

ANTWERP DISTILLERY CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING WITH RIBBON CUTTING



Pictured holding their proclamations and at the ready to cut the ribbon welcoming them to the Antwerp business community are (l-r) Todd & Rebecca Cook, and Lori and Jeff Cook.

ANTWERP — Antwerp Distillery officially opened its doors with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening celebration on Saturday September 12, 2026, welcoming a large crowd from the community for the milestone event. The celebration brought guests together on the distillery’s patio for an afternoon of food, live music and fellowship. Organizers said seeing the patio filled with commu-

nity members made the work leading up to the opening worthwhile. Antwerp Distillery expressed its appreciation to the team of people who worked behind the scenes and throughout the weekend to prepare for the grand opening and keep the event running smoothly. Several area businesses and organizations also helped make the celebration possible.

Clean Bone BBQ served food throughout the day, while Hold the Line provided live music on the patio. Antwerp Golf Club supplied a tent, tables and chairs for the event, Antwerp Chamber of Commerce hosted the ribbon cutting ceremony, and CR Carpet provided the stage rug for the band. The distillery also thanked

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BLACK SWAMP NATURE CENTER MEETING WITH NATURE CONSERVANCY

The Nature Conservancy in Ohio will host a community conversation Tuesday, Sept. 22, to discuss upcoming improvements at the Black Swamp Nature Center in Paulding.

The meeting will be held

from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Black Swamp Nature Center, 753 Fairground Drive, Paulding. The Nature Conservancy will review final design plans and the construction timeline and provide an opportunity for community members to offer feedback on the project. Construction is expected to begin in late September.

The project is designed to add more natural infrastructure at the Nature Center through the restoration of wetlands and floodplain habitat. Plans also include removing invasive plants and grasses and converting former sugar beet ponds to better capture and filter floodwater from Flatrock Creek.

Increasing floodwater storage at the site is intended to help reduce the effects of high-intensity storms while improving water quality. Invasive vegetation will be replaced with native wetland species to provide improved habitat for wildlife and enhance recreational opportunities at the Nature Center. The Nature Conservancy is working on the project with the Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District and the Paulding County Commissioners. Funding is being provided through H2Ohio and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for 2027 following completion of the project.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE SET FOR OCTOBER 1 IN HICKSVILLE

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Thursday, October 1, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at First Church of Christ on North Main Street in Hicksville. Area residents who are eligible to donate blood are encouraged to take part and help support the ongoing need for blood in hospitals and medical facilities. Blood

LIVE OAK CEMETERY WALK TO BRING PAULDING HISTORY TO LIFE

Presented by Community Revitalizing Paulding (CoRP), the cemetery walk will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Live Oak Cemetery on Emerald Road in Paulding. The final tour will depart at noon. Visitors will walk among the headstones at Live Oak Cemetery, where costumed interpreters will portray people whose lives helped shape the Paulding community and share their stories at their final resting places. Among the individuals highlighted during the walk:



a local businessman whose grand hotel became a landmark in downtown Paulding;



donations can help patients facing emergencies, surgeries and other medical needs.

DONUTS IN HARLAN & WOODBURN

The Woodburn Lions will have their famous donuts on Tuesday, September 22 at the Harlan Farmers Market. They will be there from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Harlan Park. They will also be in Woodburn on Saturday, September 26 for the Fall Garage Sale. We will be lo-

a prominent judge whose influence reached beyond the courtroom;



a serviceman who died in action during World War I and was returned home for burial;



and a local milliner who traveled to Chicago and New York and brought big-city styles back to Paulding. Tickets will be available at the cemetery, with children ages 12 and younger admitted free. Refreshments will also be available. The event will be held rain or shine, and proceeds will benefit Paulding CoRP.

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Community Calendar

TUE & WED

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

September 21

- Fall Revival Services @ Auglaize Chapel Church of God, Oakwood, 7p (thru 9/23)

September 22

- Ministry w/the Aging Conference @ The Town House, FW, 8a-3p
- A Night w/ Bluey @ Paulding Library, 5:30p

September 26

- Ladies Puzzle Challenge @ Paulding Eagles, 6p
- NextGen Artists Workshop @ PC Opportunity Center, 9a-2p
- Ohio Goes to the Movies @ OSU Ext. Bldg, 4p
- Genealogist Sunny Morton @ Defiance College, 10:30a
- Hand Painted Hairbrush Workshop @ Oakwood Library, 11a

September 27

- Senior Saints Concert @ Grabill Missionary Church, Grabill, IN, 6p
- 12th Annual Ernie Daniels Memorial Car & Truck Show @ Paulding NAZ, 11a
- FREE Community Breakfast & Worship @ St. Paul UMC, Payne, 9a

September 28

- Beekeeping w/Toni Egly @ Sherwood Library, 5p

September 29

- Writing Seminar w/Dr. Bailey Lang @ Defiance Library, 5:30p



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2026 WAYNE TRACE HS HOMECOMING COURT



Congratulations to the 2026 Wayne Trace Homecoming court! Pictured above (l-r) are Khloe Bidlack, Elynn Clemens, Miley Jacobs, Stefany Lopez-Castillo, Ella Crosby, Mailey Stoller, Easton Jay, Nathan Wenninger, Eli Treece, Ben Gurney, Zach Stoller, Carter Baumle and Carter Noffsinger. (missing from the photo is Haylee Danner)

2026 ANTWERP HS HOMECOMING COURT



The Homecoming spirit parade begins on Friday, September 25th at 6pm behind the school and circles the track. The Homecoming court procession begins at 6:20 on the 50-yard line at Antwerp Field, with the new king and queen being announced shortly thereafter. Pictured above are (l-r, back row) Sophomore Attendants Auston Fish and Sophia Stairhime, Senior Attendants Roman Delong and Clare Ehrhart, Senior Attendant Emily Laker (Missing: Keegan Gray Wyckoff), Senior Attendants Briley Bagley and Michael Rohrs, Junior Attendants Jason McKay and Alia Clem, Freshman Attendants Laylah Bermejo and Kahne Moore. (front row) Prince Boone Rothenbuhler, Princess Isabella Rivera

LADY ACES BATTLE THROUGH BUSY WEEK ON VOLLEYBALL COURT

Hicksville's Lady Aces worked through a busy stretch of the volleyball schedule, taking the court four times in six days with matches against Pettisville, Toledo Christian, Tinora and Patrick Henry.

The week began Saturday, September 12, when Hicksville traveled to Pettisville. The Lady Aces kept things close in the opening set before falling 25-22. Pettisville followed with 25-15 and 25-19 victories to complete the sweep.

McKenna Baird finished with seven kills, nine assists

and eight digs for Hicksville. Jocelyn Baldwin recorded five kills, two aces, six digs and two blocks, while Mika Inkrott added five kills, eight digs and two blocks. McKenna Bergman chipped in five kills, Liberty Doctor handed out 12 assists and Verenice Molina served two aces. Tori Wells contributed seven digs. Hicksville's junior varsity squad fell 25-16, 25-23.

The Lady Aces returned home September 14 to face Toledo Christian and pushed the visitors to four sets. After Toledo Christian took the opener 25-12, Hicksville battled to a narrow 25-22 loss in the second. The Lady Aces responded with a 25-19 victory in the third before Toledo Christian closed out the match 25-16.

Baldwin led Hicksville with 12 kills, four blocks and 11 digs while adding two aces. Baird contributed 16 assists, five aces, five kills and nine digs. Inkrott recorded six kills, 12 digs and two blocks, while Wells had two aces and 11 digs. Doctor added eight assists and five digs, and

Bergman finished with four kills. The Hicksville JV team won a marathon opening set 29-27 before falling 25-14, 25-14.

Hicksville was back on the road September 15 for a matchup with Tinora. The Rams earned a straight-set victory, 25-10, 25-20, 25-12. Baird paced the Lady Aces with seven assists and three kills, while Bergman also recorded three kills. Baldwin finished with nine digs and two blocks, Molina collected seven digs and Caddy Vasquez added six. Tinora also won the JV contest, 25-16, 25-10.

The demanding stretch concluded September 17 with Hicksville visiting Patrick Henry. The Patriots took the match in three sets, 25-13, 25-6, 25-10.

Inkrott led Hicksville's attack with seven kills and added three digs. Baird totaled eight assists, three kills, two aces and four digs. Baldwin contributed three blocks and eight digs, while Braelynn McCain recorded two blocks and three digs. Molina and Wells each finished with five digs. Patrick Henry also prevailed in the JV match, 25-10, 25-11.

FRIENDS OF SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY TO HOST TRIVIA ON TAP FUNDRAISER

SHERWOOD, Ohio — The Friends of Sherwood Branch Library's Trivia on Tap fundraising event returns to Iron Horse Brews, 101 N. Harrison St., Sherwood, on

Tuesday, October 13.

Doors will open at 5 p.m., with trivia beginning at 6 p.m. Proceeds benefiting the Sherwood Branch Library. Participants will compete in six rounds of trivia, plus a bonus round for \$1 per player, with a cash prize awarded to the winning team.

Iron Horse Brews' full food and drink menu will be available for purchase throughout the event, making it an evening of trivia, food and fun in support of the local library.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to register a team of up to six by calling the Sherwood Branch Library at 419-899-4343.

Walk-ins are also welcome on the day of the event.

DEFIANCE CAPTURES WBL GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

LIMA — Defiance claimed the Western Buckeye League Girls Golf Tournament championship on Tuesday, September 15, at Oaks Golf Club in Lima, firing a team score of 369 to edge St. Marys by three strokes.

The Bulldogs were led by tournament medalist Ava Hesselschwardt, who put together rounds of 37 and 35 for an even-par 72. Ruth Green added a 94, Kenley Manriquez shot 99 and Emily Anderson finished with a 104 to round out Defiance's scoring. Arianna Helland added a 111 for the Bulldogs.

St. Marys finished close behind with a 372. Kaya Fulmer led the Roughriders with an 87, followed by Lynex McGlothen and Bella Ross, who each carded a 92. Makenna Meinering shot 109, while Liza Buchanan finished at 101 and Emmerson Fishbaugh at 117.

Bath placed third with a 394, led by Aubrey Gerten's 86. Taylor Clark followed with a 93, Bryce Neff shot 101 and Katie Gerten recorded a 114.

Shawnee took fourth at 404, just two strokes ahead of fifth-place Wapakoneta at 406. Celina finished sixth with a 418, while Kenton rounded out the field at 558.

Wapakoneta's Hannah Lee and Mya Selby shared the team's low round with matching scores of 88. Shawnee was paced by Taylor Lichty's 97, Celina by Bryn Baucher's 97 and Kenton by Georgia Cameron's 145.

Hesselschwardt's 72 earned tournament medalist honors, with Bath's Gerten taking second and St. Marys' Fulmer placing third. Hesselschwardt was also named WBL Player of the Year, while Defiance coach Pat Murphy received WBL Coach of the Year honors.

The league's All-WBL selections included Hesselschwardt, Gerten, Hannah Lee, Fulmer, Selby, Green, McGlothen, Celina's Ava Kelley, Ross, Baucher, Shawnee's Claire Bender and Bath's Taylor Clark.

When tournament and dual-meet results were combined, Defiance finished atop the overall WBL standings with 14 points after going 6-0 in dual competition. St. Marys was second with 12 points, followed by Bath and Shawnee with nine apiece, Wapakoneta with six, Celina with four and Kenton with two.

Scripture of the Week

"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

— Phillipians 2:3-4

LEARNING TO FORGIVE



Do you know that unforgiveness, resentment, and unresolved anger are poisonous to your spiritual, physical, and mental well-being? Unforgiveness and resentment are like drinking a cup of poison every day and waiting with great anticipation for someone else to die. (smile).

Matthew 6:14 (NIV) states, "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." This verse highlights the importance of forgiveness in our relationships

and underscores the reciprocal nature of forgiveness between God and us. We are not perfect; we all make mistakes.

Forgiveness is the antidote to poison. Just as God's forgiveness toward us heals and nourishes our bones, so does forgiving others and releasing them from the bondage we have imposed on them.

Learning to forgive is a process. First, ask God to forgive you for not forgiving others. This step alone is cathartic. Then, for three days, pray earnestly for those you resent. By the fourth day, you should be resurrected. If not, repeat the process.

"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you." - Matthew 5:44 NKJV

You've been living in bondage long enough; it's time to get free and stay free!

"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." - John 8:36 NKJV

Peace & Love,

—Pastor Dwayne

LIFEWISE ACADEMY



QUOTES OF THE WEEK

Prayer

1st Grader: "I love to pray. I pray at home, at night and in the morning."

2nd Grader: "Can Jesus be talking to us right now and we hear Him?"

4th Grader: "Can we pray for the entire class time?"

Lesson

Teacher: "What was God warning?" 3rd Grader: "You will die if you eat the bad fruit."

Teacher: "When the people looked at the snake on the pole they were healed!" 3rd Grader: "But it was not the bronze snake that did the healing, it was God!"

Teacher: "What is sacrifice?" 4th Grader: "To give God something that you really

love!"

Teacher: "What does your must be born again mean?" 5th Grader: "It's not going back into your mother's womb, it's repenting."

Teacher: "What is grace?" 6th Grader: "Giving you something good you may not deserve."

6th Grader: "We are made in God's image to do His work, to help others."

Character Education

1st Grade: A student ended up with a bag of crayons with not many colors in it. Another student shared theirs without being told to. This was showing great reliability - which is one of the 3Rs of classroom conduct in LifeWise.

Student: "Jensen didn't have a glue stick, so I gave him mine."

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DR. GRANDMA

Penny For Your Thoughts By: Nancy Whitaker

I was thinking back to things my Grandma used to cook and do. One thing I was thinking about tonight was her canned tomatoes. She took a can of tomatoes, added a bit of sugar and some torn up bread, and it tasted so good. Has anyone ever tried it? I think she called it 'cream tomatoes'.

Grandma also always put macaroni in her chili. I guess that is what made it go further. When I was first married my husband told me that he never heard of macaroni in chili. I had to adjust to cooking a whole new way.

Another thing she made was homemade mush. We would sometimes have it for breakfast with butter and syrup. Today you can buy it in a log and slice it, fry it and eat it. I still like it.

Of course grandma and grandpa lived through the Depression. And so gardening, preserving and thriftiness was just who they were.

My grandpa and grandma and Mama were all hot tea drinkers. They all drank milk or cream in their tea and also liked a little sugar in there too. I like to set a certain time of day for tea. Sometimes I include a cookie or a little cake.

Times come and go, the years go on by. Before we know it a lot of our life is just memories. One memory is something grandma had us eat when we were sick, it was hot milk toast. Easy to make and it always made you feel better.

She made one piece of buttered toast sprinkled it with cinnamon and sugar. She would warm up a pan of milk and tear up the toast and put it into a bowl. Hot milk was poured over the toast. This was one of her remedies that tasted good. I made me some a few months ago.

Coming from deep in the hills of Kentucky, grandma had a remedy for everything.

I remember she used to take me, my brother and all my cousins and line us up. Then she would put some sugar in a spoon along with some nasty tasting coal oil. Why? She thought it would ward off the flu and whooping cough. It tasted real bad and we all cried when we had to swallow it. We would say,

"You go first," cause none of us wanted to swallow it. Did it work? I don't know, but I sure have not tried it again.

One time we were visiting some friends' house and they had a little dog. I was playing with the little snappy dog and it bit my nose. It really hurt and I was crying, but, granny said she would take care of it when we got home!

Did she ever!! She always used that red stuff in a bottle called merthiolate. That night she painted my nose where the dog bit me. I did not think about it until I got to school the next day and all the kids started laughing at me!

Then they started singing "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer". I was so embar-



rassed that I cried and tried covering up my poor nose with a tissue. When I got home from school I ran in the house and told Grandma and mom that the kids at school had made fun of my nose colored red. In fact they had called me 'Rudolph.'

Well, no matter how hard they rubbed or what they washed it with that stuff would not come off my nose. I wound up putting a bandaid on it to at least cover it up.

Eventually the merthiolate rubbed off and my red nose returned to normal. I am so glad I never painted my kids' nose red.

Today, looking back at different things, I laugh and I actually wish I could: eat creamed tomatoes, eat some chili with macaroni, eat some of granny's hot milk toast, take a dose of oil, get my nose painted red and oh yes, get me a spot of tea!

If any readers have heard of or have done any of these things, let me know and I'll give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

ACPL HOSTS FREE VACCINE CLINICS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SUPER SHOT

As flu season approaches, the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) is once again partnering with local non-profit Super Shot to provide free flu vaccinations at library branches throughout the county. This ongoing

SCOTT EQUITY EXCHANGE CO, GEARING UP FOR HARVEST!



With the completion of the "New Bin" as showcased in a previous article this year, Scott Equity Exchange is looking forward to a productive harvest season. With construction complete, General Manager Sadie Litzenberg states, "What excites me about our new bin is that it is the first of a 3-phase outlook of expansion for the co-op. Our long-term plan is to add another 500,000-bushel bin, 40,000-bushel wet bin, and grain dryer as "phase 2". The final phase will be to demolish the original elevator and uphill pit. Once that is done, we will have room to update the dry fertilizer and chemical building. This new building is just the beginning of a long-term vision from myself and the board members and will take quite a few years. In the meantime, it will mean quicker turn-around times during harvest, separate lines for soybeans and corn, and the obvious extra space for grain to accommodate our vision of Scott Equity Exchange being able to help more growers.

We pride ourselves on staying true to the meaning of Cooperative and being here to

help our farmers in any way we can. As much as change can be hard for most to embrace, it is necessary in today's rapidly growing agricultural world and Scott Equity Exchange wants to remain a steady, dependable partner for farms of all sizes. To ensure this continues, there are updates and changes we feel are necessary to be successful and capable. Scott Equity Exchange Cooperative has been around for 107 years, and our goal is to make sure it can stand for at least another 107 years."

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collaboration, which began in 2021, aims to make preventive care more accessible to the community.

Beginning September 21, Super Shot will be on-site at ten ACPL branches to administer flu vaccines to individuals aged 6 months and older. These clinics are open to the public, and no one will be turned away due to inability to pay. The priority remains on protecting public health.

"The library is a place where people go for support and resources, and as such, we believe the library can play a key role in public health," said Susan P. Baier, Executive Director of ACPL. "Access to vaccines is essential for a healthy community and by bringing

Super Shot vaccine clinics into our branches, we're helping ensure that vital preventive care is both convenient and accessible for everyone in our community."

Vaccine clinics will be held on the following dates:

- September 21 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the New Haven Branch
- September 22 from 1 – 8 p.m. at the Main Library,

Meeting Room A

- September 23 from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the Pontiac Branch
 - October 1 from 2:45 – 4:45 p.m. at the Woodburn Branch
 - October 3 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Georgetown Branch
 - October 3 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Waynedale Branch
 - October 15 from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Grabbill Branch
 - October 17 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Monroeville Branch
 - October 20 from 3 – 5 p.m. at the Shawnee Branch
 - October 21 from 3 – 5 p.m. at the Little Turtle Branch
 - October 22 from 3 – 6 p.m. at the Hessen Cassel Branch
- Pre-registration is available at acpl.info/vaccineclinic. Parents or guardians must accompany minors under the age of 18. Participants should bring their insurance card if insured. For more information about Super Shot or the vaccine clinics, visit super-shot.org.

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everyone from the community who attended the ribbon cutting and grand opening and helped celebrate the beginning of the new Antwerp business.

"This is just the beginning for Antwerp Distillery," the business shared following the event. "Thank you for making our opening so special—we can't wait to welcome you back for your next pour!"

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

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Roy Wagner was born June 6, 1893, in Payne, Ohio. He was the son of John Wagner, born July 21, 1864, in Germany, and Caroline "Callie" (Corwin) Wagner, born July 25, 1864, in Ohio. The couple was married in 1892. John was engaged in farming. By 1900, the family—John, Caroline, Roy, and Catherine Adaline Wagner, born in 1895—was living in Harrison Township. A son, Charles Munger Wagner, was born in May 1900. On October 27, 1903, another son, Benjamin Franklin Wagner, was born. By 1906, after Roy had completed the seventh grade, he quit school to help on the farm.

By 1910, the family had moved to Jackson Township, Allen County, Indiana, where John continued farming with Roy's help. Catherine and Charles were in school. On June 5, 1917, in Allen County, Indiana, Roy registered for the World War I draft. He was listed as having a medium build and medium height, with blue eyes and black hair. He was single and employed as a farmhand. On May 1, 1918, Roy was inducted into service. He served in Company E, 329th Infantry. He left for France on September 29, 1918. On January 23, 1919, Roy boarded the ship Adriatic at Brest, France, and set sail for America. After arriving in America, Roy was honorably discharged on February 15, 1919.

After returning home, Roy lived on Frasier Road in Lake Township, Allen County, Indiana, with his fa-

ther, mother, and brother Benjamin. He worked as a farm laborer. On June 16, 1921, Roy married Annie Opal VanMeter in Columbia, Whitley County, Indiana. She was born in 1901 in Indiana. On September 17, 1926, Roy's mother, Caroline, passed away at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne from strangulation of a hernia. She was buried in Eel River Cemetery in Allen County, Indiana.

A son, Earl Byron Wagner, was born June 8, 1927. By 1930, Roy, Annie, and Earl were still living in Columbia, Whitley County, Indiana. Roy was working at a lumber mill. A son, Paul Alvin Wagner, was born May 24, 1931. By 1940, Roy and Annie were divorced. Roy was living on East Hannah Street in Columbia, Indiana.

In 1942, Roy registered for the World War II draft. He was not chosen to serve, but his son Earl would later serve in the Air Force. On September 14, 1942, Roy's father, John, passed away in Columbia, Indiana, from apoplexy. He was buried in Eel River Cemetery.

Annie later married a man named Stanley Hurd. They had a daughter named Mary Louis Hurd. That marriage did not last either. By 1950, Roy was working odd jobs for a living. On August 5, 1952, Roy's son Paul passed away. Paul had served in the Air Force. He, too, was buried in Eel River Cemetery.

Roy's health began to fade in the 1960s. He passed away on September 25, 1967, at Whitley County Hospital in Columbia, Indiana, from congestive heart failure due to chronic bronchitis. He had been working at a sawmill as a laborer. He was buried in Eel River Cemetery beside his son Paul.

Benjamin passed away May 12, 1969, and was buried in Eel River Cemetery. Catherine passed away in 1973 and was also buried there. Charles passed away in 1991 and was buried in Eel River Cemetery as well. As for Annie, she died in 1990 and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Columbia, Indiana.

...Until Next Time!

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.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Democrats - Blind or stupid

That title presents a huge dilemma, It's a toss up. I would like to believe most are just blind but I'm not so sure. It really doesn't matter, blind or stupid. Just because you are a blind Democrat doesn't mean you have to remain one.

If your heart is for Amer-

ica, why don't you vote Republican this time and see how it feels. Do it and keep your mouth shut until after elections results are in. When you hear bad about Trump or Republicans, just remember what I say next and what I've said before.

Starting in 1947, Democrats changed what was taught and how it was taught. They knew they had to start with our young in order to make it work. These radical leaders were blind to common sense and God. They pictured themselves ruling America the same way Russia and China are ruled.

Democrats don't want any God believing Christians in public office or military. Why do you think Democrats closed churches and left bars open during Covid? Why do you think the Biden-Harris administration conducted war on military Christian service member for their four years in power? Over 8,000 service members were involuntarily discharged for their Christian beliefs.

I wrote a letter a number of months ago bringing this to light. I believe I titled it "Dr. Chaps." He lost his Chaplin's job, his pension and home for his faith in God. I wrote a letter of protest as did 100s of others but it took an act of congress to correct this injustice. I believe all of this was instigated by Obama.

Our America is at our "most dangerous crossroad" in modern history. Unless we are very careful in the coming days and months, we will end up in that sad history of great nations that fell.

There have been many, but just look at Roman and English Empires. I think most of you have heard of Rome's fall. Did you know the English Empire failed in modern times? That's right! Even when I was in school, there was frequent talk about "How the sun never sets on England." That is because England controlled areas all around this earth. England isn't even a good nation today. They have little control today. They've fallen and can't get up.

When you lose God, you lose everything. That day could be much closer than you think. We had a big distrust of Russia in the 1950's. All across America we had this thing called 'Sky Watch'. I was a member. We took turns of watching the skies for airplanes. We would call in with date, time, direction and size of plane if possible. Believe me - you could easily tell the difference between a two or four engine plane.

We need to take long and honest look at who we put in any position of authority. Our schools and sports teams don't know the difference between boys and girls. The result is they cheat some girls out of getting a scholarship to college. Others receive physical injury. How many of you idiot liberals want your daughter in the same dressing room with a naked boy? Has liberalism gone over the line?

I am now going so far as to try and predict our near future. I don't like saying this but I need to make this point and have it stick with you. I can't speak for you, but I see "My America" falling fast. When that day happens we will fall harder than any past nation.

If Democrats should win the House or Senate this November, they will put a hold on everything good, maybe forever. Just remember, Christian conservatives are their mortal enemy.

Put this in your little brain and think it over. A recent Russian leader said, "We won't have to attack you, because you will already be communist.." I believe we have passed the point of no return. There are communists, and worse, planted all across our America.

Let this warning sink in and stay. Any vote for a Democrat this November could send our beloved America right into hell. That vote could very likely give us a full blooded communist Democrat president in 2028. They are the party of dirty tricks.

Another fact you may missed. Starting with Clinton,

all Democrat presidents have been anti-God, anti-America. America celebrates our 250th anniversary right now. The average old age of a leading nation is 250 years. Are we so weak that is our end or will we stand against this evil.

Again - think long and honest. I am very glad that I believe in God. Can you say the same?

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS!

—Richard Mastin
Hicksville, OH

PCED BOARD REVIEWS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY, & UPCOMING BANQUET

The Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) Board of Directors met this week to review ongoing development activity and discuss organizational planning for the year ahead. Director Tim Copsey provided updates on several projects underway across the county, including matters addressed in executive session to maintain confidentiality while discussions continue.

Copsey also reported on business occupancy within the Small Business Innovation Center, noting continued interest in the available office spaces and steady activity among current tenants. Board members shared details from a recent positive meeting with the Paulding County Commissioners, highlighting strong collaboration and support for countywide development initiatives.

A significant portion of the meeting focused on long-term financial sustainability for the PCED office. Board members discussed strategies to strengthen recurring income and reviewed what a future compensation and benefits package may look like for the next office employee hire, ensuring the organization remains competitive and prepared for future staffing needs.

The board also confirmed that the Annual Business and Industry Recognition Banquet will be held on November 10 at Grant's Catering in Antwerp, where local businesses and community partners will gather to highlight the 2026 year in review and acknowledge the economic growth throughout Paulding County. RSVP's for the event are open now.

WHAT DOES FINANCIAL FULFILLMENT ACTUALLY FEEL LIKE?

Feeling financially fulfilled means so much more than just the number in your bank account. It's about being able to take your family out to dinner without calculating whether you can afford it. It means sleeping soundly on a Sunday night, knowing that if the water heater gives out tomorrow, you can handle it. And it's saying yes to a vacation because you planned ahead and the money is there.

In short, financial fulfillment is the feeling that your money is supporting the life you want.

Yet true fulfillment is surprisingly rare. Only 16% of Americans are financially fulfilled, according to a 2026 study by Edward Jones and Gallup, "Money and Meaning: Understanding Financial Fulfillment." Those at the other end of the spectrum, the financially stressed (32%), often say that money regularly controls their daily decisions. Most Americans (51%), however, fall in the middle — the financially conflicted. They manage to get by but often carry a persistent undercurrent of worry.

Notably, where you land on this spectrum has less to do with your income than you might expect. More than half of households earning \$175,000 or more are still financially conflicted.

Building the foundation So, the question becomes, "What do financially fulfilled people do differently?" Simply put, they tend to have foundational planning structures in place. Five behaviors show up consistently among the financially fulfilled, and they're simple steps you can take, too.

- Build an emergency fund (98% of fulfilled have this). Aim for saving three to six months of living expenses in a liquid, easily accessible account. When you know you can handle the unexpected, you stop bracing for

it, and lower stress gives you a higher quality of life.

- Create a financial plan for retirement (91% of financially fulfilled have one). It's hard to feel in control if you don't know where you're going. A retirement plan puts a real number on what you'll need and lays out a clear path to get there, with built-in protection against life's unexpected curveballs.

- Save intentionally for major milestones (87% of financially fulfilled do). A home renovation, a new vehicle or a child's education don't have to feel disruptive. Setting money aside deliberately for the milestones you anticipate means you can say yes without scrambling.

- Put an estate plan in place (66% of financially fulfilled have). Estate plans are not just for the wealthy. A will and basic estate plan help ensure what you've worked for still reflects your wishes after you're gone.

- Work with a financial advisor (60% of financially fulfilled who sought any guidance have used an advisor in the past year). The internet is great, but real guidance comes from a credentialed person who knows you and your family and what you want your money to do for you.

Knowing that your money is working toward the life you want doesn't happen by accident. Feeling financially fulfilled is worth the effort and may be more achievable than you realize.

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Library, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Antwerp Manor, Dollar General, Family Dollar, G-Mart, Genesis House, H2O Water Store, H&W NAPA, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Small Town Bliss

Bryan: 4 Seasons, Bryan Hospital, Chief, CVS, Dollar General, Town & Country, Walmart

Cecil: 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House

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

Defiance: Advanced Auto, Chief, Defiance Public Library, Dollar General (Clinton St), Marathon Main Stop, Newman's Marathon Carryout, NOCAC, Path Center, Senior Center, Smoke Stop ...
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Edgerton: USPS, H&W Napa, Kaiser Supermarket, Utilities Dept, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)

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

Hicksville: Barber Shop Ministries, Citgo, Dollar General, Johnson Memorial Library, Marathon, McDonalds, Red Angel Pizza, Sailers, Senior Center, Shell Station, Vancrest, Village offices

Ney: Marathon

Oakwood: Cooper Comm. Library, Dollar General, Landing Strip, Oakwood Market, Oakleaf Diner

Paulding: Ace Hardware, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Bargain Bin, Board of Elections, Chief, Corner Market, Courthouse, Dairy Queen, Dollar General, Gardens of Paulding, Holly, Wood & Vine, Integrity Ford,

Kwik Mart, Maramart, Napa Do It Best, PC Sheriff Office, PCH, PC Carnegie Library, Stykemain,VFW Post 587

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

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

Scott: Scott Post Office

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

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Fort Wayne: Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living, Hahn Systems, Walmart

Grabill: Grabill Hardware, Farm Building Supply, Save-A-Lot/Grabill Country Sales

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

Hoagland: Hoagland Pizza Pub, Mel's Town Market

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

Monroeville: All American Marathon, Adams Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General, Phillips 66

New Haven: ACPL Library, Clips, Chamber of Commerce, CVS, H&K Chevrolet, Ken's Meat Market, McDonalds, NH Bakery, Paterson Hardware, Richard's

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PAYNE'S ROCK THE BLOCK ROCKED THE WEEKEND!



Members of the Wayne Trace Marching Band make their way through Payne during the Rock the Block parade Saturday, September 12.



Columbia Rose performs at Payne Community Park during the Village of Payne's Rock the Block Fall Festival.

PAYNE — The Village of Payne welcomed residents and visitors for its annual Rock the Block Fall Festival on Saturday, September 12, with a full day of activities, entertainment and community celebration.

Events throughout the day included a fishing tour-

nament, resource fair, softball games, market bazaar, color fun run/walk, cruise-in and a variety of food and family activities. The afternoon parade traveled from Payne Elementary School to Payne Community Park, with retired Payne Police Chief Rodney Miller serving as grand marshal. The Wayne Trace Marching Band was among those taking part in the parade, providing music along the route.

This year we had the distinct honor of presenting our recently retired Chief of Police Rodney Miller the "Rock Star" of the year for his nearly 40 years of Service. Rodney was our Grand Marshal of our Parade. Annette Danner, the Chamber Treasurer presented a plaque made by the Wayne Trace Art Club.

Following the parade, entertainment continued at Payne Community Park. Columbia Rose took the stage at 4 p.m., kicking off an evening of live music that also included Rapid Fire and Crossroads. Festival-goers

also enjoyed balloon art, a petting zoo, bounce houses, laser tag and other activities. The evening concluded with fireworks and music.

ARCHERS TURN IN STRONG PERFORMANCES AT SENECA EAST, SWEEP HOME MEET

The Antwerp cross country teams put together a strong stretch of competition over the past week, first competing against a large field at the Seneca East Nighttime Cross Country Invitational before returning home and sweeping the team competition against Edgerton and Leipsic.

On Saturday, September 12, the Archers traveled to Seneca East for the nighttime invitational, where each Antwerp squad competed against a field of 35 schools.

The Antwerp junior high boys opened the evening with an impressive fifth-place team finish. Julian Rivera led the Archers, crossing the line in 21st place. He was followed by Quintin Reyes, Cy Zuber,

Luke Saylor, Bennett Graham, Brock Barker and Avett Clem.

The junior high girls also turned in a strong showing, finishing sixth among the 35 teams. Olivia Kosch led Antwerp, followed by Destiny Getz, Josie Laker, Quinne Bradbury and Jocelyn Laker.

Following the event's opening ceremonies and fireworks, the varsity boys took their turn on the course and earned an 11th-place team finish. Jason McKay led the Antwerp runners, followed by Tucker Doster, Gage Barker, Marshall Rice, Braxton Peters, Aiden Hook, Kahne Moore and Kryston Eicher.

The Lady Archers closed out the long night with an 11:30 p.m. start and brought home another sixth-place team finish. Reese Durbin paced Antwerp with an 18th-place individual finish. Following Durbin were Gianna Laker, Gabriella Snyder, Emily Laker, Kora Zuber, Aleta Sorrell, Brooklynn Lawson, Anneliese Zijlstra, Heidi Rice, Annabelle Mowery and Annabelle Saylor.

Just three days later, Antwerp returned to action Tuesday, September 15, hosting Edgerton and Leipsic for the Archers' second home meet of the season.

Antwerp made the most of its home course, with all four squads earning team victories.

The junior high boys were led by Rivera, who captured first place overall. Reyes, Zuber, Graham, Saylor, Clem and Barker followed for the Archers.

Antwerp's junior high girls also claimed the team victory behind an individual win from Getz. She was followed by Laker, Kosch, Josie Laker and Bradbury.

The Lady Archers continued the winning streak, taking first place as a team behind race champion Gianna Laker. Snyder, Emily Laker, Zuber, Lawson, Mowery and Saylor rounded out Antwerp's finishers.

The varsity boys completed the sweep with another Antwerp team victory. McKay led the Archers with a second-place individual finish, fol-

BIG GREEN HOLD OFF RAIDERS IN STRAIGHT SETS



Wayne Trace Freshman Megan Parker slams the ball over her Ottoville opponents to earn a point for the Raiders. More pictures at engagingexposures.com

HAVILAND — Wayne Trace battled Ottoville through two tightly contested sets Thursday night, September 17, before the Big Green pulled away in the third to claim a 3-0 volleyball victory at Wayne Trace.

The Raiders gave Ottoville all it could handle in an extended opening set. Neither team was able to create much separation before the Big Green eventually escaped with a 35-33 victory.

Wayne Trace remained within striking distance throughout the second set as well, but Ottoville again came up with the points it needed

late to earn a 25-23 win and take a two-set advantage.

The Big Green carried that momentum into the third, closing out the match with a 25-15 victory.

Amber Stoller led the Wayne Trace attack with nine kills. Emma Whitman and Olivia Zartman shared the setting duties and finished with 13 assists apiece, while Whitman also led the Raiders from the service line with two aces.

The loss was Wayne Trace's fourth straight and dropped the Raiders to 1-10 on the season. Ottoville improved to 9-5 with the victory.

lowed by Doster, Peters, Barker, Rice, Hook and Eicher.

The two meets capped a busy four-day stretch for Antwerp, highlighted by three

top-six finishes against the large Seneca East field and four team victories on the Archers' home course.

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PANTHERS PULL AWAY FROM ARCHERS IN FRIDAY NIGHT SHOWDOWN



Antwerp's Luke Jones gains yards as he attempts to bypass the Paulding defense. More pictures at engagingexposures.com



Antwerp's Parker Bermejo attempts to head off Paulding's Avery Cooper as he drives into the end zone for another Panther touchdown. More pictures at engagingexposures.com

ANTWERP — The Antwerp Archers welcomed the Paulding Panthers for Friday Night Lights on September 11, with the visiting Panthers using a big second and third quarter to pull away for a 52-6 victory.

Antwerp struck first, putting six points on the board in the opening quarter while holding Paulding scoreless. The Panthers answered in

a big way, however, scoring 22 points in the second quarter and 23 more in the third before adding seven in the fourth. Paulding game stats. pdf

The Archers finished the night with 114 yards of total offense, including 80 yards on the ground and 34 through the air. Paulding totaled 310 yards, with 154 rushing and 156 passing. The Panthers also

held a 14-4 advantage in first downs.

Robert Montgomery led Antwerp's ground game with six carries for 34 yards, averaging 5.7 yards per attempt. Parker Lucas added 22 yards on three carries, Luke Jones picked up 11 yards on four attempts, Gage Clevinger had nine yards on five carries and Ryder Hines added four yards.

Through the air, Hines completed five of six passes for 12 yards, while Carson Hughes completed two of six attempts for 15 yards. Brayden Fuller completed one pass for seven yards. Antwerp finished 8-of-10 passing overall, though the Panthers kept the Archers out of the end zone through the air.

Fuller led Antwerp's re-

ceivers with five catches for 15 yards. Michael Rohrs hauled in two passes for nine yards, while Gabriel Wenzlick and Braylan Ingol each recorded a reception.

Bentley Taylor accounted for Antwerp's touchdown, giving the Archers their six points on the night. Defensively and on special teams, Antwerp forced two Paulding fumbles and recovered both. Gabriel Wenzlick handled four punts for 104 yards, averaging 26 yards per punt.

Paulding's offense proved difficult to slow once it found its rhythm. The Panthers scored five rushing touchdowns and two passing touchdowns while finishing with 310 total yards.

RAIDERS ROLLS PAST PILOTS



Wayne Trace's Carter Ludwig is handed the ball and he makes the run for the endzone, scoring another touchdown for the Raiders. More pictures at engagingexposures.com

HAVILAND — Wayne Trace put together a dominant performance on both sides of the football Friday night, September 11, as the Raiders rolled to a 57-15 victory over Ayersville.

Wayne Trace wasted little time taking control, scoring twice in the opening quarter for a 14-0 advantage. Carter Baumle opened the scoring with a 36-yard touchdown run before Reece Morehead re-

turned an interception 53 yards for another Raider score.

The Raiders continued to pile up the points in the second quarter. Baumle scored on runs of 24 yards and one yard, while Morehead connected with Easton Jay on a 29-yard touchdown pass. Ayersville got on the board with an 86-yard kickoff return by Dane Ewers, but Wayne Trace carried a commanding 36-7 advantage into halftime.

Wayne Trace added two more touchdowns in the third quarter, including Baumle's fourth rushing touchdown of the night on an eight-yard run. Ayersville answered when Brady Zartman found Ewers for a 46-yard touchdown pass and the pair connected again on the two-point conversion.

The Raiders closed out the scoring in the fourth quarter when Corbin Stoller connected with Jensen Beining for a 53-yard touchdown pass.

Wayne Trace finished with 355 yards of total offense compared to 172 for Ayersville. The Raiders did most of their damage on the ground, rushing for 221 yards on 25 attempts while holding the Pilots to 63 rushing yards.

Baumle led the Wayne Trace ground attack with 105 yards on 11 carries and four touchdowns. Brayden Sinn added 56 yards on four attempts, while Morehead carried seven times for 43 yards.

Morehead completed six of 12 passes for 81 yards, with Jay leading the receiving corps with three catches for 40 yards. Wayne Trace finished with 134 passing yards as a team.

For Ayersville, Tucker Sprow led the rushing attack

with 46 yards on 16 carries. Zartman completed three of six passes for 72 yards, while Ewers caught two passes for 65 yards and accounted for both Pilot touchdowns.

The Wayne Trace defense also played a major role in the victory, forcing four Ayersville fumbles and recovering two while intercepting two passes, including Morehead's first-quarter pick-six.

Wayne Trace led 14-0 after the first quarter and 36-7 at halftime before outscoring the Pilots 21-8 over the final two quarters to secure the 57-15 victory.

OHIOGUIDESTONE TO PRESENT CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM AT DEFIANCE LIBRARY

Defiance Public Library will host an informational program on early childhood mental health, presented by OhioGuidestone, on Thursday, October 1, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the library, 320 Fort St.

OhioGuidestone's early childhood mental health program offers a specialized treatment approach designed to assist families in strengthening relationships while addressing the specific mental health needs of young children.

The comprehensive, family-centered program focuses on the child while emphasizing the importance of the parent-child relationship. Therapists in the program have specialized knowledge, training, and experience working with parents and young children.

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THE LEFT TURN



Nick Hoffman #9 wins the World 100 Photo Credit Campbell Photography.

By: Ron Burt

On Saturday September 12th at the Indianapolis Speedrome the Outlaw Modified Figured 8 Cars were racing for the World Championship 3-Hour Endurance Race with \$50,000.00 on the line. A riot in the pits broke out after an unsportsmanlike crash angered other drivers, pit crews and fans. This led to a led to an angry mob swarming the driver's race car in the pits, with police officers caught in the middle. The driver at the center of the crowd's attention was Dana Tunny. He has been charged with two Level 6 felonies for criminal recklessness. According to court documents, Tunny is accused of purposely crashing his race car into a disabled car on the racetrack. While the driver of that car was trying to excite his disabled race car Police said the disabled vehicle had just spun out after becoming entangled with Tunny's brother during the race. The racetrack runs good events and is very popular to fans that enjoy Outlaw

Figure 8 racing. A racetrack can control most situations, but they have no idea what's going on in a driver's mind. This was a very rare occasion where tempers lost control, and the situation became ugly and the crowd took sides. These are high-dollar race cars that can cost 65-100K. It's extreme Figure 8 racing and drivers at this skill level try to avoid crashing.

Last Saturday the largest crowd in the history of Eldora Speedway watched Nick Hoffman win the 56th Annual World 100 for Late Models and pick up \$100,000.00. The veteran driver has won many races, but this is the biggest win in his career. Ryan Gustin started on the pole and lead most of the prestigious race for the Super Late Models, but the caution flag waved on the 88th lap of the event. On the restart with 12 circuits remaining, Gustin lost his drive shaft, and this opened the door for Hoffman, who was running 2nd at the time. Hoffman pulled away from defending World 100 Champion

Ricky Thornton, Jr. on the final restart. Thornton held on to finish second. Tyler Erb charged from his 17th starting spot to round out the podium. Brandon Sheppard and Hudson O'Neal completed the top five. Shane Unger Rookie of The Year went to 11th place Dustin Sorensen.

This year's winners of the 50/50 drawings at Eldora received Thursday \$31,868.00, Friday \$52,310.00, and Saturday \$128,372.00.

Friday, Attica Raceway Park closed the 2026 season with the Mark Keegan Classic on the Championship night. In the Winged 410 Sprints, Craig Mintz was the feature winner and took home \$5,000.00 followed by Cap Henry and Jordan Ryan. Zanesville's, Todd Brennan found victory lane in the DIRTcar Late Model Feature and \$3,000.00. Ryan Missler and Ryan Markham round out the podium. The Winged 305 Sprints had Steve Rando waving the checked flag and adding \$1,500.00 to his bank account. Paul Weaver and Seth Schneider finished behind your winner.

Fremont Speedway closed out their regular season on Saturday. Next week, I will list the 2026 Track Points Champions. On Championship Night, 410 Winged Sprints Zeth Sabo won the Feature followed by Cap Henry and Creed Kemenah. Shawn Valenti put his Dirt Truck in victory lane and Keith Sorg and Jamie Miller followed him. Bryan Sebetto, Jamie Miller and Paul Weaver stood on the podium for the Winged 305 Sprints.

Oakshade Raceway in Wauseon will close out their 2026 season on Saturday, September 26th with the Hammer Down Showdown, featuring the Oakshade Dominator Stocks racing against the Fremont Trucks. The Late Model Sportsmen and Compacts will be racing.

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

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Zechariah C. Price, Oakwood, assault, dismissed with prejudice at the state's request. Court costs were waived.

Caleb L. Moore-Hastings, Van Wert, disorderly conduct, dismissed at the state's request. He was ordered to pay \$280 in court costs.

Joshua D. Jones, Van Wert, pleaded guilty to two counts of abandoning animals. He was fined \$100 on each count and ordered to pay \$197 in court costs. Jones was sentenced to 90 days in jail on each count, all of which were suspended. He was placed on standard probation and ordered to complete an evaluation and recommendations, 40 hours of community service, a Keeping It in Check class, online classes and a risk assessment. Jones was also ordered not to have any companion animals.

Joel I. Denoyer, Saint Louis, Missouri, pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation. He was fined \$30 and ordered to pay \$57 in court costs.

Ethan A. Gribble, Oakwood, pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation. He was fined \$30 and ordered to pay \$57 in court costs.

Abbey R. Edwards, Paulding, domestic violence, dismissed with prejudice at the state's request. Court costs

were waived.

Caleb L. Moore-Hastings, Van Wert, pleaded guilty to resisting arrest. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to 90 days in jail, with 89 days suspended. Moore-Hastings was ordered to pay all fines and costs and maintain good behavior.

Eric Heminger, Ashley, IN pleaded guilty to a display of license plates violation. He was fined \$70 and ordered to pay \$100 in court costs.

Alexis Bonjour, Huntertown, IN, pleaded guilty to failure to control. Bonjour was fined \$70 and ordered to pay \$100 in court costs.

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

Meagan R. Toppe, Latty, OH pleaded guilty to driving while texting. Toppe was ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Leah D. Grimes, Cecil, OH of driving under a financial responsibility suspension, dismissed.

Mark W. Gardner, Cedar Lake, IN, pleaded guilty to a permit violation. He was fined \$70 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Marlon A. McGowan II, South Euclid, OH pleaded guilty to a permit violation. He was fined \$70 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Edgar R. Jones Jr., Kokomo, IN, pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation. He was fined \$30 and ordered to pay \$57 in court costs.

Kenneth S. Duprey, Bismarck, IL, pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation. He was fined \$30 and ordered to pay \$57 in court costs.

Jennifer L. Thomas, Paulding, OH pleaded guilty to failure to confine. She was fined \$250 and ordered to pay \$128 in court costs. Thomas was sentenced to 30 days in jail, all of which were suspended, and was ordered to maintain good behavior.

Linda C. Reinhart, Paulding, OH pleaded guilty to a prohibited turn violation. She was fined \$55 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Daniel R. McCartney III, Georgetown, PA, pleaded guilty to a permit violation. He was fined \$70 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Jeffrey J. Becker, Riga, MI, pleaded guilty to driving while texting. No fine was assessed, and he was ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Raymond L. Stone Sr., Hicksville, OH pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation. He was fined \$30 and ordered to pay \$57 in court costs.

Jaskaran Singh, Windsor, Ontario, pleaded guilty to failure to yield to a public safety vehicle. Singh was fined \$55 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs. He pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation and was fined \$30, with no additional court costs assessed.

Heath J. Sanders, Crossett, AR, pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation. Sanders was fined \$30 and ordered to pay \$57 in court costs.

Colton A. Shawback, Washburn, OH pleaded guilty to assured clear distance. Shawback was fined \$70 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Clinton R. Englehart, Payne, OH pleaded guilty to soliciting. Englehart was fined \$150 and ordered to pay \$254 in court costs. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, with (Continued on Page 9)

PAULDING CHAMBER CELEBRATES MEMBERS AT 'PLANTED IN PAULDING' ANNUAL BANQUET



Golden Shovel Award: Paulding Chamber director Jen Rosebrook (left); Paulding County Master Gardener volunteer, led by Sarah Noggle (right).



Golden Shovel Award: Paulding Chamber director Jen Rosebrook (left); Paulding Putnam Electric & Internet: Randy Price and Peter Niagu.



Golden Shovel Award: Paulding Chamber director Jen Rosebrook (left); Paulding County Carnegie Library, representatives: Victoria Wilhelm, Tawnya English and Ruth Dotterer.



Golden Shovel Award: Paulding Chamber director Jen Rosebrook (left); Paulding County Hospital: Ron Goedde, and Kyle Mawer.

The Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated local businesses, organizations and community leaders Tuesday evening September 15th during its 2026 "Planted in Paulding" Annual Awards Dinner.

The annual banquet recognized individuals and organizations for their contributions to Paulding County, honored Chamber members celebrating milestone anniversaries and marked a transition in leadership for the organiza-

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Jason Landers was named Business Leader of the Year, while Ben Kauser received the Young Professional of the Year award. Esther Dooley was presented with the Legacy Award. Four organizations received the Chamber's Golden Shovel Award: Paulding County Master Gardener Volunteers, Paulding County Carnegie Library, Paulding County Hospital and Paulding Putnam Electric & Internet.

A large group of Chamber members was also recognized for milestone anniversaries in 2026.

Celebrating one year were Pollard Auto Care, 3N Live and the Paulding County Festival Committee, Inc. Little Sprouts Early Learning Center was recognized for five years.

Fifteen-year recipients were Memories by Tawnya, Vancrest of Payne and EDP Renewables – Timber Road Wind Farm. Schlatter's Plumbing and Heating celebrated 25 years, while MetaLINK Technologies, Inc., Grant's Catering and Bittersweet Inn marked 30 years.

Northwest Ohio CASA was recognized for 35 years, and Waters Insurance, LLC celebrated 40 years.

Four organizations reached the 50-year milestone: R&B Fabrications Inc., Straley Realty & Auctioneers, Inc., Westwood Behavioral Health Center and Vantage Career Center.

58 days suspended, and placed on standard probation for one year. Englehart was ordered to complete 15 hours of community service, a Keeping It in Check class, online courses and a risk assessment, and to pay for his stay at the jail.

Michaela Vibbert, Grover Hill, OH pleaded guilty to domestic violence. Vibbert was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$280 in court costs. Vibbert was sentenced to 180 days in

Amrize Cement Inc. was recognized for 70 years, Stahl Stoller Meyer Insurance for 90 years, Baker Shindler Ready Mix for 105 years, AgCredit for 110 years and Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association for 120 years.

St. Paul Lutheran Church celebrated 125 years, while the Village of Haviland and Stiebeling Farms, LLC were recognized for 130 years.

The evening also marked the official transition of the Chamber's executive director position to Jen Rosebrook. Past Executive Director Jill Strahley spoke on behalf of the Chamber and reflected on her time serving in the position.

Board President Alycen Urban chaired the event and helped present awards along with board members Brad Harsha, Cheryl Eddy, Erin Laukhuf and Scott Strahley.

The banquet also featured a Dessert Dash fundraiser, with desserts donated by area businesses and community members. The activity raised more than \$2,000 for student scholarships.

Grant's Catering hosted the annual dinner, while Kircher's Flowers provided centerpieces for the event.

The Chamber concluded the evening by recognizing the businesses, organizations and individuals honored during the banquet for their continued involvement in the Paulding County community.

jail, with 165 days suspended, and was ordered to submit to an evaluation, have no contact with the victim, complete 40 hours of community service and complete a Keeping It in Check class.

Matthew T. Karia, Oakwood, OH pleaded guilty to tampering with records and telephone harassment. Karia was fined \$150 on each count and ordered to pay \$227 in court costs. He was sentenced

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to 180 days in jail on each count, all of which were suspended. Karia was placed on standard probation and ordered to submit to a mental health evaluation, have no unlawful contact with the victim, complete 20 hours of community service, a risk assessment, online classes and a Keeping It in Check class. Fines and costs are to be taken from bond.

Kirkwood A. Jackson, Payne, OH pleaded no contest and was found guilty of disorderly conduct. Jackson was fined \$50 and ordered to pay \$128 in court costs and maintain good behavior.

Amber R. Dulaney, Defiance, OH pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct. Dulaney was fined \$25 and ordered to pay \$124 in court costs and maintain good behavior.

Michael K. Dulaney, Defiance, OH pleaded no contest and was found guilty of disorderly conduct. Dulaney was fined \$25 and ordered to pay \$97 in court costs and maintain good behavior.

Richard A. Fanella, London, KY, pleaded guilty to an unsafe vehicle violation. Fanella was fined \$55 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Codie L. Shirk, Defiance, OH pleaded guilty to obstructing. Shirk was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$280 in court costs. Shirk was sentenced to 33 days in jail and ordered to maintain good behavior.

Talgarbek N. Uulu, Philadelphia, PA, pleaded guilty to an unsafe vehicle violation. Uulu was fined \$150 and ordered to pay \$105 in court costs.

James H. Farris, Fort Wayne, IN, pleaded guilty to driving under suspension. Farris was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$105 in court costs. A stop sign violation was dismissed.

Charles A. Davis, Fort

Wayne, IN, pleaded guilty to reckless operation. Davis was fined \$250 and ordered to pay \$105 in court costs. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with 24 days suspended, and his driver's license was suspended from July 20, 2026, through July 20, 2027. Davis may attend a driver intervention program in lieu of six days in jail and was ordered to show proof of insurance by Sept. 17.

Daniel E. Ordway, Paulding, OH pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle under the influence. Ordway was fined \$715 and ordered to pay \$105 in court costs. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with 170 days suspended, and his driver's license was suspended from Aug. 1, 2026, through Aug. 1, 2027. Ordway was ordered to sign a release of information allowing Paulding County Municipal Court Probation to communicate with APA. A charge of driving under a financial responsibility suspension Paulding, was dismissed.

Jean De Dieu Hitimana, Dayton, OH pleaded guilty to a highway use tax violation. Hitimana was fined \$70 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Travis E. Gbauer, Paulding, OH pleaded guilty to a registration violation. Gbauer was fined \$70 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.

Sukhvir Singh Sandhu, Brampton, Ontario, pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation. Sandhu was fined \$30 and ordered to pay \$57 in court costs.

David P. Drew, Cloverdale, OH pleaded guilty to driving under suspension. Drew was fined \$150 and ordered to pay \$105 in court costs.

James C. Boyd, Huntington, IN, pleaded guilty to improper backing. Boyd was fined \$55 and ordered to pay \$95 in court costs.



Across

- Hexagonal cereal combining crispy rice on one side and corn on the other.
- Cereal consisting of woven strands of whole wheat formed into biscuits.
- Traditional hot breakfast cereal made by cooking oats in water or milk.
- Square, lattice-shaped cereal available in varieties such as corn, rice, and wheat.
- Bran-flake cereal commonly combined with dried grapes.
- Oat cereal famous for its colorful marshmallow shapes.
- Uncooked cereal mixture developed in Switzerland and traditionally containing oats, fruit, and nuts.
- Oat groats chopped into small pieces rather than rolled into flakes.
- Colorful ring-shaped cereal represented by Toucan Sam.
- Light, round corn cereal introduced by General Mills in the 1930s.
- Southern breakfast staple traditionally made from ground corn.
- Finely milled wheat used to make several varieties of hot

breakfast cereal.

- Baked mixture commonly containing rolled oats, nuts, and sweeteners.
- Square cereal made famous by commercials featuring a young boy named Mikey.

Down

- Sweet, crunchy corn cereal originally introduced as Sugar Pops.
- Ring-shaped oat cereal originally introduced under the name Cheerios.
- Small square cereal pieces flavored to resemble graham crackers.
- Crunchy cereal introduced in 1897 despite containing neither grapes nor nuts.
- Smooth hot cereal made primarily from wheat farina.
- Fruit-flavored cereal advertised by a rabbit who is constantly trying to get a bowl.
- Sweetened puffed-wheat cereal once known as Sugar Smacks.
- Brand of hot wheat cereal first produced in the early 1900s.
- Kellogg's cereal introduced in the 1950s and long marketed as a lighter breakfast choice.

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PAULDING COUNTY ELECTION NOTICE

All people who are not registered, moved or had a name change and wishes to vote in the upcoming General Election on Tues. November 3rd must register by Mon. October 5th at the Board of Elections, 105 E Perry St, Paulding. Voters not certain of their registration validity may call the office at 419-399-8230, or stop in the office @ 105 E Perry, Paulding.

Regular Office hours: 8 AM – 4 PM, Monday – Friday, Closed for Lunch 12 pm – 1 pm.

IN PERSON: You may also register at the (1) BMV; (2) Dept. of Job & Family Services; (3) Paulding Carnegie Library & Branches; (4) Public High Schools or Vocational Schools; (5) County Treasurers' office; (6) Dept. of Health; (7) Dept. of Mental Health; (8) Dept. of Developmental Disabilities. **ON-LINE:** Website: <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>

You are qualified to vote if: (1) You are a citizen of the United States; (2) You will be 18 years old on or before November 3rd; (3) You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote; (4) You are not incarcerated (in prison) for a felony conviction under the laws of this state, another state or the US; (5) You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court. (6) You have not been permanently disfranchised for violations of the election laws.

Last Day to register or make changes to your Voter Registration is: **Monday, October 5th** Paulding County Board of Elections will be open from **8am to 9pm on Monday, October 5th**

Early Voting begins **Tuesday, October 6, 2026**

*** Note Extended Office Hours** Tuesday, October 06 – Friday, October 09 * 8 am to 5 pm

Monday, October 13 – Friday, October 16 * 8 am to 5 pm

Monday, October 19 – Friday, October 23 * 8 am to 5 pm

Saturday, October 24 * 8:00 am to 4 pm

Monday, October 26 * 7:30 am to 7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 27 * 7:30 am to 8:30 pm

Wednesday, October 28 – Friday, October 30 * 7:30 am to 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 31 * 8 am to 4 pm

Sunday, November 01 * 1 pm to 5 pm * **Early Voting Ends-Closes @ 5 pm**

No Voting ANYWHERE on Monday, November 2nd

ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 03, 2026 • Hours: 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM @ your Voting Location

Voting Locations:

Auglaize Twp @ Auglaize Fire Department, 21050 SR 637, Defiance

Benton / Harrison Twps. Payne Village @ Payne American Legion Hall, 229 N Main, Payne

Brown Twp. Oakwood / Melrose Villages @ Oakwood Fire & EMS Station, 201 N Sixth, Oakwood

Carryall / Crane Twps. Antwerp/ Cecil Villages @ First Baptist Church, 5482 Rd 424, Antwerp

Jackson Twp & Broughton Village @ Jackson Township House, 9992 Rd 131, Paulding

Blue Creek / Latty / Washington Twps. Grover Hill Village @ Wayne Trace HS, 4915 US 127, Haviland

Emerald / Paulding Twps. Latty Village / Paulding V1, V2, V3 @ Extension Bldg., 503 Fairground Dr. Paulding

If you have any questions, please call the Board of Elections at 419-399-8230 or email us at paulding@sos.state.oh.us

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

AgCredit Agricultural Credit Association, Plaintiff,

vs.

Christine L. Hounshell, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 26 026

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

9203 Road 192, Cecil
Parcel Number: 14-04S-014-00

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 One Hundred Fifty Thousand and NO/100 (\$150,000.00) 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 October 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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

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

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on October 29, 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.

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New Schedule For Large Villages

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2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW

3rd Weekend- Payne ,

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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)

For Questions Call : 419-399-3630
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INTRODUCING THE SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2026

SENIOR CITIZENS HALL of FAME

Nancy Bucci
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Ontario

The Ohio Department of Aging (AGE) will induct eight older Ohioans into the state's Senior Citizens Hall of Fame at a ceremony on September 23 at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus.

The Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame honors older Ohioans who represent a pos-

itive image of aging, serve their communities with distinction, and have significant accomplishments in their professions and vocations. More than 500 older Ohioans have been inducted since 1977, each of whom have enriched our state through lifelong service and leadership.

The eight members of this year's class range in age from 61 to 94 and are being honored for decades of inspiring work in their communities. The 2026 class includes a career nurse and healthcare professional, a teaching artist, a trailblazer in agriculture, an advocate for older adults, a conservation leader, an economic development and community service volunteer, and a former governor and first lady who have dedicated their lives to public service.

They reside across the

state, from southwest near Cincinnati to the eastern edge of the state near Youngstown.

2026 Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame inductees:

- Nancy Bucci, 76, Columbus
- Padma Chebrolu, 61, Lebanon
- William T. McKarns, posthumous, Hanoverton
- Ralph H. Smith, 82, Niles
- Nancy Stranahan, 74, Hillsboro
- Former Governor Bob Taft and Former First Lady Hope Taft, 84 and 80, Spring Valley
- Merris A. Welge, 91, Ontario

"These inductees embody the spirit of extraordinary leadership and service," said AGE Director Ursel J. McElroy. "Their dedication to their vocations, communities, and our state continues to shape Ohio into the best place to age in the nation. Each honoree is profoundly deserving of this recognition, and we look forward to celebrating them."

HUSTED CALLS ON STATES TO END "DRIVE-ONLY" LICENSES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Sen. Jon Husted (R-Ohio) today wrote to 19 U.S. governors and the mayor of Washington, D.C. in strong opposition to policies in their states that allow illegal immigrants to obtain "drive-only" driver's licenses and urging them to end such policies.

Nineteen states, as well as

the District of Columbia, currently allow illegal immigrants to obtain "drive-only" licenses. Those jurisdictions are California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and the District of Columbia.

A "drive-only" license is a type of driver's license issued by some states to individuals who cannot demonstrate lawful immigration status or provide a Social Security number.

The issue came into focus in Ohio on Aug. 29, 2026, when an Ohioan was killed in a car crash in Fulton County. The other driver, Washington G. Naula Ochoa, was an illegal immigrant who had obtained a "drive-only" license in Connecticut. Ochoa has been charged with aggravated vehicular homicide.

Ohio does not issue "drive-only" licenses to illegal immigrants. The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles maintains requirements limiting the issuance of Ohio driver's licenses to U.S. citizens and individuals who can prove lawful presence in the United States.

This letter comes after Husted wrote to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy and U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin on Sept. 3, 2026, urging the departments to prohibit states from issuing "drive-only" driver's licenses to individuals who cannot demonstrate lawful immigration status.

tion status.

"I write today in strong opposition to your state's policies that allow its motor vehicle system to issue driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. These licenses, commonly referred to as 'drive-only' licenses, provide road privileges to individuals who cannot demonstrate lawful presence in the United States, erode public trust, and put Americans at risk," wrote the lawmaker.

"No state should allow illegal immigrants to obtain driver's licenses. Policies such as this not only put Americans at risk, but they continue to reward the behavior of impermissibly entering or remaining in the United States without legal status," he continued.

"In the past eleven days, three Ohioans have been killed in car crashes caused by immigrants who illegally entered the United States," he added.

"In the state of Ohio, individuals must provide proof of citizenship or lawful presence in the United States to receive any state identification card, including driver's licenses. Additionally, Ohio law requires the word 'noncitizen' to be printed on state identification cards and driver's licenses issued to noncitizens lawfully present in the United States," he wrote.

"I implore you to reverse course on these dangerous policies and instead adopt common-sense policies, like those in Ohio, to ensure that those obtaining driver's licenses are legally present in our nation," he concluded.

HERMAN AND GASKILL SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club welcomed Eric Herman, Communications Coordinator and C.J. Gaskill, Broadband OPS Manager from Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative as guest speakers at this week's meeting. The speakers were invited by fellow Kiwanian Renee Hull.

C.J. provided an update on the cooperative's ongoing fiber buildout in Ohio and Indiana. The project is currently 68% complete, providing expanded access to high-speed internet service throughout the cooperative's service area.

Eric also introduced members to Bark, a digital safety service that Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative has partnered with to help parents protect their children while they are online.

Bark provides parents with tools, information, and resources to help them better

understand online safety and have conversations with their children about responsible internet use. The service can alert parents to potentially concerning online activity and includes location features that can help parents locate their children when needed.

The partnership with Bark is part of Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative's continued commitment to the communities it serves. Through its internet services, the cooperative is making Bark available to its members, while the service itself is available nationwide.

The presentation gave Kiwanis members an opportunity to learn more about both the cooperative's continued fiber expansion and resources available to families to help keep children safe in an increasingly connected world.

ANOTHER GORRELL BROS

AUCTION

Large Auction

AUCTION LOCATION: 24614 Road E, Continental, Ohio 45831... Head East on State Route 613 Towards Continental... Turn Left onto Township Road 263 and then Right onto Road E... Watch for Auction Signs!

Sat. October 3rd, 2026 @ 10AM

Antiques... Milk Bottles... Foot-Powered Sewing Machines... Secretary Desk... Oil Lamps... Wash Tubs... Lamps... High Chair... Precious Moments Figurines... Old, Large Gas Pump... Several Books... Coleman Lanterns... Railroad Lanterns... Wooden Corn Sheller... Copper Boiler... Wooden Crates... License Plates... Cigar Boxes... Old Kitchen Utensils... Meat Grinders... Insulators... Several Old Lanterns... Single Trees... Typewriters... Old Records... Hub Caps... Hand Saws... Coleman Stoves...

Household... Eden Pure Heaters... Sleeper Sofa with New Queen Mattress... Full Size Adjustable Bed with Headboard, appears newer with night stands... Frigidaire Fridge/Freezer... Kitchen Table with Leaves and 4 Chairs... Curio Cabinets... Tupperware... Several Nice Quilts... Mobility Items... Several Kirby Vacuums and accessories... Several End Tables... Several Lamps... Exercise Bike... Recliners... Dry Sink... Glassware... Large Amount of Christmas Decorations... Christmas Villages... Whirlpool Glass Top Range... Whirlpool Front Load Dryer... Several Box Fans... Canning Jars... Slow Cookers...

Lawn & Garden... Metal Shelving Units... Coleman Gas Pressure Washer... Bicycles... Lawnboy Mower... Outdoor Swings... Briggs and Stratton 2 Wheel Weed Whip... Lawn Chairs... Gas Cans... Hand-Held Coolers... Pitchforks... Shovels... Rakes... Hoes... Wooden Water Skis... Clay Pigeon Thrower... Tennis Rackets... Weed Eaters, two gas and one battery powered... Fimco Pull Behind Sprayers... Box Traps... Propane Heaters... Fertilizer Spreaders... Lawn Sweeper... Craftsman DYS4500, 22HP Lawn Mower... Simplicity Lawn Mower... Several T Posts... Fishing Poles... Old Sleds... Flower Pots...

Scooters... Yamaha Jog Scooter... All-State Deluxe Two Wheel Scooter, gas powered (Cushman)...

Tools & Woodworking... Kerosene Heaters... Dewalt Planer... Craftsman 10in Table Saw... Craftsman 12in Band Saw... Jigsaw... Delta Dust Collector... Jet Belt Sander... Small Table Saw... Router and Table... Jigsaws... Palm Sanders... Body Grinders... Variable Speed Sander... Saw Horses... Assorted Pieces of Lumber, Walnut, Oak, etc... Torch Set... Welders... Kennedy Tool Box... Drill Press... Ladders... Extension Ladders... Battery Chargers... Gas Chainsaws... Rope... Old Wrenches... Electric Drills... Extension Cords... Trouble Lights... Several Flights of Hand Tools... Allen Wrenches... Socket Sets... Files... Crescent Wrenches... Easy Outs... Micrometers... Grinding Wheels... Come-A-Longs... Chisels... Punches... Wire Brushes... Air Compressor... Hammers... Screwdrivers... Shop Vac... Homemade Work Bench with Variable Speed Grinder, Saw, Sander, etc... Oil Cans... Bolt Bins and Organizers... Pulleys... 2-man Cross Cut Saws... Vices... Bottle Neck Jacks... Sledge Hammers...

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This is a very large auction. Items are in very nice condition. We will be selling in 2 rings most of the time. Bring a friend, there's something for everyone! Lots of unique and unusual items. Still unboxing and sorting. **Food and Concessions will be provided on the day of sale by the Highland Township Fire Department with all proceeds benefiting the community!** Visit our website for more information at www.gorrellbrothers.com

WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DETAILS, PICTURES, AND UPDATES... INSPECTION FOR ALL ITEMS WILL BE October 1st and 2nd, 2026 FROM 3:00-6:00PM AND BEGINNING AT 8:30AM DAY OF THE AUCTION... TERMS: CASH, GOOD CHECK, OR CREDIT CARDS (with a 4% convenience fee) AT THE DAY OF THE AUCTION.

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ANOTHER GORRELL BROS

AUCTION

Large Farm Equipment and Tools Auction

AUCTION LOCATION: 6623 CR-205 Oakwood, Ohio 45873 Turn onto Road 205 off State Route 613 in Oakwood... Watch for Auction Signs!

Sat. Sept. 26th, 2026 @ 10AM

Planting... John Deere 17 Row Planter, 15" spacing, Rust Evader Auger... International 620 Press Wheel Drill with Markers... International Harvester 6200 Press Wheel Drill... Old Oliver Superior Grain Drill...

Tillage... Hiniker Field Cultivator... John Deere 712 Soil Saver... Harrowgator... Wing Disc, approx. 17"... Land Leveler... 5' PTO Driven Tiller... 7' Offset Disc... Ford 7' Subsoiler, 3 point... 4 Bottom 3pt Plow... Several Cultivators for Parts... Old Side Delivery Rake... Massey Ferguson Disc... 7' Colby Disc, 3pt... 7' King Cutter Blade... 2 Bottom Deereborn 3pt Plow... Heavy Duty Log Splitter, 13hp... Heavy Duty 10' Blade, Hydraulic Swing and Angle...

Lawn & Garden... John Deere 317 Riding Mower... Cub Cadet 129 Riding Mower... Cub Cadet 125 Riding Mower... Cub Cadet Zero Turn, 20hp... Landa Gold Series Pressure Washer / Steam Cleaner... Polarix Galaxy Snow Mobile... Jad 3000 F/C Snow Mobile... Mitts & Merrell Brush Chopper with Chute and Ford Gas Motor... 2, 1000 gallon Nurse Tanks on Running Gears... J&M 350-20 Gravity Wagon on J&M Gear????? Stihl Weed Eater...

Vehicles... Coachman Motor Home, Runs and Drives, Ford E-Super Duty Chassis... 1982 Chevy Square Body Custom Deluxe Pick-Up, 4x4, 6.2 Diesel, +/- 442437.7 Miles... Ford F-150 4x4 XLT, +/- 77330.2 miles... Ford F-350... GMC Grain Truck, 35000, V6, Knapheide Grain Bed Hydraulic Hoist... 1985 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham, +/- 34916...

Tractors, etc... Ford Parts Tractor... Massey Ferguson 65 Tractor, Wide Front... Allis Chalmers D-14 Tractor, Loader Frame, 3pt, Wide Front... Old Loader... Massey Ferguson Bale Thrower... Clipper Fanning Mill...

Tools & Misc... Torch Set... Craftsman Table Saw... Welding Cart... Craftsman Rear Tire Tiller, 7hp, 19"... Briggs & Stratton Motor... Ready Heater... Lincoln Welder... Torch Cart... Propane Tanks... Belt Sander... Wire Welder... Nice Gas Grill... 1 Bottom Walk Behind Plow... Fans... Pet Cages... High Lift Jacks... Christmas Décor... Kerosene Heater... Aluminum Ladders... Air Compressors... Sockets... Wrenches... Screwdrivers... Tool Boxes... Tool Chests... Tables...

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Very large auction. Lots of unique and unusual items. Plan to spend the morning with us!

WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DETAILS, PICTURES, AND UPDATES... INSPECTION FOR ALL ITEMS WILL BE September 24-25, 2026 FROM 3:00-6:00PM AND BEGINNING AT 8:30AM DAY OF THE AUCTION... TERMS: CASH, GOOD CHECK, OR CREDIT CARDS (with a 4% convenience fee) AT THE DAY OF THE AUCTION.

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NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE RAISES NEARLY \$20,000 FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AT 6th ANNUAL VAN WERT CAMPUS GOLF OUTING



NSCC hosted their 6th Annual Van Wert golf outing on September 11 at Hickory Sticks Golf Club in Van Wert. One of the many golfing teams is shown above.

Northwest State Community College recently hosted its 6th Annual Van Wert Campus Golf Outing on Friday, September 11th at Hickory Sticks Golf Club in Van Wert. 124 participants enjoyed a fun day of golf, games and prizes, all in an effort to raise NSCC scholarship dollars for Paulding and Van Wert learners. Nearly \$20,000 was raised as a result of the September 11th fundraiser. In total, over \$86,000 has been raised by the six golf outings.

“PAULDING AND VAN WERT LEARNERS WILL BENEFIT...”

Northwest State serves a six-county service area of Williams, Fulton, Defiance, Henry, Paulding and Van Wert counties. Nearly 25% of the six-county population resides in Paulding and Van Wert counties. The new NSCC Van Wert Campus is open, and currently hosting fall classes.

The money raised from the golf outing will go towards scholarships specifically for Paulding and Van Wert learners. NSCC has awarded nearly

\$2 million in total Foundation scholarships the past two years. “Paulding and Van Wert County students will benefit from these scholarships, and from the generosity shown by the local communities at this golf outing,” said Robbin Wilcox, Executive Director of the NSCC Foundation. NSCC President Dr. Todd Hernandez also provided some inspired remarks about the Van Wert Campus, and its ongoing service to the community’s workforce development. Hernandez also offered his gratitude for the first responders in attendance, as well as Danfoss for their ongoing support to Northwest State, and in the community.

Jantzen Hinton, Senior Director at Danfoss (the presenting sponsor), also provided brief remarks thanking the attendees and the sponsors, and talking about the growing impact of Danfoss in the community. Hinton noted, “(Danfoss is) fully invested into the families, and the community here, and you will see and hear more from us in the next 12 to 18 months.”

ROUNDABOUT DESIGN FOR U.S. 224/VAN WERT-DECATUR ROAD INTERSECTION SELECTED



The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is pleased to announce the selection of the preferred alternative for the intersection improvements at U.S. 224 and Van Wert-Decatur Road west of the city of Van Wert in Van Wert County, following a public comment period.

In June, ODOT presented two intersection improvement alternatives to enhance safety:

Alternative 1: Off-centered roundabout with temporary right-of-way impacts

Alternative 2: Centered roundabout with permanent right-of-way impacts

After considering the public feedback and stakeholder input, ODOT has selected Alternative 1, an off-centered roundabout as the preferred option. Alternative 1 will construct a single-lane roundabout shifted to the east of the existing intersection allowing for phased construction to reduce traffic disruption. Alternative 1 is the most cost-effective alternative, minimizing utility impacts, and with no new permanent right-of-way needs.

Estimated construction cost is \$3.6M. The project was awarded funding for construction in 2028 through Ohio’s Highway Safety Program (HSIP).

The project will now advance to the detailed design phase. The tentative schedule is as follows:

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Project information and updates:

Project website: www.transportation.ohio.gov/travel/projects/124413

Project manager: Morgan Gerdeman. Phone: 419-999-6869. Email: MorganGerdeman@dot.ohio.gov

WHERE MICROBES LIVE IN SOIL

Soil depth has a big impact on where the majority of beneficial microbes live. Most soil microbes live in the top 0-10 inches of the soil profile, concentrated heavily within the O (organic) and A (topsoil) horizons. The highest density of microbial activity is typically found in the top 2 inches of soil. As you move deeper into soil, microbial abundance and diversity drops exponentially fast.

In soil profiles, the O Horizon (Surface Litter, 0-2 inches) is a hotspot for microbial activity; with decomposing plant litter, leaves, organic debris, and oxygen. Next, the A Horizon (Topsoil, 2-10 inches) holds the highest concentration of stable organic matter, nutrients, and oxygen; supporting dense populations of bacteria and fungus. Moving down, the B Horizon (Subsoil, 10-30+ inches), microbial populations plummet dramatically due to less organic material, compacted clay, and significantly less oxygen. The C & R Horizons (Substratum/Bedrock) have even less microbes, and have mainly specialized microbes that rely on scarce minerals rather than organic carbon for

energy.

Microbes require specific environmental conditions to thrive, all of which are most abundant near the surface. Microbes feed heavily on soil organic matter (SOM) and carbon-rich root exudates. The highest SOM occurs at the soil surface where soil roots, plant debris, and crop residue is the most concentrated. Most beneficial soil microbes are aerobic, meaning they require atmospheric oxygen that freely circulates in loose topsoil. Microbes crowd around living plant roots (the rhizosphere). Deep-rooting plants can occasionally create deep "microbial oases" further down the profile, but most microbes remain at the top. The vertical distribution of soil microbes is 40-50% live in the top 0-2 inches, 80% within top 4 inches, and 85-90% within the top 6 inches of the soil. Only 10-15% of soil microbes live below 10 inches soil due to less carbon and oxygen. Another study showed that 90% of soil microbes live in the top 6 inches of soil.

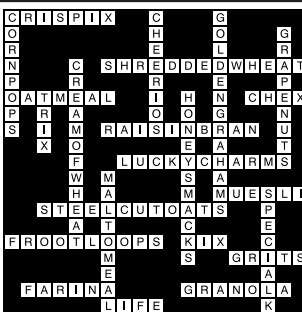
Not all microbes share the same preferred depth. Fungi have a much shallower vertical distribution than bacteria. Since fungi rely heavily on fresh surface litter (like fallen leaves and crop residue) for food, fungi are highly concentrated at the surface (0-2 inches). Bacteria are smaller, highly adaptable, and can be found deeper down the soil profile. Predators like Protozoa and Nematodes, species that consume other microbes and release nitrogen and nutrients in the microbes; tend to live in the upper soil profile where microbial populations are the most concentrated.

Since beneficial aerobic microbes live mostly in the top 6 inches of topsoil; they live with the roots on water films in a zone called the rhizosphere. They migrate

downward and laterally with the roots. Approximately 25% of corn roots are found in the top 6 inches of soil. This shallow root zone is crucial for accessing moisture and nutrients, especially during early growth stages. However, the majority of corn roots are concentrated in the top 3 feet of soil, where moisture is most abundant. At peak maturity, corn roots typically reach depths of 5 to 6 feet though the majority of nutrient-absorbing activity occurs within the top 12-18 inches of the soil profile.

Approximately 70%-80% of soybean roots are concentrated in the top 6 inches of soil. This upper layer is crucial for nutrient and water absorption, while the taproot can extend deeper under favorable conditions, reaching depths of 4 to 8 feet. At V2, the lateral roots are proliferating rapidly into the top 6 inches of soil between the rows, and by V5 will completely reach across a 30-inch row.

The primary difference between aerobic (oxygen loving) and anaerobic soil environments is the presence or absence of oxygen, which completely alters the soil's structure, moisture level, physical location, and chemistry. Healthy, undisturbed soil contains both environments, allowing both types of bacteria to coexist within millimeters of each other. Soils that are compacted tend to have lower oxygen levels. Anaerobic bacteria can live



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deeper in the soil because they do not require oxygen and they tend to be more pathogenic and be disease causing organisms at higher population concentrations.

Anaerobic bacteria can live at any soil depth, but their presence and activity shift significantly from microscopic pockets near the surface to dominant communities in deeper layers. In the topsoil (0-6 inches), anaerobic bacteria live in micro-pockets since oxygen is abundant. They live inside micro-aggregates, the smallest soil particles where oxygen is limited. Compacted and waterlogged soils have much more microaggregates and anaerobic microbes. Anaerobic bacteria are beneficial for making essential nutrients plant available. Both aerobic and anaerobic bacteria are beneficial and perform different functions in diverse microbial communities. Balance is the key.

—James J. Hoorman
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HONORING 80 YEARS OF SERVICE AND SACRIFICE IN SHERWOOD



Sunday, September 13, Sherwood Village Mayor David M. Weaner officially signed a proclamation declaring September 13, 2026, as John L. Fahy Sherwood VFW Post #5665 Day in honor of the post's landmark 80th birthday!

First organized on February 24, 1946, Sherwood VFW Post #5665 has spent eight decades serving our local veterans, their families, and the wider community.

As we celebrate this incredible milestone, we also pause to honor the dedicated leaders who have guided—and continue to guide—our

post. We give special recognition to:

Current Commander: Mark Baden

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Current Quartermaster: Greg Adkins

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Past Quartermasters: Max Haver, Ron Luderman, and Darwin Shroeder

We also remember the brave hero behind the post's name: Shipfitter First Class John L. Fahy. Entering the U.S. Navy from right here in Ohio,

Fahy made the ultimate sacrifice on October 15, 1942, during the grueling Guadalcanal campaign. He was serving aboard the Gleaves-class destroyer USS Meredith when it was struck and sunk by enemy carrier aircraft. While his remains were never recovered, his bravery and legacy remain permanently enshrined in our hearts and through the vital work of Post #5665.

Please join us in thanking the members of Sherwood VFW Post #5665 for 80 years of dedication to our community, and let us always remember the legacy of Shipfitter First Class John L. Fahy.

HONOR FLIGHT NORTHEAST INDIANA CELEBRATES 58th FLIGHT

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana (HFNEI) will conduct its 58th flight to Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana has safely transported 4,493 veterans to Washington, D.C., providing them with the opportunity to visit the

memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice. For the upcoming 58th flight, 86 veterans are confirmed to participate: 1 from the Korean War, 2 from the Cold War, 82 from the Vietnam War, and 1 who served during Desert Shield/Desert Storm

Among these honored veterans are 5 Bronze Star recipients, 1 with 2 Oak Leaf clusters, 4 Purple Heart recipients, and one veteran awarded the

Medal of Valor.

HFNEI President Cathy Berkshire said, "We are so excited to take our 58th Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. and honor another 86 of our most deserving Veteran Heroes. We are grateful to the communities throughout Fort Wayne, Northeast Indiana, and Northwest Ohio for their continued support and for helping us fulfill our mission."

Welcome Home Celebration:

PAULDING VFW POST MAKE DONATION TO THE PAULDING SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



Pictured (l-r) are Chief Deputy Caleb Miller, VFW Post Commander John Daeger, Sheriff Jason Landers receiving donation, Deputy Isaiah Rittenhouse, K9-officer Beau, and VFW Life Member Keith West.

John Paulding VFW Post 587 made a very generous donation to the Paulding County Sheriff's department to support the modification

of a department cruiser to meet the needs of their new K9-Officer Beau.

Deputy Rittenhouse is Beau's handler, and they just

started their K-9 training recently. Beau was born on September 2nd, 2025, and comes to the USA from Germany!

tion:

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana invites the public to join the Welcome Home Celebration as the veterans return from Washington, D.C. "We invite everyone to join us at the airport to welcome these heroes' home," Berkshire said. "Please plan to arrive around 8:30 p.m. You are welcome to bring a folding or camp chair to use while waiting for our return." The public may park in the long-term parking lot at Fort Wayne International Airport for the Welcome Home Celebration.

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana, Inc. is a volunteer-run, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

LIBRARY TO EXPLORE DEFIANCE COUNTY MYTHS & LEGENDS

Defiance Public Library will present an interactive program exploring the myths and legends of Defiance County on October 5, at 6:00 p.m. at Defiance Public Library.

Sarah Marshall and Renee Hopper of Defiance Public Library will share stories drawn from DPL's X-Files, a collec-

tion of news articles housed in the library's public vertical files, along with other "weird" stories collected from The Crescent-News.

The program will explore a variety of unusual stories from Defiance County, ranging from a possible murder by a civilian mob to reports of ghostly activity in popular Defiance buildings.

The program is geared toward teens and adults. No registration is required.

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