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ANTWERP HS CLASS OF 1966



The Antwerp Class of 1966 celebrated their 60th class reunion on September 19th, with a gathering and a dinner at the Antwerp VFW hall. Twenty classmates and their guests enjoyed the evening together with shared memories, lots of laughter and much love.

Members in attendance were:: First Row: Judy (Rogers) Johnson, Marlene (Hemrick) Sparks, Sharon (Williams) Gaston, Jeanette (Beregszazi) Brooks, Lynn (Johnson) McNabb, Linda (Berenyi) Kos. Second Row: Al Miller, Greg Geyer, Hazen Kennedy, Randy Brooks, Sue (Tracy) Jump, Marsha (Gerencser) Oberlin, Dinah (McMichael) Collins, Paige (Clinton) Zuber, Carl Jeffery. Third Row: Jerry Hazelswart, Rollie Clem, Denny NcNabb, Carl Klender, Terry Bowman.

FLAT ROCK CREEK FALL TRUCK SHOW CELEBRATES 25 YEARS, HONORS GARY CROWL



PAULDING – Antique trucks and special interest vehicles were on display Sunday, September 20, during the Flat Rock Creek Fall Truck Show at the Paulding County History Museum.

The event featured the

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SCHOLARSHIP DONUTS – OCT. 10

The Woodburn Lions will have their famous donuts on Saturday, October 10 from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Clock Tower parking lot in Woodburn. All profits will be used to fund their scholarship program for Woodlan students. Thank you for supporting the Lions Club and Woodlan High School Seniors!

HUBER OPERA HOUSE TO PRESENT "PUFFS" ON OCT. 16-17-18

For seven years, a certain boy wizard went to a certain Wizard school and conquered evil. This however, is not his story. This is the story of Puffs. .. who just happened to be there too. It's a tale for anyone who has never been destined to save the world. The show will be on October 16, 17, & 18 at the Huber Opera House and is intended for a mature audience. Tickets are available online until Oct. 13. This production also offers a Dinner Theater experience on Friday and Saturday. This Huber Production is directed by Jennifer Ankney, who is assisted by Julie Hall and Producer Chris Feichter. Get tickets at huberoperahouse.org or call the Huber office at 419-542-9553.

The actors in this talented cast play multiple roles in this production. The cast includes: Graciella Arce, Kate Blakely, Grason Butler, Uriah Camarillo, Darwin Casazza, Karen Casazza, Joe Curry, Jacob Evans, Dani Frame, Julie Hall, Travis Heffelfinger, Ryan L. Hunt, Jr., Emily Remaklus, Averie Rupp, Elisabeth Shaffer, Taylor Sidle, Grant Smalley, Jennifer Thomas, and Lydia Trzynka. As a group, they bring to life this touching story of surviving a variety of experiences during their formative years.

This clever and inventive play never goes more than a minute without a laugh, giving you a new look at a familiar adventure from the perspec-

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NORTHWESTERN OHIO COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION'S KELLY FEENEY WINS STATEWIDE RECOGNITION



NOCAC's Kelly Feeney was recognized and given a statewide award this week for her efforts serving Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Van Wert, and Williams Counties.

When Kelly Feeney, NOCAC's Housing & Energy Services Director received recognition and the David C. Rinebolt Community Service Award during the last week of September, it was not only a statewide honor but also a reflection of her continually setting a high standard in serving others. Kelly's drive and work ethic have always been apparent from her first day at NOCAC in 1997. She was hired as a part-time administrative assistant and in less than five years was leading the program as Housing and Energy Director, a role she continues to hold today.

Kelly realized early on that weatherization and home repair are about more than insulation and fixing what is broken it's about connecting with people, offering hope, and recognizing the worth of every person regardless of their income or the neighborhood they call home. Kelly is a quiet force, one that does not seek recognition, but her knowledge, determination, and compassion have made an ongoing and substantial impact in all the counties NOCAC serves. Beyond supporting her team, she is also considered a trusted resource to her Community Action peers across Ohio. Kelly's career reflects what Community Action is meant to be, meeting people where they are, recognizing their dignity, and helping them build something better.

The award is presented by the Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE) annually at the Weatherize Ohio Conference. Recipients of the award are recognized

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Community Calendar

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

October 5
- Myths & Legends @ Defiance Library, 6p

October 7
- New Haven United Women in Faith Rummage Fundraiser @ NWUMC, 9a-6p
- Bread Maker Class @ Oakwood Library, 1p

October 8
- New Haven United Women in Faith Rummage Fundraiser @ NWUMC, 9a-3p

October 10
- Riverside Cemetery Walk @ Riverside Cemetery, Defiance, 3p
- NatureFest @ PC OSU Ext. Office, Paulding, 10a-12p
- Bread class @ Antwerp Library, 11a
- Woodburn Lions Club Donuts @ Woodburn Clock Tower, 7-11a

October 13
- Friends of Sherwood Library Trivia on Tap @ Iron Horse Brews, 6p
- Buck Cemetery History & Defiance Library, 5:30p
- PC Retired Teachers Assoc. Meeting @ Paulding Pancake House, 11:30a
- Grape Jelly & Juice Canning Class @ Oakwood Library, 1p

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OBITUARIES



PAULDING, OH:

Timothy L. "Tim" Neer, age 54, passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at his home in Paulding.

Tim was born on November 11, 1971 in Paulding, OH to Terry and Linda (Dempsey) Neer. On March 26, 1992 he married Tina Gaskill. Tim worked for Hartzog's Lumber and Supply for 15 years. He loved playing softball, shooting pool, and woodworking. He was a fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes.

Tim will be sadly missed by his wife, Tina Neer, Paulding, OH; mother, Linda Neer, Paulding, OH; daughter, Dovie (Tiffany) Neer, Fort Wayne, IN; stepson, Dewey (Hailey) Barajas, Van Wert, OH; stepdaughter, Katrina Barajas, Fort Wayne, IN; brother, Greg (Becky) Neer, Paulding, OH; sisters: Deb (Gary) Fisher, Payne, OH; Pam (Chris) Rosswurm, Payne, OH; 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Tim was preceded in death by his father, Terry "Sleep" Neer.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. on Monday, October 5, 2026 at Den Herder Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made in Tim's memory to an organization of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN OCTOBER

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is hoping you "Fall into Reading". Let us help you find the books you want to read. The library will be closed on Monday, October 12, in observance of Columbus Day. The library would like to thank everyone who came out for our Ohio Goes to the Movie Event of the "Little Giants", you are greatly appreciated.

MAIN:

The Adult section will be busy preparing for our After Hours, Ladies Night Out Hocus Pocus theme party. The event will take place on Friday, October 30th, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Food, craft and the movie playing while you eat, enjoy yourself and spend time with friends. Space is limited call the library to reserve your spots at 419-399-2032. This event is for ages 16 and up!

Coffee Talk will be every Thursday at 1:00 p.m., enjoy some conversation and delightful treat.

Bookworms Book Club meets on October 13th at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining the book club or leading the discussion, stop by the library or call for more information.

Horticulture Hot Topic with Sarah Noggle, OSU Extension is Thursday, October 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Teen Cooking Club is on Monday, October 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Adult Cookbook Club will be on Monday, October 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Adult Craft will be on Tuesday, October 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Haunted Library Party will be on Tuesday, October 27, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Fun for all ages.

The Children's Room has Mr. Kirk's story time every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

Haunted Library Halloween Party is on Tuesday, October 27, 5-6:30. Stop in for Spooky Trick or Treat Fun.

ANTWERP BRANCH:

The Antwerp Branch has story time on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. Join your friends at the library for stories and fun.

Book Club is October 19th at 6:00 p.m., stop by and pick up a copy of the new book we will read for the month, then come back and talk about it with others.

Cookbook Club is on Monday, October 26th at 5:45 p.m. Join us for some yummy food and conversation.

Adult Bread Class will meet on Saturday, October 10th at 11:00 a.m. Bring a bowl and anything you want to add like herbs or cheese to your flour mixture. Call to register at 419-258-2855.

Rock Deco Podge Painting, ages 16 and up is October 24th at 11:00 a.m. We will have all the supplies to make a colorful rock to take home. Call the library for more information.

GROVER HILL:

The Grover Hill Branch will have Munchkin Club on Friday, October 2nd, 15th and the 30th. Storytime starts at 10:30 a.m., for 6 years and under.

Senior Bingo for patrons 50+ will be on Thursday, October 8th at 1:00 p.m. This event is full, call to confirm or cancel your spot.

Monday, October 19th at 5:00 p.m. continues the monthly canning program where we will use a digital pressure canner to preserve the summer season into fall for the winter. Eight spots are available for the program.

Thursday, October 22nd the GHBL will close at 5:00 p.m. for our team to participate in Grover Hill Elementary traditional Fall Literacy and STEAM night.

GHBL Book Club meets on October 28th at 4:00 p.m. *The Color of Water A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother* by James McBride.

Drawing for the basket will be October 31st. Stop by for Trick or Treating, Face Painting, and parade festivities from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

OAKWOOD BRANCH:

The Oakwood Branch begins this month with Mrs. Ropers Arts, Crafts & Movie Night featuring Practical Magic on Thursday October 1 at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6 at 11:00 a.m. is the Good Morning -Book Club.

Wednesday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. is the Bread Maker Class, participants should bring their bread machine and a bag of flour.

Senior Bingo will take place on Thursday, October 8 at 11:30 a.m.

Adult Bath Bomb Workshop is Saturday, October 10 at 11:00 a.m.

Grape Jelly and Juice Canning Class is Tuesday, October 13 at 1:00 p.m. Registration is required.

Coffee Talk is Thursday, October 15 at 4:00 p.m.

Teen and Young Adult Bath Bomb Workshop is on Saturday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Quilt Block of the Month meets on Tuesday, October 20 at 11:00 a.m.

Children's Storytime is Monday October 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Cookbook Club is Thursday, October 29 at 5:00 p.m.

PAYNE BRANCH:

The Payne Branch has Storytime every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. Join us for stories and crafts with your friends.

Wayne Trace Art Club will be here Tuesday, October 20th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. with some Halloween fun! Kids of all ages come dressed up in their costume and enjoy the afternoon of games, crafts and candy.

Popcorn Fridays. Come in and check out movies to take home for the weekend and get popcorn and candy to go with it.

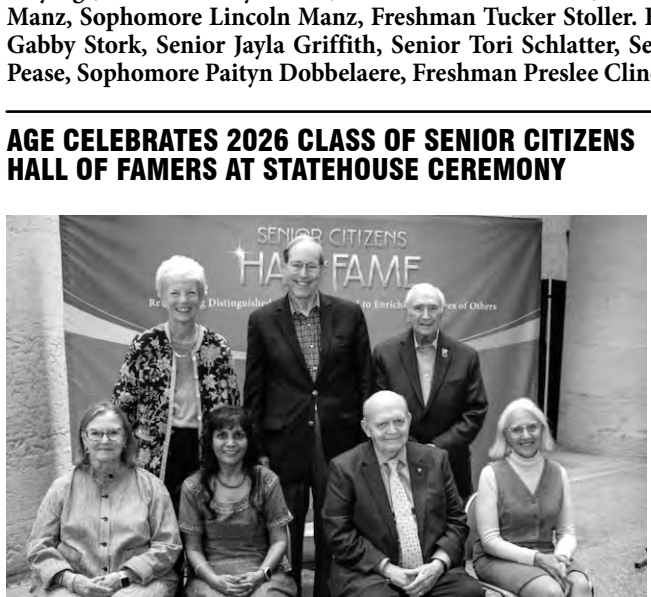
Facebook Trivia of the Soon-to-be-Released movie "Verity" by Colleen Hoover, play along for your chance to win a copy of the book.

2026 PAULDING HS HOMECOMING COURT



Pictured above are the 2026 Paulding High School's Homecoming Court, crowning will take place Friday, October 9th at Paulding's Homecoming Football game: (top, l-r) Junior Tyler Goyings, Senior Grady Arend, Senior Emmett Barnes, Senior Avery Cooper, Senior Jalan Manz, Sophomore Lincoln Manz, Freshman Tucker Stoller. Front Row Left to Right: Junior Gabby Stork, Senior Jayla Griffith, Senior Tori Schlatter, Senior Libby Breier, Senior Estie Pease, Sophomore Paityn Dobbelaere, Freshman Preslee Cline.

AGE CELEBRATES 2026 CLASS OF SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAMERS AT STATEHOUSE CEREMONY



Eight deserving older Ohioans who have distinguished themselves as thoughtful and dedicated leaders were honored by the Ohio Department of Aging (AGE) at the 2026 Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The event was held at the Ohio Statehouse on Wednesday afternoon.

The eight members of the Class of 2026 come from across the state and range in age from 61 to 94. The 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.

2026 Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame inductees:

- Nancy Bucci, 76, Columbus, OH
- Padma Chebrolu, 61, Lebanon, OH
- 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

The Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame honors extraordinary older Ohioans who embody healthy aging and serve as pillars of their communities. A total of 532 older Ohioans have now been inducted since the Hall of Fame's inception in 1977.

As part of the ceremony, videos were played highlighting the Hall of Famers and honoring past directors.

Scripture of the Week

"The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe."

— Proverbs 29:25

LIFE IS FLEETING



It seems like just yesterday my life was full of activity, and I could run like a gazelle, jump higher, move faster, and think better than anyone around me. I knew the answers to most problems and didn't mind sharing them with you, regardless of whether you wanted to hear them or not. I had it all figured out. Well, where did the time go? It's like I just stepped out of a time machine and left my old self behind. This morning, I spent 20 Minutes looking for my glasses, and I found them hanging from the shirt I was wearing. Did I take my medications this morning? (smile).

According to the bible, human life and earthly time are remarkably fleeting. Often compared to a mere breath or a vanishing mist.

Jame 4:14: Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears a little while and then vanishes.

Live your life for the Lord, One Day at a time. For that's all we get. Tomorrow is not promised to you.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Peace & Love,

—Pastor Dwayne

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 you 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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for professional knowledge, compassion, advocacy, and commitment to improving people's lives through leadership in energy assistance and weatherization programs. The award is named in honor of Dave Rinebolt who was the founding director of OPAE who died in 2021. His guiding phrase was "Be Good to One Another".

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THE LITTLE GIRL - PART 2

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

After 5 years of life little girl, her mama and little brother moved in with Grandma and grandpa.

Grandma had an ice box, a coal stove, an overstuffed couch and an old trunk she had when she first got married.

They were never rich but being rich to little girl was food. Living with my grandparents was a life full of praying, going to church and being admonished that certain things were wrong.

The family then moved from town to an old house we called Middle Point Hill.

Middle Point Hill house was a big house and had 2 men living on the other side and sat atop of a hill. Leading up to the hill was a long lane which little girl had to walk to ride the school bus. In third grade the little girl was bullied because of her homemade dresses, old shoes and getting free lunches.

There was no TV, no running water, no inside bathroom and grandpa worked on the rail road.

He would come home every other night and sometimes brought home cases of coconut cookies. Sometimes he brought home black bananas which were very, very ripe. Little girl did not care for black bananas but years later found out they were yellow and were so good.

We were a poor family, so clothes were hand me downs or something homemade. Little girl never had a new dress from the store, but was happy with old clothes.

Little girl never got to go anywhere but church activities so "uptown" was something she never was much acquainted with.

One enjoyable thing little girl did was to play with her paper dolls. She lived her life through those dolls making them shoebox houses and giving them names.

Another move was on the horizon for the little girl and her family. Another farmhouse was close to Hoagland Jackson School. The little girl did not like the bus ride because she was the first one on and the last one off.

At that time, little girl was still very much the part of a strict religion. No nail polish, no lipstick, no rings or jewelry. But she was thankful for the food on the table and her family.

One day the little girl's daddy wanted to visit her and take her on a truck ride. The little girl said, "No."

She did not want to go with him. However, mother spoke up and said she had to go with her dad on a truck ride.

It was awful, the dad only wanted to abuse her and she cried out, "I want to go home."



After the girl got home she told her mother, "Don't ever make me go with him again. He was drunk and tried to do nasty things to me."

This little girl had 8th grade graduation and needed a new dress. With no hand me downs or any homemade dresses to wear she had a cousin who gave her the most beautiful dress. In little girl's eyes it was the most beautiful dress and she felt like a princess .

The evening came for all the eighth graders to graduate into high school. The girl wandered into the restroom and another girl looked at her and said, :Where did you get that old rag?" "Did it come from a rag bag?"

Tears ran down little girl's face and she could barely speak out. She muttered a few words and ran out of the restroom into the hall way. But that little girl never forgot the bully or the unkind words that she had spoken.

This little girl did have the desire to be like all the other girls and when entering her Freshman year on the first day of school, the first class, the teacher who was a man wanted all the girls that had lipstick on to stand up.

All of the girls stood up and so did the little girl. The snooty teacher hollered at the little girl loudly and said "You sit down you don't have lipstick on"

Little girl wiped her tears but that embarrassed feeling never left. And that incident stayed with her.

That little red piano was never forgotten or this girls desire to play the piano. Grandma and grandpa had a parlour, a piano, and an old record player. The girl could go in there, turn on the record player and she could be found in there practicing along with the old record player and Martha Carson's recording of Satisfied.

This little girl grew up, worked, got married and had a family of her own. The rest of the story isn't done yet, cause that little girl was me and I am still kicking after many years.

Food in my pantry makes me feel rich. Some of those old memories are not pleasant but God has been good to me and I have food in my pantry and still love playing the piano.

My life story has ups and downs, gains and losses, disappointments, but I have a lot of love plus memories.

One prayer I was taught is this:

"Thank you for the world so sweet. Thank you for the food we eat. Thank you for the birds that sing. Thank you God for everything."

Say this little prayer and this little girl will give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

WEIBLE'S CELEBRATE 70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Robert and Corrine Weible to Celebrate 70 Years

Robert (Bob) and Corrine (Sue) Weible will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on October 6, 2026.

The couple was married on October 6, 1956, by Robert Hargrave at the Defiance Church of Christ.

They have been blessed with three children, sixteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

DEFIANCE MOOSE LODGE GRANT SUPPORTS VETERINARY CARE AT PAWS FELINE RESCUE



Pictured (l-r) is Lisa Crossland - Moose Lodge Outer Guard, Abby Schoeph - PAWS Executive Director and Mike Minch - PAWS Director, along with 3 furry friends.

Medical care is one of the greatest challenges facing PAWS Feline Rescue. This $2,000 grant from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094, who holds a fund under the Defiance Area Foundation umbrella, will help provide essential veterinary care for the newest feline residents, including vaccinations, spay/neuter surgeries, and emergency medical services when needed at PAWS Feline Rescue.

This funding will help ensure these cats receive the care they need as they begin their journey toward healthier lives and, ultimately, their forever homes.

PAULDING COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS TO KICK OFF NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Congratulations to all the 2026 retired teachers from Antwerp, Paulding, and Wayne Trace Schools! The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association invites you to join them for the first meeting of the 2026-2027 school year. The meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, at 11:30 at the Paulding Pancake House. Any teacher who has taught 25 years or more in the county will be eligible for the Paulding County Hall of Fame. Their name will be placed on a plaque at the Paulding County History Museum.

All retired teachers are invited to join the group for lunch. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 13, at 11:30 at the Paulding Pancake House.

LIBRARY PROGRAM TO EXPLORE THE HISTORY OF BUCK CEMETERY

The Defiance Public Library will host a program exploring the history of Buck Cemetery in Springfield Township, Williams County, on Tuesday, October 13, at 5:30 p.m. at the library, 320 Fort St.

Richard Cooley, Vice-President of the Williams CountyGenealogical Society, will present the program, which will examine the early formation of Buck Cemetery and some of the notable events that have taken place there over the years.

Cooley also will discuss the cemetery's history of vandalism, as well as several veterans who are buried there. The presentation will include additional stories and historical information about the cemetery and those connected to it.

The program is open to all adults, and no registration is needed.

For more information, contact Defiance Public Library at 419-782-1456.

News From the Boys in the Service



Sgt. Roy B. Keck

Sgt. Keck left last April for the Hawaiian Islands and is still stationed there. November 1 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. His address is: Sgt. Roy B. Keck, A. S. N. 35334475, Air Base Det., Box 11, APO 959, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.



Pfc. Ray E. Keck

Pfc. Ray E. Keck recently returned to Camp Carson, Colorado, after a short furlough here visiting relatives and friends. His address is: Pfc. Ray E. Keck, M. P. Det., 7th S. C., Camp Carson, Colo.

Pfc. Keck and his brother, Sgt. Roy B. Keck are the sons of Orville Keck, Oakwood.

MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsbery

A letter to his mom from my uncle Ray Keck:

Somewhere overseas June 16, 1944

"Dear mom,

"I received your swell letter today and I am answering it right away.

"Glad to know you are well. I am feeling fine and getting along pretty well over here so don't worry about me at all.

"It takes a letter quite a while to get to me and vice versa so at times it may be quite a while before you hear from me. However I'll try to write often. I do hope you'll be back home soon. Don't let anything worry you mom. I'll tell Roy [Ray's brother who is in the service] that you are well. I haven't heard from him for a long time. I guess he must be pretty busy. I think he is still stationed in Hawaii. I was hoping that I would be sent there also, however I was not. At the present time I cannot tell you where I am but I'm not in combat and probably will not be for quite a while.

"We can see movies here every night which helps a lot. Also we can buy cigarettes and necessities. I go swimming in the ocean nearly every day and really have a nice suntan.

"I haven't heard from dad and the kids for quite a while. I guess they must be pretty busy. I received a letter from aunt Mame she says they are all well. They were out to Antwerp and fixed up grandpa's and grandmother's graves. Have you been up there lately, mom? I haven't been there since grandmother was buried.

"How were uncle Bud's getting along? I haven't heard from them either for a long time. Well I'll close for now mom so bye and don't work too hard keep cheerful.

"Your loving son, Ray"

… 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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THE RETURN OF THE DANDELIONS

Dotting my Teas By:
Marlene Oxender

There are thousands of species of flowers on this earth, and I made it to adulthood not knowing much about any of them.

It was likely the same for many of us – as we grew up, we saw tulips magically appear in our yards each spring. We admired their form, color, and fragrance, but we were not allowed to pick them.

The grass in our backyards was soft with clover and little violets; dandelions dotted the yards where we played.

The arrival of spring was always a good thing – a literal breath of fresh air. Lilacs bloomed on cue, announcing that springtime was here.

My childhood dream of living in a home where flowers return on their own every year eventually came true. I didn't know what a peony was until one bloomed on my own property. Now daffodils and hyacinths make their cameo appearance each spring. And crocuses – who knew?

The first time I found a pansy blooming in the cold December ground, I spoke to him as if he were human and asked what he was doing. He knew I was happy to see him, and he didn't stand a chance of remaining where he was. I brought him inside, placed him in a vintage perfume-bottle vase, and took pictures. He quickly became a cherished memory.

When I was a child, our oldest brother Ed would take us for rides in the country in his 1970 blue Dodge Charger. It was fun to load up in the car and see what we could find to do. A few miles outside of Edgerton, on Clarksville Road, a small herd of cows grazed behind a fence near the road, and this was one of our stopping points.

There we were – a carful of siblings. Watching cows. Our youngest brother Stevie, who had Down syndrome, helped us appreciate the moment.

I also remember going to Herman Park where we could run on hills. We gathered dandelions by the handful, knowing there was a glass mustard jar at home that would make the perfect vase.

Those childhood bouquets are a reminder that the same flowers treasured by some are looked upon by others as weeds. But the mighty dandelion knows its worth. It knows its rich history. It knows how photogenic it can be.

I recently read that Crayola retired its Dandelion crayon in 2017 to make room for a new shade of blue. But they brought the color back due to popular demand, and it can now be found in the standard 64-count crayon boxes.

How fitting that the crayon named after a perennial flower has returned, just as perennials do.

Among the papers in my parents' estate, I found little notebooks and advertisements from seed companies – little scraps of paper from long ago that once belonged to my Grandma and Grandpa Imm. I was reminded of how much our ideas about what belongs in a yard have changed over time.

Clover was once commonly included in grass-seed mixtures and accepted as part of a healthy lawn. As herbicides became more widely used, clover came to be treated as a weed.

The question of what belongs in a yard, and what gets called a weed, has a history of its own.

If clover is drought-resistant and stays green while grass turns brown, what's not to love? It's a little perennial that adds nitrogen to the soil and provides food for the little crawly things and stripey things that belong in our intricate ecosystem.

Everything in the world is interconnected. Everything has a place and a purpose. When bees do what they were designed to do, plants reproduce, crops grow, animals are fed, and life happens.

Maybe there is a lesson here in doing less, in leaving some things untouched and letting the world do what it knows to do. Perhaps we could look at our yards the way we did when we were children – not as problems to control, but as places full of gifts.

And maybe, if we look closely enough, we'll find worthiness in things we didn't even know we had – the same quiet worth the dandelion carries each time it returns.

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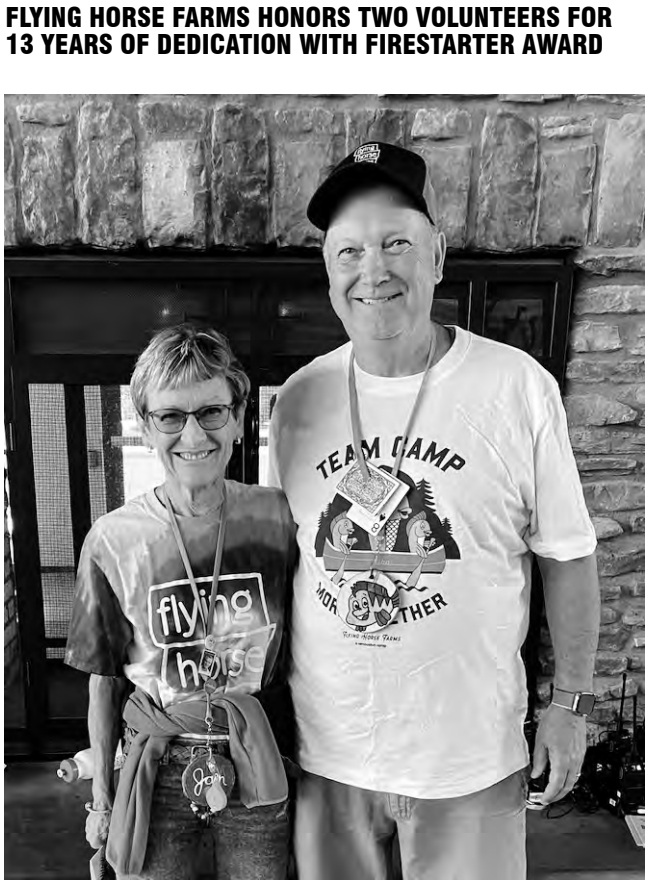
SOUTH RICHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES $2,000 GRANT



Congratulations to the South Richland Fire Department for receiving a $2000 grant from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. The Defiance Moose Lodge holds a fund under the umbrella of the Defiance Area Foundation. The South Richland Fire Dept. will be using this grant for equipment updates. Pictured with the grant are (l-r) Rick Speiser - Moose Lodge Trustee and Tyler Coffman - South Richland EMS Chief.

FLYING HORSE FARMS HONORS TWO VOLUNTEERS FOR 13 YEARS OF DEDICATION WITH FIRESTARTER AWARD



MT. GILEAD, OH - Flying Horse Farms (FHF), a medical specialty camp for kids with serious illnesses and their families, at no cost, announced Jan and Charlie "Flounder" McGibony as the recipients of its 2026 Firestarter Award. The longtime volunteers are being recognized for their 13 years of dedication to creating a welcoming, supportive and joyful camp experience for campers and their families.

The Firestarter Award honors individuals or organizations who champion the spirit of camp. Since first volunteering with Flying Horse Farms in 2013, Jan and Flounder have shared their time, talents and hearts across countless camp sessions.

Jan, a retired nurse, has served in both medical and non-medical roles, including leading arts and crafts and as a family sidekick, offering support and compassion to campers and their families throughout their experiences. Flounder, a military veteran, is a familiar face at archery, where he serves as a certified instructor, paired with his signature humor and energy.

Together, Jan and Flounder embody the spirit of a Firestarter by creating belonging, sparking joy and putting campers first in everything they do.

"Jan and Charlie have been all in since 2013, giving their time and hearts to make sure campers feel safe, supported, and free to be themselves," said Nichole E. Dunn, president and CEO of Flying Horse Farms. "Their kindness, humor, and steady presence have made a real difference for hundreds of camper families."

Within their 13 years as volunteers Jan and Flounder have become beloved staples in the camp community, inspiring connection among volunteers and campers alike. Their dedication continues to reflect the lasting impact volunteers can have on the families Flying Horse Farms serves. Celebrate Every Milestone - Thank You, Jan & Flounder!

About Flying Horse Farms

Flying Horse Farms (FHF) is a medical specialty camp for kids with serious illnesses to experience joy, hope, and belonging, always at no cost to families. Located in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, camp first opened its gates in 2010 and has provided more than 12,000 experiences since then. FHF serves kids and young adults ages 7-21 and their families from Ohio and beyond. Campers have medical conditions including cancer, heart and lung conditions, rheumatologic diagnoses, blood disorders, gastrointestinal disorders, craniofacial diagnoses, rare diseases, spinal cord conditions, and internalized mental health conditions. To learn more, visit www.flyinghorsefarms.org.

MEETING PEOPLE'S NEEDS



I love my rich friends. Seriously I don't regret anyone that has made money honestly. Most of my friends have more than enough to meet their needs and I am thankful for them.

I think in a way though we all have needs which are not monetary. Shouldn't be too hard to find someone who is **in** need of companionship, or just someone to run errands for them. The story about the boy's hand that was completely restored continues, as the man is now a lawyer for the Christian Legal Association.

They were the ones that brought prayer back into the schools and allow you to have religious classes during school time. The concept of thanking someone for allowing you to help them meet their needs was completely new to me. The doctor that did the operation has written several letters thanking them for allowing him to serve them.

The doctor and his team were completely exhausted by a grueling operation and turned around and provided help for a lawyer in need. The Bible doesn't have any record of the man that was beaten up thanking the Good Samaritan. The Good Samaritan got his reward from helping the man that was beaten.

We have often heard the saying, "Tis better to give than receive." This is the heart of the Christian message. Jesus came to be a servant. The key is Philippians 2:3. Think of others better than yourself. The Good Samaritan gave everything he had. He obligated himself to pay any bills that accrued by the man that had a need. Are we willing to give everything we have?

Rich men have only one thing to do with her money, and that is to give it away. They cannot keep it and everything they have will rot. Many of the richest that ever lived have given everything they have to meet the needs of poor people. The church exists solely to meet the needs of the people. There are many categories which include spiritual needs that the church needs to be aware of.

We have gone through a period where we rely on the government to take care of people's needs and it just does not work. The individual that sees a need, and also the church that sees your need is obligated to give everything they have to help meet the need.

—James Neuhouser

SNHU ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2026 DEAN'S LIST

Ronnie Goodwin of Cecil has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Summer 2026 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 94-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.



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Gary Crowl was honored for his 50 years Golden Achievement Award on September 27th at the Flat Rock Antique Truck Show at the Paulding County History Museum grounds.

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25th annual American Truck Historical Society (ATHS) Vintage Truck Show, drawing truck enthusiasts to the museum grounds for an afternoon dedicated to preserving and sharing transportation history.

A highlight of the day came during an ATHS meeting held in conjunction with the show, when longtime volunteer and preservationist Gary Crowl was presented with a 50-Year Golden Achievement Award recognizing his decades of dedication to the preservation and restoration of trucks and farm equipment.

Crowl has spent many years volunteering with the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States (NATMUS) in Auburn, Indiana. Through his work at the museum, Crowl became affectionately known as the "Get It Running Man" for his ability and willingness to bring historic vehicles and equipment back to running condition.

The Flat Rock Creek Fall Truck Show was held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and included free admission and parking, with donations benefiting the Paulding County History Museum. Lunch was also available at the museum.

EAGLE CREEK BMP RESEARCH

A recent September 2026 U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) study evaluated agricultural best management practices (BMPs) at an edge-of-field site in the Eagle Creek watershed near Findlay, Ohio. The project started in 2010, with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) working together. These three government agencies identified farm fields in priority watersheds—watersheds critically important to Great Lake health.

Intensive BMP's were implemented in five States to test the efficacy of best management practices, also referred to as agricultural conservation practices, to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff on agricultural fields. These fields were chosen as representatives of the priority watersheds because their farming practices and geographical conditions were common among farms in those watersheds.

A farm site located near Findlay, Ohio, in the Eagle Creek watershed used two conservation practices, cover crops (Natural Resources Conservation Service practice standard 340) and variable rate technology (VRT; Natural Resources Conservation Service practice standard 590), which represent common practices in the Maumee priority watershed. This study monitored surface runoff and subsurface tile runoff at the Eagle Creek watershed site.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) tracked data from October 2012 to September 2020. USGS Scientific Investigations Report 2026–5037, "Evaluation of Best Management Practices at an Edge-of-Field Site in the Eagle Creek Watershed, Ohio, 2012–20" gives the results.

The primary data gave breakdowns for total phosphorus (TP), particulate phosphorus (PP), dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP), and suspended sediment (SS). The study focused on the distinction between surface runoff and subsurface tile runoff, categorized by storm size relative to the 85th percentile of peak discharge (large runoff events).

Particulate Phosphorus (PP) is P attached to soil particles, while DRP is the soluble fraction of P that causes most of the harmful algae blooms in Lake Erie. Total phosphorus (TP) is both PP and DRP combined. Suspended sediment (SS) are the tiny particles of soil that erode off soil and remain or float in water runoff. All contribute to water quality problems in surface water, especially in Lake Erie.

Cover crops were applied in fall of 2016, 2017, and 2018, coinciding with VRT applications. High peak runoff events disproportionally affected nutrient concentrations and loads in runoff. A threshold of the 85th percentile of the peak discharge was chosen to assess the effect of cover crop and VRT nutrient application on nutrient mitigation at each gage. Runoff events below the 85th percentile were considered small, and runoff events over the 85th percentile were considered large.

During the cover crop season, the reductions in phosphorus and sediment loss were most pronounced between November (planting) and March (termination). During these months, the cover crops anchored what would otherwise be bare soil, preventing high-concentration surface runoff. For the 85th Percentile Threshold, high peak runoff events disproportionally transport the majority of annual nutrient and sediment losses. Because the cover crop and VRT combination failed to alter loads during these large events, the data suggests that edge-of-field practices must be paired with structural BMPs (like filter strips or retention structures) to achieve broader watershed-scale reductions. Here were the Key Findings:

During smaller runoff events (below the 85th percentile of peak discharge), implementing cover crops and VRT significantly lowered surface-runoff concentrations and loads for suspended sediment and phosphorus fractions. Subsurface tile runoff parameters showed no statistically significant differences during these smaller events. Neither surface nor subsurface runoff parameters showed measurable water-quality improvements during the largest storm events (above the 85th percentile). The research highlights that while precision farming and cover crops help during minor flushes, complementary practices targeting high-volume, peak flow events are needed for broader watershed protection. These results indicate cover crops and VRT may improve water quality during small runoff events, but additional best management practices that mitigate large runoff events may lead to greater water-quality improvement given the contribution of large events to higher overall losses.

In a completely separate research study, for over forty years, research scientist thought that house plant leaves were cleaning our air of pollutants. However, now we know that it was actually bacteria in the soil that was doing most of the work. In the 1980's, NASA sealed houseplants in a box, pumped in formaldehyde, and measured how fast the air becomes clean. Peace lilly, spider plants and pothos were the best. Then recently, a Korean team repeated the study, putting the whole plant, just leaves, and just soil in a chamber. During the day, the leaves (surface covered by bacteria) and the pot of soil cleaned the air. At night (dark), the pot of soil and bacteria did 11X more work. It's bacteria or microbes that clean pollutants out of air.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

STAY ONE STEP AHEAD OF CYBERCRIMINALS

Your financial security is only as strong as your digital security. A single stolen password, convincing scam or fraudulent investment offer can lead to lost savings, damaged credit or hours spent recovering compromised accounts. As our financial lives move increasingly online, protecting your personal information is part of protecting your financial future.

Cybercriminals are getting smarter, and technology like AI is making their job easier. But fortunately, some consistent habits can help protect you from many of today's common threats.

Watch out for phishing. Phishing is a common way criminals break into accounts and steal money. These attacks often arrive as emails, texts or phone calls that appear to come from your bank, employer or another trusted organization. Fake websites can trick you into typing in your password or financial details.

To protect yourself, verify unexpected requests through a separate channel, such as calling a company directly using a number from its official website rather than one provided in a suspicious message. Avoid clicking unexpected links and consider using a password manager which auto-fills your login information only on legitimate websites.

Strengthen your accounts. Stolen passwords give criminals easy access to your email, banking and social media accounts. Try using a unique password for every account and enable multifactor authentication whenever it's offered. When possible, choose phishing-resistant options like passkeys or security keys; they're harder for scammers to bypass than basic text message codes.

Be skeptical of urgency. Scammers increasingly use deepfakes, which leverage AI-generated voices, videos and images to convincingly impersonate trusted people, including company executives, advisors and even family members. These messages often create pressure to send money or share sensitive information immediately.

If you receive an urgent request that feels off, slow down. Hang up and try calling back to the person or organization using a known phone number. Many successful scams rely on emotional pressure rather than technical tricks, so a moment of skepticism can go a long way.

Protect your money and identity. Fraudulent investment platforms and cryptocurrency schemes continue to cost Americans billions of dollars each year. Be cautious of investment opportunities promoted through unsolicited messages or social media contacts, and always verify a platform independently before sending money. If you're unsure whether an opportunity is legitimate, a financial advisor can help evaluate it before you invest.

Data breaches can also put your information at risk, even when you've done everything right. It's smart to check your bank and credit card statements regularly for unfamiliar charges, and to freeze your credit if you suspect your information has been compromised. You may also choose to freeze your credit preemptively.

Keep your devices updated. Software updates often fix security weaknesses that criminals could otherwise exploit. Backing up important files, whether to the cloud or an external drive, also protects you if ransomware ever locks you out of your own data.

Small habits matter. Unique passwords, multifactor authentication and skepticism help stop many scams before they start. Take steps to help safeguard your money, identity and long-term financial goals.

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

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ANTWERP ROLLS PAST HICKSVILLE ON HOMECOMING NIGHT



It's Antwerp Junior Ryder Hines who pulls away from the pack has he makes his way across the goal line to add a touchdown to the Antwerp score. *More pictures at engagingexposures.com.*

The Antwerp Archers gave the homecoming crowd plenty to celebrate Friday night, September 25, putting together a strong performance in a 46-13 victory over the Hicksville Aces.

Antwerp took control early, scoring six points in the opening quarter before erupting for 21 in the second. The Archers carried a 27-7 advantage into halftime and added 13 more points in the third quarter. Hicksville scored once more in the fourth, while Antwerp tacked on another six to complete the 46-13 homecoming win.

The Archers piled up 561 yards of total offense, including 330 yards on the ground and 231 through the air. Hicksville finished with 246 total yards, with 197 rushing and 49 passing. Antwerp also held a 22-14 advantage in first downs.

Antwerp's ground attack was led by Gage Clevinger, who carried nine times for 175 yards and a touchdown. Ryder Hines added 48 yards on 10 attempts and found the end zone three times, while Parker Lucas rushed seven times for 43 yards and a score. Luke Jones contributed 64 yards and a touchdown on four carries. As a team, Antwerp averaged 11 yards per rushing attempt.

The Archers were also highly efficient through the air. Carson Hughes completed 8 of 12 passes for 96 yards, while Hines went 7-for-7 for 135 yards and two touchdowns. Together, Antwerp's quarterbacks completed 15 of 19 passes for 231 yards without an interception.

Brayden Fuller and Parker Bermejo provided the biggest receiving plays. Fuller caught six passes for 87 yards and a touchdown, while Bermejo hauled in three for 76 yards and a score. Michael Rohrs added two receptions for 37 yards, Clevinger had two catches for 17 yards and Braylan Ingol caught 2 for 14 yards.

Antwerp's defense helped keep Hicksville from gaining momentum, forcing two interceptions. Ingol recorded one pick, while Bermejo intercepted another and returned it 20 yards. The Archers also recovered one of Hicksville's two fumbles.

PANTHERS PULL AWAY FROM PILOTS UNDER FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Paulding Panthers used a powerful rushing attack and a strong defensive effort to pick up a 34-13 road victory over the Ayersville Pilots on Friday, September 25.

Paulding grabbed the lead late in the opening quarter when Ridge Hunt connected with Wes Grindstaff for a 47-yard touchdown reception. Extra point gave the Panthers a 7-0 advantage. Avery Cooper extended the lead in the second quarter with a 12-yard touchdown run, putting Paulding ahead 14-0.

Ayersville answered before halftime as Tucker Sprow scored on an eight-yard run with 1:03 remaining. The two-point conversion failed, sending Paulding into the break with a 14-6 advantage.

Cooper struck again in the third quarter, scoring from one yard out to extend the Panthers' lead to 21-6. Paulding then broke the game open in the fourth. Zach Salas raced 21 yards for a touchdown before Cooper completed his 3-touchdown night with a 36-yard scoring run, giving Panthers a 34-6 advantage. Ayersville closed the scoring on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Brady Zartman to Dane Ewers.

Cooper powered the Paulding offense with 186 yards and three touchdowns on 17 carries, averaging 10.9 yards per attempt. Salas added 48 yards and a touchdown on four carries as the Panthers piled up 234 rushing yards on just 21 attempts.

Hunt completed four passes for 102 yards and a touchdown. Grindstaff was his leading target, catching two passes for 78 yards, including the 47-yard first-quarter touchdown. Jordan Manz had a 13-yard reception and Grady Arend added an 11-yard catch.

Defensively, Paulding came up with several key plays despite Ayersville finishing with 359 total yards and 15 first downs. The Panthers forced three turnovers, intercepting two passes and recovering a fumble. Paulding finished with 336 total yards on only 36 offensive plays compared with Ayersville's 70 plays.

Jordan Manz led the Panthers with 15 tackles, including two tackles for loss and a fumble recovery. Salas recorded 13 tackles and two tackles for loss, while Jalen Manz added 11 tackles and a tackle for loss. Cooper finished with 10 tackles, a tackle for loss and an interception. Grindstaff recorded Paulding's other interception, while Javan Stiltner registered a sack and a tackle for loss.

Paulding scored in every quarter, building leads of 7-0, 14-6 and 21-6 before adding 13 points in the fourth to secure the 34-13 victory.

BAUMLE POWERS RAIDERS PAST EDGERTON



The touchdown was good, but so is this kick by Wayne Trace Junior Jensen Beining and Sophomore Easton Jay for the extra point. *More pictures at engagingexposures.com*

HAVILAND — Wayne Trace wasted little time taking control Friday night, Sept. 25, as the Raiders erupted for 28 first-quarter points and rolled to a convincing 56-13 victory over Edgerton at Raider Field.

The Raiders' offense piled up 396 yards while Carter Baumle turned in a huge night on the ground. Baumle rushed 15 times for 217 yards and four touchdowns, averaging more than 14 yards per carry. He also caught a 31-yard touchdown pass to account for five scores in the victory.

Wayne Trace struck first when Baumle powered in from five yards out. The Raider defense quickly joined the scoring when Easton Jay intercepted an Edgerton pass and returned it 42 yards for a touchdown.

Baumle added another five-yard touchdown run before Edgerton got on the board with a one-yard scoring run from Brayden Stark. Any hopes of slowing the Raiders were short-lived, however, as Baumle broke loose for a 67-yard touchdown run to give Wayne Trace a commanding 28-7 advantage after the opening quarter.

The Raiders continued to pull away in the second. Quarterback Reece Morehead connected with Baumle for a 31-yard touchdown before finding Zach Stoller for a 20-yard score, sending Wayne Trace into halftime with a 42-7 lead.

Morehead finished 5-of-8 passing for 104 yards and two touchdowns. Corbin Stoller added 47 yards through the air on 3-of-5 passing as Wayne Trace completed eight of 13 attempts for 151 yards.

Baumle added his fourth rushing touchdown on a two-yard run in the third quarter. Edgerton scored its second touchdown in the fourth on a 12-yard pass from Owen Elden to Mason Elden, but Wayne Trace answered with Luke Miller's 14-yard touchdown run to close out the scoring.

Wayne Trace finished with 245 rushing yards on only 19 attempts. Miller added 20 yards on two carries, including his touchdown.

The Raider passing game spread the ball around, with Jensen Beining catching two passes for 39 yards. Reece Olwin had a 34-yard reception, Baumle caught his 31-yard touchdown, Zach Stoller had a 20-yard scoring catch and Easton Jay added a 14-yard reception.

Defensively, Wayne Trace limited Edgerton to 227 yards of total offense and intercepted two passes. The Bulldogs rushed for 129 yards and passed for 98.

Edgerton was led on the ground by Owen Elden with 57 yards on nine carries, while Stark finished with 28 yards and a touchdown. Elden completed 11 of 25 passes for 98 yards and a touchdown. Mason Elden caught five passes for 47 yards and a score, while Devin Yantiss had four receptions for 48 yards.

Wayne Trace led 28-7 after one quarter, 42-7 at halftime and 49-7 entering the fourth before finishing off the 56-13 victory.







LADY PANTHERS BATTLE PAST FAIRVIEW IN FOUR SETS



Fairview senior Brooklyn Zeedyk spikes the ball with Paulding senior Kayleigh Dunham and junior Addison Arend are trying to stop the attack. ***More pictures at engagingexposures.com***

PAULDING – The Paulding Lady Panthers picked up a hard-fought varsity volleyball victory Tuesday, September 29, defeating Fairview in four sets on their home court.

Paulding came out strong in the opening set, cruising to a 25-13 victory. Fairview responded by taking the second set 25-21, but the Lady Panthers regained control with a 25-21 win in the third. Paulding then closed out the match 25-22 in the fourth set to secure the victory.

Kayde Kuckuck powered the Paulding attack with a team-high 16 kills while adding four aces and 10 digs. Karli Breedlove turned in an all-around performance with nine kills, two blocks and 15 digs while successfully handling 25 of 27 serve receptions.

Estie Pease helped direct the offense with 27 assists while contributing three kills, three aces and 13 digs. At the net, Kayleigh Dunham recorded eight blocks to go with four kills, while Elliette Roughton added four kills and five blocks.

Defensively, Tori Schlatter led the back row with 23 digs and was perfect on all 30 of her serve receptions. She also contributed two aces. Libby Breier finished with eight digs and went 5-for-5 on receptions.

Addison Arend recorded a kill, a block and three digs, while Cora Agler chipped in two digs as Paulding received contributions throughout the lineup in the four-set victory.

In the junior varsity match, Paulding opened with a convincing 25-12 first-set win before Fairview rallied to take the next two sets, 25-23 and 25-21.

Fairview also won the freshman contest in straight sets, 25-11 and 25-20.

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SHAWNEE SWEEPS WBL GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT, CLAIMS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Shawnee put together a dominant performance at the 2026 Western Buckeye League Girls Tennis Tournament, winning all five individual flights on the way to the tournament and overall league championships.

Shawnee accumulated 60 tournament points, earning the maximum 12 points in each of the three singles and two doubles flights. Wapakoneta finished second in the tournament with 42 points, followed by Celina with 30, Defiance with 26, Ottawa-Glandorf with 22, Elida with 18, Memorial with 14, Van Wert with 12, Bath with six and Kenton with none.

The tournament results matched Shawnee's strong regular season, as the Indians finished with 10 tournament points and 10 season points for 20 overall, securing first place in the final WBL standings. Wapakoneta was the league runner-up with 18 combined points, followed by Celina with 16 and Defiance with 14. Elida rounded out the top five with 10.5 points.

Shawnee's Lila Brennan captured the championship at first singles, ahead of Wapakoneta's Liberty Jolly, Ottawa-Glandorf's Myah Bockrath and Elida's Leila Staley. At second singles, Shawnee's Alivia Mack took first, followed by Ava Eley of Wapakoneta, Saige Bullock of Elida and Abby Recker of Ottawa-Glandorf.

Riya Naroor completed Shawnee's sweep of the singles championships by winning the third singles flight. Wapakoneta's Kami Jauert placed second, Celina's Maddie Reinhart was third and Memorial's Sophia Zheng finished fourth.

The Indians were equally successful in doubles competition. Hanna Cox and Jia Panchal won the first doubles championship for Shawnee, with Defiance's Jadah Williams and Serena Costa finishing second. Celina's Cheyenne Deere and Ariella Kallenberger took third, while Wapakoneta's Marcey Regula and Hanna Palmer placed fourth.

At second doubles, Shawnee's Leah Fuller and Hadassah Smith captured the championship. Celina's Emma Adams and Katherine Goldsbury finished second, Defiance's Morgann Brown and Maura Ortiz were third, and Wapakoneta's Lily Dodds and Caroline Eley placed fourth.

Shawnee head coach Jeff Arthur was listed as the championship coach, while Bath's Gianna Marfo received the WBL Sportsmanship Award.

ANTWERP BATTLES TINORA LADY RAMS IN HOME VOLLEYBALL MATCH

ANTWERP – The Antwerp Lady Archers hosted the Tinora Lady Rams for a volleyball matchup on Tuesday, September 29, with the Archers' stat sheet showing a busy defensive night as Antwerp recorded 58 digs.

Briley Bagley led the Antwerp defense with 19 digs and also handled a team-high 10 serve attempts. Hudsyn Bagley added 10 digs while contributing a team-high five kills on 17 attacks and one ace.

Allison Sproles added three kills on 25 attacks and a dig, while Alexis Otto finished with four kills, two aces, two digs and an assist. Kati Phares contributed two kills and a block.

Clara Rohrs helped direct the Antwerp offense, finishing with six assists along with a kill, a block and six digs. Josie Hahn added four assists and nine digs.

Charlotte Hook and Cate Rohrs each served an ace, joining Hudsyn Bagley and Otto to give Antwerp five aces for the match. Emery Jones and Elise Meyer each recorded five digs, while Cate Rohrs added one.

As a team, Antwerp finished with 15 kills on 82 attacks, 12 assists, five aces, two blocks and 58 digs.

The provided stat sheet does not include the individual set scores or final match score.

WAYNE TRACE TOPS HICKSVILLE IN FOUR-SET BATTLE AT THE PALACE



Wayne Trace Junior Karsyn Troth saves the play with this dig! ***More pictures at engagingexposures.com***

HAVILAND – Wayne Trace defended its home court at The Palace on Tuesday, September 29, defeating the Hicksville Lady Aces in four sets.

The Lady Raiders controlled the opening set with a 25-14 victory, but Hicksville responded with a strong effort in the second. The Lady Aces edged Wayne Trace 26-24 to even the match at one set apiece.

Wayne Trace regained the momentum in the third, taking a 25-19 victory, beforefinishing off the match with a competitive 25-23 win in the fourth for the 3-1 victory.

McKenna Baird turned in an all-around performance for Hicksville, recording 11 kills, 13 assists, five aces and 20 digs. Braelynn McCain also contributed in several areas with five kills, 18 assists and 20 digs.

Mika Inkrott finished with eight kills, 27 digs and two blocks, while Jocelyn Baldwin recorded eight kills, 10 digs and five blocks. McKenna Bergman added eight kills and two blocks for the Lady Aces.

Hicksville's back row stayed busy throughout the match. Tori Wells collected 24 digs and six assists, while Liberty Doctor contributed eight digs. Verenice Molina added eight digs and two kills.

In junior varsity action, Wayne Trace also came away with the victory, defeating Hicksville in straight sets, 25-6 and 25-17.

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THE LEFT TURN



The 2026 Eldora Speedways 4 Crown Champions, L-R Jakob Boxell, Kyle Cummins, Daison Pursley and Rico Abreu. *Campbell Photography.*

By: Ron Burt

Last weekend was a busy week for racing in NW Ohio. Oakshade Raceway closed their 2026 season with the Annual Hammerdown Show Down pitting The Dominator Super Stocks against the Fremont Dirt Trucks and the combined class was full of action during the 25 laps. The event was won by Jordan Conover, the 2026 Limaland Thunder Stock Champion. Wauseon's Brad Eitniear was 2nd and the 2026 Fremont Dirt Truck Champion, Shawn Valenti rounded out the podium.

In The Late Model Sportsmen Division, Dylan Jessen started on the pole of the feature and led from flag to flag to win the 20-lap race. It was his sixth feature win of the season. Behind the winner, Jake Rendel and Rusty Smith.

Ryan Okuley was chasing after his eighth Compact feature win this year to close out 2026. He took the lead at the start and pulled away early but a yellow on lap three would tighten the field back up with Hillsdale's Cory Gumm, restarting second behind Okuley. The two drivers put on a great battle at the front with Gumm finally besting Okuley on the eighth lap to drive on for the win. Okuley settled for 2nd. And Wesley Belkofer 3rd.

Eldora Speedway was filled with 3 nights of action last week for the Annual 4 Crown Championships. The Great Lakes Super Sprints and the High Limit 410 Sprints joined the 3 classes of USAC Cars. This year's champions, USAC Midgets Jakeb Boxell, USAC Non Winged Sprints Kyle Cummins, USAC Silver Crown Cars Daison Pursley, High Limit 410 Sprints Rico Abreu and The Great Lakes 360 Super Sprints Ryan Timms.

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

PAULDING COUNTY PROBATE COURT MARRIAGE APPLICATION

Jessica Bryn Farr (32), Paulding, OH, material coordinator; Kassandra Karen Patino (33), Paulding, OH, HR Business Partner

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Michael J. Zielke, Antwerp, pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct. Zielke was fined $100 and ordered to pay $316 in court costs. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with 29 days suspended, and ordered to maintain good behavior, complete 20 hours of community service and have no contact with the victim.

Gregory Grant, Harrod, pleaded guilty to a stop sign violation. Grant was fined $55 and ordered to pay $95 in court costs.

Donavin A. Lands, Van Wert, pleaded guilty in two separate cases to driving under an OVI suspension. Lands was fined $250 and ordered to pay $105 in court costs in each case. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail in each case, with 177 days suspended in each. His driver's license was suspended from Sept. 24, 2026, through March 24, 2027. Lands was placed on standard probation and ordered to secure a valid operator's license, complete a risk assessment and complete online courses.

Juan M. Perez, Oakwood, pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation. Perez was fined $30 and ordered to pay $62 in court costs.

Mark D. Sinn, Grover Hill, pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation. Sinn was fined $30 and ordered to pay $57 in court costs.

George R. Clemens IV, Hicksville, pleaded guilty to unauthorized use. Clemens was fined $100 and ordered to pay $105 in court costs. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with 173 days suspended, and placed on standard probation. Clemens was ordered to have no contact with G.C. II, complete 20 hours of community service, a mental health evaluation, the Keeping It in Check program and a risk assessment. A third party was ordered to retrieve a companion animal.

Wardell Wright, Edon, pleaded guilty to reckless operation. Wright was fined $250 and ordered to pay $105 in court costs. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with 27 days suspended, and his driver's license was suspended from Oct. 13, 2026, through Oct. 13, 2027.

Treavor W. Gross, Antwerp, pleaded guilty to a permit violation. Gross was fined $70 and ordered to pay $95 in court costs.

Linda J. Krick, Paulding, was found guilty of an assured clear distance violation. Krick was fined $70 and ordered to pay $95 in court costs.

Dylan R. Cummings, Defiance, was found guilty of operating without a driver's license. Cummings was fined $100 and ordered to pay $97 in court costs.

Chad A. Mullins, Paulding, pleaded guilty to nonsupport of dependents. Mullins was fined $200, with $100 suspended, and ordered to pay $105 in court costs. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all of which were suspended. Mullins was placed on standard probation and ordered to complete 20 hours of community service, maintain employment and notify probation if he loses employment.

Cameron J. Onyebuagu, Indianapolis, Indiana, pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation. Onyebuagu was fined $30 and ordered to pay $62 in court costs.

Gregory A. Brandt, Cecil, pleaded guilty to a stop sign violation. Brandt was fined $55 and ordered to pay $95 in court costs.



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NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DELIVERS 2026 "STATE OF THE COLLEGE" ADDRESS



Pictured here (l-r) Eric Waldron, Rep. Jim Hoops, Shawn Hendrix, Dr. Todd Hernandez, Mickey Schwarzbek

Archbold, OH – Northwest State Community College hosted its "State of the College" Address at the Voinovich Auditorium-Archbold Campus, held on September 23, 2026. The 2026 event was an external offering, with business, industry and community leaders, elected officials, and representatives from the NSCC Board of Trustees in attendance. Following introductions from Emcee Joel Miller and NSCC Board of Trustees Chair Mickey Schwarzbek, NSCC President Dr. Todd Hernandez provided a powerful progress update on the College's "Elevate Northwest Ohio" initiative.

Shawn Hendrix, JobsOhio Talent Strategy Manager, provided a great presentation outlining the state's workforce needs, and the initiatives and investments made to fill those positions. The event's closing speaker was Eric Waldron, a 1998 NSCC graduate and Operations Manager at Worthington Steel. The prevailing sentiment with all of the day's presentations captured Northwest State's ability to provide a high-quality, high-impact education to power the region's workforce needs.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Dr. Hernandez provided a nearly 30-minute speech that included a number of topics that showed the strengths of Northwest State. Key takeaways from the speech included:

1. Record enrollment figures – Dr. Hernandez noted that while many colleges and universities are still working to attain pre-COVID enrollment, Northwest State has successfully continued an upward trend, setting record enrollment numbers of 3210.8 FTE in FY 2025, and even eclipsing that mark with 3394.3 FTE in FY 2026. FTE (Full-Time Equivalency) measures all students enrolled in for-credit programs. This record enrollment is powered by NSCC's workforce development team (Custom Training Solutions), as well as recent modest growth in traditional student population.

2. The graduate voice speaks loudly – Dr. Hernandez also cited some important data from the College's 2025 Graduate Employment Survey. Of note, 4 out of 5 are working in their field of study, 97.8% were employed in a field related to their credential/program in less than six months. One third received a promotion or pay raise after graduation. 90.7% received some form of financial aid (including scholarships), while 53.7% had no student loans! Finally, an impressive 88.9% of graduates surveyed noted that the financial investment made in their NSCC education was a valuable investment in their futures, and 92.6% said they would recommend NSCC to others!

3. Workforce development was featured – Dr. Hernandez shared that NSCC has built strong working relationships with numerous apprenticeship sites, specifically mentioning that 27 area companies (137 apprentices) in manufacturing, agriculture, automotive, building/construction, steel, food packaging, and more have apprenticeship partnerships through Northwest State in 12 different counties.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Dr. Hernandez shared some forward-looking facilities updates for both the Archbold and Van Wert Campus locations, aimed to enhance the student experience at Northwest State.

LADY PANTHERS ROLL TO SWEEPS OVER LINCOLNVIEW, DELTA

The Paulding Lady Panthers put together a strong stretch on the volleyball court, recording back-to-back straight-set varsity victories over Lincolnview and Delta.

Paulding hosted Lincolnview on Saturday, September 26, and earned a 25-20, 25-13, 28-26 sweep. Kayde Kuckuck led the attack with 11 kills and five aces while adding seven digs and 11 receptions. Karli Breedlove contributed seven kills, two aces and nine digs, while Kayleigh Dunham finished with seven kills and two blocks.

Estie Pease directed the offense with 28 assists to go along with three kills and two aces. Tori Schlatter led the defense with 15 digs and 22 receptions, while Elliette Roughton added four kills and three blocks.

The Lady Panthers continued their winning ways on the road against Delta on Thursday, October 1, cruising to a 25-16, 25-12, 25-17 victory.

Breedlove led Paulding with 14 kills while adding an ace, nine digs and a block. Kuckuck followed with 12 kills, an ace, six digs and two blocks. Pease handed out 30 assists and added four kills, while Dunham recorded five kills and two blocks.

Schlatter again anchored the back row, collecting 18 digs and handling 23 receptions. Libby Breier added seven digs and an ace.

Paulding also enjoyed success at the lower levels. The junior varsity Lady Panthers swept both opponents, defeating Lincolnview 25-17, 25-16 and Delta 25-13, 25-17. Paulding's freshman squad also competed at Delta and earned a 25-10, 25-19 victory to complete the program sweep.

LADY ACES SPLIT MATCHES WITH EVERGREEN, EASTSIDE

The Hicksville Lady Aces split a pair of four-set matches over the past week, falling to Evergreen on Saturday, September 26, before bouncing back with a victory over Eastside on Thursday, October 1.

Against Evergreen, Hicksville dropped the opening set 25-18 before responding with a 25-22 win in the second. The Vikings regained control from there, taking the final two sets 25-18 and 25-11 to secure the four-set victory.

McKenna Baird paced the Lady Aces with 11 kills, four aces, eight assists and six digs. Mika Inkrott added seven kills, two aces, 10 digs and three blocks, while Braelynn McCain handed out 16 assists. Jocelyn Baldwin recorded four kills and two blocks, and Tori Wells collected 10 digs.

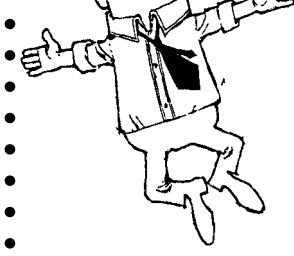
Hicksville returned to action against Eastside and came away with a 25-17, 20-25, 25-22, 25-19 victory.

Baldwin led the attack with 11 kills while adding five aces, 17 digs and two blocks. Baird filled the stat sheet with seven kills, 12 assists, three aces, 21 digs and three blocks, while Inkrott contributed seven kills, two aces, 18 digs and two blocks.

McKenna Bergman added six kills and two blocks, McCain totaled 13 assists and 15 digs, and Wells anchored the defense with 25 digs.

The Hicksville junior varsity squad fell in straight sets in both contests. Evergreen won 26-24, 25-11, while Eastside took a 25-21, 25-17 decision.

WooHoo!



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DEFIANCE MOOSE LODGE DONATES $1,000 TO RAVENS CARE



Pictured are (L to R) Marilyn Clay, Moose Lodge #2094 Chaplain, and Katie Polzin, Ravens Care Executive Director.

Defiance Moose Lodge #2094 recently donated $1,000 to Ravens Care to support its Emergency Assistance program. The funding will help Ravens Care assist local individuals and families with needs such as utilities, clothing and other essentials.

The Moose Lodge holds a charitable fund under the umbrella of the Defiance Area Foundation, allowing the organization to support local causes and needs that are important to its members.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Clinton R. Englehart, Payne, 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 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, pleaded guilty to domestic violence. Vibbert was fined $100 and ordered to pay $280 in court costs. Vibbert was sentenced to 180 days in 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, 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 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, 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, 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, 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, Kentucky, pleaded guilty

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West Bend News Crossword Puzzle

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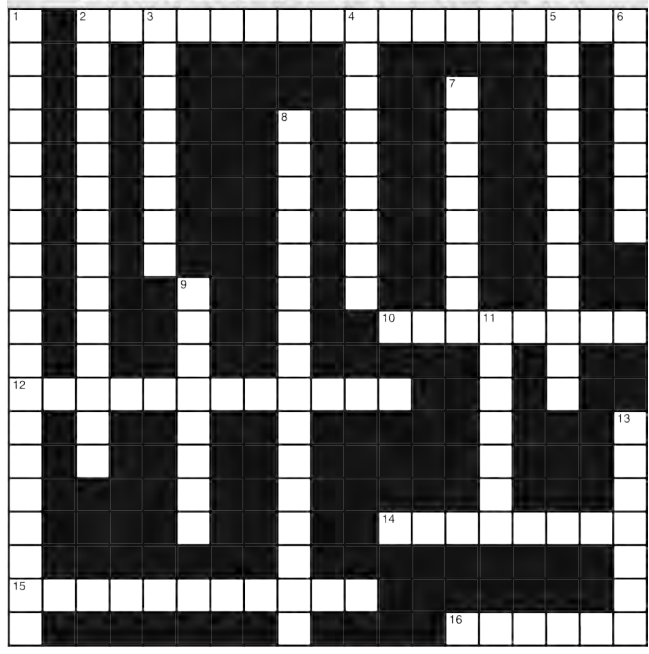

Across

2. Newspaper founded in 1889 and particularly known for business and financial reporting.
10. London newspaper that adopted this short, famous name in 1788.
12. Newspaper term for an important story placed on the upper half of the front page where it can be seen when the paper is folded.
14. Large type appearing above a story to summarize or attract attention to it.
15. British newspaper that began in 1821 as the Manchester Guardian.
16. Line accompanying an article that identifies its writer.

Down

1. Influential colonial newspaper published by Benjamin Franklin.
2. Newspaper founded in 1877 and closely associated with reporting from the nation's capital.
3. Typesetting machine introduced in the 1880s that dramatically increased the speed at which newspapers could be produced.
4. Article expressing the opinion or position of a newspaper rather than straight news reporting.
5. American newspaper founded in 1851 that became one of the world's best-known news organizations.
6. Major French newspaper founded shortly after the liberation of Paris during World War II.
7. Words at the beginning of a news story identifying where the report originated.
8. Founding Father who became publisher of the Pennsylvania Gazette in 1729.
9. Newspaper's identifying name or title displayed prominently on its front page.
11. Compact newspaper format smaller than a traditional broadsheet.
13. Word commonly used in newspaper names that originally referred to a printed news publication.

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AgCredit Agricultural Credit Association, Plaintiff,
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Case No. CI 26 026

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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.

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Christian D. Donovan, Attorney for Plaintiff

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

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Case No. CI 26 074

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The Paulding County Republican Party welcomed local and state party leaders, candidates and guests Thursday, Oct. 1, for its 2026 Fall Banquet in Paulding at the OSU Extension Building at the fairgrounds. An evening that featured a full slate of speakers and concluded with keynote remarks from Detroit pastor, author and community leader Lorenzo Sewell.

Paulding County Republican Chairwoman Laurie Lucas welcomed those attending the banquet. The opening ceremonies included the National Anthem by Gina Campbell, 1st District State Central Committeewoman; the Pledge of Allegiance led by Putnam County student Chase Maag; a moment of silence for service members serving overseas and their families; and an invocation by Dave Cline. A delicious dinner was provided by Grant's Catering.

The evening's program included State Rep. Roy Klopfenstein and candidate for U.S. Representative 9th district Derek Merrin, along with Ohio Supreme Court candidates Colleen O'Donnell and Dan Hawkins.

Other speakers and guests appearing on the program included Gabe Guidarini, Ohio field representative for Turning Point Action; Ohio treasurer candidate Jay Edwards; Benjamin Nguyen, a member of the Lakota Local Schools Board; and Gary Cates, 4th District State Central Committeeman. Nguyen is only 19 years old and was elected to his school board seat last year at only 18 years old!



Lorenzo Sewell, pastor, speaker and author, spoke at the PC Republican Banquet on October 1, 2026.

The featured speaker was Lorenzo Sewell, senior pastor of 180 Church in Detroit, MI. Sewell has been active in faith-based community initiatives and Republican politics and delivered a prayer during President Donald Trump's 2025 presidential inauguration. His church also hosted Trump during the 2024 presidential campaign. Sewell has appeared on national television and other media programs discussing faith, politics and community issues. He gave a rousing speech during the banquet impressing upon attendees that our battle isn't Republican vs Democrat and the importance of going to the polls for Election Day and not to rely on the integrity of absentee ballots.

Sewell is also the author of Faith and Politics, a book examining the intersection of spirituality and political engagement. His community work includes founding THEM — Transportation, Housing, Education and Mental Illness — an initiative designed to address community issues through partnerships with organizations including the Detroit City Council and Wayne State University. He also co-founded Diversity N-U, an organization focused on cultural transformation.

Fundraising activities were also part of the evening, including the traditional Paulding County pie auction with Paulding County Sheriff, Jason Landers serving as auctioneer for Anna Lee Adams' and Jackie Hyman's infamous baking skills. The program also featured a German Chocolate Cake made by Teresa Williamson, an auction of a handmade quilt donated and made by R. E.A. Henney, and a silent auction.

The event was supported by youth sponsors Roy Klopfenstein and Craig Riedel; platinum sponsors Troth Law Office, Cliff and Laurie Lucas, Terry and Lisa McClure, Klopfenstein, Riedel and Timothy Coy–Patriot Academy; and silver sponsors Rex and Teresa Williamson.

Check out all the highlights and watch Lorenzo Sewell's speech on 3N Live facebook page with James Orozco, by scanning the QR code here!

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to an unsafe vehicle violation. Fanella was fined $55 and ordered to pay $95 in court costs.

Nicholas P. Martinez, Payne, pleaded guilty to domestic violence. Martinez was fined $150 and ordered to pay $250 in court costs. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with 29 days suspended, and placed on standard probation. Martinez was ordered to complete an evaluation and any recommendations, 20 hours of community service, a Keeping It in Check class, online classes and a risk assessment, and to maintain good behavior.

Codie L. Shirk, Defiance, 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, Pennsylvania, pleaded guilty to an unsafe vehicle violation. Uulu was fined $150 and ordered to pay $105 in court costs.

James H. Farris, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 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, Indiana, 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, 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 was dismissed.

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

Travis E. Gbauer, Paulding, 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, pleaded guilty to driving under suspension. Drew was fined $150 and ordered to pay $105 in court costs.

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

Robert J. Weisgerber, Paulding, pleaded guilty to reckless operation. Weisgerber was fined $250 and ordered to pay $105 in court costs. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with 27 days suspended, and may attend a driver intervention program in lieu of three days in jail. A fire hose violation was dismissed.

Hamzah S. Al Salahi, Fort Wayne, Indiana, driving under suspension, dismissed.

Derrick M. Bennett, Oakwood, operating without a driver's license, dismissed.

Shawna M. Smith, Paulding, was found guilty of operating without a driver's license and driving while texting. Smith was fined $100 for the license violation and $150 for driving while texting and ordered to pay $97 in court costs.

Collin M. Gee, Antwerp, pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation. Gee was fined $30, with no additional court costs assessed.

Vick R. Lilly, Hicksville, pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation. Lilly was fined $30 and ordered to pay $62 in court costs.

Tiandre L. Watts, Toledo, pleaded guilty to a seat belt violation. Watts was fined $30 and ordered to pay $57 in court costs.

April I. Easterling, Detroit, Michigan, possession of marijuana, dismissed with preju-

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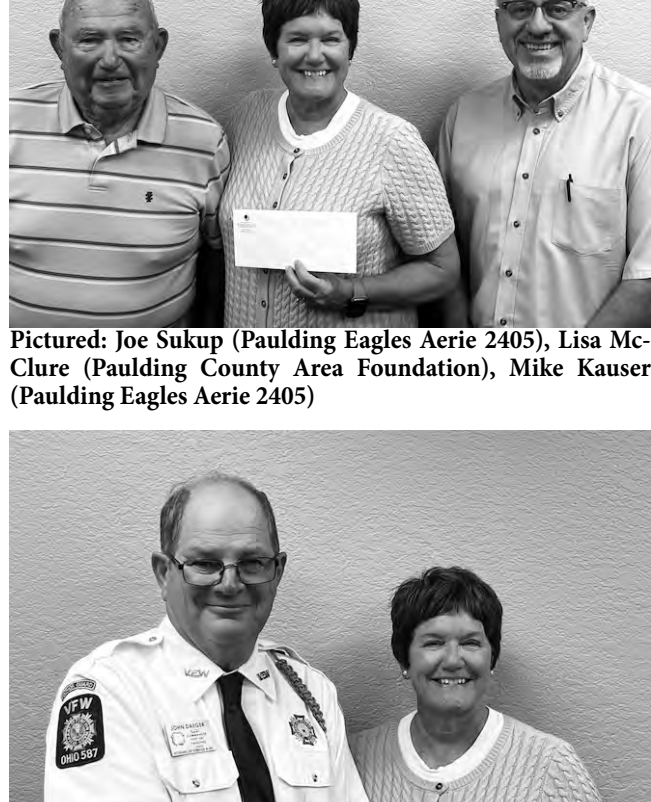
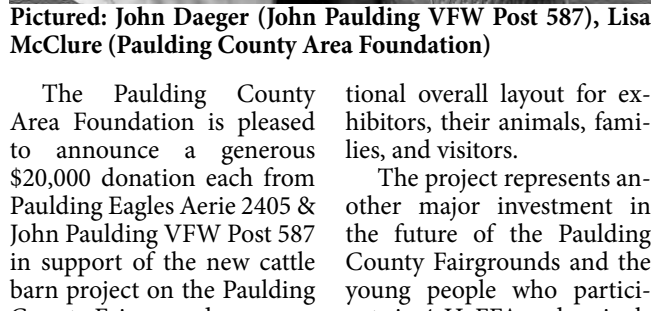
PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION RECEIVES DONATIONS FROM PAULDING EAGLES AND PAULDING VFW FOR NEW CATTLE BARNS



Pictured: Joe Sukup (Paulding Eagles Aerie 2405), Lisa McClure (Paulding County Area Foundation), Mike Kauser (Paulding Eagles Aerie 2405)



Pictured: John Daeger (John Paulding VFW Post 587), Lisa McClure (Paulding County Area Foundation)

The Paulding County Area Foundation is pleased to announce a generous $20,000 donation each from Paulding Eagles Aerie 2405 & John Paulding VFW Post 587 in support of the new cattle barn project on the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

To further the impact of this contribution, the Paulding County Area Foundation is matching donations up to $100,000 toward the new cattle barns, which are planned for completion ahead of the 2027 Paulding County Fair.

The existing cattle barns have served generations of Paulding County exhibitors since the early 1960's, but have reached the end of their useful life and no longer adequately meet the needs of our livestock programs. The planned replacement barns will provide additional space, improved ventilation and airflow, updated electrical capabilities, and a more functional overall layout for exhibitors, their animals, families, and visitors.

The project represents another major investment in the future of the Paulding County Fairgrounds and the young people who participate in 4-H, FFA and agricultural programs throughout the county.

"This donation goes a long way toward jump-starting this project and rounding out the last of our fairground improvements," said Lisa McClure, Executive Director of the Paulding County Area Foundation. "With the completion of these cattle barns, we will have updated all of the exhibitor buildings on the fairgrounds and helped ensure our youth have quality facilities to use for many years to come. We are truly grateful for the support of Paulding Eagles Aerie 2405 and the John Paulding VFW Post 587, along with other

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donors who are helping bring this project to completion."

The Paulding County Area Foundation extends its sincere appreciation to Paulding Eagles Aerie 2405 and the John Paulding VFW Post 587 for their commitment to Paulding County and their continued investment in projects that strengthen the community and create opportunities for local youth.

Community members, businesses, organizations, and families are invited to help make the new cattle barns a reality. Those interested in supporting the Cattle Barn Project may contact Lisa McClure at the Paulding County Area Foundation at 419-399-8296 or Paulding-Foundation@gmail.com.

Checks may also be mailed to:

Paulding County Area Foundation, 101 E. Perry St. Paulding, OH 45879

Please write "Cattle Barn" in the memo line.

Donations to the project are tax-deductible through the Paulding County Area Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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dice at the state's request. Court costs were waived, and the contraband was ordered forfeited and destroyed by the arresting agency.

Dasmen K. Willis, Detroit, Michigan, drug paraphernalia dismissed with prejudice at the state's request. Court costs were waived.

Deon D. Hawkins, Indianapolis, Indiana, possession of marijuana, dismissed with prejudice at the state's request. Court costs were waived, and the contraband was ordered forfeited and destroyed by the arresting agency.

Bobby Risner, Dupont, possession of marijuana, dismissed with prejudice at the state's request. Court costs were waived, and all contraband was ordered forfeited and destroyed.

Ruben Arias, Johnson City, Tennessee, pleaded guilty to failure to confine a dog. Arias was fined $25 and ordered to pay $87 in court costs.

Eduardo Jarquin, Oakwood, pleaded no contest and was found guilty of disorderly conduct. Jarquin was fined $25 and ordered to pay $128 in court costs and maintain good behavior.

Lealand Power, Oakwood, pleaded no contest and was found guilty of disorderly conduct. The $25 fine was suspended, and Power was ordered to pay $178 in court costs and maintain good behavior.

Joseph Alston, Mount Vernon, New York, pleaded guilty to failure to control. Alston was fined $70 and ordered to pay $100 in court costs.

Haydyn A. Lengacher, Antwerp, pleaded guilty to driving left of center. Lengacher was fined $55 and ordered to pay $95 in court costs.

Peter C. Masterson, Defiance, pleaded guilty to failure to yield to an emergency vehicle. Masterson was fined $70 and ordered to pay $95 in court costs.

Darchet T. Gillette, Roseville, Michigan, was found guilty of an unsafe vehicle violation. Gillette was fined $150 and ordered to pay $95 in court costs.

Donte Waters, Nashville, Tennessee, operating without a driver's license, dismissed.

Heshima Stevenson, Detroit, Michigan, pleaded guilty to driving under suspension and a seat belt violation. Stevenson was fined $100 for driving under suspension and $30 for the seat belt violation and ordered to pay $105 in court costs. Proof of insurance was not provided.

Zachary T. Schlegel, Paulding, junk ordinance, dismissed at the village's request. Court costs were waived.

Brandon J. Luellen, Defiance, was found guilty of a seat belt violation. Luellen was fined $30 and ordered to pay $57 in court costs.

Abdulmuhaemen Riag, Fishers, Indiana, pleaded guilty to failure to yield to an emergency vehicle. Riag was fined $70 and ordered to pay $95 in court costs.

Tsegayesus H. Hunde, New Baltimore, Michigan, pleaded guilty to a child restraint violation. Hunde was fined $70 and ordered to pay $95 in court costs.

Nicholas S. Cunningham, Paulding, pleaded no contest and was found guilty of a turn signal violation. Cunningham was fined $55 and ordered to pay $95 in court costs.

MVNU HONORS BALLENGER AND LAYMAN

Faculty and staff at Mount Vernon Nazarene University gathered Wednesday morning in Thorne Performance Hall of the R.R. Hodges Chapel/Fine Arts Center to honor their colleagues at the Excellence in the Call awards reception. Dr. Jennifer Ballenger, Assistant Professor of Youth and Family Ministries, and Amy Layman, Housekeeper/Custodian, were celebrated for their dedication to MVNU's mission.

The quarterly award includes recognition at the employee reception, a certificate, and $500. Developed and sponsored by faculty and staff donors, this honor recognizes outstanding service, innovation, collegiality, peer leadership, and going beyond the call of duty as recognized and nominated from their peers and chosen by the Excellence in the Call Award Committee.

For more on positions available at MVNU, visit mvnu.edu/jobs.

ABOUT MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university serving traditional-age students, graduate students and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth and service to community and church. The university offers affordable in-seat and online programs to more than 2,500 students from 39 U.S. states and territories and 44 foreign countries.

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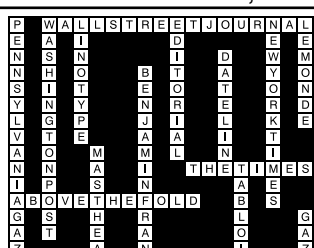

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HELP WANTED:

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PUBLIC NOTICE
HOSPITAL BOARD POSITION

Applications will be accepted at the Paulding County Commissioners' Office, 451 McDonald Pike, Suite E Paulding, Ohio, until **4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2026**, for one position, as Paulding County Hospital Trustee for a term expiring in March, 2028. Applications may be picked up in the Commissioners' Office for this position between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. *Previous applicants must reapply.*

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Position Title: Driver Examiner

Location: Paulding County, Ohio

Schedule:
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday — 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (tentative, subject to change) Position Type: Part-Time

About the Position:
The Driver Examiner is responsible for conducting official driver license examinations in accordance with Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) policies and procedures. This includes administering both the road test and maneuverability test portions of the driver licensing process. We are seeking dependable, detail-oriented individuals who demonstrate fairness, safety awareness, and professionalism.

Key Responsibilities:
- Administer road and maneuverability driving tests safely and consistently.
- Evaluate driver performance using BMV standards and scoring procedures.
- Maintain accurate and confidential records of test results.
- Ensure the safety of applicants, property, and the public during all testing.
- Provide clear instructions and professional communication to applicants.
- Represent the exam station with integrity and courtesy.

Qualifications:
- Must be at least 21 years old.
- Possess a valid Ohio driver's license with a clean driving record.
- Successful completion of a Driver Education and Safety Course is required or Completion of a Defensive Driving Course, Instructor Training Course, Driver License Examiner Course, or any other related driver training course — including training received during the process of obtaining a driver's license — is acceptable.
- Must pass BCI and FBI background checks.
- Must complete BMV training and certification.
- Strong communication, observation, and customer service skills.
- Ability to remain calm and objective in all testing situations.

Compensation:
$15 an hour; PLUS Participant in Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS).

How to Apply:
Submit your resume and contact information by **October 16, 2026** to: **sharpel@pcohio.us** OR deliver in person to:

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Village of Payne • FISCAL OFFICER

The Village of Payne is accepting applications for the position of Village Fiscal Officer. This position works closely with the Mayor, Village Council, Board of Public Affairs, and department heads and is responsible for the financial and administrative records of the Village.

Primary responsibilities include:

- Maintaining Village financial records and accounts
- Preparing budgets, appropriations, and financial reports
- Processing payroll and required governmental reporting
- Maintaining records of Council proceedings, resolutions, and ordinances
- Assisting with audits, grants, and financial reporting
- Performing other Fiscal Officer duties required by Ohio law and Village Council

Applicants should have an Associate's or Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Business, Finance, or an equivalent combination of education and work experience. Candidates should possess strong accounting, computer, organizational, and communication skills. Experience with the State Auditor of Ohio's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) is preferred but can be taught.

The position requires weekday availability, attendance at Village meetings, and occasional evening or weekend work. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license and meet bonding requirements.

Position: Part-time (3/4 days a week)
Compensation: $24.83 an hour
Interested applicants should submit resume/application to:

Village of Payne • 111 N. Main Street • Payne, Ohio 45880
Mayor@villageofpayne.com

Application Deadline: Oct 9th, 2026 – 4:00 PM

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PAULDING COUNTY ENGINEER OHIO

NOTICE OF POSITION OPENING

The Paulding County Engineer's Office has an immediate opening for a **full time/permanent Superintendent**. The responsibilities of this job include overseeing the activities of the Operations Facility to achieve the plans and goals of the County Engineer. Plans work and assigns priorities for culvert and road construction, drainage and maintenance activities according to the Engineer's policies and plans; supervises and inspects all projects. Performs related administrative and other duties as required by the County Engineer.

This position is eligible for health, dental and vision insurance. An Ohio Commercial Driver's License with Air Brake and Tanker Endorsement or the ability to obtain this license within 180 days is required for this position. Candidates must be able to pass a pre-employment drug screen and DOT physical. The starting wage rate for this position shall commensurate with experience.

Applications are available at **www.pauldingcountyengineer.com/applications-permits or at the Engineer's Office at 801 West Wayne Street in Paulding**. Applications may be delivered to the Engineer's Office Monday-Friday 7:00am-3:30pm or emailed to engineer@pcohio.us and will be accepted **through October 31, 2026.**

This position will be awarded to the best-qualified individual(s) as determined by the Engineer. Applicants may be required to demonstrate their ability to perform in this position by way of a practical test and examination.

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POLYETHICS INDUSTRIES INC. SELECTS ANTWERP, OHIO FOR FIRST U.S. MANUFACTURING OPERATION



ANTWERP - Polyethics Industries Inc. will open its first U.S. manufacturing facility here at 5278 Rd 424. Polyethics makes garbage bags and agricultural films, including products made with recycled materials, primarily for private label customers.

Polyethics expects to create 250 full time equivalent jobs and generate $12 million in new annual payroll by December 31, 2030, making the project one of the county's most significant industrial investments in recent years.

Led by CEO Derek Rynard, Polyethics has invested in film production, bag converting and in-house quality testing to deliver consistent product quality.

Derek Rynard, CEO of Polyethics Industries Inc., noted, "For 35 years, our team has earned customers' trust by delivering quality products and finding better ways to make them. We are bringing that experience to Antwerp, closer to the customers we serve. The support from this community has been remarkable and I look forward to building a workplace that people here are proud to join."

Prior to opening the Antwerp facility Polyethics' only presence in the US was limited to brokering, selling, and purchasing plastic for recycling purposes.

Keller Logistics owns the former DANA/Boston Weatherhead facility and has revitalized it for modern manufacturing. Bryan Keller, CEO of Keller Logistics Group, stated: "A company crossing a border to build a U.S. operation needs more than a building. It needs a partner who can assist until every piece is in place. Keller invested in and refurbished the Antwerp facility for exactly this reason: to bring new companies to Paulding County and give them a place to grow. Polyethics proves it works, and they are the perfect partner to help us continue that growth. Keller is always looking for ways to keep building in this county, and we are proud to welcome Polyethics to it."

Kiki Rynard, CSO of Polyethics, said: "The support we have received from Keller Logistics, RGP/Jobs Ohio, Tim Copsey in the Economic Development office, and the people of Paulding County, has been extraordinary. They have helped us move quickly and made us feel at home. We want to create opportunities for local families, be a good neighbor and build a team that takes pride in what we make here."

During its September meeting, the Ohio Tax Credit Authority approved a 1.437 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for eight years, following recommendations from JobsOhio and its regional partner, the Regional Growth Partnership.

SANKO GOSEI TECHNOLOGIES USA DONATES 13 LIFE-SAVING AEDS TO NEW HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEW HAVEN, IN — Following a recent medical emergency that touched the hearts of the local workforce, Sanko Gosei Technologies USA, Inc. has officially presented 13 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to the New Haven Police Department (NHPD). The donation will significantly expand the department's emergency response capabilities, ensuring officers have vital, life-saving equipment readily available in their patrol cars when seconds count.

Reflecting on a recent critical incident at their facility, Sanko representatives shared how quickly an ordinary workday can turn into a life-or-death situation. When a team member became unresponsive, coworkers acted without hesitation—calling 911, initiating CPR, and supporting one another until first responders arrived on the scene.

"This donation means much more to us than simply providing equipment," expressed leadership from Sanko Gosei Technologies USA. "Our police officers are often among the first people to arrive when someone in our community is experiencing their worst moment.

When seconds matter, we want the men and women responding to those calls to have every possible resource available to them. This is an investment in our community, our first responders, and the possibility of giving someone another tomorrow."

Outfitting patrol vehicles with AEDs requires extensive coordination, and special recognition goes to EMS Captain Julie Ehle of East Central Fire & EMS Territory. Captain Ehle's tireless dedication and hard work were instrumental in bringing this project to fruition, ensuring that the new AED units were successfully acquired, configured, and integrated into the patrol fleet to protect New Haven officers and residents alike.

"We extend our deepest gratitude to Sanko Gosei Technologies for their immense generosity. " said Public Information Officer Christina Perez. "We also want to thank Captain

Julie Ehle for her persistent leadership in bridging our fire and EMS resources with law enforcement. Because of this partnership, our officers are far better equipped to save lives."

While the hope is that these units will rarely need to be deployed, having 13 additional AEDs in service ensures that when critical medical calls occur across New Haven, responders will be ready to give patients the greatest gift possible: more time.

PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF JASON K. LANDERS RECEIVES 2026 OHIO PATRIOT AWARD



On behalf of Director Benjamin Suver and the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Paulding County Sheriff Jason K. Landers was selected as a 2026 Ohio Patriot Award recipient. This honor recognizes the incredible impact he has made on our community, the State of Ohio, and our nation. Left to Right: Ohio Attorney General Andy Wilson, Paulding County Sheriff Jason K. Landers and Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Benjamin B. Suver.

DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOST ANNUAL RIVERSIDE CEMETERY WALK

Defiance Public Library will host its annual Riverside Cemetery Walk on Saturday, October 10, beginning at 3 p.m. at Riverside Cemetery, located at 1417 S. Clinton Street in Defiance.

Riverside Cemetery holds stories of the people who helped shape the Defiance area. During this free program, volunteers will bring those memories to life as participants explore the cemetery and learn about the individuals whose lives are part of the community's history.

Participants should meet at Riverside Chapel to begin the walk.

The event is free and open to adults of all ages. The program is sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library.

Registration is required. Register at defiancelibrary.org/riverside or by calling 419-782-1456. The registration deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9.

In case of rain, the program will take place inside Riverside Chapel.

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Registration available the day of fair or pre-registration packets are available at all Paulding County Hospital locations and online at pauldingcountyhospital.com.
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