took physics to the limit by engineering "Radical Roller Coasters." In a heartwarming display of leadership, the 6th Grade also prepared special performances for their Kindergarten buddies.

In celebration of Read Across America Week, the school welcomed guest readers and participated in daily dress-up themes to foster a lifelong love of literature. The excitement reached a new level with a visit from author Ms. Tonalee Shinabery-King. After discussing her first published book, she extended a unique invitation to the student body: she is officially seeking student illustrations to be featured in her upcoming second book, offering young artists a chance to become published illustrators.

Upcoming Events this year:

- April 2nd - Spring Program 2pm and 7pm (1st-3rd)
- May 22nd - Kindergarten Celebration

Payne Building Update...

It's hard to believe that the 4th Nine Weeks has already begun! Both staff and students have done an amazing job this year, and I can't wait to see how they wrap things up. On April 1 and 2, we will hold Kindergarten Screening,

and there is still time to register if your child turns 5 on or before August 27, 2026. Please remember that there will be no school on April 3 in observance of Good Friday. Then, on April 10, Miss Tomac and the 1st and 2nd Grade students will present their performance of "Hats!" at 2 PM. Lastly, on April 17 from 9:00 to 10:30 AM, Miss Posey and the student council will host a fun Mother/Son morning filled with games, crafts, and breakfast! **Go Raiders!**

Jr/Sr High School Building Update...

It has been a month of remarkable achievement and busy preparation at Wayne Trace as our students and staff continue to excel in the classroom, in competition, and on the stage. From state-level presentations in Columbus to championship wins on the mat, there is much to celebrate in our Raider community.

Closer to home, the STEAM team has been preparing props and advertising for the musical, producing school commercials for our YouTube channel, and even working on projects for the Association for Asian Studies Conference in Vancouver. We are currently exploring exciting ways to redesign our facility to better connect our students with professional organizations and businesses.

March is Youth Art Month, and our Art Department is bursting with talent. Congratulations to Reece Morehead for receiving an Outstanding Achievement Award at the Huntington University Art Show! Our students are currently preparing portfolios for prestigious exhibits including the Ohio

Governor's Youth Art Exhibition and the Wassenberg Art Center. Mark your calendars for the Wayne Trace District Art Show on Saturday, April 18, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The stage was set for the high school musical production of Something Rotten Jr.! We thank the community that joined us for the performances on March 6th, 7th, and 8th at Payne. Our thanks go to director Nicole Morehead and her dedicated cast and crew.

Our Robotics team took five robots to Bowling Green for the 3rd annual NORtech competition on March 5th.

In athletics, a huge congratulations to our GMC Wrestling Champions Colton Kimmel and Karsyn Troth, and our District Runner-Up Girls Basketball team.

To keep our community informed, please note the following upcoming schedule highlights:

- April 14-15: 7th/8th Grade & ELA II State Testing
- April 18: District Art Show (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
- April 21-22: 7th/8th Math, Algebra, and Geometry State Testing
- April 28-30: Science, Biology, History, and Government State Testing

Thank you for your continued support of Wayne Trace students and staff. **Go Raiders!**



MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Wayne Trace Local School District is to prioritize the philosophy of One District-One-Mission-One Vision. Wayne Trace is committed to educational excellence that will help all students achieve at their highest level and to graduate with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to become thinking, productive citizens in a changing global society, this is accomplished through a system which supports community values and integrates community, technology, and educational resources delivered in a safe environment by a caring staff.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Paulding Exempted Village School Voters,

Let me introduce myself. My name is Matt Stoller. I am a parent, taxpayer, graduate of Paulding High School, and a member of the PEVS Board of Education for over 12 years.

I would like to share my perspective in all of these roles, but especially as a board member who has been asked

many questions that I believe deserve clear answers and clarification.

The PEVS Board has proposed a five-year income tax levy. This levy is for permanent improvements only, meaning the funds can be used strictly for improvement projects. None of the money can or will be used for wages or benefits. These funds would go toward building maintenance, HVAC systems, athletic facilities, technology, curriculum, and buses.

Why are we asking for the passage of this levy? The answer lies in recent changes to how the State of Ohio funds schools. In the state's most recent budget, PEVS has lost approximately \$4 million per year compared to previous funding levels. If the State of Ohio would have continued with the 2021 Fair School Funding Plan, that would not have been lost. Some of that loss was temporarily offset by ESSER funds from the federal government during the COVID-19 pandemic, but those funds have now expired.

In the past, state funding covered about 50% of public-school costs. That percentage has now dropped to around 32%. Many residents saw a property value increase this year—about 28% in our county. One might assume schools would see a similar increase in funding, but that is not the case. The actual increase for schools is closer to 12%. While that increase is helpful, schools were still hit by House Bills 186 and 129 being passed and that revenue was lost. House Bill 186 cut an additional \$1.6–\$1.9 million from our budget, and House Bill 129 reduced fund-

ing by another \$386,000.

The PEVS Board does not take spending taxpayer money lightly. Since the 2019–2020 school year, we have made difficult decisions to reduce costs. We have decreased teaching staff by seven positions and restructured school boundaries to improve efficiency. For the upcoming year, we are planning to reduce at least five more positions, saving approximately \$330,000. Additional reductions may still be necessary as we continue working to balance the budget.

You may wonder why we are reducing staff while asking for funds dedicated to permanent improvements. The reason is that when the permanent improvement fund is underfunded, we must use money from the general fund to cover those needs. This takes away resources that would otherwise support staff and daily operations. By properly funding permanent improvements, we can better protect the general fund and remain fiscally responsible.

So, what happens if the levy does not pass? The district will be forced to make several difficult cuts and changes. These may include reducing busing to the state minimum requirement of a two-mile radius, implementing pay-to-participate fees for all extracurricular activities, closing school facilities to non-school events, consolidating buildings, eliminating field trips, and removing School Resource Officers (SROs).

Past and present PEVS Boards have done an outstanding job bringing our district to where it is today. When board members have come together with the shared goal of supporting our students and community, we have accomplished great things. With your support, we were able to build both the high school and middle school—and even pay off those loans early through careful spending and forward thinking.

Many of us have had a good, if not great, experience at PEVS. Let's ensure that future students have those same opportunities. It is important that we maintain and continue to improve what we have for the future of our district.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued support of Paulding Exempted Village Schools.

Sincerely,
—Matt Stoller,
Paulding, OH

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Eagles and the Paulding VFW, these donations will allow for the first time FREE ADMISSION TO ALL. I would encourage everyone to attend the PASS Basketball Marathon at the Wayne Trace Payne Elementary gym starting at 5:00 p.m. on Good Friday and ending on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. There will be players from tiny toddlers to out of shape retirees, but fun will be had for all, while "PLAYING BALL FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T".

—Chad Benschneider,
Marathon Committee,
Payne, Ohio

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY THIRD NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2025-26

* Denotes all As

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ASK THESE TWO QUESTIONS BEFORE BUYING A HOME

You may have heard that buying a home is better than renting. After all, why "throw money away" on rent when you could be building wealth through homeownership? Financial professionals say the decision isn't that simple.

The answer depends on your personal and financial situation. Before you begin house hunting, ask yourself two key questions: Can you afford to buy? And should you buy?

Can you afford to buy? While being ready to purchase a home means having enough money for a down payment and a monthly mortgage, other financial obligations are involved.

It's important that your debt levels are manageable before you buy. Without a mortgage, it's ideal for your monthly debt payments to be less than 20% of your gross monthly income. With a mortgage, debt payments should stay lower than 35%.

You'll also need to cover homeowner's insurance premiums with a deductible, pay annual property taxes, hold emergency savings for the costs of major repairs such as roof or driveway replacement and build flexibility into your budget for routine expenses like HVAC tune-ups and lawn care. Don't forget the upfront costs, such as closing costs, that come with homebuying. They typically run between 2% and 6% of the purchase price.

Should you buy? One of the biggest factors in deciding whether to buy or rent relates to time. The longer you plan to stay in your house, the more likely it is that buying makes financial sense. Generally, professionals say it doesn't make sense to buy unless you're planning to stay in the home at least three to five years.

When you buy a home, you face high purchasing costs right away. Initially,

you build equity slowly, since most of your mortgage payment goes to interest. Staying in your house longer offers more time to build equity. Overall, the total cost of buying could be lower than renting.

Many factors can impact whether it will be more cost effective to rent than buy. Job stability, potential reduction in income for one or both spouses, mortgage rates, rental costs, the rate at which homes are appreciating in value and the cost of homeowners insurance all come into play. Fortunately, many online calculators account for these factors and help you compare your options.

Beyond the numbers. When deciding whether to buy a house, don't just look at the cost. Buying a home is more than an investment. Your home is where you live your life. So, you should consider your lifestyle and preferences. Buying might be more suitable if you need stability, want to personalize your home and are comfortable with tying a portion of your wealth to a house. Renting offers more flexibility and fewer maintenance responsibilities.

Ultimately, choosing to rent or buy comes down to understanding your finances, your plans and what you want from the place you call home. Take the time to assess costs and lifestyle trade-offs to help make a choice that supports your long term goals.

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

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Antwerp: Antwerp Library, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Antwerp Manor, Dollar General, Family Dollar, G-Mart, Genesis House, H2O Water Store, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Small Town Bliss,
Bryan: 4 Seasons, Bryan Hospital, Chief, CVS, Dollar General, Town & Country, Walmart
Cecil: 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House
Continental: ACE Hardware, Dollar General, Okuley's Pharmacy
Defiance: Newman's Marathon Carryout, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General (Clinton St), Senior Center, Advanced Auto, Marathon Main Stop, Rite Aid, Defiance Public Library ... Junction Dollar General, Cabbage Patch
Edgerton: USPS, H&W Napa, Kaiser Supermarket, Utilities Dept, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library, Dollar General
Hicksville: Sailers, Vancrest, Shell Station, Citgo, Marathon, Dollar General, Senior Center, Village offices, Johnson Memorial Library, Red Angel Pizza, McDonalds
Ney: Marathon
Oakwood: Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Cooper Library, Landing Strip
Paulding: Ace Hardware, Bargain Bin, Board of Elections, Chief, Corner Market, Courthouse, Dairy Queen, Dollar General, Gardens of Paulding, Gorrell Bros, Holly, Wood & Vine, Integrity Ford, Kwik Mart, Maramart, Napa Do It Best, PC Sheriff's Office, PCH, PC

Carnegie Library, Stykemain, VFW Post 587
Payne: Antwerp Exchange Bank, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Maramart, Panchos, Payne Library, Puckerbrush Pizza, Village offices, Vancrest of Payne
Sherwood: Post Office, Sherwood Bank, Sherwood Library, Village Food Emporium
Scott: Scott Post Office
Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Orchard Tree

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Fort Wayne: Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living, Hahn Systems, Walmart
Grabill: Grabill Hardware, Farm Building Supply, Save-A-Lot/Grabill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar Exchange, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp General Bank
Hoagland: Hoagland Pizza Pub, Mel's Town Market
Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain
Monroeville: All American Marathon, Adams Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General, Phillips 66
New Haven: ACPL Library, Clips, Chamber of Commerce, CVS, H&K Chevrolet, Ken's Meat Market, McDonalds, NH Bakery, Paterson Hardware, Richard's

Woodburn: ACPL Library, Chop Shop, Clip-N-Tan, Country Oasis, Dollar General, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, Post Office, Phoenix Manor, S&V Liquors, Woodburn Hardware, Woodburn Xpress

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ANTWERP DRAMA DEPARTMENT BRINGS THE ADDAMS FAMILY TO LIFE ON STAGE



Morticia Addams (Sara Farr) and Gomez Addams (Corbin Lawson) discuss matters at hand during Antwerp High School's spring musical, *The Addams Family*. Photo by Lois Ternet

The Antwerp High School Theatre Department brought spooky charm and lively humor to the stage with its spring production of *The Addams Family* musical, performed March 20-22. Featuring a large and talented cast spanning grades six through twelve, the production showcased both seasoned performers and younger students in a

spirited retelling of the beloved Addams Family story. Leading the cast were Sara Farr as Morticia Addams and Corbin Lawson as Gomez Addams, who anchored the performance with strong stage presence and chemistry. Other featured roles included Alex Dunham as Lurch, Cayman Williamson as Mal Beineke, and Raelynne Zuber

as Grandma Addams. The show also highlighted the work of numerous ensemble members portraying ancestors and dancers, adding fun energy to each scene. With Antwerp's drama programs participation of students across multiple grade levels, the musical brought the school community together.

2026 PASS 24-HOUR BASKETBALL MARATHON SCHEDULE

FRIDAY APRIL 3
5:00 p.m. - TOTS: First Christian Church vs First Christian Church
5:30 p.m. - EXHIBITION: Paulding Co Cardinals V

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6:00 p.m. - MENS: Scott FD vs Payne Fire & EMS
6:30 p.m. - TOTS: Emphasis Exteriors vs Divine Mercy
7:00 p.m. - CO-ED: Koopsters vs Childs Electric
7:30 p.m. - CO-ED: Schultz Fitness vs Finish Work Interiors

8:00 p.m. - YOUTH: WT Athletic Boosters vs Wayne Trace Athletic Boosters
8:30 p.m. - CO-ED: Stoller Real Estate vs Ovation Insurance
9:00 p.m. - CO-ED: Lippert One vs Lippert Two
9:30 p.m. - CO-ED: Colemans Flooring vs Mercer

Landmark
10:00 p.m. - MENS: Am I Being Detained vs The Linder Clan

10:30 p.m. - MENS: Rack Shack Taxidermy vs One More And We'll All Go Home
11:00 p.m. - CO-ED: Puckerbrush vs Hildebrand Lawn & Landscaping
11:30 p.m. - CO-ED: Coney Islanders vs Girly Swirlies

SATURDAY APRIL 3,
Midnight - CO-ED: Across The Field Podcast vs Defi Ballers

12:30 a.m. - MENS: Lame Butt Dads vs Bball & Beers
1:00 a.m. - MENS: K&K Insulation vs Bball & Beers
1:30 a.m. - MENS: Brandon Manz Ins vs Judge Beckmans Bailiffs

2:00 a.m. - MENS: Williamson Insurance Agency vs Green FN

2:30 a.m. - MENS: Williamson Insurance Agency vs Conlon DJ Service

3:00 a.m. - CO-ED: The Fuel Bar vs JSC Rentals LLC
3:30 a.m. - MENS: LIGMA vs Balls All Night

4:00 a.m. MENS: Dealy Chemicals vs Cams Corndogs
4:30 a.m. - MENS: Speice's Barbershop vs Modern Mechanical

5:00 a.m. - CO-ED: Dooley Funeral Home vs The Eclectic Company

5:30 a.m. MENS: Here For A Good Time vs Walnut Street Warriors

6:00 a.m. MENS: Pollard Auto Care vs Herbert E Orr

6:30 a.m. CO-ED: G Family Farms vs G Family Farms
7:00 a.m. - MINI-YOUTH: Paulding Eagles Aerie 2405 vs Smalley's Body Shop

7:30 a.m. - MENS: Roberts Mfg vs Ballers United
7:55 a.m. Opening Cere-

PAULDING JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS GIVE BACK AT CARING AND SHARING FOOD PANTRY



On Saturday, March 21st students and staff from Paulding Junior High School volunteered at the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Paulding, Ohio. Shown in the picture from left are: Braelynn Aversch, Savy Barnes, Noah Thompson, Brylee Thompson, and Mrs. Tanya Bok (8th Grade Writing Teacher).

monies
8:00 a.m. - MINI-TOTS: Divine Mercy vs Haviland Drainage
8:30 a.m. - MINI-TOTS: Paulding Ace Hardware vs Hooker Enterprises Mesa AZ
9:00 a.m. - MINI-YOUTH: Bowman Homes LLC vs Ritual Coffee Lounge
9:30 a.m. - TOTS: Lichty Barbershop vs Hoop D.O.G.G.S
10:00 a.m. - TOTS: Wayne Trace Class of 2034 vs Panthers G.O.A.T.S.
10:30 a.m. - TOTS: Team Claymiller vs Paulding Ace Hardware
11:00 a.m. - TOTS: Midwest Community Federal vs Antwerp Girls 3rd Grade
11:30 a.m. TOTS: Pirates vs John Manz Accounting

Noon - MENS: The Mac Crew vs Gorrell Bros
12:30 p.m. - YOUTH: Logisticize Ltd vs Williamson Insurance Agency
1:00 p.m. - CO-ED: Agvantage Seed Center vs Agvantage Seed Center
1:30 p.m. - MENS: Superior Credit Union vs The Odd Squad
2:00 p.m. - MENS: @419 Coffee Co vs Cole's Cousin Crew
2:30 p.m. - MENS: Antwerp Pit Stop vs Reo Legacy
3:00 p.m. - CO-ED: Brian Dr. Ballers vs Village Apothecary
3:30 p.m. - CO-ED: Garmenn Farms vs Paulding Church Of Christ
4:00 p.m. - CLEAN UP

LEPC REVIEWS REPORTING, APPROVES FUND TRANSFER AT MARCH MEETING

PAULDING — The Paulding County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met March 25 at the Emergency Operations Center with EMA Director Jay Klopfenstein presiding. The committee reviewed financials, Tier II reporting compliance, and upcoming training and exercise plans. Klopfenstein reported a balance of \$35,684 in the LEPC account. A motion by Matt McDougall to transfer \$10,000 from LEPC funds to the EMA was approved with a second from Mark Holtsberry.

The committee reviewed Tier II reporting from local facilities, including Alco Products, CMI Oil, North American Stamping Group, Northwest Ohio Wind, Paulding Putnam Electric, and Spartech. Follow-up is ongoing to ensure all reporting requirements are met and to clarify facility status where needed.

Klopfenstein also outlined this year's LEPC grant application, which includes funding for contracted services, supplies, training, and travel. A portion of the funds will support a regional

railcar leak simulator project. A tabletop emergency exercise is scheduled for May 23 and will simulate a tanker truck incident involving a fuel spill into a waterway. The exercise will focus on incident command and emergency response coordination. Training efforts continue with an ICS 300 course currently underway and an ICS 400 course planned for later this year. Additional training related to solar farms, data centers, and battery storage response is also being considered.

Three incidents have been reported in the county so far this year, including a truck rollover that resulted in a fuel spill, a manure spill handled locally, and a reported diesel spill later determined to have occurred outside the county.

During roundtable discussion, officials shared updates on storm response, hospital expansion, and ongoing public health initiatives. Concerns were also raised regarding navigation challenges for emergency responders and opportunities to improve dispatch coordination.

County officials noted strong financial conditions, with sales tax revenue exceeding the previous year's total prior to year-end. The meeting adjourned following completion of business.

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EASTER EGG HUNT

Payne Community Park
APRIL 4TH, 2026
12:00 PM
 Hosted by Payne Ministerial Association

12:00 - Special message from the Payne Ministerial Association!

- Meet at the Basketball Court

Easter Egg Hunt available for all kid ages. Some eggs have prizes!

Free Will Donation Lunch

- Big Guys Firehouse

Guest Appearances by Mr. Bunny!

Rain Date will be:
04/06/2026 at 5:00 PM

NORTHWEST STATE TO HOST FREE JOB & CAREER FAIR



Area job seekers have an opportunity to network with nearly 60 area employers at a community-wide Job & Career Fair on Tuesday, April 7 from 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The event will be held in the Atrium at Northwest State Community College and is presented by NSCC Career Services. The NSCC Job & Career Fair is free and open to the public. "This year, we will have nearly 60 area businesses

looking to fill full-time, part-time and seasonal positions, as well as internships. This event is a great opportunity for community members, NSCC students and alumni to connect with those businesses," said Mike Jacobs, Career Services Coordinator at NSCC. "Preparation is key for any job seeker, especially at an event like this. Attendees should bring several copies of their resume, dress in professional attire and be prepared

with a brief 'sales pitch' covering their skills and experience."

Industries that will be represented at the 2026 Job & Career Fair include healthcare, manufacturing, human services, financial, business and more. Additional information will be available at NorthwestState.edu/calendars/. For more information, call NSCC Career Services at 419.267.1330 or email careerservices@NorthwestState.edu.

LEARN MORE ABOUT FOSTER CARE, ADOPTION AT DPL

[DEFIANCE] - Visit Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., on April 6 at 5:30 p.m. as Charity Meuleman of Defiance/Paulding Consolidated Job and Family Services discusses the need for more foster families in the area.

Meuleman also will provide information about the licensing process.

This program is free and open to all adults. No registration is needed.

PAULDING FFA OFFICERS TRAVEL TO FFA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT AT HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY



Pictured here is Paulding FFA leaders who attended the Huntington Leadership FFA Summit. Left to right Kinzley Collard, Ava Leatherman, Estie Pease, Mariah Klopfenstein, Jayla Griffith, Tori Schlatter, Darcy Taylor, Delaney Johanns and Vivi Myers.

By: Vivienne Myers, Paulding FFA Reporter

Recently, nine FFA leaders along with their agriculture teachers Mrs. Staci Miller and Ms. Baylee March traveled to Huntington University for the 12th Annual FFA leadership Summit held in Huntington, Indiana.

At this conference, the FFA officers had the opportunity to learn more about

the "ingredients" of leadership in restaurant themed team-building exercises. They worked with other FFA members from Ohio and Indiana as well as state officers from Ohio on activities that strengthened those skills.

The members had lunch and then listened to the keynote speaker of the day who was Mr. Mark Voors, Training Innovation Manager at

Beck's Hybrids. The Paulding FFA has gone to this event for the past ten years and truly enjoy it every time.

The members can't wait to participate in this event next year. It was a wonderful day to gain more knowledge about FFA and learn vital leadership skills to take back to the Paulding FFA Chapter!



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Payne Medical Center



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PCH Medical Office Building



Dr. Virginia Halachanova, MD
PCH Medical Office Building



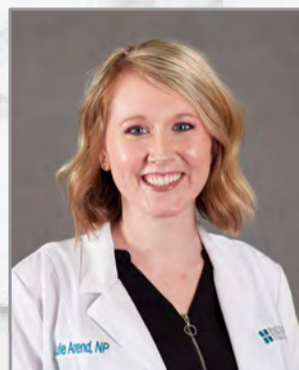
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Antwerp Regional Health Center



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PCH Medical Office Building



Melanie Banks, CNP
Payne Medical Center



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PCH Inpatient Hospitalist

Doctors' Day

MARCH 30, 2026

A special thank you to all Paulding County Hospital providers, for your continued commitment and selfless service to our community! The care and compassion you show every day shines as a beacon of hope to us all.

THANK YOU for everything you do!



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THE LEFT TURN



Brian Heitkamp was meeting fans at the Race Cars and Future Stars Show. Ohio Sports Blitz Photo

By: Ron Burt

Last weekend the Piqua Center, in Piqua Ohio hosted the annual Race Cars and Future Stars Expo. They had over 50 cars, asphalt and dirt on display. It's the only real race car show in the area. Drivers were on hand to meet and greet the fans and sign autographs. I've posted 3 reels and pictures on the Ohio Sports Blitz Facebook page. I was able to chat with several Non-wing Sprint car drivers that race in the Buckeye Out-law Sprint Series (BOSS) and USAC.

Last year's 2025 BOSS Series Champion Korbyn Hayslett is ready to get his car on the track and get his 2026 season started and defend his championship. Korbyn is well seasoned in the sport and started racing Go Karts when he was 3 and at age 12 moved up to Winged Lightning Sprints for several years. The past 8 seasons he's been racing the BOSS series, but he does race some USAC events. He looks forward to competing in the annual 4 Crown series at Eldora Speedway. The Troy Ohio driver enjoys racing several tracks but when pressed to pick his favorite, it's Florence Speedway in

Union, KY. The BOSS series has two events scheduled there this summer.

Several Sprint drivers are choosing not to run a series, so they can have the freedom of selecting their own racing schedules and go where the money is. Ryan Barr was 12th in BOSS points last year but he also runs USAC and other sanctions in the tri-state. Ryan is based out of Piqua but likes racing at "The Burg", Lawrenceburg Indiana. Brian Heitkamp and his team will compete in some BOSS events, but they don't want to be restricted to a locked in schedule this summer. He likes to race at Montpelier Indiana because of the track, facilities and an owner that works hard for the drivers and fans. He's from North Star and I'm sure you'll see his #22 Sprint at Eldora Speedway this summer.

Eddie Tucker Jr. had his #82t four cylinder Dirt Truck on display. Tucker finished 4th in points last year in the popular Dirt Track Truck Series. This is a growing class that tries to keep racing affordable and has become a fan favorite in our area. Limanland, Millstream, Waynesfield and Montpelier are the

main tracks for this class. Eddie plans to compete in the full schedule this summer and is looking forward to returning to Waynesfield Raceway Park, his track of choice. He has 8 years of racing experience. He started racing sport compacts and spent 4 years in that class before getting into dirt trucks. This will be his 5th year in the Dirt Truck Class.

If you plan to attend and tri-state racing this coming weekend, check the weather and always visit the race-tracks Facebook or web page for updates or cancelations.

Two weeks in a row mother nature has kept Attica Raceway Park from opening

the first 2 weekends of the season. The amount of water under the track was too much for safe racing conditions. Attica Raceway Park will try open Friday, March 28th, featuring the 410 Winged Out-law Sprints, UMP Dirt Late Models and the 305 Winged Sprints. Attica opens early because in August they compete on Friday nights against high school football. They must open early to get race dates in. They also close during the summer during the Knoxville Nationals and the week of their county fair since the racetrack is on the fairgrounds.

Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out!

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Bobby L. Hunt of Defiance was found guilty of interference with custody. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to 180 days in jail, with 176 days suspended. He was ordered to pay \$407 in court costs and maintain general good behavior.

Austin M. Coil of Delphos was found guilty of assault. He was fined \$150 and sentenced to 180 days in jail, with 177 days suspended. He must pay \$130 in court costs, have no contact with the victim or residence, and pay restitution in the amount of \$2,220.21. In a separate case, Coil was also found guilty of criminal mischief, receiving a \$150 fine and a 30-day jail sentence (all suspended). He must maintain good behavior and have no contact with Blue Water Campground in Grover Hill.

Troy M. Smith of Antwerp was found guilty of disorderly conduct. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in jail, with 9 days suspended. He must pay \$411 in court costs, maintain good behavior, and have no contact with the victim. In a separate case, Smith was also found guilty of unauthorized use of property, receiving a \$100 fine and a 30-day suspended jail sentence, along with \$442 in court costs. He entered a no contest plea and was convicted of violating a protection order. He was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$461 in court costs. Smith was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all of which were suspended. Special conditions include payment of all fines and costs, placement on standard probation, no contact with the victim, completion of a risk assessment, removal of EMHA, and compliance with all civil protection orders.

Zhenzhen Wei of Roanoke, Texas, was found guilty of failure to yield to an emergency vehicle. The case was waived by the defendant, and a \$70 fine plus \$100 in court costs was assessed.

David P. Drew of Paulding, Ohio, was convicted of assault. He was fined \$150 and ordered to pay \$436 in court costs. Drew was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with 164 days suspended. Special conditions include payment of all fines and costs, placement on standard probation, no contact with the victim, completion of the Keeping It in Check class, completion of online court courses, a risk assessment, and no alcohol, bars, or taverns. In related cases, charges of operating without a license and fictitious registration were dismissed, with \$105 in costs assessed.

Juanita Elizabeth R. Gambler of Payne, Ohio, was convicted of driving while texting. She was ordered to pay \$95 in court costs. The case was waived by the defendant.

Alicia A. Weaver of Grover Hill, Ohio, was convicted of a seat belt violation while driving. She was fined \$30 and ordered to pay \$57 in court costs. The case was waived by the defendant.

Nyzeri James of Napoleon, Ohio, had a charge of operating a vehicle without a license dismissed per the state.

Melissa C. Cody of Perrysburg, Ohio, was convicted of falsification. She was fined \$250 and ordered to pay \$162 in court costs. Cody was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with 177 days suspended. Special conditions include payment of all fines and costs, maintaining general good behavior, writing a letter of apology, completion of 40 hours of community service, and reporting to jail on April 24, 2026, at noon to serve two days. She entered a joint plea and was convicted of operating a vehicle under the influence. She was fined \$565 and ordered to pay \$138 in court costs. Cody was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with 177 days suspended, and received an operator's license suspension from May 8, 2025, through May 8, 2026. Special conditions include appearing with counsel, serving three days in jail or completing a Driver Intervention Program, providing proof of insurance, and an order to pay or appear on May 29, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. In a related case, Cody was also convicted of failure to control and fined \$70, with \$97 in court costs.

James M. Cooper of Oakwood, Ohio, was convicted of driving under suspension, non-compliance. He was fined \$150 and ordered to pay \$110 in court costs. Special conditions include appearing without counsel, entering a guilty plea, and an order to pay or ap-

pear on July 31, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. A related charge of fictitious registration was dismissed.

Bradyn L. Shull of Antwerp, Ohio, entered a no contest plea and was convicted of criminal trespass. He was fined \$250 and ordered to pay \$197 in court costs. Shull was sentenced to 30 days in jail, all of which were suspended. Special conditions include payment of all fines and costs, placement on standard probation, completion of the Keeping It in Check class, maintaining employment, completion of a risk assessment, 40 hours of community service, no contact with the victims or residence, and writing a letter of apology.

Tony M. Dixon Jr. of Detroit, Michigan, was convicted of a highway use tax violation. He was fined \$70 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs. The case was waived by the defendant.

Vivian T. Phan of Maumee, Ohio, was convicted of a seat belt violation while driving. She was fined \$30 and ordered to pay \$57 in court costs. The case was waived by the defendant.

Kyle J. Weisenburger of Oakwood, Ohio, was convicted of a seat belt violation while driving. He was fined \$30. The case was waived by the defendant.

Drew A. Forrer of Payne, Ohio, was convicted of reckless operation. He was fined \$150 and ordered to pay \$105 in court costs. Special conditions include completion of a Driver Intervention Program.

Amy L. Richards of Paulding, Ohio, entered a no contest plea and was convicted of theft. She was fined \$150 and ordered to pay \$280 in court costs. Richards was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all of which were suspended. Special conditions include payment of all fines and costs, placement on standard probation, no contact with the victim, completion of 40 hours of community service, completion of the Keeping It in Check class, writing a letter of apology, completion of an online course, a risk assessment, and payment of restitution.

Zurab Molashvili of Lake in the Hills, Illinois, had a charge of a brake requirement violation dismissed with prejudice. Court costs of \$95 were assessed to the defendant.

Pamela S. Kretz of Oakwood, Ohio, was convicted of a seat belt violation while driving. She was fined \$30 and ordered to pay \$57 in court costs. The case was waived by the defendant.

Lisa L. Ruschel of Defiance, Ohio, entered a no contest plea and was convicted of failing to stop for a school bus. She was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$97 in court costs.

Damien F. Liff of Paulding, Ohio, was convicted of failure to control. He was fined \$70 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs. The case was waived by the defendant.

Hunter M. Kenner of Hicksville, Ohio, was convicted of a seat belt violation while driving. He was fined \$30 and ordered to pay \$57 in court costs. The case was waived by the defendant.

Jeffrey J. Budd of Melrose, Ohio, had charges of violating a protection order and disorderly conduct dismissed per the state, with court costs of \$280 assessed. In a separate case, Budd was convicted of violating a protection order. He was fined \$150 and ordered to pay \$180 in court costs. Special conditions include payment of all fines and costs, credit for 30 days in jail, and compliance with all terms of the civil protection order.

Kati A. Stahl of Continental, Ohio, was convicted of operating a vehicle under the influence. She was fined \$565 and ordered to pay \$105 in court costs. Stahl was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with 170 days suspended, and received an operator's license suspension from December 1, 2025, through December 1, 2027. Special conditions include the option to install an ignition interlock device for unlimited driving privileges and the ability to petition the court after one year to reduce the suspension.

Stephon D. Walker of Antwerp, Ohio, entered a no contest plea and was convicted of criminal trespass. He was fined \$250 and ordered to pay \$205 in court costs. Walker was sentenced to 30 days in jail, all of which were suspended. Special conditions include payment of all fines and costs, placement on standard probation, no contact with the victims, completion of 40 hours of community service, completion of the Keeping It in Check class, completion of an evaluation and any recommended treatment, and writing a letter of apology.

Jennifer L. Rust of Payne, Ohio,

MORHART SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



Pictured Kari Morhart and Lora Lyons. (Jessica was unavailable for a photo.)

The Kiwanis Club recently welcomed Kari Morhart of the PC Senior Center as its guest presenter. Morhart was invited by Kiwanis member Jessica Stechschulte.

During the presentation, Morhart highlighted the wide range of services available to county residents aged 60 and over. These services include transportation to appointments, meal programs, center activities, and numerous additional resources designed to support seniors in maintaining independence and quality of life.

Morhart emphasized that many of these services are provided at no cost to individuals who qualify through the center's programs. She also shared impressive annual statistics, including the number of miles driven to assist clients and the total meals served, demonstrating the significant impact the PC Senior Center has within the community.

The Kiwanis Club appreciates the opportunity to learn more about the vital services offered to local seniors and thanks Morhart for her informative presentation.

entered a no contest plea and was convicted of failing to stop for a school bus. She was fined \$200 and ordered to pay \$97 in court costs. Rust was sentenced to 10 days in jail, all of which were suspended. Special conditions include completion of a remedial driving course.

Cody L. Adkins of Oakwood, Ohio, entered a no contest plea and was convicted of driving under suspension, non-compliance. He was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$97 in court costs.

Leonard J. Feeney III of Melrose, Ohio, entered a no contest plea and was convicted of driving under suspension, non-compliance. He was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$97 in

court costs. Special conditions include the return of the defendant's identification card.

Sheri S. Kraegel of Antwerp, Ohio, entered a no contest plea and was convicted of driving under suspension. She was fined \$150 and ordered to pay \$97 in court costs.

Drake M. Sanders of Grover Hill, Ohio, was convicted of driving while texting. He was ordered to pay \$95 in court costs. The case was waived by the defendant.

Robert A. Schick of Oakwood, Ohio, was convicted of failure to yield at an intersection. He was fined \$55 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs. The case was waived by the defendant.

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The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.
There are two basic services the agency provides:
1 – EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
2 – CLAIMS ASSISTANCE – Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.
We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.
Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, Plaintiff

vs.

JAMES R. NATION, JR., ET.AL., DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-26-037

Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

TO: James R. Nation, Jr. and Elissa A. Nation

Last Known Address: 307 E. Wayne Street, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849

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 James R. Nation, Jr. and Elissa A. Nation, recorded in Volume 568 Page 0963 of the Paulding County Records, to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate.

The real property in question is situated as follows:

Auditor's Parcel: #26-06S-012-00 / 26-06S-011-00

Property Address: 307 E. Wayne Street, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849

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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.

Sarah Harpel, Clerk Court of Common Pleas Paulding County, Ohio

By: *[Signature]* Deputy

Respectively submitted,

[Signature]

Matthew A. Miller, (#0081292) Acting Prosecuting Attorney Paulding County, Ohio 120 S. Walnut Street Paulding, Ohio 45879 419-399-8270

KINDERGARTENERS SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR JACOB ON WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



Mrs. Roehrig's kindergarten class of Oakwood Elementary celebrating World Down Syndrome Day in their classroom with their Sweet Kid and classmate, Jacob Hawk! They all wore silly socks to bring awareness to those with Down Syndrome and support Jake's unique and joyful personality he shares with them everyday!

AUTHOR DAWN BURNS TO SHARE NEW BOOK AT DPL

[DEFIANCE] - Visit Defiance Public Library on April 4 at 11 a.m. to hear author Dawn Burns read from her new book, A Green Glow on the Horizon.

Burns is a writer who dares to expose the complicated, often contradictory yearnings and compulsions of fellow hu-

man beings.

Her latest fiction collection, A Green Glow on the Horizon: Tales from the National Association of Tourist Attraction Survivors (Cornerstone Press, 2026) is a work that crosses the boundaries of humorous tale, social satire, myth making, and even horror.

Join Burns, along with Jan Bechtel and Mary Catherine Harper, two of the sixteen artists who illustrated the "Green Glow" stories, for a zany reading that will stretch the imagination and give listeners much to ponder about our social environment.

Read more: <https://dawn-burns42.com/a-green-glow-on-the-horizon/>

This program is free and open to all adults. Books will be available at signing. No registration is needed.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Oakwood 2025 annual report is available for viewing.

Please contact the us at: 419-594-3352

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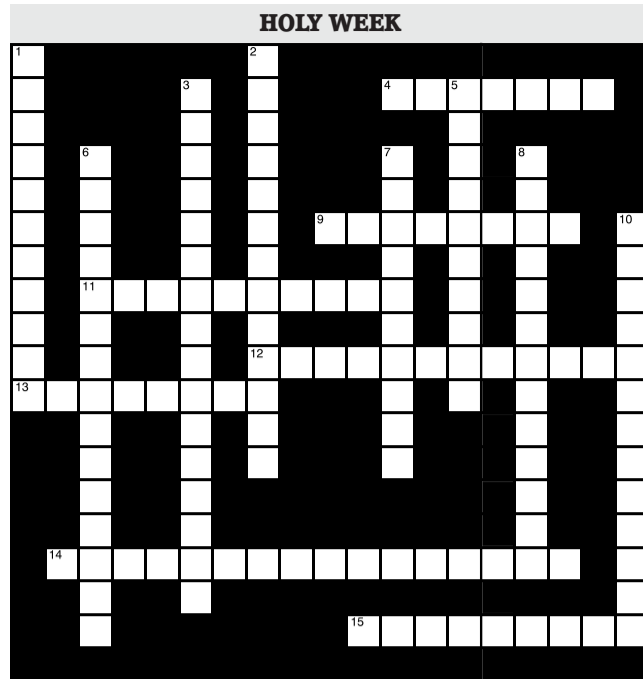
PUBLIC NOTICES

Village of Cecil regular council meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Cecil Firehouse community room.

If you would like to be added to the agenda please contact the village of Cecil Clerk at 419-399-0520 or via email villageofcecil@yahoo.com

The unaudited financial records for 2025 have been completed and are available for inspection by contacting Carlene Turner clerk for the village of Cecil at 419-399-0520 or via the village email villageofcecil@yahoo.com

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 4. Plant Jesus cursed as a lesson about faith.
- 9. Symbol of Christ's resurrection light passed among worshippers.
- 11. Decorated cloth icon representing Christ laid in the tomb.
- 12. Hymns sung at the tomb of Christ on Holy Friday.
- 13. Place where Jesus was crucified.
- 14. Special services held early in the week emphasizing watchfulness.
- 15. The fasting season that precedes Passion Week.

Down

- 1. Ceremony reenacting Christ washing the disciples' feet.
- 2. Roman governor who judged Jesus.
- 3. Event commemorated when Christ conquers death.
- 5. Day commemorating Jesus' death on the cross.
- 6. Service held on Holy Saturday morning.
- 7. Celebration of Christ's entry into Jerusalem with palms or branches.
- 8. The joyful proclamation at the start of Pascha.
- 10. Disciple who betrayed Jesus.

solution on page 11

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ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

Citizens National Bank of Bluffton, Plaintiff,

vs.

Dovetail Development, Ltd, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 22 109

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

209 W. Harrison St, Paulding,

Parcel Number: 30-24S-103-00 & 30-24S-104-00

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

Said premises appraised at Forty-eight Thousand and No/100 (\$48,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the April 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

<https://paulling.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov>.

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

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on April 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Joshua A. Koltak, Attorney for Plaintiff

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10:00 AM

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Groundbreaking

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you were able to attend the musical production of "The Addams Family" that took place in the later part of March. The dedication and hard work of the cast was evident and the production was outstanding! A special thanks to Director Cord Ehrhart, his crew, and our music boosters for a job well done. A big thanks also to our community for your attendance and support of our musical.

The annual Hoops for Heart day was held March 19th. Our students took advantage of this opportunity to participate in friendly competition for a good cause and raised funds (\$5125) for the American Heart Association. This amount, along with past events, elevates the total amount raised to over \$115,000. Thanks to all who participated and helped with the event.

The month of April is the last full month of school, and as such, a very busy month. The busy month will get started with our annual Kindergarten Screening taking place April 1st, 2nd, and 10th. School will not be in session Friday, April 3rd - Tuesday, April 7th in recognition of the Easter Holiday and similarly, a mini spring break. If your schedule permits, please plan to visit our Spring Fine Arts program scheduled for Saturday, April 18th. The program runs from 4:00 - 9:15 p.m. From a core academic standpoint, our staff and students have been preparing for the annual state assessments that will be given to students in grades 3 - 12 throughout several days of the month and into early May. Our spring athletic teams have also been busy preparing for an onslaught of baseball and softball games and track & field meets that will take place throughout the month.

As we continue our efforts to enhance school safety, individuals visiting our school will soon experience and take part in a new school entry/exit management system. The visitor management system will require all visitors to present a driver's license to a designated school official. The school official will utilize your driver license to do a quick verification of your identity and screen your background, similar to the process used in airport entry systems. After a successful screening, the visitor will be given a sticker badge to wear during their time in the school building. Prior to exiting the school building, the visitor will report back to the entry/exit management system school official for confirmation of your departure from the facility. In addition to the entry/exit management system, a new alert system has been installed in our school buildings and should be ready for use in mid-April. The alert system will help to eliminate communications breakdowns that often occur during a crisis situation.

Congratulations goes out to senior Hampton Rogge for his selection as the Franklin B. Walters All-Scholastic Award winner. The Award was established in 1990 by the Ohio Educational Service Center Association to recognize an outstanding senior student from each county school within the State of Ohio. Congratulations also goes out to our high school teacher Mrs. Harla Long. Mrs. Long was recognized by Hampton as the teacher who made the greatest impact on his educational endeavors.

Construction of our new bus garage facility will get underway in the month of April and conclude by September. In the meantime, drivers are asked to be extra careful while driving to or from the school along the roadway on both sides of the Field House and also the north parking lot which will also serve as a parking area for our school buses.

Looking ahead to the month of May, Prom preparations will be underway for the May 2nd event at Grants Reception Hall. Our seniors are set to graduate Sunday, May 17th. Due to the number of hours school has been delayed and/or cancelled this school year, an additional day of school has been added to the school calendar, therefore, the last day of classes for Students in grades K-11 will be Thursday, May 21st. School staff will have a teacher work day Friday, May 22nd.

As always, thanks for your support of our school district.

Dr. Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

MS. ARNOLD - HS/MS

The Annual Spring State Testing will take place on: ELA - April 15-16, Math - April 22-23, Social Studies/Science - April 29-30. Please try to avoid appointments during the morning on these days.

On April 9th, our juniors and seniors will be attending the annual Career Fair at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Our students will be interacting with local businesses and colleges learning more about prospective career opportunities. We want to extend our thank you to the Paulding County Economic Development Committee for its help in arranging this opportunity for our students.

Our Senior Awards night will take place on Wednesday, April 29th at 7:00pm. We look forward to honoring and celebrating the remarkable accomplishments of this year's graduating seniors.

Looking ahead to graduation, graduation practice is set for Friday, May 15th at 8:00am. All seniors who plan to attend the graduation ceremony on May 17th are required to attend the graduation practice.

Summer School is tentatively scheduled to begin Tuesday, May 26th. The program will be in-person again this year. High school students who fail a course for at least 1 semester will be required to attend. Middle School students will attend if they fail a class for the year. Mrs. Hammer will begin contacting families during the 4th quarter.

Our final event to look ahead to the annual Arts Festival on April 18th. Be sure to come support the Arts this spring with the many opportunities to see how talented our students are and support their activities.

Bravo to the cast and crew of *The Addams Family!* If you missed the show, you will definitely want to make sure to attend next year's production. Hats off to Mr. Ehrhart and the students for a fun and entertaining weekend of theater. The talent of our students completely blew me away.

As we are officially underway with spring sports, I want to take this opportunity to thank a few more winter sports contributors. I'd like to recognize the Antwerp Cheer Competition Squad for an impressive first-place finish at the OASSA State Cheer Competition. These girls are coached by Summer Franklin and Mia Altimus and took home numerous awards throughout the competition season. Congratulations for all of your hard work, girls!

As always, we appreciate the community support that you continue to provide our students and staff members. Be sure to come out and support our spring athletes and enjoy our wonderful athletic facilities.

~ Ms. Jessie Arnold, MS/HS Principal

HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

The AP Exam Schedule for 2026 is available at <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/exam-dates> AP exam fee balances are due to Mrs. Hammer by April 10, 2026.

College Credit Plus Intent to Participate forms are due to Mrs. Hammer by 3:00 PM Wednesday, April 1st. Students have access to these forms inside their google classroom or contact Mrs. Hammer for more information.

Juniors and Seniors will be participating the Paulding County Economic Development Career Day on Thursday, April 9th.

The following local scholarships are due in April: Bruckhart; Paulding County Area Foundation Anonymous Donor; JP Crain; Jessica Thornell Memorial Scholarship; Antwerp Education Association; Antwerp Conservation Club; Amrize; Dawin Hemenway; Jean Detmon; Health Wellness Community Foundation; Jacob's Trust; Ross Family Foundation. More information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsguidance/scholarships?authuser=0>.

MR. BILLMAN - ELEMENTARY

SPRING STATE TESTING

Our Spring State Testing dates for Grades 3-5 have been set. Grades 3-5 will be taking ELA State Test on April 15 & 16. The Math portion of the State Test will be given on April 22nd and 23rd. Students will finish things off by completing the Science portion on April 29 & 30. We ask that you please make an effort to avoid missing or scheduling appointments on those dates. Having students at school on testing days will help them in performing their best.

2026-2027 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Antwerp Elementary is now scheduling appointments for 2026-27. Screening dates are April 1st, 2nd, & 10th. Students must be 5 on or before August 25, 2026. If you are planning to attend, please call the elementary office as soon as possible to schedule your appointment. All children must complete kindergarten prior to entering first grade and all children age 6 must be enrolled in school. NOTE: There will be no kindergarten classes held April 1st, 2nd and 10th, 2026.

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Students of the Month. Keep up the great work! Y'5 - Lilah Gaisford, Kindergarten - Hadley Johnson, Harper Bidlack & Phelix Slattman, 1st Grade - Logan Overmam & Alexa DeVault, 2nd Grade - Eloise Scharr, Gemma Myers & Wyatt Bessler, 3rd Grade - Anya Moore, Cole Schneider & Abel Kauser, 4th Grade - Derric May & Ava Fidler, 5th Grade - Ensley Parisot, Mason Ganger & Duke Dangler

~ Mr. Doug Billman, Elementary Principal

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month in classroom guidance, kindergarten through third grade learned about self-esteem and the importance of loving themselves.

Kindergarten students listened to the book, *I Am Bee-outiful*, and then created their own unique bee, writing down two things that they like about themselves in the wings. First grade listened to the story, *I Like Myself*, and then created an I Am poster. Second graders listened to the story, *It's Not Easy Being a Leprechaun*, and then created a self-esteem rainbow. Third graders watched a video on self-esteem, and then they did a self-esteem craft.

Fourth graders learned about putting themselves in others' shoes by listening to the book, *Stand in my Shoes*, and then they worked in groups, reading scenarios, which asked them to put themselves in someone else's situation.

Fifth graders focused on career exploration. They took a survey to find out what areas they were strong in, and then they researched a career that they were interested in.

As always, Mrs. Lichty is also available for individual student needs. Feel free to contact her at 419-258-5421, extension 2204 or lichty_e@antwerpschools.org with any questions or concerns.

CAFETERIA MENU

- Mar 30 Archer bowl, apple slices, milk
- Mar 31 Nachos, spanish rice, grapes & milk
- Apr 1 Grilled cheese, tomato soup, orange, milk
- Apr 2 Meatball sub or BBQ rib, french fries, mixed fruit, milk
- Apr 3 NO SCHOOL
- Apr 6 NO SCHOOL
- Apr 7 NO SCHOOL
- Apr 8 Creamy chicken on bun, potato chips, fruit cup, milk
- Apr 9 Meatloaf or Pizza burger, tater tots, fruit, milk
- Apr 10 Pizza, grape tomatoes, applesauce, milk

Our menus are subject to change without notice.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

VARSITY BASEBALL

- Apr 9 5:00 vs. Tinora
- Apr 10 5:00 @ Ottoville
- Apr 14 5:00 @ Wayne Trace
- Apr 16 5:00 @ Fairview
- Apr 21 5:00 @ Edgerton
- Apr 23 5:00 vs. Hicksville
- Apr 28 5:00 vs. Ayersville
- Apr 30 5:00 @ Paulding

VARSITY SOFTBALL

- Apr 2 5:00 vs. Continental
- Apr 4 11:00 vs. Miller City
- Apr 7 5:00 vs. Delphos Jefferson
- Apr 9 5:00 vs. Tinora
- Apr 10 5:00 vs. Parkway
- Apr 13 5:00 @ Kalida
- Apr 14 5:00 @ Wayne Trace
- Apr 16 5:00 @ Fairview
- Apr 20 5:00 vs. Van Wert
- Apr 21 5:00 @ Edgerton
- Apr 23 5:00 vs. Hicksville
- Apr 27 5:00 vs. Montpelier
- Apr 28 5:00 vs. Ayersville
- Apr 30 4:30 @ Paulding

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

- Apr 4 10:00 @ Bryan Invite
- Apr 7 4:30 @ Fairview/Holgate/Pauld
- Apr 10 4:30 @ Fairview/Hicksville
- Apr 14 4:30 @ Ayersville/Otto/Kalida
- Apr 17 4:00 @ Wayne Trace Invite
- Apr 21 4:30 @ Crestview/Hicksville/Cont
- Apr 25 9:00 @ Hicksville Invite
- Apr 27 4:30 @ Montpelier/Holgate
- Apr 30 4:30 vs. Wayne Trace/Pauld

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD

- Apr 6 4:30 @ Jefferson/Pauld/FJ
- Apr 9 4:30 vs. Edon/Hilltop
- Apr 14 4:30 @Holgate/WT/MC/Fay
- Apr 16 4:30 @ North Central/Hicksville
- Apr 20 4:30 @ Edgerton/Pauld/Ayers
- Apr 23 5:00 vs. Crestview/Jefferson
- Apr 27 4:30 @ Wayne Trace/Edg/HV

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 1-2 Kindergarten Registration
- Apr 3-7 No School - Easter/Spring Break
- Apr 10 Kindergarten Registration
- Apr 16 Board of Education meeting
- Apr 18 Spring Arts Festival
- May 2 Prom
- May 15 Seniors Last Day of School
- May 17 Graduation
- May 21 Last Day of School (K-11)

FIELD HOUSE RENOVATIONS

The Antwerp Board of Education and our Antwerp Athletic Booster organization are working together on plans for a major renovation of the Field House. The Board of Education will provide funding to replace doors and windows and also enhance the restrooms/shower facilities, and locker rooms. Our athletic booster organization will provide funding to replace the weight room equipment and flooring with high quality weight room equipment and flooring. During the March Board of Education meeting, representatives from Pro Power Strength Training Equipment, Inc. from Franklin, Indiana presented information regarding their proposal to provide equipment and flooring for the Field House.

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Later I would help my father-in-law and he had a fleet of F-20's and F30's. These were mostly specialty tractors with a mounted mower on one, and a mounted cultivator on the other, that she left on year round. But he also had a Farmall M and a Farmall Super M, which was used for a much smaller farm. When my wife's folks had an estate sale, I thought that the tractors would go for more money but I think the F 20's sold for \$500 each.

In the 1830's several people were experimenting with a binding machine, that would

cut wheat and oats. At that time it was cut with a cradle or a scythe and all the grain was loaded onto a cart. The binding machine would cut the grain with a sickle bar, a reel would knock it on a platform and a man would sweep it off with a rake, leaving a bundle on the ground. More men would come along and tie each bundle, then put them in shocks.

In 1930 Cyrus McCormick formed a company and began manufacturing the McCormick reaper. This had a canvas turning on the platform which would carry the grain to a gathering place where each bundle would be tied with twine, and dropped out in a row. Leaving only to pick them up and put them in shocks.

I have often thought the smartest man in the entire world was the guy that invented the knotter, but he could have been the dumbest. Anytime you see an extension cord it has a knot in it. I still don't understand how the knotter works. When I was in high school I did custom bailing. You would be sailing along and suddenly find a half dozen untied bails. This required stopping and cleaning out the knotter which was a tangled mess. Then the task of

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rebalancing the he untied bales. Henry Ford started mass-producing the Fordson tractor in 1918, but it was a death trap. It had very little weight on the front and if you snagged a root with a plow it would flip over backwards. Hundreds of farmers were killed with his tractor. I never really saw one work, but I have heard they were very hard to start.

McCormick Dearing came out with their first tractor in 1920. John Deere came out with their first tractor in 1923. The big big break came in 1921 when an engineer by the name of Bert Benson got an idea for a tractor that would do everything. It was a row crop that could plow, disk and also cultivate. Thus the name farm aII or Farmall. Prior to that they would plow and disk with a tractor, then use a horse drawn cultivator.

The row crop tractor was a tricycle with big tires on the back and two small tires together on the front. Corn was planted in 36-in rows, the front tires between two rows and the back tires straddling two rows. Cultivators were mounted on the front of the tractor so you could see the rows of corn. We cultivated twice, when a corn was several inches high then when the corn was a couple feet high. The second pass would be quite fast and threw the dirt up on both sides of the stalk.

The F series tractors were built from 1923 to 1936. From 36 to 46 they made the letter series, the A,B,C,H and M. In 1946 they came out with the 300 and 400 series. In this series they switched to a six-cylinder engine. John Deere switched from a two cylinder to a six cylinder the exact same year.

Today if you go to a tractor show you will see hundreds of tractors from this era. Everyone had a small farm and every one had a tractor or two. Nowadays all of the farms are pretty much thousands of acres with huge tractors. There are very few farms and few tractors built. The small tractors like we used are compact and four-wheel drive which makes a great deal of sense. These are usually equipped with loaders and can move dirt or do many other jobs. Today the small farms are but in ancient memory

cer responded to a theft report at a residence on N. Main St. Antwerp Police also assisted Antwerp EMS and Fire Department with a call on E. River St.

March 21 - An officer handled a call regarding unruly juveniles. Officers also responded to a barking dog complaint on S. Main St. and a report of a possible suicidal individual, making contact with the person and family members for assistance.

March 23 - Antwerp Police Department continued an investigation into a domestic violence incident. Officers also responded to a vehicle unlock request at 511 N. Main, where the vehicle was successfully unlocked.

March 24 - Antwerp Police Department assisted Antwerp EMS at a residence on Main St.

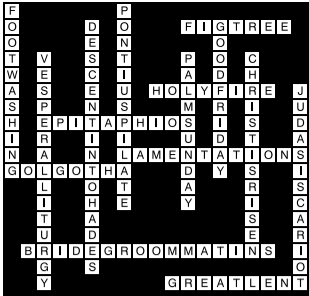
If you would like to report any suspicious activity or if you have any questions, please contact the Antwerp Police Department, 419-258-2627. They are always ready to serve the residents of the Village of Antwerp!

VANTAGE CAREER CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW BASIC ELECTRICITY TRAINING COURSE FOR ADULTS

Vantage Career Center will offer a new Basic Electricity training course this spring, providing community members with the opportunity to build practical technical skills in a short-term, hands-on learning environment.

The evening course is designed for adults interested in gaining foundational electrical knowledge that can be applied in a variety of career fields, including manufacturing, construction, maintenance, and skilled trades. Participants will learn key concepts related to electrical systems while developing safe work practices and real-world problem-solving skills.

Throughout the class, students will study the fundamentals of electricity and electron theory, explore the relationship between magnetism and electrical systems, and gain an understanding of



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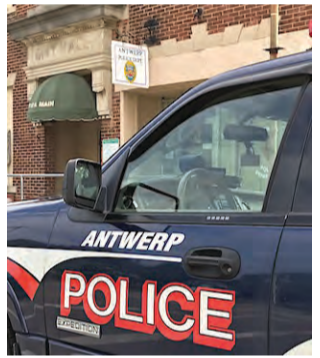
common electrical components such as resistors, capacitors, and insulators. Instruction will also cover voltage, current, and resistance, along with the application of Ohm's Law in both direct current (DC) and alternating current (AC) circuits.

In addition to classroom instruction, the course emphasizes hands-on learning. Participants will complete circuit construction activities, practice measurement techniques, and learn safe troubleshooting methods. By the end of the training, students will be able to calculate and analyze electrical values while working confidently with basic electrical systems.

The course, titled AC/DC Electrical Systems - Amatrol, will run from April 28 through May 12. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., for a total of 20 instructional hours over approximately two and a half weeks. The cost to participate is \$1,200.

Vantage Career Center officials note that short-term workforce training programs like this are part of the school's ongoing effort to support regional economic growth and provide accessible learning opportunities for adult students seeking to advance their skills or explore new career pathways.

Individuals interested in enrolling or learning more about the Basic Electricity course can visit the Vantage Career Center adult education registration page online or call 419-238-5411



ANTWERP POLICE REPORT

March 11 - An officer performed a vehicle unlock.

March 12 - A citizen reported a stop sign down on W. Daggett. The officer contacted the village administrator. A resident also reported that another person had messaged him on Facebook and was sending him threatening messages.

March 13 - Antwerp Police responded to a tree down on power lines on N. Main St. The officer contacted the village administrator, the power company, and the resident. Officers also assisted a resident on Main St. with securing a trampoline due to high winds and conducted a welfare check at the mobile home park on Shaffer Rd., where the resident was found to be okay.

March 15 - Antwerp Police Department responded to an alarm at First United Presbyterian Church.

March 16 - An officer handled a call involving two adult males contacting each other on Facebook and sending bad things about each other on Facebook. Antwerp Police also unlocked a vehicle for a citizen.

March 18 - Antwerp Police Department responded to an unruly customer at Pop and Brew. Disorderly conduct charges have been filed.

March 19 - An officer responded to a car alarm at a residence on Woodcox St. Antwerp Police assisted a local attorney with a next-of-kin death notification, responded to an alarm at a local business, and conducted a golf cart inspection.

March 20 - A resident reported striking a deer just outside the village limits. An offi-

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PAULDING, Ohio - This Saturday, March 28, 2026, the community is invited to watch some of the area's best young racers compete at the Chinquapin District Pinewood Derby, hosted by Cub Scout Pack 1317 at the OSU Extension - Paulding County building, 503 Fairground Dr., Paulding, OH 45879.

Doors open at 1:00 p.m. and racing gets underway around 2:00 p.m., running until approximately 4:00 p.m. Admission is free for spectators.

Cub Scouts from Kindergarten through 5th grade - representing packs from

across the Chinquapin District - will race handbuilt wooden cars they designed and constructed themselves.

Competitors will vie for top honors in both Speed and Paint categories, with awards going to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in every rank. Top finishers will advance to the Council Pinewood Derby on April 25, 2026.

Hungry? The on-site "Scout Cafe" will have snacks and drinks available throughout the event.

It's a fun, family-friendly afternoon and a great chance to cheer on the next generation of Scouts. Come on out!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED IN HICKSVILLE

The American Red Cross will host a community blood drive on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at First Church of Christ, located at 118 N. Main Street in Hicksville.

The blood drive will run from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.,

and organizers say the need for donations remains high. Community members are encouraged to take time to give blood and help ensure a stable supply for patients in need.

Blood donations are critical for emergency situations, surgeries, cancer treatments, and ongoing medical conditions. With demand continu-

ing to outpace supply in many areas, each donation can make a significant difference.

Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome as time allows. Residents of Hicksville and surrounding communities are urged to participate and help support this lifesaving effort.

DPLS GOOD FRIDAY EARLY CLOSURE

[DEFIANCE] - Defiance Public Library System, including Defiance Public and Johnson Memorial libraries, will close early on Good Friday, April 3, at 4:00 p.m.

FRIENDS OF JML TO HOST 'PLANT & SIP' FUNDRAISER

The Friends of Johnson Memorial Library's annual 'Plant and Sip' fundraiser will return to April's Greenhouse, 1025 US 27, Bryan, on April 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees can enjoy wine and charcuterie while creating a stained-glass hanging vase to hold air plants.

Only 10 tables are available, visit the main desk at the library, 116 W. High St., Hicksville.

This event is open to adults 21 and older. For more information, contact the library at 419-542-6200.

PAULDING COUNTY REPUBLICANS HOSTS MEET & GREET EVENT

The Paulding County Republican Party will host a countywide Meet & Greet event on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, providing residents an opportunity to meet and speak with local and statewide Republican candidates.

The event will take place from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 601 Flatrock Drive in Paulding.

Organizers say the gathering is intended to give community members a chance to ask questions, learn about candidates, and engage in discussion ahead of the upcoming election season.

Several candidates representing a variety of offices are expected to attend including Ohio Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Ohio Supreme Court, Ohio's 9th Congressional District, State Senate District 1,

and State Representative. Local offices will also be represented, including Paulding County Prosecutor Matt Miller, Commissioner Mark Holtsberry, running for Commissioner Mike Iler, and County Auditor Angie Stoller. State and federal candidates expected: Keith Faber, Robert Sprague, Marcell Stribich, Jay Edwards, Kristina Roegner, Colleen O'Donnell, Ron Lewis, Jill Lanzinger, Josh Williams, Derek Merrin, Alea Nadeem, Craig Riedel, Jim Hoops, and Roy Klopfenstein, along Ohio Republican Party State Central Committee Gina Campbell and Tony

Schroeder. Organizers have also invited Jon Husted, Madison Sheahan, Frank LaRose, Andrew King, and Dan Hawkins to attend the event. A soup and sandwich supper will be served during the evening. The meal will be prepared by the Paulding County Republican Women, with a free-will donation accepted. Event organizers encourage residents from across Paulding County to attend and take advantage of the opportunity to interact directly with candidates and learn more about the issues affecting the community.



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