

MISS OHIO'S TEEN 1st RUNNER UP IS HICKVILLE'S KATHERINE GREEN



Katherine Green (left) of Hickville placed 1st Runner Up at the Miss Ohio's Teen pageant on June 19, 2026. Photo by Syl-vart Studio.

Hickville rising junior Katherine Green (16) won 1st runner up at Miss Ohio's Teen on June 19, 2026. In her 2nd year competing at Miss Ohio's Teen, competing as Miss Chillicothe's Teen, Katherine Green of Hickville, placed as 1st runner up, receiving a \$1,000 scholarship. She also won the Interview Award with a \$250 Scholarship for

her eloquence and poise under pressure. Katherine's vocal talent performance was "Gimme Gimme" from the play Thoroughly Modern Mille.

Katherine Community Service Initiative (CSI) is "The Recovery Table", an on-line platform to bring attention, education & knowledge for eating disorders.

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

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Note: The following text is a transcription of the Stone Engraving of the parchment Declaration of Independence (the document on display in the Rotunda at the National Archives Museum). The spelling and punctuation reflect the original.

"In Congress, July 4, 1776: "The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare

the causes which impel them to the separation.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, -- That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for

light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an

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PAULDING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

The Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce has announced that Executive Director Jill Strahley will be stepping down from her role. As the Chamber prepares for this transition, the Board of

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SUMMER CRISIS PROGRAM BEGINS JULY 1

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission are once again offering assistance to help Ohio's families stay cool during the hot summer months.

From July 1 through Sept. 30, income-eligible Ohioans can receive assistance in paying their electric bill, purchasing an air conditioner or fan, or making repairs to their central air conditioning unit through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Service's Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program (HEAP).

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

July 1

- Grief Support Group @ Christ Continental UMC, 6:30p
- GriefShare @ First UMC, Van Wert, 6-8p

July 4

- 250th Celebration @ Reuben J Smith American Legion Post 297, Payne, 2p

July 6-9

- NazKidz Summer Camp @ Paulding NAZ, 10-11a

July 8

- Grief Support Group @ Christ Continental UMC, 6:30p
- GriefShare @ First UMC, Van Wert, 6-8p

July 9

- Digital Navigation @ Van Wert Senior Center, 9a-3p

July 10

- Summerblast in Paulding, parade starts at 6p

July 14

- PC Democrat Party Meeting @ Paulding Eagles, 7p

July 15

- Grief Support Group @ Christ Continental UMC, 6:30p
- Digital Navigation @ PATH Ctr., Defiance, 10:30-11:30a
- PCHF Golf Outing @ Auglaize GC, 10a
- GriefShare @ First UMC, Van Wert, 6-8p
- VW Chamber Golf Outing @ Willow Bend GC, 8a & 1p

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For your convenience, there is a burgundy colored drop box along the sidewalk on the East side of the courthouse.

- Please bring your tax bill with you when coming into the office to make a payment.
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OBITUARIES



PAYNE, OH:
Keith Edward Carter, 91, of Payne, passed away Tuesday, June 24, 2026, at his home.

Keith was born in Payne on July 16, 1934, a son of the late Ruth (Bradford) Hammond & George Carter.

Keith was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and community member whose life was marked by hard work, service, and family. He proudly served his country in the Army 82nd Airborne. In Payne he remember him fondly as the "Payne barber," where he provided not only haircuts but also friendship and conversation. He later worked for BF Goodrich, Durable Medical, and Benton Township. On January 14, 1956, he married the love of his life, Ruth (Lunn), and together they built a loving family and shared many happy years. Keith was active in the Early Birds 4-H Club, a member of Flat Rock Masonic Lodge No. 580 for 65 years, active in the Paulding County Historical Society, and a Payne firefighter and EMT who played an integral role in establishing those services in the community. In his free time, he enjoyed woodworking, caring for his lawn, traveling with family—especially fishing trips to Wisconsin—and trying his luck on the slot machines. His kindness, dedication, and love for family will be remembered by all who knew him.

He will be sadly missed by his children, Sandra (Kelly) Davis, Brian (Pandora) Carter, & Christina (Samuel) Flynn; 10 grandchildren; & 15 great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Ruth in 2003, and his sister, Nancy Karris.

He will be laid to rest privately in Lehman Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Paulding County Nurses Auxiliary (to support Paulding County hospice nurses) 250 Dooley Dr Ste A, Paulding, OH 45879.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.



FORMERLY OF PAYNE, OH:

My Dad, **Joseph Moore**, was born September 28, 1939 in Payne, Ohio to Noah and Lessie Bernice Moore, he had a brother James Bernon and sister Rosalie Marie. They preceded him in death. He was a cradle Methodist and baptized April 21, 1946. He was Paulding County President of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. He became a Mason and was Master of Flat Rock Lodge 580, he was a 32nd degree Mason and Knight Templar.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Electronic Engineering from Indiana Tech, Fort Wayne, IN and an MBA from the University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, IN.

He was a member of the 122nd Fighter Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, Fort Wayne Base, Indiana, Past President of Anthony Wayne Chapter of Indiana Professional Engineers. He had been a member of the Orchard Ridge Country Club and Treasure Ft. Wayne, IN; Chillicothe Country Club, Ohio and Member of Board of Directors; Long Cove Country Club, Hilton Head, SC; and the Hermitage Country Club, Goochland County VA.

He had an interesting career as an engineer for ITT Federal Labs, Engineering Manager for REA Magnet Wire; Vice President Engineering for Wear-Ever Aluminum; Vice President Engineering for Hamilton Beach-Proctor Silex; Vice President Engineering for Mr. Coffee-Health O Meter. He also held several patents. After retiring he was a Merchandiser for American Greeting Card.

He was married to his "Little Redhead Girl" Nancy Jane Hart Moore June 4, 1966 at St Paul's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, IN and so I, their son, was raised in the Catholic Faith. My Dad and Mom were married 56 years before my mother died October 9, 2022. My dad loved my mom dearly and often told me he missed her even when she left the room. My dad sometimes attended Mass with my mom and me. Mom always told him not to join the Catholic Church because of her.

He made dear friends at St. Mary's and loved to attend Mass.

He loved his family and friends. He always told me to give every one, my wife Laura and grandkids Annabelle, Noah, Savannah, Caroline and Olivia a hug and a kiss for him after every phone call.

He believed that the Lord was always by his side and often reminded others that the Lord was always be their side.

He played basketball, ran track 1/2 mile, had a baseball scholarship to Indiana Tech and

also played the clarinet.

Worked his way thru college as a TV projectionist and cameraman. He put the first picture from the new WKJG-TV STATION in Fort Wayne, IN out on the air upside down.

He was a Reliability Engineer at NAS Norfolk, VA and ITT FEDERAL LABS, Ft. Wayne, IN,

A Design Engineer, Manufacturing and Engineering Manager for REA Magnet Wire, Ft. Wayne, IN, Vice President of Engineering for Wear Ever Aluminum, Chillicothe OH, Hamilton Beach-Proctor-Silex, Richmond and Mr. Coffee Health-O-Meter, Cleveland, OH and held several patent.

After retiring he was a Merchandiser for American Greeting Card.

With his Sponsor Billy Spicer guiding him and my son and friend Charles Johnson nearby at the Easter Vigil April 09, 2023, I received Confirmation and First Communion from Father Michael Renninger here at St Mary's Catholic Church, Richmond, VA.

Online condolences can be made at Blileys.com. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to HVAF of Indiana Inc.

His parting words were always and I say to you "stay healthy, have fun and be safe".

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY FRIENDS RECEIVE \$5,000 DAF GRANT FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS



Pictured with the grant are (l-r) Dawn Hostetler - President, Mary Kay Shimko - Treasurer, Beth Headly - Board Member and Deb Hench - DAF Board Member and grants committee member.

The Defiance Area Foundation (DAF) has awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Johnson Memorial Library Friends during its 2026 spring grant cycle. Funding for the grant was provided through the Capital Projects Fund under the DAF umbrella.

The grant will support exterior building improvements at the Johnson Memorial Library in Hicksville aimed at improving accessibility and enhancing outdoor community spaces for patrons and visitors.

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Directors has begun the search for the organization's next Executive Director.

During her time with the Chamber, Strahley has focused on strengthening communication, building community partnerships, supporting local businesses, and creating new opportunities to connect people and organizations throughout Paulding County.

"Serving the Chamber and getting to know so many of the people who care deeply about this community has meant a great deal to me," Strahley said. "I am incredibly thankful for the businesses, organizations, board members, volunteers, and community partners who have supported the Chamber's work. There is so much good happening across Paulding County, and I am proud of the momentum we have built together."

The Chamber's Board of Directors expressed its ap-

Planned improvements include updates to the library's front porch, fascia, shutters, soffits, and other exterior features, along with concrete work to create a full front entrance ramp, new pathways, and expanded patio areas. The project is expected to cost between \$88,000 and \$96,000.

The improvements are designed to create a more welcoming and accessible environment while preserving the library as an important community resource for Hicksville residents.

preciation for Strahley's leadership, creativity, and commitment to the organization and the community.

PAULDING COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY HOLDS COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION INFORMATIONAL MEETING

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Neil Beining in Paulding County reminds farmers and landowners that FSA is hosting an informational meeting regarding the 2026 county committee election process on June 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Paulding County Farm Service Agency located at 260 Dooley Drive in Paulding. Producers are encouraged to attend the meeting and participate in the 2026 election.

The county committee nomination period opened on June 15, 2026. Nomination forms must be post-marked or received in the

Scripture of the Week

"Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord."

— Leviticus 19:18

LETTING GO OF THE PAST



This is a day that the Lord has made! It's a brand-new day! Yesterday is gone, never to be seen again! God made it a new day for a reason: that you may have a brand-new start.

Psalms 118:24 (NIV) - "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalms 118:24 is a profound verse that encapsulates a powerful perspective on life and gratitude. This verse invites believers to recognize the significance of each day as a divine gift from God. The declaration, "This is the day that the Lord has made,"

emphasizes that every single day is crafted by God, filled with opportunities, challenges, and moments that can lead to growth and joy. So, get out of the Past! Let it go! Let God!

The command to "rejoice and be glad in it" reflects an attitude of gratitude and joy, despite our circumstances. It stresses the importance of choosing joy as a response to each day we are given. Life is too short! I encourage you to acknowledge the beauty and potential in every day. God's presence accompanies us through every moment.

In a world often overwhelmed by negativity and stress, this verse offers a gentle reminder to pause, reflect, and give thanks. It invites us to celebrate life, appreciate God's blessings, and find joy in the smallest things. By embracing this mindset, we cultivate resilience and a hopeful spirit, empowering us to face the day with courage and a heart full of praise. So, no more stinking thinking! Enjoy this beautiful day. It could be your last.

Peace & Love,

—Pastor Dwayne

Paulding County FSA office by the close of business on Aug. 3, 2026.

Elections for committee members occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA). LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction. For Paulding County, elections will take place in LAA #2, which consists of Auglaize, Brown, Emerald, and Jackson Townships. Customers can identify which LAA they or their farming or ranching operation is in by using our tool available at fsa.usda.gov/coc.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election, and reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation(s) but may not have applied or received FSA program bene-

fits.

Farmers and ranchers can nominate themselves or others, and qualifying organizations can also nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at fsa.usda.gov/coc.

Nationwide, approximately 7,700 farmers and ranchers serve on FSA county committees. These individuals make decisions on disaster, conservation, emergency, and commodity price support loan programs, as well as other agricultural issues. Committees consist of three to 11 members who are elected by eligible producers.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact Neil Beining at (419) 399-3841, ext. 2, or dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunication relay services.

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AN OLD NEW BURGER

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

There's more than one way to eat a burger, and thank goodness for that. What do you do for a favorite burger? Do you go to a favorite diner chowing down on a patty melt, trying a smashburger at a trendy new spot, or grilling a big juicy patty at home? They all sound good. The Southerners have and always will love a good burger. While burgers aren't a Southern invention, there is one burger that is 100% unique to the South and it's the slugburger, also known as the Mississippi slug-burger. A slug burger sounds gross, but the name came from the the saying that a nickel is called a slug and these new burgers were being sold for a nickel.

A slugburger is a burger made from combining soy grits, flour, cornmeal, or breadcrumbs with beef and/or pork. The patty is fried in oil, then sandwiched between buns with typical condiments including pickles, chopped onion, and mustard. They're eaten in parts of Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee, but are most commonly associated with a small pocket of northeast Mississippi.

The tiny town of Corinth, Mississippi even hosts an annual Slugburger Festival which will last from July 9-11. The event is named after the original Corinth creation. The story goes that in 1917, a man by the name of John Weeks started making and selling burgers from a mobile cart on bicycle wheels. Weeks wanted to save a little money on his product, so, at his request, a butcher mixed potato flakes and flour into his ground beef. The Slugburger was born. Being that it is a staple of the southern town of Corinth and offers a lot of fun for families why not celebrate it each year? It's about more the history than just burgers. Anything that has lasted over 100 years deserves a festival, right?

What is there to do at the festival? For starters, there are the ever-popular musical performances. This year's musical guests have yet to be announced officially, but they will be sure to bring a good time and an entertaining show!

Another favorite musical aspect of the Slugburger Festival is Slug Idol. Yes, you guessed it. Locals display their vocal talents in order to be named the best singer in

Corinth.

There are more than just music and slugburgers to be enjoyed. There is a carnival, too, which features fun rides for the family.

This year's Slugburger Festival also includes a car show that showcases lots of souped-up rides. The cruise-in is fairly new to the festival, only in its third year – but it's proven to be a crowd pleaser! There are five classifications in the show; modified rides, original rides, street rods, rat roads, and even motorcycles and tractors are featured. It is quite a hit with Mississippi's car lovers.



There are also vendors among the cruise-in rides! Hometown vendors will be sprinkled around court square - you never know what you might find! It sounds like fun.

Did any readers live through or recall the Slugburger? I wonder if there is any places close to here that makes and sells them?

In case you want to make a Slugburger, here is a recipe I found:

Preheat a deep fryer with cooking oil to 350 degrees F. You can also use a cast-iron skillet and fill halfway with cooking oil.

In a large mixing bowl, add the crumbled bread. In a small mixing bowl, combine the salt, pepper and onion powder. Gradually add the seasoning mix to the bread, mixing until evenly distributed. Gradually pour the beef stock over the bread, mixing until the bread is moist and all of the liquid is absorbed. Add the ground beef and knead until thoroughly mixed.

Take a handful of the mixture and roll it into a ball, then flatten out into patty and place it on a clean surface to flatten out to about a 1/4-inch thick. Repeat with the remaining mixture. Fry the patties until cooked to desired doneness: soft: 1 1/2 minutes, crispy: 2 to 3 minutes, well: 4 minutes and cremated: 5 minutes.

On each steamed hamburger bun, add a fried patty, some Mustard Mix, chopped onions and Red Pepper Mix for some spice.

Mustard Mix:

Yield: 9 1/2 cups

In large jar with tight sealing lid, and add the mustard, 1 1/2 cups water, oil and black pepper. Close the lid tightly and shake vigorously!

Have you ever tried these? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

PAULDING PUTNAM FIBER INTERNET EXPANDS SERVICE INTO RURAL VAN WERT AREA



Fiber Technician Matt Jay meets customers at the start of an installation.

Paulding Putnam is proud to announce the opening of its high-speed fiber internet service in the rural Van Wert area – including the village of Scott and portions of Convoy – marking one of the cooperative's largest expansion milestones to date. Additional expansion is slated for surrounding areas this summer.

To celebrate, Paulding Putnam invited community members to attend "Meet YOUR internet!" – a free community open house on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at Walnut and Main Event Center, 223 E. Main Street in downtown Van Wert.

The open house was a relaxed, no-pressure opportunity for residents and businesses to learn more about fiber internet technology, available service packages, pricing options, and Paulding Putnam's custom managed Wi-Fi app. Staff were available to answer questions and help customers determine which package best fits their needs.

Paulding Putnam has built more than 600 miles of mainline fiber infrastructure across northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana and plans to exceed 1,500 miles as expansion continues. Service is already available in portions of Paulding and Putnam counties, including areas of Paulding, Haviland, Payne, Grover Hill, Ottoville, Fort Jennings, Cloverdale, and Delphos.

Unlike many providers, Paulding Putnam offers residential internet packages designed around customers' lifestyles, whether they work from home, enjoy streaming and gaming, spend time outdoors, or want additional parental controls and Wi-Fi management tools. All residential plans include straightforward pricing with no contracts, data caps, or hidden fees. Business internet packages are also available for farms, small businesses, and commercial operations requiring advanced connectivity and multi-gig speeds.

As part of a summer promotion celebrating America's 250th anniversary, new residential customers who sign up for a 1 Gig internet package between June and August will receive one month of free service.

Those interested in fiber internet service (even those who are not electric members) are encouraged to complete the interest form online at www.PPEC.coop. This helps the co-op guide construction plans and notify customers when service is available.

Members can learn more about packages, check availability, and sign up at www.PPEC.coop/internet or by contacting member services at 800-686-2357. Commercial accounts can contact Luke Burkhart at lburkhart@ppec.coop or 800-686-2357.

NSCC VAN WERT CAMPUS ANNOUNCES "SUMMER CAMP SERIES" FOR YOUTH

VAN WERT, OHIO – Northwest State Community College will be hosting three day camps this July at the newly renovated Van Wert Campus. These camps give young minds a chance to engage in STEM coding & online gaming in a safe environment. Kicking off with "Swing into STEM" day on Friday, July 10th, campers will create their own mini golf holes using LEGO SPIKE Essential, a program designed for introductory coding. This creates a hands-on design process full of creativity & competition!

SPIKE Robotics will follow the week after, taking place on Friday, July 17th. Using FIRST

LEGO League programming, campers will team up to program and build robots, competing to be the best bot. This day is great for an introduction to the world of robots!

Wrapping up this summer is Van Wert Vortex ESports Gamer Camp, taking place on Friday, July 31st. Campers will spend the day engaged in age-appropriate games, like Mario Kart & Super Smash Bros, along with LEGO building competitions and more!

Sign your child up for a day full of learning today! Each camp is designed for a specific age group. More information can be found on the flyer attached or at NorthwestState.edu/camps/. Please call 419-267-1399 with any additional questions.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Dr. Edwin H. Underwood was born on May 13, 1871, in Payne, Ohio. He was the son of Hiram Underwood, who was born in January 1840 in Logan County, Ohio. Hiram served in the Civil War with the 96th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Edwin's mother was Rachel (Haines) Underwood, who was born in 1837 in Bellefontaine, Ohio. Hiram and Rachel were married on September 22, 1860.

The couple was living in Payne by 1868. By 1870, Hiram was working as a blacksmith. Hiram and Rachel were the parents of David, born in 1862; Mary, born in 1863; Louisa, born in 1866; and Sarah, born in 1867.

By 1880, the family was still living in Payne, where Hiram had taken up farming. In 1871, the family had grown with the birth of twin sons, Elmore and Edwin. Additional children followed: Ida, born in 1875, and Charles, born in 1877.

By 1890, the family remained in Payne, although most of the children had moved out on their own. Edwin graduated from Payne High School with the Class of 1889. His goal was to become a physician.

By 1900, Edwin was still living at home. After graduating from high school, he attended Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana. He later became a teacher in the Payne school system.

On September 14, 1904, Edwin married Nannie Ella Rogers, who was born on March 7, 1876, in Darlington, Wisconsin. She graduated from the Chicago Homeopathic Training School for Nurses. Edwin attended Hahnemann Medical College in Chicago, Illinois, from 1905 to 1908, graduating with a medical degree. He began practicing

medicine in Brook, Indiana. The family's home was located at 2610 Broadway Street in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In 1907, their daughter, Helen Troy Underwood, was born in Fort Wayne. By 1910, the family was still living there. Edwin enjoyed a large general practice and developed a reputation as a skilled physician. He also worked at Fort Wayne Lutheran Hospital.

On April 19, 1910, a second daughter, Dorothy, was born.

On September 1, 1918, Edwin entered military service during World War I. He served with the Medical Officers' Training Corps at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, and was promoted to First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps. He was honorably discharged on October 16, 1918.



Dr. Edwin H Underwood

In 1919, Edwin's father, Hiram, passed away.

By 1920, Edwin, Ella, and their daughters were still living at 2610 Broadway Street in Fort Wayne. Edwin also constructed a four-room office building at 2901 Broadway Street. In addition, he built one of the city's most attractive homes at 4230 Indian Avenue in Fort Wayne.

In 1921, Edwin's mother, Rachel, passed away.

By 1930, the family had settled comfortably into their new home.

In 1933, while operating on a patient, Edwin accidentally pricked his right index finger with a scalpel. An abscess developed, and the finger was drained on March 17, 1933. Unfortunately, he contracted septicemia and died on April 3, 1933.

Dr. Edwin H. Underwood was buried in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne, Section 2, Lot 34. His wife, Nannie Ella Underwood, died in 1962 and was laid to rest beside him.

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A SPELLING BEE

Dotting My Teas By:
Marlene Oxender

Years ago my brother Stevie, who had Down syndrome, spent a holiday weekend with us at my daughter's house. After lunch, those seated at the dining room table were welcome to play a word game that Stevie had obviously made up. He stood at the head of the table so he could be in charge. He would point at one of us and ask what letter was in the word he was thinking of. He would give us a quick "yes" or "no" before he moved on to the next person.

As you can imagine, we were laughing. There were moments when we became loud and rowdy, but he kept his composure. It was his version of the Wheel of Fortune game, and he was the host. We had to remember what letters were in his imaginary words, for he was not writing them down for us.

One of the ladies blurted out, "Independence Day" as her answer, and Stevie let her know she was correct. The laughter he'd brought to the table was the only prize needed.

Years ago, Stevie received an award for his abilities with sign language - a subject in which he was proficient. The cover photo on the book I wrote about him is an image of him making the love sign with his hand during a basketball game. The photographer, Glyn Buntain, caught that moment in time for the rest of us.

Love is an easy word to spell but not so easy to define. The complicated part is how love can be found in everything - our thoughts and our words. Our actions.

When Stevie was out and about on his bicycle, and a semi-truck was rolling through town, he used sign language to tell the driver he'd like to hear the truck horn. And the world always responded in the kindest of ways. Life doesn't get much better than that.

As Glyn once wrote on Stevie's Facebook page: "Dear God, in this new year, put Stevie's heart of joy and pure love in each one of us."

Stevie's love for life and the things of this earth was inspiring. He knew the value of his trophies and ribbons. He perfected his singing voice from the steps of his front porch while waiting for his ride to work each morning. He traveled on his bicycle to ballgames and spent time at restaurants where he could be with others.

When Stevie signed a greeting card, he wrote the word "Love" in front of his name. Such a simple thing - a little ink and a few letters lined up just right.

I'm still playing word games with Stevie - long after he passed away. I'm learning to connect the dots and speak this language that's been here all along - I just needed to be aware of it.

Stevie's life showed us, in part, that we are here to enjoy the things of this earth. We're here to play games - even through the loudness and rowdiness. Even when our friends can't spell the imaginary words we've made up. We're here to live with "a heart of joy and pure love" for one another.

Marlene Oxender is a writer, speaker, and author. She writes about growing up in the small town of Edgerton, her ten siblings, the memorabilia in her parents' estate, and her late younger brother, Stevie Kimpel, who was born with Down syndrome. Her three published books, Picket Fences, Stevie and Grandma, You Already Am Old, are available on Amazon. Marlene can be reached at mpoxender@gmail.com

ing medical conditions can include lung disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, asthma, and others.

To qualify for assistance, Ohioans must have a gross income at or below 175 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a family of up to seven members, and 60 percent of the State Median Income for a family of eight or more members. For a

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Pictured are (L to R) Laurie McCann, Mercy Health Community Relations Manager and Defiance Area Foundation Gala Committee Member and Sonya Selhorst, Mercy Health President.

The Defiance Area Foundation is pleased to recognize Mercy Health as a Bronze Sponsor for the 2026 Gala with a \$2,000 sponsorship.

The annual Gala, themed Bow Ties & Boas, will take place on October 3, 2026, with proceeds benefiting the Defiance County Community Fund. The fund supports local nonprofit organizations, schools, and commu-

nity initiatives while helping address emerging needs throughout Defiance County.

The Foundation is grateful for Mercy Health's continued support and commitment to improving the health and well-being of the community.

To learn more about the Gala or sponsorship opportunities, visit <https://defianceareafoundation.org/gala>.

family of four, the annual income must be at or below \$57,750.

Last year, the Summer Crisis Program assisted more than 55,000 households in Ohio, providing a total of \$12.4 million in benefits.

To apply for the program, clients are required to schedule an appointment with Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 419-219-4641.

Clients need to bring copies of the following documents to their appointment:

- Copies of their most recent energy bills.
- A list of all household members and proof of income for the last 30 days or 12 months for each member.
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members.
- Proof of disability (if applicable).
- Physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health.

Ohioans enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP) program who meet the above criteria may also be eligible for assistance, or central air conditioning repairs, or may receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan.

For more information about the Summer Crisis Program, and what is needed to apply, contact Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission's 24-hour appointment hotline at 419-219-4641.

To be connected to your local Energy Assistance Provider visit www.energy-help.ohio.gov.

DANCE WITH MY FATHER, AGAIN

It's over. The best time of year is over. From here it's down hill. From now on the days will be getting shorter each day and then comes the cold. This story holds a special place in my heart.

Sometimes when one writes you feel like you are "baring your very soul." You reach a depth never found before. A song found me that is quite emotional.

This song was sung in the '90s R&B era. I had never heard of the song or the artist. I asked a younger person about it and they said the singer had the greatest voice of all time. He was known for a voice which people called smooth. But the story that his song tells tugs at your heart strings.

Luther Vandross' father died before his 8th birthday but he can still remember a few of the things that his father did. His father would play with him, then his mother would join them and his father would carry him up to bed and tuck him in. This memory haunted Luther his entire life.

Luther started out as a backup vocalist at the Apollo Theater, then produced a couple albums of his own but his big break came in the '94 when he met singer and songwriter Richard Marx, at the Grammy awards. They became instant friends and you could say they were as close as brothers. Marx would write songs and Luther would record them.

Luther told Richard that there was a song that he had always wanted to write but all he had was the title.

"Dance With My Father, Again." Together they wrote the words to this very moving song.



"Back when I was a child
"Before life removed all the Innocence
"My father would lift me high
"And dance with my mother and me
"and then
"Spin me around 'til I fell asleep
"Then up the stairs he would carry me
"And I knew for sure
"I was loved."

Luther remembered his father in a good way. He remembered playing with him, but his father was taken away too soon.

"If I could get another chance

"Another walk
"Another dance with him
"I'd play a song that would never, ever, end
"If I could dance with my father again"

"When I and my mother would disagree
"To get my way I would run from her to him
"Then finally he'd make me do

"Just what my mama said
"Never dreamed that he would be gone from me."

We'll need to continue this next time we meet. We'll need to talk about how Luther fulfilled his lifetime ambition, just before his death at an early age. In the meantime listen to the song on your pocket phone.
—James Neuhouser

discussed plans for an upcoming Incident Command System (ICS) 400 course scheduled for Aug. 31 through Sept. 3. The training will build on the recently completed ICS 300 course and is designed for emergency management and public safety leadership personnel.

Klopfenstein provided an update on Tier II hazardous materials reporting, noting that North American Stamp Group has completed its required filing while Paulding Putnam Electric continues working to finalize its submission.

The committee also announced a July 16 training program focusing on emergency response to solar farms, data centers and battery energy storage facilities. Interest in the course has been strong as battery storage projects move forward within the region.

Another hazardous mate-

rials training session aimed specifically at dispatch personnel is being planned for September and may attract participants from neighboring counties.

Ohio EMA representative Jake Burgbacher provided several state updates, including progress on radiation meter recalibration, guidance from the Ohio Attorney General regarding LEPC public information officer positions and forthcoming clarification on site visit requirements for facilities required to file Tier II reports.

Additional reports from committee members indicated routine summer operations across local agencies with no significant issues requiring committee action.

The meeting concluded following approval of the Treasurer's Report and discussion of ongoing emergency preparedness efforts throughout Paulding County.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

America's Last Days

If you were around for as long as I have been, I believe you might view today's happenings as differently as I do. I was here before WWII started and vividly remember hearing our president announce the end of the war. I was at Hamilton Lake.

I was young, but also fully aware of what was working. My dad was too old but working for GE Ft. Wayne. He had to

ride with a cab full of people. No one was permitted to drive one per car. Almost everything was rationed. Like you could only have so many gallons of gas.

My grandfather was in charge of rationing stamp distribution for Hicksville. I still have a few of the rationing stamps from those days.

As a kid I also knew what it was to be killed. I was born in Hicksville and knew the name of those killed. You see, back then we knew almost everyone in town. We also had frequent air raids when the whole town was blacked out. I doubt if a lot of you could do that today because I don't believe you could keep your cell phone shut down that long.

War hit a little closer for me during the Korean War. My older brother was in the Navy as a radar operator. A Marine cousin of mine was the last military person to die in Korea before the war ended seven hours later.

His picture was on the cover of Life magazine with a story inside. His grave is here in Hicksville and only about 4-5 minutes from our back door.

Many of you blind people keep saying President Trump shouldn't have gone to war with Iran. That just shows me who the blind are. No other nation on earth is capable or willing to lead the way to help others like we are. To those who much is given, it is their duty to give. I realize you are blind and that you can't see clearly but you are not dumb and you are very able to learn.

This doesn't mean you are physically blind, only that you are mentally blind. This is only because Democrats changed what you were

taught and how it was taught. They don't want you knowing so much. Why do you think President Biden left 15-20 million illegals into our country?

We all know Biden wasn't quite with it while in office. I personally believe Obama instructed him all the way. I also realize many of you viewed Obama as a good president. In reality he was raised Muslim and didn't approve of our Christian faith. Before becoming president, he attended a church for 20 years that didn't like Christianity or America.

If you don't do it now, you should find a good church. I've attended church since grade school.

I still believe Satan invaded the Democrat party during WWII. They calculated how they could take over and control America without Republicans. Take a good look around our country. You will see admitted Communist in office from coast to coast. Everyone of them is a Democrat.

I'm not listing all of the anti-moral, anti-human and anti-God things that Democrats have forced on us. I think you know them and just say "so what." Face reality folks. Get your head out of the sand. Stop being so bone-headed about your Democrat party. Face the fact that it is now the Communist party.

We were born a Christian nation but at our rate of decent, I don't believe we will be called that for much longer. We were once afraid of Russia but just a few years back, one of their top leaders said, "They won't have to attack us because we will already have turned to Communism."

Remember this also. The "average old age" of a leading nation is 250 years before they fall. We are at that age now and thanks to Democrats we are close to failure right now.

The best thing you can do today is find a good church, attend it and get involved with it. When you do that and vow not to vote for a single Democrat these next two elections. I believe you will see a great change come over you and America. I know of no other way for us to survive.

—Richard Mastin
Hicksville, OH

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2026 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now

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accepting nominations for county committee members and encourages all farmers, ranchers, and FSA program participants to take part in the Paulding County Committee nomination process. County committee members make important decisions about how Federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2026 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 3, 2026.

Elections for committee members occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA). LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction. For Paulding County, elections will take place in LAA #2, which consists of Auglaize, Brown, Emerald, and Jackson Townships. Customers can identify which LAA they or their farming or ranching operation is in by using our tool available at fsa.usda.gov/coc.

Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in a USDA program and reside in the LAA that is up for election this year can be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. A co-operating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied for or received program benefits.

Individuals can nominate themselves or others, and qualifying organizations may also nominate candidates. USDA encourages all eligible producers to nominate, vote, and hold office.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Committee members are vital to how FSA carries out disaster programs, as well as conservation, commodity, and price support programs, county office employment, and other agricultural issues.

For more information on FSA county committee elections, including fact sheets, nomination forms, and FAQs, visit fsa.usda.gov/coc.

TURN YOUR SAVINGS INTO PAYCHECKS IN RETIREMENT

Margaret had saved diligently for decades. Every paycheck, a portion went toward her retirement account. Then, the day finally came: she retired. Suddenly, the hardest part wasn't the saving. It was learning to spend.

If that sounds familiar, you're not alone. Many retirees find the shift from building savings to living off them emotionally difficult, even when they've planned carefully. Here are five smart strategies that can help you feel more confident about what's ahead.

Give yourself permission to spend conservatively. Your retirement plan likely assumes a certain annual spending amount, with increases each year to account for inflation. All else being equal, the lower those initial withdrawals, the longer your money will last. A financial advisor can help you set up portfolio withdrawals personalized to your goals and situation. Feel free to give yourself permission to spend those amounts, knowing there's intention behind them.

For many retirees, the challenge isn't math — it's mindset. After years of being rewarded for saving, spending can feel like doing something wrong. It can help to re-frame withdrawals as a paycheck you've already earned. For example, using your monthly distribution to cover travel, hobbies or time with family isn't indulgent; it's the purpose of the plan you built. Connecting spending to your values can make it feel more natural and sustainable.

Do be sure to to review your spending regularly and don't forget to set aside funds for annual expenses like taxes and insurance.

Keep some cash on hand. A general rule of thumb for retirees is to keep about 12 months' worth of withdrawals in a separate account for spending and another

three to five years' worth in short-term, fixed-income investments. This cushion can allow your stock investments time to recover from a market downturn, reducing the need to sell investments when markets are down. That said, holding too much cash carries its own risk, as your portfolio may not grow fast enough to keep pace with inflation. So, while some cash is good, you'll also want to remain invested in assets with more growth potential to help your portfolio last through retirement.

Review regularly. Retirement can last 25 years or more, and even the best-laid plans need updating along the way. Review your financial strategy at least once a year or after any major life change.

Stay flexible. Even small adjustments to your spending can have a big impact on how long your money lasts. Retirees who hold off on spending increases in years when their portfolio declines are often able to stretch their savings further than those who increase withdrawals each year for inflation regardless of market performance.

Making the switch from saving to spending takes both careful planning and a genuine shift in mindset. A financial advisor can help you build out an effective approach to switch from saving to spending, and work with you so you can fully enjoy the retirement you worked so hard to reach.

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING 6/23/26



Members of the District Softball Team that were recognized at the meeting (L-R): Tia Mendez, Madison Clark, Delaney Johanns, Gabby Stork and Cadence Schwab. Middle: Coach Mallory Clark

Paulding Exempted Village Schools Board of Education met in a regular meeting on June 23, 2026.

Guests and Public Participation:

- Andi Mead introduced the Paulding High School District Championship Softball Team and State Track participant Kayleigh Dunham, and Regional Track participant Achilles Mead.
- Amber Gochenour, Little Sprouts Early Learning Center, voiced her concerns about the elimination of the one-mile radius bus route.
- Gina Vance asked when information will be available regarding those affected by the one-mile radius bus route

elimination.

- Jim Drewes, NWCC VP Workforce Development

• Jerry Stanford from the Paulding Progress announced that Blake Rhonehouse and Estie Pease were voted at Paulding Progress Athletes of the Year.

Treasurer's Report:

- Approved the May 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes and the May 27, 2026 Special Board Meeting minutes.
- Approved the financial reports and bills for May 2026.
- Approved the amendment to the Iler Softball Field Endowment Fund.
- Granted the Treasurer

authority to amend FY 2026 Appropriations in accordance with budgetary compliance requirements for fiscal year end and report the results at the July Regular Meeting.

Administrators' Report:

Superintendent:
• Light/HVAC Project Update

- Transfers for 2026-2027
(1) Colton Bennett from 8th Grade Social Studies to 7th Grade Social Studies
(2) Madison Etter from 7th Grade Reading to Junior High Intervention Specialist
(3) Tanya Bok from 8th Grade ELA to 8th Grade Social Studies

The following Recommendations have been approved:

- The creation of new Teaching Position (Intervention Specialist), with the initial placement in Paulding Middle School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

- 2026-2027 Fall and Winter Athletic Ticket Prices
Athletic Ticket Prices (set by the GMC)

- Varsity Events (Football, Volleyball, Basketball) - \$8 Adult/\$6 Student (no presale)
JH Events - \$5 Adult/\$3 Student

- Fall 2026 Athletic Passes:
Family Pass - \$200; Adult All Sports - \$75; Varsity Football - \$30; Varsity Volleyball - \$30; Student All Sports - \$20; Student Athlete - FREE

- Winter 2026-27 Athletic Passes:
Family Pass - \$250; Adult All Sports - \$100; Adult Boys BB - \$70; Adult Girls BB - \$65; Student All Sports - \$20; Student Athlete - FREE

- Book Fees for 2026-2027 (no increase in the last 5 years). Grade 2026-2027: K-2 \$60; 3-6 \$55; Paulding 6-8 \$45
Jr. High: There will be a \$20 materials fee for students enrolled in Vo-Ag and Industrial Arts class.

High School: the list of High School fees for the 2026-2027 school year was approved.

- 2026-2027 Cafeteria Meal Prices for 2026-2027 (\$1.10 increase from last year)
Free/Reduced/Paid Elementary: \$0.00/TBD/\$2.75
Middle School: \$0.00/TBD/\$3.00
High School: \$0.00/TBD/\$3.20
Salad (hs/ms only): \$0.00/TBD/\$3.50
Adult Breakfast: \$2.60
Adult Lunch: \$4.50
K-12 Breakfast: \$0.00/\$0.00/\$0.00
K-12 Breakfast (additional/second meal): \$1.85

• High School Handbook Update regarding cell phones:
Remove: Cell phones must be stored in student's lockers during the school day. Students are allowed to have their cell phone during lunch. Students may also check their cell phones at their lockers in between classes.
Add: Cell phones, smart watches, and other smart devices must be stored in students' lockers during the school day. Students are NOT allowed to have their cell phone during lunch.

- Early Graduates (from the Class of 2027): Chad Long and Trenton Bail.
- FFA National Convention Trip to Indianapolis, IN from October 20, 2026 to October 24, 2026.
- Twelve students and two chaperones.
- FFA State Convention Trip to Columbus, OH from May 5, 2027 to May 7, 2027. Thirty to thirty-five students and four chaperones.

- Approved to request certification of estimated tax rate for an income tax. To obtain the full resolution, please send a request to Cindy at c_kauser@pauldingschools.org.

The following Personal Recommendations have been approved:

- The resignations of the following, at the end of the current contract year unless noted:
Olivia Mengerink, PJH Inter. Specialist. She has served the district for 2 years.
Jared Renollet, JH Custodian, effective 6/26/26. He has served the district for 1 year.
Thomas Bidlack, Bus Mechanic, effective 7/31/26. He



Regional track qualifier Achilles Mead (2nd from left) and State Qualifier Kayleigh Dunham (right) were recognized at the meeting, along with coaches Beau Hahn and Aaron Horstman.

has served the district for 30 years.

- The following Head Coaches:

Girls Basketball - Matt Arellano; Boys Basketball - Logan Stoller; Girls Wrestling - Jim Pumphrey; Boys Wrestling - Elias Jimenez

- To compensate Brett Foster, HS Guidance Counselor at the current tutor rate, for the extra time spent outside of school hours while covering the responsibilities of the 9th/10th Guidance Counselor during her maternity leave.
- One-year limited contracts for the following:

Brady Karzynow, Paulding Elementary Teacher; Sue Rietzman, HS/MS 3-hour cook/server; Angela High, HS/MS 3-hour cook/server; Maelee Carlisle, 2nd shift Paulding Elementary custodian; Jordan Wilhelm, 2nd shift Jr. High

ANTWERP BOARD APPROVES SUMMER PROJECTS, CURRICULUM PURCHASE & FACILITY WORK

The Antwerp Local Board of Education met Thursday, June 25, approving year-end financial measures, summer construction projects, student handbooks and several service agreements for the 2026-27 school year.

Board members Anita Bok, Robert Herber, Jayme Landers, Sara Schuette and Jake Michael were present. The board approved the agenda and the minutes from the May 21 regular meeting.

Treasurer Kristine Stuart reported May receipts of \$896,035.36 and expenses of \$1,241,964.06. She noted expenses were higher because May included three payrolls, along with supplemental and advisor payments. Interest earnings for the month totaled \$34,264.47. Stuart said the district received 99.91 percent of projected revenue and spent 83 percent of its projected budget, allowing Antwerp to finish the year under budget.

Stuart also reviewed revised appropriations for fiscal year 2026 and permanent appropriations for fiscal year 2027. She said funds have

School custodian

- One-year limited extracurricular contracts for the following:

Sandy Arellano Junior Class Advisor (decorating); Sandy Arellano Junior Class Advisor (fundraising); Sydney Kill FFA Advisor; Emily Taylor 5th/6th Volleyball; Kelly Pracht JV Volleyball; Baylee March Freshman Volleyball; Leigha Egnor Volunteer Volleyball Assistant

- Extended days for the following:

Brett Foster HS Guidance Counselor 20 days; Jacee Reinneck HS Guidance Counselor 20 days; Alex Arellano MS Guidance Counselor 10 days; Deedi Miller Preschool Coordinator 20 days; Staci Miller HS Vo Ag/FFA 40 days; Sydney Kill HS Vo Ag/FFA 20 days; John Kennedy Industrial Technology 10 days

been set aside for severance, future bus purchases and capital projects, including the bus garage renovation. The board also approved a resolution transferring money from the general fund to the Capital Project Fund for the bus garage project.

Superintendent Dr. Marty Miller reviewed updates to the middle school/high school handbook, including changes to attendance procedures and summer school language. Miller said the attendance updates are intended to keep the district aligned with expectations from the court system when truancy cases move beyond school-level intervention. He also said summer school language was tightened to discourage students from failing to complete work during the regular school year with the expectation of simply making it up during the summer.

The elementary handbook also received a minor update and was approved by the board along with the student athletic handbook and middle school/high school handbook.

Miller reported that Western Buckeye Educational Service Center hired Allie Reinhart to provide additional gifted services for Antwerp students next school year. He said available gifted funding made it possible to add an-

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LOCAL AND STATE LIBERTARIANS ATTEND THE 2026 PAULDING COUNTY FAIR



Pictured from Left to Right: Christopher Elder (candidate for Ohio House District 82), Payton Amweg (Elder's Campaign Manager), Zach Hall (Chair of LP State Central Committee), a volunteer, and Tom Pruss (Vice Chair of LP Ohio and candidate for Secretary of State).

The Paulding County Fair saw a new organization at its Fairgrounds this year with the arrival of the Libertarian Party of Ohio.

"I don't think we've ever seen you all here before," commented one couple who shared they've been coming to all the fairs in northwest Ohio for years. Christopher Elder, Libertarian candidate for Ohio House District 82, was proud and excited to speak

with people as the first Libertarian candidate from Paulding since 2000. "We are here to offer a new option for people who feel like they don't belong in either of the two major parties," Elder said.

The booth was also manned by four other Libertarian candidates for Statewide offices: Don Kissick and James Mills for governor and lieutenant governor, Tom Pruss for Secretary of State,

and Bill Redpath for U.S. Senate. "Thanks to the amount of interest in a third-party option in the area, we are moving forward with starting a Libertarian Political Club right here in Paulding County!" Elder shared.

For more information on joining the brand-new club, interested parties should contact Christopher Elder at 419-670-1831 or elderforoh82@gmail.com

Other gifted instructor for the year, giving classroom teachers more support and providing additional services to students.

The board approved the purchase of the K-12 Big Ideas Math curriculum from Savvas Learning Company for approximately \$120,458.

Building projects are moving forward throughout the district. Miller said footers for the bus garage project were scheduled to be poured June 26, with the building expected to be erected by mid-July. Work on the new elementary office entrance is also progressing, with the project expected to be mostly complete by mid-July. The board approved a quote from Upgrade Properties, Josh Sinn, for the elementary office entrance at approximately \$57,500.

Miller said the district also applied for a \$70,000 grant to help cover the entrance project and expects to learn soon whether it will receive the funding.

Field house renovations are also underway. A new roof has been installed, epoxy flooring is scheduled, and new doors and windows are expected to follow. The board approved an additional quote from Hughes Gutters and More for field house renovations at approximately \$77,273.

Technology Director Harold Gottke reported that additional Syntax equipment will be installed July 13 to improve coverage. He also said the district is reviewing a possible new student pass and visitor management system. Door cameras are being added

for the C Wing and the new elementary entrance area, while new classroom smart displays and TVs have replaced older projectors and Smart Boards.

Gottke said rising technology costs, including computers and components, are affecting schools, but Antwerp is in good shape because Chromebooks and teacher workstations were recently updated. He said the district will likely only need to focus on incoming freshman devices in the near future.

Miller reviewed preliminary state testing results, noting that Antwerp remained above state averages in many areas but had some scores that administrators will address with staff. He also reported that about 65 elementary students are participating in the summer academic program, with teachers communicating weekly with students and parents.

Miller reported no verified bullying incidents during the second semester.

The board approved a one-year memorandum of understanding with the Paulding County Sheriff's Office for a School Resource Officer for the 2026-27 school year. The board also approved an agreement with Paulding County Family and Children First Council for reimbursement of transportation for service coordination youth.

The board accepted the resignation of Lola Revuelta Cortes as teacher effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Several supplemental contracts were approved for the 2026-27 school year, including Lindsey Litzenberg as sixth grade class advisor, Alyssa Saylor as seventh grade class advisor, Zac Feasby as eighth grade class advisor, Carina Meyer as freshman class advisor and 50 percent junior class advisor, Alicia Hook as 50

PAULDING COUNTY REPUBLICANS ATTEND OHIO FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE DAY



Ohio women from around the state recently attended the Ohio Federation of Republican Women's Legalization Day in Columbus. Representing Paulding County were Kathy Wilson, Laurie Lucas, and Cheryl Stromski.

While at the event the ladies attended a business meeting, toured the capital, viewed and were acknowl-

edged in the live Chamber sessions of the Senate and State Representatives. They enjoyed camaraderie with other Ohio Republican women, and met one on one with Paulding County area representatives at the Capitol.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Annual Paulding County Republican Banquet on October 1, 2026.

percent junior class advisor, Wade Sisson as senior class advisor, scholastic team advisor and academic booster advisor, Betty Smazenko and Ashley Fidler for elementary student council, Greta Kosch and Jassmine Reyes for middle school and high school student council, Harla Long for National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society, Mary Smith and Zac Feasby for the Washington, D.C. trip, Amy Sorrell as yearbook advisor, Lisa Girlie as art club advisor, Cord Ehrhart as musical production director, Corinne Ehrhart as assistant musical director, Pam Bailey as Family Literacy Night coor-

dinator, Dan Lehman as Friday School supervisor and 50 percent International Club advisor, and Shelley Snyder as 50 percent International Club advisor.

The board also approved service contracts with Western Buckeye ESC, Northwest Ohio ESC for audiology services, and Sustainable Behavior Changes with Amy Sheefel as behavior specialist for the 2026-27 school year.

Dr. Miller received approval for out-of-state professional development at the IS-TE/ASCD Conference in Orlando, Florida, from June 28 through July 1, and out-of-country professional development. (Continued on Page 11)

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THE LEFT TURN



Rusty Schlenk wins a record 7th Barney Oldfield Classic. Photo credit Charlie Orns.jpg

By: Ron Burt

WAUSEON, OH - June 20th, Jackson, Michigan's Rusty Schlenk had his DIRT-car Late Model dialed in, and he put on a show Saturday night, leaving only 10 cars on the lead lap. He won his record setting 7th Barney Oldfield Race, and the \$5,000 first place prize money. The win was during the annual stop for the American Late Model Series in Wauseon.

The 35-lap feature was only stopped once for a caution on lap two when Colin Shipley spun in turn two. After that caution flag, it was all Schlenk. He grabbed the lead from Colten Burdette at the start, and by the ninth trip around the track, Schlenk found himself at the tail end of the field. He was able to put his car anywhere he wanted, resulting in a win by 12.5 seconds over the 2nd place car and the current Oakshade point leader Steve Kester. Casey Noonan, Colten Burdette, and Terry Rushlow rounded out the Top 5.

In the Dominator Stock Class, Jake Rendel started deep in the field but was able to work his way through traffic and win the feature that had many caution flags. Mason Luttrell was 2nd, followed by Jeff Foks, Josh McNicol and JJR Gooden. Holgate's Ryan Okuley won the Sport Compact Feature, followed by Geoff Wasnick, James Stamper, Wesley Belkofer and Justin

Newman.

Ohio Sprint Week for the All Star Circuit of Champions wrapped up on night number 7, at Wayne County Speedway. Two races were cancelled last week because of rain, Millstream and Eldora. Both tracks declined on make-up race dates. Atomic Speedway was to have the final race but didn't meet expected ticket sales and the final was moved back to Wayne County Speedway. Saturday night had 4 drivers with a chance to be crowned Ohio Sprint Week Champion who were all battling at the front of the 35 lap feature. When the checked flag dropped and the dust was hanging in the air Zeth Sabo won his second feature of Ohio Sprint Week and \$10,000. Darin Naida and Kalib Henry finished a close 2nd and 3rd. When the Series points were added up, Cap Henry in his 33w, was crowned the overall 2026 Ohio Sprint Week Champion. Cap has won the title 2 years in a row.

Butler Motor Speedway (Michigan) hosted the IRA Sprint Car Series that runs Outlaw 410 Winged Sprints. The podium for the IRA Sprint Series, 1st Brock Hallett, 2nd Travis Arenz, and 3rd Thomas Meseraull.

Angola Motorsport Speedway (Indiana) Feature winners Saturday. Modified A Main (Dave Nester Memorial) Jeremy Cooper, Late Model

Sportsman Tanner Jack, Street Stock Rick Rinehart, FWD Chip Heintzelman, and Hornet Brett Ireland.

Montpelier Speedway (Indiana) Feature winners, Modifieds Dylan Woodling, Super Stocks Ervin Turner, Street

Stocks James Headley, and Hornets James Headley.

More local tri-state racing news can be found on the Ohio Sports Blitz www.facebook.com/ohiosportsblitz/. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron Out!

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absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

"He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

"He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

"He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

"He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

"He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

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"He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

"He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

"He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

"He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

"He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

"He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

"He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

"For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

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"For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

"For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

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"For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

"For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

"For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

"For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

"He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

"He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

"He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

"He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

"He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

"In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

"Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

"We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Con-

GRANT TO SUPPORT DEFIANCE'S 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS



Pictured with the grant are (L to R) Marilyn Clay - Moose Chaplin and Zeke Tracy - DDVB Executive Director

Congratulations to Defiance Main Street and Visitors Bureau (DDVB) for receiving a \$2,000 grant from the Defiance Moose Lodge #2094,

who holds a fund under the umbrella of the Defiance Area Foundation. This DDVB grant will be used for city events in 2026.

gress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On June 10 a resident of Park Avenue Villas contacted the Antwerp Police Department with questions regarding a 30-day eviction notice and other tenant-landlord issues.

On June 11 the Antwerp Police Department received a warrant for the arrest of an individual residing on Canal St. The person was located, arrested and transported to the

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TIM COPSEY RECEIVES LOCAL HERO AWARD FROM OHIO FREEMASONS



Mr. Tim Copsey receives a Local Hero Award from Shawn A. Johnson, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio.

Mr. Tim Copsey received a Local Hero Award from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio on June 12th, 2026, at the annual Grand Master's Visitation in Celina. The honor was for Mr. Copsey's work in economic development in Paulding County and was presented by Shawn A. Johnson, Grand

Master of Masons in Ohio.

In 2019, Tim became the Paulding County Economic Development Executive Director; where he works to support existing county businesses, attract new business investment and expand workforce opportunities for adults and students.

Congratulations, Tim!

Paulding County Jail.

On June 13 the Antwerp Police Department received a 911 call from Cleveland St. It was determined to be an accidental dial.

On June 13 a resident of 511 N. Main St. reported a child throwing rocks toward his apartment. An officer responded, prepared a report, located the juvenile and spoke with the juvenile's parents.

On June 13 a resident of Daggett St. reported a maroon vehicle being driven recklessly.

On June 14 the Antwerp

Police Department was contacted by a son requesting officers keep an eye out for his 99-year-old father, who was reportedly driving despite having a suspended license. The caller requested that if his father was observed driving, he be stopped and the vehicle towed.

On June 15 a motor vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of Erie and Canal streets. The driver left the scene but was later located and cited.

On June 15 a vehicle was stopped for traveling 49 mph

in a 35 mph zone. The driver was cited for speeding, driving under suspension and possession of drugs.

On June 15 a village resident reported nearly being run off the roadway by another village resident. An officer contacted the accused driver, advised him of the complaint and informed him that his driver's license was suspended. The officer requested that he not operate a vehicle on public roadways.

On June 16 an officer on patrol observed a driver operating a vehicle while under suspension. The driver was stopped and cited.

On June 16 the Antwerp Police Department received a report of a resident being scammed out of money through an internet-related scheme.

On June 17 a vehicle was stopped at River and Wentworth streets. The driver was cited for traveling 65 mph in a 35 mph zone.

On June 18 the Antwerp Police Department assisted the Antwerp Fire Department at a residence on Erie St.

On June 18 the Antwerp Police Department received a report of a missing juvenile and assisted in locating the juvenile.

On June 18 a resident contacted the police department regarding a child custody issue.

On June 18 the Hicksville Police Department requested that Antwerp officers make contact with a village resident.

On June 18 the manager of Dollar General reported a semi-truck parked in the lot and refusing to move. An officer responded, but the vehicle had already left.

On June 19 the Antwerp Police Department was contacted regarding a resident's vehicle that had been towed.

On June 19 the Antwerp Police Department was contacted regarding a cell phone found at a business on Erie St.

On June 20 a resident reported a dead deer in a yard.

On June 20 the Antwerp Police Department was notified of a disabled semi-truck at the intersection of Main and River streets. An officer responded and found that the vehicle had already been removed.

On June 20 a resident reported a man across from the post office. An officer responded, and the individual was charged with indecent exposure.

On June 21 the Antwerp Police Department received a report of a protection order violation.

On June 21 the Antwerp Police Department received a request for a vehicle unlock.

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!

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Caydan R. Price, Paulding, OH, pleaded no contest to assault. He was fined \$150 and ordered to pay \$243 in court costs. Price was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with 174 days suspended. Additional conditions included standard probation, evaluation and treatment, no unlawful contact with the victim, 20

hours of community service, completion of online classes, and a risk assessment.

Michaela Vibbert, Grover Hill, OH, pleaded guilty to failure to confine a dog. She was fined \$25 and ordered to pay \$92 in court costs.

Victor R. Williams, Payne, OH, failure to reinstate a driver's license, dismissed.

Johnathan C. Bricker, Marion, IN, pleaded guilty to failure to control. He was fined \$70 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Kevin J. Knebel, Delphos, OH, pleaded guilty to a stop sign violation. He was fined \$55 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Justice M. Clark, Defiance, OH, driving under suspension, dismissed.

Travis Nickles, Harrod, OH, pleaded guilty to violating a no-thru-trucks restriction. He was fined \$55 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Robert W. Adkins, Haviland, OH, pleaded guilty to failure to control. He was fined \$70 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Thaddeus L. Syndram, Payne, OH, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while impaired with a prohibited low breath alcohol concentration. He was fined \$375 and ordered to pay \$105 in court costs. Syndram was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with 176 days suspended, and his driver's license was suspended from June 22, 2026, through March 24, 2027. Charges of operating a vehicle under the influence, having defective headlights, parking on a public highway, and a seat belt violation were dismissed.

David R. Boger, Antwerp, OH, pleaded guilty to criminal damaging. He was fined \$150 and ordered to pay \$316 in court costs. Boger was sentenced to 90 days in jail, all of which were suspended. Additional conditions included maintaining good behavior and having no contact with the victims.

Amanda N. Harris, Paulding, OH, pleaded guilty to cruelty to animals. She was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$454 in court costs. Harris was sentenced to 90 days in jail, all of which were suspended. Additional conditions included standard probation, 60 hours of community service, completion of online classes, a risk assessment, and no possession of companion animals.

Harris also received concurrent 90-day jail sentences, all suspended, on two additional counts of cruelty to animals.

Thomas E. Mosley, Cecil, OH, pleaded guilty to distributing material harmful to a juvenile. He was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$97 in court costs. Mosley was sentenced to five days in jail, with all five days suspended. He was also ordered to maintain good behavior.

Tameesha T. Rowe, Defiance, OH, pleaded guilty to distributing material harmful to a juvenile. She was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$97 in court costs. Rowe was sentenced to five days in jail, with all five days suspended. She was also ordered to maintain good behavior.

Jason W. McKnight, Detroit, MI, pleaded guilty to an overlord violation. He was fined \$499 and ordered to pay \$105 in court costs.

Miles D. Goings, Paul-

The West Bend News

Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

ing, OH, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle under the influence. He was fined \$715 and ordered to pay \$105 in court costs. Goings was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with 120 days suspended, and his driver's license was suspended from July 1, 2026,

through July 1, 2031. Additional conditions included standard probation, an evaluation through Westwood, completion of the Keeping It In Check program and On-line Courses for Courts, a

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS, OHIO
-Probate / Juvenile Division-

Case No. 20265007

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

B. I. S.

To: John Doe

You are hereby notified that on the 29th day of May 2026, a Petition for the adoption of B.I.S., who was born on the 16th day of May, 2016, in Van Wert, Ohio, was filed in the Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, Paulding County, Ohio and that the hearing on said petition will be had before the Judge of said Court on the 7th day of July, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

All parental rights, duties and responsibilities of John Doe will be

terminated and relinquished and the said adoptive parent will have full and complete custody and control over said child if the Petition for Adoption is granted.

Any objection to the adoption must be filed with the Court of Common Pleas of Paulding, Ohio, Probate Division, within fourteen (14) days of the date of the last publication of this Notice.

Judge: Harvey D. Hyman

Danley A. Hilde, II (0088527)

Attorney for Petitioner

Wesner, Hill & Weber, Ltd.

401 Wayne Avenue

Defiance, Ohio 43512

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

The State Bank & Trust Company, Plaintiff,

vs.

Justice M. J. Clark, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 25 084

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

101 W. Canal Street, Antwerp,

Parcel Number: 12-26S-032-00, 12-26S-034-00 & 12-26S-043-01

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 One Hundred Fourteen Thousand and NO/100 (\$114,000.00) 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 July 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

<https://pauldinq.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 July 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

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Mark R. Lembright, Attorney for Plaintiff

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

WesBanco Bank, Inc, Plaintiff,

vs.

Jason M. Chester, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 26 061

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

8983 Road 180, Antwerp,
Parcel Number: 14-29A-013-00 & 14-29A-012-00

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

Said premises appraised at Ninety-Nine Thousand and NO/100 (\$99,000.00) 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 July 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on July 30, 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.

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers

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Kimberly D. Fulkerson, Attorney for Plaintiff

STRAHLEY SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club was pleased to welcome Scott Strahley, Paulding County Engineer, as its guest speaker. Strahley was introduced by Kiwanis member Michelle Stahl.

During his presentation, Strahley provided an update on current projects, long-range plans, and other improvements being coordinated through the Paulding County Engineer's Office. He discussed the transition of county maps and plat books to an online platform, making

these resources more accessible to the public. A limited number of printed copies remain available through the Engineer's Office.

Strahley also reviewed the county's snow and ice removal procedures and outlined the responsibilities involved in maintaining safe travel conditions during winter weather events. In addition, he shared plans to add/update center lines to select newer paved roads that meet state criteria.

These roadway improvements are designed to en-

hance safety for motorists while ensuring taxpayer dollars are used responsibly. Strahley emphasized the importance of balancing infrastructure needs with sound fiscal management as the county continues to invest in its transportation network.

Kiwanis members appreciated the informative presentation and the opportunity to learn more about the work being done to maintain and improve Paulding County's roads and infrastructure.

WESBANCO ELEVATES LEGACY PREMIER LEADERS TO KEY ROLES



Amy Hackenberg

WesBanco has announced several leadership promotions as part of a broader realignment of its Commercial Banking organization, further elevating leaders from its 2025 Premier Financial Corp. acquisition into expanded regional roles.

As part of this alignment, Rick Hull has been promoted to Executive Vice President & Director of Regional Banking. In this role, Hull will oversee the bank's established markets in the following regions: Central & Southern Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Northeast Ohio, Northwest Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. He has responsibility for driving performance, strengthening client relationships, and ensuring consistent delivery. He will report to Allen Retton, who is promoted to Executive Vice President & Chief Lending Officer, and will focus on the bank's emerging markets in the Florida, Tennessee and Mid-Atlantic regions, as well as specialty lending.

Two Ohio-based market leaders with roots at Premier have also been promoted to expanded regional roles, reporting to Rick:

- Josh Toot has been promoted to Executive Vice President & Regional President, Northeast Ohio & Western Pennsylvania, overseeing commercial banking performance and client development for the bank's Pittsburgh, Akron/Canton, Cleveland and Youngstown markets. Toot continues to serve as Market President, Youngstown. Jack Schneider remains Market President, Cleveland, and Steve Hendricks remains Market President, Akron/Canton. Amby Bauer remains Market President, Pittsburgh. All three report to Toot.

- Amy Hackenberg has been promoted to Executive Vice President & Regional President, Northwest Ohio, overseeing commercial banking performance and client development for the bank's Defiance and Ft. Wayne, Findlay and Toledo markets. Hackenberg continues to serve as Market President, Findlay. Jim Williams remains Market President, Defiance and Ft. Wayne. Joel Jerger re-

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES FRONT PORCH FUEL



Bright and early Saturday June 20th the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce helped welcome Front Porch Fuel to the business community of Antwerp with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Front Porch Fuel were busy preparing for their first line of guests but took the time to cut the ribbon with several Chamber

members. Pictured here at the Ribbon Cutting were Mandy Moore (The Upper Nine), Heather Metusiak (Gen Fed Credit Union), Shelly Walker (Krazy Krafters), Jennifer Ankney (Realtor Indiana and Ohio), Tonya Walker (Krazy Krafters), Stephanie Korody and her two daughters

(owner), Jennifer Ramsier, Sue Fowler, and Christy Phillips (Main Street Creamery).

Make plans to check out Front Porch Fuel on North Main Street in downtown Antwerp! Hours are 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

OPERATION K.A.V.I.C. RECEIVES \$2,500 GRANT FROM KEITH HUBBARD FAMILY FUND



Pictured (l-r) are Steve Hubbard, Bryan Keller - CEO Keller Logistics Group, and Tom Hubbard.

Operation K.A.V.I.C. (Keller Assists Veterans in Crisis) has received a \$2,500 grant from the Keith Hubbard Family Fund, a fund held under the Defiance Area Foundation umbrella.

Operation K.A.V.I.C. provides emergency financial assistance to veterans, active-duty military personnel, and their families who are facing unexpected hardships. The organization helps meet critical

needs and serves as an important resource for military families throughout the region.

The grant from the Keith Hubbard Family Fund will help support Operation K.A.V.I.C.'s mission of assisting veterans and their families during times of need. Through this gift, the Fund continues its commitment to strengthening the community and supporting those who have served our nation.

pay \$97 in court costs.

Ethan A. Mezuk, Liberty Center, OH, pleaded guilty to following too closely and to a child restraint violation. He was fined \$55 on the following too closely charge and \$70 on the child restraint violation. Court costs of \$100 were assessed.

Devonne J. McNair, Lawrenceville, GA, pleaded guilty to violating a no-thru-trucks restriction. He was fined \$55 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Hardeep S. Gill, Brampton, ON, pleaded guilty to violating a no-thru-trucks restriction. He was fined \$55 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Ali Alkhafaji, Hilliard, OH, pleaded guilty to violating a no-thru-trucks restriction. He was fined \$55 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

David Garcia III, Napoleon, OH, pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation. He was fined \$30 and ordered to pay \$57 in court costs.

Carl A. Harry, Pottsville, PA, pleaded guilty to violating

a no-thru-trucks restriction.

He was fined \$55 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

James R. Sulfridge, Continental, OH, pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation. He was fined \$30 and ordered to pay \$57 in court costs.

Garry W. London, Tennessee, GA, pleaded guilty to violating a no-thru-trucks restriction. He was fined \$55 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Timothy Good, Champaign, IL, pleaded guilty to violating a no-thru-trucks restriction. He was fined \$55 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS' BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES SEEKS APPLICANTS TO FILL BOARD VACANCY

[New Haven, IN] - The East Allen County Schools' Board of School Trustees is seeking a qualified community member interested in serving on the Board to fill a soon-to-be vacant board seat.

ANOTHER GORRELL BROS

AUCTION

Large Farm Equipment and Tools Auction

AUCTION LOCATION: 26379 Road M Cloverdale, Ohio 45827. Head South on State Route 66 passing Mandale. Then Turn Right on Road M to Auction Location... **Watch for Auction Signs!**

Sat. July 11th, 2026 @ 9AM

Combines and Tractors... John Deere 6600 Combine, 6 Row Corn Header, 4203+/- hours... John Deere 9500, 920 Grain Header, Unknown Hours... International 806 Tractor, newer batteries, 3 Point Hitch, Nice Tires, unknown if hour meter works, Tight Tractor... John Deere 8630 4WD Tractor, unknown if hour meter works... Massey Ferguson 14 Garden Tractor, Tiller, and Mower Deck... Cub Cadet 3185 Garden Tractor with 48" Mower Deck (Parts Mower)...

Tillage... Glencoe Ditch Spinner... International 490 Disc... Brillion Cultipacker... International 735 5 Bottom Plow... International 510 4 Bottom Plow... International 3 Bottom Plow... John Deere 750 Drill... International 56 Planter... 6 Row Cultivator... International Mounted Cultivators...

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OHIO STATE RESEARCH SHOWS PROMISE FOR NEW HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM TREATMENT



COLUMBUS, Ohio — Research led by The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) is showing promising results for a new way to fight harmful algal blooms — a problem that can threaten drinking water, close beaches, harm fisheries, and damage local economies in Ohio and beyond.

Using a specialized research facility at The Ohio State University Stone Laboratory on Lake Erie, scientists tested nanobubble ozone technology, or “NBOT,” to determine whether it could reduce toxin-producing cyanobacteria while protecting the health of the surrounding lake environment.

The results were significant. Using Ohio State’s mesocosm facility, which allows researchers to test lake conditions in a controlled, real-world setting, the scientists found that NBOT reduced cyanobacteria by up to 99% and cyanotoxins by 92% in repeated trials.

The treatment also appeared to be less disruptive to other aquatic life than EPA-approved algaecides made with copper or hydrogen peroxide. Researchers saw increases in beneficial algae after treatment, an encouraging sign that the approach may help support a healthier aquatic ecosystem.

“Our main objective was to evaluate the efficacy of nanobubble ozone technology for eradicating cyanobacterial harmful algal blooms and cyanotoxins,” said Heather Raymond, director of CFAES’ Water Quality Initiative. “We also investigated the impact of the technology on nontarget organisms and its potential to transform nutrients.”

Toxin-producing harmful algal blooms are driven by excess nutrients in the water. While prevention remains critical, reducing those nutrients enough to make a measurable difference can take decades.

The project examined whether treatment technologies could provide another tool for water managers looking for faster relief from the impacts of toxins that affect water quality. NBOT works by

generating ozone, a powerful oxidant, and delivering it into water through microscopic nanobubbles.

“Unlike common macrobubbles, nanobubbles do not quickly coalesce and rise to the water surface and ‘pop,’” she said.

Because nanobubbles are so small, they can move quickly through the water and help ozone work more efficiently to break down harmful algae and toxins.

“Overall, nanobubble ozone technology is proving to be an environmentally friendly and effective alternative harmful algal bloom treatment technology,” Raymond said.

The research also showed that water conditions can affect how well the treatment works. One key factor is the amount of dissolved organic carbon in the water, which can help researchers estimate how much ozone is needed for effective treatment. This finding could help guide future use of the technology.

At the same time, Raymond said important questions remain.

Although the technology demonstrated effectiveness in laboratory and mesocosm settings, researchers continue studying how changing water quality conditions and larger treatment areas influence performance.

“We still have questions on how to effectively scale up the technology,” Raymond said.

As part of the next phase of the work, Ohio State researchers are partnering with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to test the technology next summer in multiple 1.3 million-gallon fish hatchery ponds.

Researchers also hope to collaborate with public water systems in future trials to better understand how the treatment performs at even larger operational scales.

“Harmful algal blooms impact recreation, drinking water, aquaculture and local economies,” Raymond said. “Our applied research on harmful algal bloom treatment technologies will help water managers find effective options for improving water quality and protecting public health.”

The vacancy was created by the upcoming resignation of Mr. Steve Screeton, due to the relocation of the Screeton family. Mr. Screeton represents the New Haven attendance area, District 4E. In accordance with state law and board policy, the Board of School Trustees will interview and then appoint the qualified individual to serve for the balance of Steve Screeton’s term (December 31, 2028).

Community members who are passionate about public education and committed to serving students, families, staff, and the community are encouraged to apply.

For more information contact: Mrs. Julie Labie, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

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DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIEDS IN WEST BEND NEWS IS FRIDAYS AT 12NOON!

HUGE MULTI-PARTY GARAGE SALE: July 2nd, 3rd & 4th 9:00-5:00. Huge variety of summer fun toys, adult & kids clothes & shoes, kitchen items, bedding, toys, CDs, movies, lawn mower, stroller, school supplies and lots of misc. items. R. Dobbelaere Residence, 17315 Rd. 108, just north of Baughman Tile and Woodbridge Campgrounds. You don't want to miss it! Cancelled if raining. p

p.m., the theme is Red/White/Blue and Grilling. Bring a dish to share.

Adult/Teen craft is on July 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Teen Chat is Tuesday and Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., enjoy drinks and snacks.

Teen Cooking Club is on Monday July 27th, Cook and enjoy your efforts. All Supplies furnished.

The Children’s Room has a lot of activities to do. Stop by and check out some books to add to your summer reading log.

Storytime with Kirk will be on July 29th at 11:00 a.m.

• Freddy the Fossil will be here on Thursday July 23 at 4:00 p.m. with his amazing Dinosaur Show.

ANTWERP:

The Antwerp Branch library will have an Adult Painting Class on Monday July 6th from 3:00-5:00, call to register at 419-258-2855.

Summer Reading in the Park on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. If it’s raining come to the library.

Monday July 13th Book Club at 6:00 p.m., grab your copy of the newest book we will be discussing.

Thursday, July 16th Family Game Night 5:30-6:30 p.m. Bring the family in for a night of Fun! Call 419-258-2855 to register.

Saturday, July 18th Ice Tye Dye at 11:00 a.m. Call the library to register.

Monday, July 20th Cookbook club at 5:45 p.m. Stop in and pick out your recipe to make and share with the group.

Monday, July 27th Bill Gladwell Mentalist Program 5:00 p.m. Join us for a night of entertainment.

GROVER HILL:

The Grover Hill Branch library will have Munchkin Club on Friday July 10th and the 24th. These playful times are designed for ages 6 and under. They include a themed read aloud story, ac-

tivity and treat.

Senior Bingo will be Thursday July 9th at 1:00 p.m. Guests are encouraged to wear red for a Fiery Taco Bar Fiesta.

Book Club will be on July 29th at 4:00 p.m. The discussion of the book “The House on Fire” by Rachel Beanland is on the agenda.

Tuesday, July 31st the winner of the drawing will be announced.

OAKWOOD:

The Oakwood Branch will have Summer Storytime every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. The Summer Food Program will continue Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. through July 24th, helping provide meals for local youth.

Community members can participate in the library’s Patriotic Bookmark contest which begins July 1st.

Senior Bingo will be on July 9th at 12:15 p.m., followed by Mrs. Roper’s Craft Blast at 5:00 p.m. Participants can also test their knowledge with a Facebook Riddle on July 14.

Cookbook Club is on July 16th at 5:30 p.m.

All-Natural Bug Spray Workshop will be on July 18th at 11:00 a.m.

Storytime with Huckleberry on July 20th at 6:00 p.m.

The month of July concludes with a State Bank Lunch and Water Fun event at the park on July 29th at 11:00 a.m.

PAYNE:

The Payne Branch has Summer Reading Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. at the Payne Park. If it’s raining come to the library. Turn in your reading logs anytime you stop inside the library.

Special Summer Reading July 21st at 11:00 a.m. with Kooky Kirk, inside the library. Enjoy some time with stories and fun.

New craft out for kids each week during library hours.

BOWLING GREEN POST ARREST HABITUAL ALCOHOLIC FOR OPERATING A VEHICLE IMPAIRED

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Bowling Green Post received a reckless operation call from a concerned citizen on June 18, 2026, at 10:55 P.M. The caller told the dispatch center that a dark colored Ford Focus was traveling south on Interstate 75 near milepost 181 in Center

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Sudoku solution from page 9

Township, Wood County, Ohio. The caller stated the vehicle was swerving across the roadway and traveling at inconsistent speeds.

A Trooper from the Bowling Green Post located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 75 south near milepost 176. Signs of impairment were observed and the driver was placed under arrest for operating a vehicle impaired.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as Mohammad Mifta Rahman, 26 years of age, of Reynoldsburg. Mr. Rahman was ultimately charged with Driving in Marked Lanes, Driving Under Suspension, Operating Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Domestic Violence.

Mr. Rahman has previously been convicted of Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence once in 2019, twice in 2023 and once in 2024.

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ment through the EF Professional Learning Tour in Peru from July 7 through July 15.

The board approved participation in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council cooperative bidding process for the purchase of one school bus.

The high school girls basketball team received approval for an overnight trip to Hope College in Holland, Michigan, July 6-8, under the supervision of Coach Scott McMichael.

Lunch prices for the 2026-27 school year were approved at \$3 for elementary students and \$3.10 for middle school/high school students, both a 10-cent increase. Adult lunches will remain \$4, and breakfast will remain \$2.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m. The next Antwerp Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room.

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds

2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW

3rd Weekend- Payne ,

(Paved lot east of Homier's)

4th Weekend- Antwerp ,

(13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month

Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)

Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)

Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)

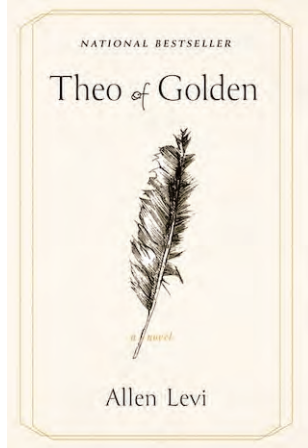
Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)

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The Paulding County Carnegie Library and all the branches are hosting a "Summer Reading Community Book Club". The adult book chosen for discussion is "The Wolf of Golden" by Allen Levi. Stop by any location and pick up a copy of this exciting book. The discussion will be on Wednesday, August 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Oakwood branch.

The library has also chosen a book for young readers, "The Lemonade War" by Jacqueline Davies. There will be a discussion and activities to go along with the book on Wednesday, August 5th at 4:00 p.m., at the Oakwood branch library community room.



Sign up to win a gift basket
based on the book.



This year's camp theme, "The Great Adventure," features a winter-inspired setting with the message, "Stay Cool. Follow Jesus." Organizers say the program will combine excitement, learning and faith-based teaching.

Additional information may be available through the church.

For more information
about this, visit cowpensbattle.com

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