

SEVERE STORMS INFLICT HEAVY DAMAGE FROM TUESDAY NIGHT'S STORMS



Tornado path captured of the SR 66 tornado on May 7th. Drone Photo by Engaging Exposures Photography.

Several videos were recorded by various people of the tornado that touched down on the east side of Paulding County on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. One lady was in her house when the tornado struck. It moved it off its foundation.

Along CR 151, west of Melrose, was part of the tornado's path, saw the most damage. Cars destroyed, garages and barns crushed, and houses moved off the concrete block foundation

and many trees fallen from the dangerous weather conditions. One young lady from Ottoville school, Abigail Bullinger, was in a Hyundai Elantra when the storm hit. She was not able to run into her neighbor's basement. She survived the storm just fine, but the cars that were lined up in the driveway, were later seen crushed up against each other with shattered windows and more.

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Funnel cloud sighted in Oakwood during Tuesday's storm. Photo by Josh Duslak, Mayor of Oakwood.

23rd ANNUAL MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER PLANT EVENT

By: Sarah Noggle, OSU Ext Agriculture & Natural Resources, Paulding Co.

The pop of color from a

flower, the bees on the native plants, and the taste of a homegrown tomato are all aspects of spring and summer in NW Ohio and one the Paulding County Master Gardener Volunteers love. The 23rd annual event will continue in 2024 with some changes. The event will be one day only on Saturday, May 18th from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM. And will be at the Paulding County Fairgrounds inside the Block Building at 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH 45879.

Plants and more plants will still be available including perennials, annual flowers, herbs, vegetables, trees, potting containers, natives, and shrubs. The proceeds will go

back into the community Master Gardener Volunteer projects and programs. One of the unique aspects of the plant event is one can get a single variety of peppers or tomatoes including many heirloom varieties.

Proceeds from past projects include a donation of plants and soil for landscaping the new Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, benches at the Landscaping the Black Swamp Nature Center, landscaping and rock pathway around the new Black Swamp Nature Center Pavilion, donation of planters in the Oakwood Village, plants in the Herb Mon-

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CLASS OF 2024 TOP SCHOLARS

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

parents are Christopher and Erica Manz.



Malia Brooke Manz has been named Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 at Paulding High School. She earned a 4.45 GPA during her high school career. At age 13, Malia started her own non-profit organization named Prayer Buddies. She is also a part of the AC young group, is a volunteer for various ministries like AGCI and Calvary Ministries in Ethiopia. Manz is Vice President of Paulding's chapter of National Honor Society, on the Dean's List at Defiance College, All A Honor Roll Every year at PHS, and winner of the Franklin B Walter Scholarship (county level). Her hobbies include traveling the world especially Ethiopia. She loves running her own business too that supports a family in Ethiopia. She loves spending time with Jesus, friends and family. Manz stated about her favorite high school memory, "Honestly, anything that happened in Mr. Davis' room was memorable and always so much fun! I also loved being an office worker and talking to Mrs. Mansfield on a daily basis." In the fall she plans to pursue a Marketing degree at Purdue Fort Wayne. Because she took CCP in high school, she only has two years left to obtain her Bachelor's degree, and then she plans to get into the mission field and build God's Kingdom. Malia's



Aiden Miller has been named Salutatorian for the Class of 2024 at Paulding High School. He earned a 4.393 GPA during his high school career. While in high school, Miller was a member of the Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, Engineering Team, National Honor Society, and the Golf team. He has also been active in 4-H and Oakwood Arbor. He earned Trine's Chemical Engineering Chair Scholarship. Outside of academics, Aiden likes to golf, make things with his 3D printer and learn about new things. "My most memorable moment in high school was when my golf ball got stuck in a tree during a golf match at Auglaize," stated Miller. This fall Aiden plans to attend Trine University to major in Chemical Engineering. He is the son of Mike and Deedi Miller.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS

Meara Rager has been named as a Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 at Wayne

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

May 14

• Bingo w/Kingsbury Park @ PC Sen. Ctr., 10:30a

May 15

• Western Buckeye ESC board meeting @ Paulding, 5:30pm
 • Def.Co. PERI meeting @ Magpie's, 1pm

May 16

• Senior Day @ OSU PC Ext. Building
 • Hidden in Plain Sight program @ Defiance Library, 5:30pm

May 16-17

• Rummage Fundraiser @ Martini Luth. Church, 8a-3p

May 17

• DC Sen. Ctr. Senior Gala @ Eagles of Defiance, 5-9:30p
 • WISE Workshop @ PC Sen. Ctr., 10am

May 18

• Heritages Lions Donuts @ Monroeville Comm. Park
 • PC Master Gardener Plant Sale, fairgrounds, 8a-12p

May 20

• Pain Management w/Amber @ PC Sen. Ctr., 11:45a

May 21

• Art Exhibit @ JPHS museum, 6-7:30pm

May 23

• Delay the Disease @ PCH, 11am



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OBITUARIES



FORT WAYNE, IN:

Theresa Marlene Beckman, 69 of Fort Wayne, Indiana passed away at home on May 4, 2024.

Theresa was born in Findlay, Ohio on April 14, 1955, a daughter of the late Valeria Marlene (Monday) and Bobbie Dewayne Beckman.

She will always be remembered for enjoying life. Halloween and Christmas were fun, special holidays for her. You could count on Theresa to root for the Indianapolis Colts and Purdue sports but her faith and the special love she had for her family were what defined her.

Theresa will be sadly missed by her children, Dewayne (Kelly Jones) Price, Billie (Brent) Becker, Tracey (Jake Gressman) Lepiarz and Louis (Tom) Price; sister, Charmaine (Steve) Milonij; grandchildren, DJ (Ashley) Price, Kirsten (Kendall) Gundlach, Megaen Price, Kinley, Hadley Alice and Greyson Becker, Anderson and Camille Lepiarz, Oliver and Jaclyn Gressman, Preston Price, Taz Price Voltz and Tabitha and Makenna Jones; great granddaughter, Abbey Lengel and her favorite pet, Bea.

She was also preceded in death by four children lost at birth; sister, Diane Canterbury and grandson, Owen Fresch.

Viewing is Wednesday, 4 - 7 PM at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.

Her funeral service is Thursday, 10 AM, with viewing 9 - 9:45 AM at First Baptist Church, 5482 County Rd 424, Antwerp, Ohio 45813

She will be laid to rest in Trinity Baptist Cemetery, Findlay, Ohio.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church of Antwerp.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

ACCOMPLISHING PURPOSE

By: Doris Applegate

From the great King Solomon we read in Proverbs 19:21 that "many are the plans of a man's heart but it is the purpose of God that prevails." Worse than death itself is a life without purpose.

Thank God that Jesus knew His purpose and acted upon it and come to earth to preach about the Kingdom of God and helping get people to enter into it.

He taught His disciples to pray "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done as in Heaven." He did not preach about going to Heaven (although that is where our soul and spirit go when we die." When He comes the second time, "the Heavens will pass away with a loud

FIRST COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH



St John Lutheran Church, 812 East High Street, Hicksville held First Communion for the class. Those receiving their First Communion were (back row)...Ema Geren, Kathryn Heffelfinger, Addalynn Chrisman, Kinley Gordon, Maylee Schafer & Corbin Walker...(front row)...Trace Heffelfinger & Parker Schafer. Not pictured is Vaughn Finzer. Minister Alex Geren, Kathryn Heffelfinger, Addalynn Chrisman, Kinley

Gordon, Maylee Schafer & Corbin Walker...(front row)...Trace Heffelfinger & Parker Schafer. Not pictured is Vaughn Finzer. Minister Alex Geren, Kathryn Heffelfinger, Addalynn Chrisman, Kinley

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH HOSTS ETIQUETTE DINNER



"Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot." ~Clarence Thomas

5th graders recently had the opportunity to showcase their manners at the Inaugural 5th Grade Etiquette Dinner held at St. John Lutheran

Church, Hicksville, Ohio.

Thank you to everyone that had a hand in making this event a success! From dress etiquette to table etiquette it was a valuable opportunity for all!

noise and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat. The earth also and the works in it also will be burned up!" (2nd Peter 3:10).

The dead in Christ will rise first and then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air!

And so shall we ever be with the Lord! (I Thessalonians 4:17) His coming is to gather us to Him, give us our new bodies, set up His Kingdom and start ruling from His throne in Jerusalem! We will help Jesus restore this earth back to its edenic beauty! "Those who have been faithful in little, will be given much to rule over." (Matthew 25:23) Is this exciting or what? Just imagine one thousand years of peace,

love, fellowship etc. No more weeds, wild animals, biting snakes or wars. War machines will be turned into pruning hooks so we will have lots of food and fruit.

The big question now is: Are you in the Kingdom? Are you born again? By "believing in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead and by confessing with your mouth that Jesus is Lord you will be saved!" (Romans (10:9)). This is the word of faith that we preach.

How can they be saved if they don't hear and how can they hear if not preached? This is the highest purpose in a calling anyone can have. Without the Kingdom message, nothing else is that important. Our families, friends and others need to get into this Kingdom and the only way in is through Jesus (the door).

Whoever you meet, just tell them this good news and what the Lord has done for you. When I was twelve years of age I accepted Jesus as my Savior and have been able to share and work in His Kingdom for all these 80 years. Am I blessed or what? May you also be blessed as God uses you!

Amen

TORNADO IN PAULDING COUNTY

The NWS issued a Tornado Warning for Paulding County at 7:38pm, May 7th. The storm cell entered the county from the southwest and had visual rotation in the clouds. At roughly 7:45pm the Paulding County Sheriff's Office started receiving phone calls of a funnel cloud forming, south of Latty, Ohio. The first reports of a tornado on the ground, was west of Melrose, Ohio, around 7:55pm. The Paulding County EMA Office was notified that a confirmed tornado was on the ground south of Melrose and causing damage. Reports continued to come in to the 911 Dispatch of damage to multiple properties in various location, south of St. Rt. 613.

At the time of the press release last night, there were a total of 13 properties that are damaged. With the daylight, of this morning, more damage was revealed to property owners, and at time, we have 15 properties damaged. The two additional properties were barns that were impacted by a separate tornado, to the north of Oakwood, Ohio. Drone footage, indicated a tornado touched down briefly in a wooded area to the west of St. Rt. 66, north of Oakwood and stayed on the ground for a half mile, doing damage to two separate barns. Residents are recalling how they road out the storm in closets, bathrooms and basements and are extremely grateful no one was injured.

No injuries were reported, however, EMS crews were dispatched to the area and confirmed that no one needed to seek medical care. The Oakwood and Paulding Fire Departments, responded to the areas of damage in Jackson and Brown Townships and secured utilities to the homes that were damaged. AEP and Paulding Putnam Power Companies restored power to the area before midnight.

The NWS is assessing the still photos and drone footage sent to them by Van Wert EMA Director Rick McCoy, who is a meteorologist and licensed drone pilot.

The NWA declared the strength of south SR 613 strong EF1 with winds sustaining 110 mph; 2nd tornado, north of Oakwood EF0 with sustaining winds of 75mph.

The following properties have been damaged:

- (1) Commercial property
- (5) Barns damaged
- (9) Homes damaged, with one of those home is uninhabitable.

Please contact the Paulding County EMA Office for further information,

Paulding County EMA
Edward Bohn Director

PAYNE TEAM WINS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2024

The 2023-2024 Battle of the Books final battle took place on Friday, May 3 in the Jr. Leadership Building at the fairgrounds.

The Battle of the Books is conducted by the Paulding County Carnegie Library Youth Services Department. The final battles consisted of the six teams of the county schools; Payne, Divine Mercy, Antwerp, Oakwood, Paulding and Grover Hill.

The students did an excellent job reading the required books and answering the

Scripture of the Week

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother."

— Matthew 18:15

THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT CARNAL



As Christians we often find that our greatest battles are with the flesh. Scripture tells us in (Galatians 5:17 N.L.T.) "The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just opposite of what the spirit wants. And the spirit gives us desires that are opposite of what the sinful nature desires."

These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good. "Paul states in Romans 7:15-17 "I do not understand what I do. For what I

want to do I do not do. But what I hate I do. 16. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. 17. As it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is the sin living in me. I encourage you to read the chapter in its entirety. But this is the conundrum of attempting to live a holy life.

Thank God that there is a solution, Paul further explains it further down in the chapter in verses 24-25. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? 25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to Gods law, but in my sinful nature, a slave to the law of sin. So, it appears that on some level you will be a slave, but the Question is, which law will you be a slave to? The law of sin and death or the law of life eternal with Christ. I choose to be a slave to Christ, and my prayer is, that you will too! God bless you and keep you in perfect peace and love.

—Pastor Dwayne Richardson



Funnel cloud sighting in Oakwood during May 7th's storm. Photo by Jamie Clemens.

question. The winning team was Payne and the members of the team are Krandon Crites, Mailey Stoller, Vander McCague, Lucas Ross, June Wenninger, Aubrey Fairley. Congratulations Payne team.

From the Family of
Larry Jackson...

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THE LOVE OF FOOD PART 2

Penny For Your Thoughts

by: Nancy Whitaker

They usually say breakfast is the most important meal of the day. However, in today's world we live in it's customary to grab a Pop Tart or a protein bar and go.

I love my coffee in the morning and oh how coffee pots have changed. Grandma had one that she set on the stove and it was an old percolator.

Then along came electric percolators which was nice too.

Next we got coffee pots that you could put a filter in it and filled with ground coffee and then poured water into the coffee pot.

You could just get up in the morning and hit a button, if you got the pot ready the night before.

Then here comes the Keurig machine which took little coffee pods and makes one cup at a time.

There are many flavors of coffee, coffee creamers and even pods of different teas that can be made in a Keurig coffee pot.

I think I have drank coffee most of my life. I think I even had it in my baby bottle. (Of course I had milk and sugar in it.)

Now though, no cream or sugar for me, just plain black coffee. (Oh and a cream filled donut)

When growing up and living in the country we had an Omar Man. He would stop maybe once a week and he sold the best French Cream coffee cakes.

There was also milk men, ice men, coal men, Watkins and Stanley who would deliver their wares to our doors.

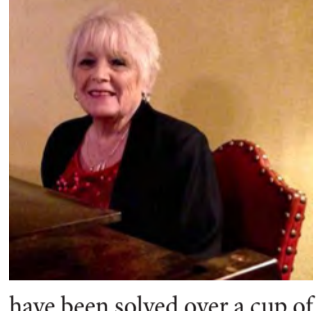
Speaking of food, there are a lot of things that have been around for many years. (So all is not new) The Baby Ruth bar and Wonder Bread were both invented in 1920, Popsicles came out in 1924, Hostess cakes and Kool-Aid were products of 1927 and Velveeta cheese was introduced in 1928.

As prices go up in the gro-

cery stores people are seeing they are getting less food for more money. The same is true for restaurants. McDonalds hamburgers are lots more than .25 cents now.

Years ago it was a big treat to stop at McDonald's on our way home from Ft. Wayne and get a hamburger and fries. And I am still a McDonalds fan and love their food.

It is nice to go out and eat instead of cooking every night. Going out to eat is not just for special occasions anymore. There are some people who go out for breakfast and to "shoot. the breeze" at local coffee shops. Lots of problems



have been solved over a cup of coffee.

I remember as a kid going to church on Sundays and then going to a church member's house for a carry in lunch. Since I was young and so short, i stood on my tip toes to view things like fried chicken, mashed potatoes, salads and cake or pie.

My favorite thing to see and eat was an angel food cake slathered with chocolate frosting. I would stand as high as I could and stick my finger in that frosting without anyone looking. It was so good!

My Grandma, grandpa and Mom went to church in Defiance. We used to go through Paulding on the way home and drive by a couple of restaurants.

Even though it was 8-9 pm my little brother would say, "Hey Pa pa." Grandpa replied "What Jimmy?"

Little brother Jimmy would say, "Pa pa I want a cheese boogey" Most of the time we stopped and enjoyed the treat.

Many popular fast food restaurants years ago their menus gave customers just a few items to choose from.

Taco Bell's 1960s menu had five food options for 19 cents each, while Arby's only sold roast beef sandwiches and drinks when it opened in 1964

Some featured items that no longer exist, that fell by the wayside, were McDonald's potato chips, which were replaced with french fries.

Oh I could talk about food forever because cooking, eating and my kitchen is where I find peace and also fill my belly.

Do you remember any prices at restaurants from years ago? What is your favorite food? Do you like to cook? What are you having for supper? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny For Your Thoughts but first I want to go get me a cheese boogey.



PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS DAY

Paulding County Senior Citizens' Day will be Thursday, May 16th, 2024 at Paulding County OSU Extension Office. This year's event theme is SAFARI.

Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served as well as entertainment, raffle

and door prizes. Guest entertainer is Mark's Ark's Exotic Animal Show.

Stop by the Senior Center to pick up your complimentary tickets. Call 419-399-3650 for more information.

Open for seniors 60+ and spouses of 60+ guest.

This event will be hosted by the Paulding County Senior Center.



House lifted off its foundation by the tornado that touched down south of SR 613 on Rd. 151 near Melrose. Drone photo by Engaging Exposures Photography.

(Tornado ... continued from Page 1)

Jessica Beane was inside her home when it was literally lifted off its entire foundation. She was scared, not because of herself, but because her son was in the RV behind the house, which was not damaged at all! She thought she had run out of lives, she commented. When the house came to rest against the barn, she stepped out and knew she wasn't in Oz nor had a pair ruby slippers waiting. Everyone ended up safe and unharmed other than a few minor scratches. There were five people living in the trailer and a couple out in the RV. They are very thankful that all are okay.

Across the street was the first place that was struck including a barn, house and a three-car garage. Once again, thankfully the people inside were not harmed.

In the village of Melrose, there were also trees knocked down and RVs tipped over.

A few miles north of Oakwood on SR-66 another tornado in a separate cell hit a brand new barn. Luckily the new house sitting beside the building was not hit nor sustained any damage. Tornadoes

are interesting because they can destroy buildings with foundations while leaving the lightweight patio furniture sitting intact and unmoved in the same spot as the building next to it that was just destroyed. This was the case at the Todd and Jen Dangler residence. They said people have been so generous, stopping by to help with all that had happened, moving the storm debris off the highway and much more.

Todd had watched and recorded one tornado hovering over Cooper Farms before realizing there was another coming from the northwest straight towards his place. They ran inside to the center of the new house. They saw the tornado looking as if it were skipping like a rock across a pond and it was the tornado touching down in the newly planted corn field just behind their house. The path of the tornado is clearly seen in the field.

We are all very thankful that the good Lord took care of all of these people. With spirits lifted up, they are ready to rebuild from this tragedy!

Check out the video West Bend News posted on their YouTube channel.

GRIEF: COPING WITH REMINDERS

Grief doesn't magically end at a certain point after a loved one's death. Reminders often bring back the pain of loss.

When a loved one dies, you might be faced with grief over your loss again and again — sometimes even years later. Feelings of grief might return on the an-

niversary of your loved one's death or other special days throughout the year.

These feelings, sometimes called an anniversary reaction, aren't necessarily a setback in the grieving process. They're a reflection that your loved one's life was important to you.

Certain reminders of your loved one might be inevitable, such as a visit to the loved one's grave, the anniversary of the person's

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Charles George Lucas was born in Perrysburg, Ohio, October 22, 1892. The son of Joseph L. born June of 1864 in Ohio and Anna (Buckhart) Lucas born 1865 in Wood County, Ohio. This couple was married October 13, 1891 in Wood County, Ohio.

By 1900, this couple were living in Carryall Township raising two sons, Charles born 1892 and Harold R. born February 1898, Joseph was a farmer. On October 17, 1901, Joseph and Anna was blessed with a son Earnest Clement Lucas.

By 1910, Charles was helping his dad in the field. The other two sons were in school. On June 5, 1917, Charles George Lucas registered for the draft. He was living at 266 P.O. Box Antwerp. He went to Carryall west precinct to register. He was listed as tall, slender build, light blue eyes and light hair, single, and working on the farm. He listed that he had a physical disability.

On July 22, 1918, Charles was inspected and passed his physical and was accepted into the national army out of Paulding. He was sent to Camp Sherman, in Chillicothe, Ohio to serve with 5th Company 2nd Training Bat-

alion, 158th Depot Brigade. While in training camp, Charles came down with influenza. He was taken to the hospital for treatment for about three weeks.

Friday, October 11 at 4:45 p.m., with his parents by his side, Charles passed away from pneumonia. On Sunday, October 13, Charles body arrived back to Antwerp. His body was accompanied by Sergeant Dupes. On Tuesday, October 15, funeral services were held at the Lucas residence north of the river. Services were led by the Rev. Fred Branch of the Payne Catholic Church. Charles was buried in the Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp in lot 60, in grave 5.

His parents, Joseph and Anna with sons Harold and Earnest, will live on. In 1930, Joseph passed away. He was buried with his son at Maumee Cemetery. By 1940, Anna was living with her son, Harold, who still was farming but living outside Antwerp. His brother Earnest, helped out on the farm.

On February 16, 1942, Earnest registered for the World War Two draft. Listed at 5'8", 145 pounds, ruddy complexion, brown hair and blue eyes.

On April 27, 1947, Anna passed away. She was buried in Maumee Cemetery with her husband and son. On May 29, 1951, Harold passed away in Toledo, Ohio. He was returned to Antwerp and was buried with his family. On September 14, 1988 at 3:30 A.M. at Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Earnest passed away do to heart failure. He had fell and broke his leg at home. While at the hospital, his heart gave out. He too, was brought back to Antwerp to be buried with his family. All three brothers were never married.

... Until next time!

death, holidays, birthdays, or new events you know he or she would have enjoyed. Even memorial celebrations for others can trigger the pain of your own loss.

Reminders also can be tied to sights, sounds, and smells — and they can be unexpected. You might suddenly be flooded with emotions when you drive by the restaurant your partner loved or when you hear your child's favorite song.

To continue on the path toward healing, know what to expect — and how to cope with reminders of your loss.

These are some of the topics that are discussed in the support/seminar called GriefShare. Meetings are held in the library at the Leo Methodist Church each Saturday morning from ten until noon. For further information call 627-2580 or go to GriefShare.org.

Anniversary reactions are normal. Knowing that you're likely to experience anniversary reactions can help you understand them and even turn them into opportunities for healing.

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PAULDING FFA ATTENDS THE 96th ANNUAL OHIO FFA STATE CONVENTION



Pictured here is the 36 Paulding FFA members who attended the 96th Annual Ohio FFA State Convention.

By: Addy Hunt, Paulding FFA Reporter

The Paulding FFA Chapter recently took 36 students to the Ohio FFA State Convention held on May 1st-3rd at the Ohio State Fairgrounds.

The chapter left on May 1st in their matching FFA state convention shirts sponsored by Might Cubes and Dumpsters and visited the Columbus Zoo on the way down to the fairgrounds. At the zoo students were able to see and interact with some of the animals. After the students departed from the zoo, they went to the hotel to unload the bus and headed to the Cheesecake Factory for dinner sponsored by the Paulding FFA Alumni.

After they finished eating they had the opportunity to go shopping at the Polaris shopping center.

On May 2nd, in the morning, the students attended the first general session where they listened to Keynote Speaker Krista Simpson Anderson, who talked about her experience as a military wife and getting through tough times.

Then our chapter received

the Charitable Giving Award for contributing at least \$500 to a charitable organization in our community. After the session, the students headed to the Expo Center and Career Show, to eat lunch and explore the different booths.

Then the students went back in to listen to the second session. During this session they listened to the Keynote Speaker Morris Morrison and our chapter received the Gold Rated Chapter Award. Paulding was 1 of 35 chapters out of the 329 chapters in Ohio to receive this award.

After the session ended the students went back to the hotel until it was time to go to TopGolf, where they were able to eat supper and golf. Friday marked day two of the FFA State convention, in which students attended the fourth session where officers Grace Goyings, Tyler Schlatter, and Jalyn Klopfenstein received awards for their gold rated officer books.

Our chapter also received plaques for placing in CDEs. After the session, the students left and had Donatos Pizza for lunch at the hotel. Then, after lunch students went to the

OSU campus for a session about Livestock Judging. They returned back to the fairgrounds to attend session 5 where the Ohio FFA president, Luke Jennings, gave his retiring address and the 2024-2025 Ohio FFA Officers were announced.

During Session 5 there were 13 Paulding FFA members who received their State FFA Degree, the highest degree a state can bestow upon their members.

Students who received this degree were Matthew Bail, Allison Carnahan, Anna Clemens, Makenna Dunham, Grace Goyings, Maci Kauser, Brooke Kilgore, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Johnathan Lipps, Marley Parrett, Hopeful Rose, Brooklyn Schlatter, and Jack Woods. The Paulding FFA Chapter definitely had a lot of fun during these 3 days and they want to thank the Paulding FFA Alumni for their support of this trip. We are very grateful for the support of our community and school district as we celebrated the many accomplishments and awards of our chapter.



Emma Laukhuf

Emma Laukhuf has been named as a Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 at Wayne Trace High School. This fall Emma plans to attend Purdue Fort Wayne for elementary education. "I love working with kids and have always wanted to be a teacher," she states. She has earned the Franklin B Walters Scholarship (school representative), Band "Go Joe" Award, Outstanding New Member Choir Award, and Spanish III Department Award. Emma is involved in Band, Choir, National Honor Society, school musical, student council, Spanish Club and her church youth group. Her interest outside of school include reading, playing guitar, and cooking. Summertime is when Emma likes to take walks or ride her bicycle and travel. She will most remember the school musicals she was a part of in high school, especially Sponge Bob the Musical and Bye Bye Birdie. Emma's parents are Michael and Lisa Laukhuf.



Kyle Stoller

Kyle Stoller has been named as a Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 at Wayne Trace High School. He plans to enter the workforce after high school and work on the family dairy farm because he says he enjoys the challenge of growing the business. Kyle participated in football for 3 years, basketball for 4 years, National Honor Society for 2 years, Student Council his senior year, Class President - freshman, sophomore, and junior year, and participates in his church youth group. Outside the classroom, Kyle enjoys driving tractors, playing golf, and hanging out with his friends. He will always remember going to Regionals for basketball his junior year. Kyle's parents are Trent and Jodi Stoller.



Olivia Meraz

Olivia Meraz has been named a Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 at Wayne Trace High School. This fall she

PAULDING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Student of the Month per grade level. These students are recognized for being some of the top academic performers at Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture from left are Elayna Kleman (Grade 6), Cameron Lambert (Grade 8), and Addy Halter (Grade 7).

PAULDING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL APRIL POSITIVE PANTHERS



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Positive Panther per grade level. These students are recognized for the positive character traits they exhibit as students of Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture from left are Kinzley Collard (Grade 8), Conner Burkley (Grade 7), and Logan Dunson (Grade 6).

plans to attend Northwest State Community College and then join the military to serve her country. She wants to pursue a career in the medical field or a career with animals. She has earned the Americanism and Government Test State Winner, Northwest State Community College Presidential Scholarship and Academic Letter - 4 years. Olivia has participated in cross country, track & field, Liveries 4-H Club president, Puns on the Walls 4-H club, Paulding County Jr. Fairboard president, Wayne Trace FFA vice president, and National Honor Society. Outside the classroom, she enjoys walking in the woods, riding her bicycle, swimming, hunting, working and being around animals. "My favorite high school memory is my senior year of cross country. I loved getting to spend time with so many amazing people," Meraz

commented. Her parents are Saul and Lucinda Meraz.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS



Hannah Molitor

Hannah Molitor has been named a Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 at Antwerp High School. Hannah plans to attend Trine University majoring in Exercise Science on an accelerated 3+3 path to pursue a degree in physical therapy. She has earned the

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Meara Rager

Trace High School. She will be attending Purdue University Fort Wayne to major in biology. She states that her biology classes in high school were the most rewarding

classes she has taken at PHS. Her involvements in school include art club, robotics, scholastic bowl, tutoring and NHS. Rager has earned a Scholastic Art and Writing Silver Key, been featured in the Celebrating Art Top 25, 3rd Place at COSI Fantastic Flyers Art Competition, AP Scholar Award, National Rural & Small Town Recognition Award, and Spanish I, Biology, Algebra II, Junior Art, AP Biology Departmental Awards. Outside of school, Meara enjoys traditional and digital art, survival and rogue like video games and building worlds, stories and characters in her imagination, and she also likes to watch YouTube and listen to music. The most memorable for her was, "com-

ing home from school after exams on my last day of my junior year. That was the day that it hit me: I had one year left." She is also realizing that the end of her high school career is ending and she is both scared and excited for the future. Meara's parents are Sherri and Eric Rager.



Eli Stuart

Eli Stuart has been named as a Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 at Wayne Trace High School. Eli plans to attend Northwest State Community College and earn an associates degree in computer programming, then plans to transfer to a 4-year college for a bachelor's degree. During high school Eli has earned the Ohio Merit Scholarship, Presidential Honors Scholarship, Foundations Scholarship, BEST Engineering notebook, BEST Website and Miscellaneous Academic Awards. Outside the classroom he enjoys robotics, esports, NHS, Scholastic Bowl, and ushering at church. Most memorable to him will be going to Pittsburg for the Regional Robotics Competition. Eli's parents are Ed and Julie Stuart.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.

There are two basic services the agency provides:

- 1 - EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
- 2 - CLAIMS ASSISTANCE - Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments
Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages
1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds
2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW
3rd Weekend- Payne , (Paved lot east of Homier's)
4th Weekend- Antwerp , (13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)
New Schedule For Smaller Villages
3rd Wednesday of each month
Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)
Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)
Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)
Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)
For Questions Call : 419-399-3630
or Visit : www.pauldingcountywmea.com

Presidential Merit Scholarship from Trine University, Out-of-State Grant from Trine University, Pre-Health Track Award from Trine University, and the Paulding County Hospital Foundation Scholarship; Academic Awards – Top English Student; Top Chemistry Student; Top Geometry Student; Top AP Psychology Student; Top Calculus Student; Academic Excellence award; Academic Honor Roll all 4 years. Athletic Awards – Gymnastics District 2nd place All-Around finish; Gymnastics District Bars Champion; Certificate of Excellence (Superintendent's Award); Gymnastics District All-Around Champion; Gymnastics District Bars Champion; Gymnastics District Beam Champion; Certificate of Achievement (Superintendent's Award); Gymnastics District All-Around Champion; Gymnastics District Bars Champion; Gymnastics District Beam Champion; Gymnastics Districts Floor 3rd place finish; Varsity Gymnastics Team Sportsmanship award; Gymnastics All State award; Varsity Cheerleading award; Varsity Gymnastics award 4 years; Scholar Athlete award; Academic All-Ohio (gymnastics); All-District award; 4-year certificate of recognition award; 4-H awards – Senior Beef Showmanship Winner; Grand Champion Market Steer; Reserve Champion Market Steer; Champion of Champion Beef Showmanship winner; Reserve Champion Market Steer; Reserve Champion Prospect Steer. During high school, she has participated in Church activities such as Va-

cation Bible School volunteer; Ice cream shop employee; Varsity Cheerleading; National Honor Society; Senior Class President; Future Teachers of America; Varsity Gymnastics; Office position for a small business; Gymnastics coach; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; 4-H, Vice President. Outside the classroom, Hannah also enjoys coaching gymnastics, going to church, working at KB Scoops, reading and hanging out with friends. Making it to State in Gymnastics all four years tops her favorite high school memories. "I also really enjoyed the send-offs that the school organized for me. The send-offs were surreal experiences and it was very special to see the hallways packed with people who were proud of me and support me every step of the way," Hannah stated. Her parents are Chad and Kim Molitor.



Brooke Molitor

Brooke Molitor has been named a Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 at Antwerp High School. This fall she plans to attend Trine University majoring in Exercise Science on an accelerated DPT 3+3 track to become a physical therapist. Varsity Cheerleading; Va-

tion Bible School Preschool Leader; Varsity Gymnastics; NHS, Vice President; 4-H, Secretary & President; Gymnastics Coach; File Clerk for Attorney; Office Position for a small business; Ice Cream Shop Employee; Future Teachers of America. Athletic Awards – Varsity Gymnastics District Bars Second Place Finish; Superintendent's Award; Varsity Gymnastics Team District Sportsmanship Award; Varsity Cheerleading Award; Varsity Cheerleading Antwerp Rotary Award; Varsity Gymnastics Award; Scholar Athlete Award; All-District Varsity Gymnastics; Academic All-Ohio District Gymnastics Award; Academic Awards – English Top Student; Calculus Top Student; AP Psychology Top Student; Academic Excellence Award; Academic Honor Roll; 4-H – Senior Beef Showmanship Winner; Scholarships – Presidential Scholarship – Trine University; Out-of-State Grant - Trine University; and Pre-Health Track - Trine University. Outside of school Brooke enjoys coaching gymnastics, hanging out with friends and watching movies. Her most memorable high school moments was going to State for Gymnastics for her freshman and senior years. Her parents are Chad and Kim Molitor.



Leila Spyker

Leila Spyker has been named a Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 at Antwerp High School. She plans to attend University of Toledo to pursue a degree in Computer Science Engineering. "I've always enjoyed the creativity and problem solving that goes along with computer science, and UT offers a world-class education close to home," Spyker commented. Leila is a Jehovah's Witness so she participates in the door-to-door ministry as well as volunteer in her congregation. She has earned the Holcim Megawatt

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Scholarship, Central Insurance Companies & Charitable Foundation Scholarship, and Bruckhart Scholarship; Cumulative Score of 35 on the ACT; President's Summit Award from the University of Toledo; National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award & National Hispanic Recognition Award (awarded by The College Board for outstanding performance on the PSAT); Honored by superintendent and school board for academic achievement in 2023; Perfect score (5) on the AP Biology exam and above average score (4) on the AP Statistics exam; Various school awards for excellence in specific courses and overall academic excellence since 2021; 41 credit hours of college coursework through CCP completed with 4.0 GPA; acceptance into University of Toledo's Jesup Scott Honors College. Leila stated, "The last night of Beauty & the Beast - everyone was in tears but having so much fun at the same time! We had our most heartfelt finale and left notes for each other in programs. I have so many pictures, especially from bowling afterwards." Leila's parents are Anthony J Spyker and Sharon L Stokes-Spyker.

HICKSVILLE EX-EMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS



Noah Harmon

Noah Harmon has been named Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 at Hicksville High School. Noah's high school academic achievements & awards include All-League First Team in Toledo Area Academic Quiz League, Outstanding World History Student, Outstanding Physical Science Student, Outstanding Chemistry Student, Outstanding Honors English 11 Student, Director's Award for Outstanding Musicianship, Certificate of Excellence in

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SHOULD ESTATE PLANS BE EQUAL ... OR FAIR?

When you're creating your estate plan, your biggest priority may be taking care of your family — your spouse, grown children, grandchildren, and other loved ones. And as you think of where you want your assets to go, you also may be thinking about how to be fair — but is that the same as treating everyone equally?

In estate planning, "equal" doesn't always mean "fair." Let's consider some factors that can help explain the difference:

- **Need** – It's highly unlikely that the individuals you want to include in your estate plan — especially your adult children — have the same family and financial situations. For example, you could have one child who is extremely successful and has no children of their own, while another child earns much less income and supports three children. Clearly, your two adult children have vastly different financial needs — so, you need to consider whether you want to treat them equally or fairly. If you decide you want to treat them fairly, you may want to divide your assets in a way that provides more help to the child who needs it most.

- **Abilities** – You may well have some assets that you believe are more suitable for one child over another. This can be especially true if you are planning on passing on a family business. If you know that one child is the most capable of running the business or has been primarily involved in the business, then you may want to give that child control as a next-generation owner. Yet, this may not seem fair to another child, who might also express interest in the business, so you may want to look for ways to provide this child with enough assets to help make the overall inheritance more equal.

- **Practicality** – In some instances, you might think you can meet both the "fair" and "equal" criteria. Suppose, for instance, that you have a cabin or other vacation home that you think two of your children could share. In theory, this joint ownership might sound good, but in

practical terms, it could cause problems. Are both children equally willing and capable of paying taxes and upkeep on the cabin or vacation home? What if one child wants to sell their share? And then, there's the question of who gets to use the property at various times of the year. All these issues should be resolvable, but they can also cause great stress within the family.

There's no simple formula for solving the fair-versus-equal dilemma. But keep this in mind: Communicating your wishes to your loved ones while you are drawing up your estate plan can help reduce confusion — and hopefully lead to fewer hard feelings — when you are no longer around. By their nature, fairness and equality issues related to estate plans can trigger a range of emotions, and addressing these feelings beforehand can help provide a great service for your loved ones.

You might also find that some objectivity can be valuable. That's why, when creating your estate plan, you may benefit by working with a team of professionals, including your legal, financial and tax advisors.

When developing your estate plan, you might well strive for equality and fairness but above all, you want to get things right. And careful planning, open communication and appropriate guidance can help go a long way toward this goal.

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Family Dollar, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows

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

Cecil: 127 Maramart

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

Defiance: Newman's Marathone Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid, Defiance Public Library

Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)

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

Hicksville: Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Citgo, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices, Johnson Memorial Library

Ney: Marathon

Oakwood: Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip

Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa Do It Best, Bargain Bin, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Kwik Mart, PC Carnegie Library

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

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

Scott: Scott Post Office

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living

Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

Monroeville: Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General

New Haven: ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, McDonalds, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's

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

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BRYAN, WT WIN ANTWERP INVITE



Antwerp Junior Kayden Winslow starts the Archers off in a good position in the 400 meter relay. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace's Reece Olwin gets a jump on the competition in the hurdles event. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Antwerp Track Invitational was held Friday evening at Archer Field with the Bryan and Wayne Trace girls taking home team championships.

The Golden Bears rolled to the boys title with 177 points while Wayne Trace finished second at 118 and Antwerp placed third with 69. Edon (67), Swanton (59), Fairview (41) and Delphos Jefferson (34) completed the schools participating.

Bryan's Drew Hahn was a triple winner at the meet, capturing titles in the 100 dash (11.22), 200 dash (23.38) and long jump (19-3-1/2). Wayne

maszewski (300 hurdles, 42.78) and Wayne Trace's Hudson Myers (high jump, 5-6).

The Delphos Jefferson squad of Karder Agner, Jace Lindeman, Dean Trentman and Boston Reynolds won the 400 relay (45.52) while the Swanton team of Jalen Carrizales, Seth Carman, Shawn McGary and Riley Wilson captured the 800 relay (1:38.06).

Antwerp's foursome of Carson Altimus, Dayne Sholl, Tavin Sholl and Kayden Winslow placed first in the 1600 relay (3:31.83) with the Bryan quartet of Spencer Woodward, Braydon Buchanan, Elijah Cummins and Xander Fackler taking first in the 3200 relay (8:31.96).

In the girls portion, the Lady Raiders won the championship with 115 points to slip past second place Bryan (110-5/6) and third place Fairview (108-5/6). Rounding out the field were Swanton (85), Edon (47-5/6), Delphos Jefferson (45-1/2) and Antwerp (45).

Delphos Jefferson's Nakiyah Kimmett was a double winner after capturing both the 100 dash (12.74) and 200 dash (26.93) with Fairview's Kenna Kauffman taking the titles in the 100 hurdles (17.66) and 300 hurdles (50.87).

Other individual winners on the night included Wayne Trace's Caroline Winans (400 dash, 1:01.41), Bryan's Mariah Smith (800 run, 2:28.93), Fairview's Chloe Panico (1600 run, 5:47.40), Antwerp's Leigha Doster (3200 run, 13:56.28), Swanton's Peighton Manning (high jump, 4-8), Wayne Trace's Miley Jacobs (pole vault, 9-0), Swanton's Audrey Robinson (long jump, 14-10-1/2), Wayne Trace's Kathleen Stoller (shot put, 32-5) and Fairview's Emma Zeedyk (discus, 87-1).

Delphos Jefferson's quartet of Nephthalie Miller, Brooklyn Wallace, Kimmett and Chelsie Brotherhood won the 400 relay (52.65) while the Fairview group of Aubrey Hammer, Kelly Crites, Abby Smith and Leviah Hull captured the 800 relay (1:53.02).

Wayne Trace's foursome of Careen Winans, Madison Gurney, Bethany Miller and Caroline Winans was victorious in the 1600 relay (4:15.15)

and Bryan's foursome of Smith, Kate Thormeier, Ava Zimmerman and Nicolette Stickney took first in the 3200 relay (10:19.50).

BUTTERFLY RELEASE AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers recently ordered caterpillars from California. We watched them grow and grow and GROW until they formed a chrysalis. They then emerged into beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies. On a beautiful spring day, we were able to have a butterfly release. Some of the butterflies allowed us to hold them before they flew away to freedom. What an awesome experience! Are you needing summer care for your child? We offer daycare for all children over 3 years old. Call 419-399-KIDS (5437) for more information. We can't wait to hear from you!

Shown above is Johanna Federighi with a beautiful butterfly right on her finger!

BULLDOGS DOUBLE UP ARCHERS

In Green Meadows Conference baseball action, Edgerton doubled up visiting Antwerp 6-3 Friday night in Williams County.

The Archers led 1-0 after one inning but the Bulldogs responded with two runs in the second for a 2-1 advantage.

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Varsity Academic Quiz Team, Second Overall Individual Scorer GMC Quiz League, All A's Honor Roll, and Franklin B. Walter Award. Harmon also participated in Marching Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Choir, Theatre, Golf, Track & Field, Academic Quiz Team as Team Captain, Student Council as a Class Representative, National Honor Society as President, and Boy Scouts as an Eagle Scout. He programmed and operated the lights for five middle and high school musicals. After high school, Noah plans to attend Kent State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering. Noah's parents are Todd and Julie Harmon of Paulding, Ohio.

Delaney Begley has been named Salutatorian for the



Delaney Begley

LADY ARCHERS SHUT OUT EAGLES



Maddy Peters at First base to get the out from a pass in right field from Meagan Pendergrast. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Monday began the week with high school softball action around the area. Antwerp was on fire from the mound and at the plate. They took this match up in 5 innings.

Score by Innings:
Fayette - 0 0 0 0 0 = 0; 3H, 3E

Antwerp - 7 6 1 2 x = 16; 9H, 1E

Winning Pitcher - Elle Clem (3 innings, 0 hits, 0 runs, 5 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Other Antwerp Pitcher - Madison Schmidt (2 innings, 3 hits, 0 runs, 3 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Losing Pitcher - Kenadie Ramay (0 innings, 2 hits, 6 runs, 6 earned runs, 0 strikeouts, 4 walks)

Other Fayette Pitcher - Bailey Jennings (1 inning, 3

hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 2 walks); Emersyn Sinks (3 innings, 4 hits, 8 runs, 6 earned runs, 6 strikeouts, 9 walks)


Antwerp Hitters - Elle Clem (single, run, two RBI), Caroline Rohrs (three singles, run, four RBI), Estee Lichty (single, run, two RBI), Raelynne Zuber (two runs), Maylynn Carnahan (two runs), Maegan Pendergrast (three runs, RBI), Briley Bagley (single, three runs, three RBI), Madison Schmidt (run), Caydenne Shull (two singles, run), Emma Townley (single, run, two RBI)

Fayette Hitters - Kayla Sliwinski (single), Bailey Jennings (single), Emersyn Sinks (single)


Antwerp rallied to tie the game 2-2 in the third before Edgerton took the lead for good with a three-run fifth,

going in front 5-2. Each team then scored once in the sixth to set the final margin at 6-3.


Noah Weaver and Kaden



Antwerp Archers




Paulding Panthers



Wayne Trace Raiders

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Class of 2024 at Hicksville High School. Her academic achievements & awards include National Honor Society, Innovator Interview Finalist, Honor Roll (All 4 years), Honors English Writing Award, Repeated Outstanding Art Student Award, Outstanding Spanish Student Award. Delaney was the Elementary Sign Choir Co-Facilitator, Toledo Deaf Coffee Event Attendee, HHS Drama Department Musical Participant, Drug Free Leadership Council Senior Ambassador, King's Cross Church Youth Group member, and King's Cross Church Bible Quiz Team member. She was the Designer of 2023 HHS Musical Production Poster ("Into the Woods"); was the Hicksville Middle School Musical Stage Manager, volunteered as a Elementary Lunch HS Student Representative, Christmas Cruise-Thru Volunteer, Kindergarten Reading Aid, Family Literacy Night Volunteer, and a former Praise and Worship Team Member. Begley plans to attend Bluffton University, Bluffton Ohio next fall to study Social Work. Delaney is the daughter of Craig and Amanda Begley of Hicksville, OH.

Aubrie Baird has been named Salutatorian for the Class of 2024 at Hicksville High School. She is achieved the All A Honor Roll for 4 years Award. She has been



Aubrie Baird

Vice President for Student council, Vice President for National Honor Society, and participated in 4-H for 9 years. Baird stated, "Through 4H, I have been involved with many community service projects such as assisting with set up for Christmas Cruise Thru, planting and weeding in community gardens, and walking dogs at the animal shelter. I volunteered to work concession stands for a variety of events at my school. I helped the Kindergarten teachers decorate the halls for Christmas. I have volunteered at my church the past 2 summers with Vacation Bible School." After high school Aubrie plans to attend Rhodes State College, Lima OH to study in the Occupational Assistant Program. Her parents are Kenny and Tiffany Baird of Hicksville, OH

PAULDING & WAYNE TRACE SPLIT PAULDING COUNTY TRACK MEET VICTORY



Freshman Achilles Mead is on the track, running the 1600 meter. Mead placed third with a time of 5:14.84

The Paulding County Track meet took place on May 6, hosted by Paulding High School with Antwerp, Paulding, and Wayne Trace participating. In the boys division the Raiders came out on top with a score of 90, Paulding second with 57.5 and Antwerp followed with 26.5 points. Boys discus was topped by Foltz with 151'6" of WT, followed by Stouffer of WT with 144'8" and third was Woods from Paulding at 140'8".

Other Boys Results:
110M Hurdles: Stoller, 17:06, Olwin 19:09, and Parker 21.88 all of Wayne Trace

100M Dash: Sholl, AHS 11.60; Larson, PHS, 11.97;

Kennerk singled twice, scored once and drove in one run for Edgerton with Jackson Flower singling twice and scoring once. Maddox Baker, Scottie Krontz and Braden Leppelmeier all singled once and scored once for the Bulldogs. Caden Lepelmeier also picked up a run batted in for the Williams County squad.

Cory Herman pitched Edgerton to the win, throwing a complete-game scattering seven hits and three earned runs with six strikeouts.

Reid Lichty singled three times for Antwerp while Aiden Lichty doubled twice and drove in two runs. Michael Rohrs and Kane Hines singled once apiece for the Archers and Riley Smith picked up a run batted in.

Reid Lichty touched home plate twice for the Archers and Kane Hines scored the final blue and white run.

On the mound, Reid Lichty pitched six innings giving up nine hits, six runs (three earned) and two walks while striking out seven.

Varner, WT, 12.15.

Shot Put: Woods, PHS, 59'1"; Stouffer, WT, 52'3.5"; Scott, WT, 41'5"

400M Dash: Treece, WT, 52:37; J Manz, PHS, 53:34; Varner, WT, 56.56

1600M Run: Morehead, WT, 4:46.35; Winslow, AHS, 4:55.50; Mead, PHS, 5:14.84.

300M Hurdles: Myers, WT, 43.63; Stoller, WT, 43.97; Olwin, WT, 46.88

800M Run: Morehead, WT, 2:07.03; Winslow, AHS, 2:09.53; J Manz, PHS 2:20

High Jump: Paulding lead all three with Larson 6'2", Mead 5'8", and J Manz 5'8"

200M Dash: Treece, WT, 23.41; J Manz, PHS, 23.94; P Manz, PHS, 24.9

Pole Vault was led by Paulding's Schweller 10'0", Troth from WT 9'6", and Harwell from PHS 8'0"

3200M Run: Johnson, AHS, 11:30.68; Schnepf, WT, 11:58.50; Laker, AHS, 12:08.81

GIRLS:

Paulding took the lead over the Raiders and snuck in a win! The score was Paulding 84, Wayne Trace 74, and Antwerp 14.

4x800 relay: Paulding, 11:05.66, Wayne Trace 11:08, Antwerp 11:08.61

4x200 Relay: Paulding, 1:58.72; WT, 2:05.56

100M Hurdles: Dunham, PHS, 18.25; Stoller, WT, 18.88; Jones, Antwerp, 19.78

100M Dash: Elkins, PHS, 13.56, Winans, WT, 14.00; Laker, AHS, 14.10

1600M Run: Griffiths, PHS, 6:19.90; Doster, Antwerp, 6:24.53; Elkins, PHS, 6:36.07.

Discus: Stoller, WT, 89'9.5"; Stouffer WT, 75'11"; Graham, WT, 64'10"

Shot Put: Stoller, WT, 31'; Pease, WT, 28'1"; Burtch, PHS 27'2"

Girls Long Jump - Bermejo of PHS 11'2"; Burtch of PHS 8'7.5"; Carwile of PHS 6'11".

Girls High Jump - Dunham of PHS 5'1", Bermejo of Paulding 4'2"; Benschneider of WT 4'0"

Girls Pole Vault - Winans of WT 8'6", Jacobs of WT 8'6", Hunt of PHS 7'6"

Girls 3200 meter - Elkins of PHS 14:01.43, Doster of AHS 14:14.65, and Stiebling of AHS 16:45.07.

4x400 meter relay - WT 4:22.78; PHS 4:27.09

GRINNELL'S SINGLE LIFTS APACHES OVER ACES

Brooklyn Sims scored on a walkoff single by Kortney Grinnell to lift the Fairview Lady Apaches to a 6-5 victory over Hicksville Friday night in Green Meadows Conference high school softball action.

The two teams went back and forth through the first five frames with the Apaches striking first by scoring a single run in the bottom of the first.

Hicksville plated one run in the top of the second and Fairview answered with a run in the bottom of the second, putting the Lady Apaches in front 2-1.

After the Lady Aces tied the game in the third at 2-2, Hicksville took the lead in the top of the fourth as McKenna Baird scored on a wild pitch to give the Aces a 3-2 advantage.

Fairview responded in the bottom of the fourth, getting a two-run home run by Sydney Merritt that also plated Lexi Taylor for a 4-3 Apache lead.

Kennedy Adams and McKenna Rice each scored in the visitors' portion of the fifth to put Hicksville on top 5-4 but the black and gold answered when Samantha Coolman scored on a Kayla Mavis single to knot the game at 5-5 in the bottom of the inning.

Grinnell finished with a single, double and triple while driving in two runs for Fairview with Merritt, Sims, Bethany Shining and Madisen Sharp posting one hit apiece. Mavis picked up two hits for the Lady Apaches as well.

Scoring runs for the black and gold were Mavis, Sims, Taylor, Shining, Merritt and Coolman with Merritt driving in two runs. Sharp and Mavis picked up the other two RBI's for the Lady Apaches.

Evy McAlexander homered, scored once and picked up one run batted in for Hicksville with Lily Porter, Rice, Taylor Slattery, Jaylynn Price, Addie Sanders and Olivia Clark all singling once. Rice scored twice while Adams and Baird touched home plate once with Price posting two runs batted in and Baird driving in one run.

ACES KNOCK OFF TIGERS

Hicksville rallied from an early three-run deficit with two runs in the third and a trio in the fourth to post a 7-3 victory over visiting Holgate Thursday in high school non-league baseball action.

The Henry County squad jumped on top with a trio of runs in the second but the Aces controlled the rest of the contest. Hicksville posted two runs in the third, three runs in the fourth and single runs in the fifth and sixth to rally for the win.

Austin Sanders pitched the Aces to the complete-game win, scattering four hits, three runs (two earned) and three walks with three strikeouts. Jake Thome took the loss for the Tigers, tossing four frames giving up nine hits, five runs (four earned) and one walk while striking out two.

Parker Bassett paced Hicksville at the plate with three singles while Eli Lawrence posted a single and a double along with driving in two runs. Austin Sanders also recorded two doubles and three runs batted in while Deacon Bell and Owen Stuckey both chipped in a single. Stuckey drove in one run to aid the Hicksville cause.

Thome, Grady Hoffer, Vincent Hoffer and Matt Verhoff all had a single for Holgate.

RAIDERS GET BYE IN SECTIONALS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association held its tournament sectional/district draws on Sunday as the three county schools learned of their opponents for the tournament trail.

Wayne Trace will take part in the Division III district hosted by Elida where the Raiders earned a fourth seed and a first-round bye.

Sixth seeded Elmwood

WARRIORS INTRO VOLLEYBALL SEASON ENDS WELL



The Warriors have their last home game of their introductory season of boys volleyball. Pictured here are the seniors of the team. More pictures at westbendnews.net

will host 12th seeded Spencerville on May 15 with the winner making the trip to Wayne Trace to battle the Raiders on May 17.

The other portion of that half of the district features fifth seeded Van Buren hosting tenth seeded Ottawa Glandorf with the winner moving on to play at third seeded Liberty Benton.

In the top of the district, both top-seeded Coldwater and second-seeded Eastwood received byes.

Seventh seeded Carey hosts ninth seeded Bluffton as the victor will take on the Cavaliers for a sectional championship. Eighth seeded Columbus Grove hosts 11th seeded Allen East in a sectional semifinal with that survivor moving on to play at second-seeded Eastwood.

Division III district action at Defiance will be on May 23 and May 25 with Paulding hoping to advance to the home of the Bulldogs.

In the top half of the district, 11th seeded Genoa hosts 12th seeded Delta on May 15 with that victor advancing to play at top-seeded Ottawa Hills on May 17. The lower half of the top portion of the bracket features fourth seeded Fairview welcoming in seventh seeded Swanton while fifth seeded Archbold will play 13th seeded Northwood. Those two winners then play at the home of the best seeded team remaining.

Second seeded Lake received a bye and will await the winner of a semifinal contest that sees eighth seeded Liberty Center hosting tenth seeded Evergreen.

The bottom of the district features ninth seeded Paulding making the trip to sixth seeded Otsego on May 15 with the winner advancing to play at third seeded Tinora on May 17.

In Division IV, Antwerp will take part in the district hosted by Bryan where the sixth seeded Archers will host 12th seeded Fayette on May 14. The winner of that contest visits third seeded Edgerton in a sectional championship

battle on May 16.

Fifth seeded Toledo Christian welcomes in 11th seeded Toledo Emmanuel Christian with that victor moving on to play at second seeded Hilltop.

On the other side of the district, seventh seeded Edon hosts ninth seeded Pettisville while fourth seeded North Central awaits that winner. Eighth seeded Hicksville will host tenth seeded Stryker with the survivor moving to play at top-seeded Montpelier.

District tournament games will take place on May 22 and 24 at Bryan.



Shown here is Junior Nick Fleek scoring the final point in this Ace of the second match! More pictures at westbendnews.net

BULLDOGS PLACE 2ND AT NE8 CONFERENCE MEET



Kevin Mitchell and Aaron Hoffer race in the 110M Hurdles at the NE8 Conference Track Meet Friday, May 3rd. Photo by Melissa Amstutz.

On Friday, May 3, the Lady Bulldogs' Track & Field team placed 5th at the NE8 Conference Meet. Conference Champions were Makenna Dommer (Discus), J'NQE Jackson (100 Meter Hurdles), and the 4x100 Meter Relay Team of Heaven Gardner, Mi'Angel Jordan-Colter, Annika Koepke, and Madeline Graves. Earning 2nd Team All-NE8 were Madeline Graves (100 Meter Dash and 200 Meter Dash), and Makenna Dommer (Shot Put).

The Boys' team finished 2nd at the NE8 Conference Meet. Conference Champi-

ons were Kevin Mitchell (110 Meter Hurdles & Long Jump), Aaron Hoffer (300 Meter Hurdles), and John Bussard (Discus). Earning 2nd Team All-NE8 were Aaron Hoffer (110 Meter Hurdles), Kevin Mitchell (300 Meter Hurdles), John Bussard (Shot Put), and the 4x400 Meter Relay Team of Aaron Jackson, Aaron Hoffer, Alex Hoffer, and Bryan Garcia. Earning All-NE8 Honorable Mention were Bryan Garcia (800 Meter Dash and 3200 Meter Run), and the 4x100 Meter Relay team of Sedrick Boone, Aaron Hoffer, Kevin Mitchell, and Latrevion Bates.

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Must See 410 Asphalt Sprints return to Sandusky Speedway. Photo Jim Hanks



Kody Swanson wins the Rich Vogler Classic at Winchester. Christopher Pedersen Photo

By: Ron Burt

A quick thank you for all the prayers and well wishes I received. The heart valve replacement was successful and hopefully up next will be my long awaited kidney transplant when I'm called.

Attica Was Washed Out

This past Friday once again Attica Raceway Park tried to get a full night of racing but unfortunately mother nature had a different idea. The 410 Winged sprints were off. After a lengthy delay getting the night started because of rain, all the heats for the UMP Late Models, Fremont FENCE 305 Sprints and the Fremont dirt trucks were run. Then another batch of rain fell. The late models and 305 sprints will run make-up features at yet-to-be-determined dates. The total purse for the trucks was split evenly among the 16 competitors.

Two In A Row:

This past weekend Kody Swanson won his second straight USAC Silver Crown Series Race and recorded his 5th Rich Vogler Classic victory. Winchester and now Sandusky Speedway, the world's fastest half mile paved oval.

After extending his record as the driver with the most poles in series history to 49, Swanson led all 100 laps of Sunday's 33rd annual Rich



Bobby Santos III, holds off #55 Taylor Ferns. Christopher Pedersen Photo

Vogler Classic to post a whopping 5.554-second victory over Bobby Santos III. Swanson, a seven-time USAC Silver Crown champion, also extended his record as the driver with the most victories in series history to 42.

It was Swanson's third straight USAC Silver Crown victory at Winchester. He has now won the Rich Vogler Classic five times (2016, 2019, 2022, 2023 and 2024; this Silver Crown event was held elsewhere prior to 2021.) After setting the fastest time in practice with a 14.729-second lap for the half-mile asphalt oval with 37-degree high-banked turns, Swanson captured the Honest Abe Roofing pole with a time of 14.665 seconds, averaging 122.741 miles per hour. In his 122nd career USAC Silver Crown starts at Winchester, he has been the fastest qualifier each time. Finishing behind Swanson was Bobby Santos III, and C.J. Leary.

Scheduled Upcoming

Events:

Coming Friday, May 17 the World of Outlaw NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series invades Attica Raceway Park. Reserved seats are available by going to the track's web page. The Ohio Wheelman Modifieds have been moved to Wednesday of Hy-Miler week on July 24th along with the Must See Racing 410 Asphalt Winged-Sprints and the Midwest Lights Sprints. A great show with lots of speed on the big Sandusky Speedway half mile. July 25th will be the regular Sandusky Show. July 26th the ISMA/MSS Supermodifieds will run the Fast 40. Joining them will be the Ohio Wheelman Street Stock Series and then Sandusky Speedways' biggest race of the year on Saturday, July 27th will be the 100 lap, annual Hy-Miler for the Supermodifieds. All the Tri-state tracks are now open. Schedules should be posted on all their social media pages. Ron out!

BIG FIFTH SENDS WILDCATS OVER PANTHERS



Senior Casey Agler picks up the high speed ground ball, throwing it to first and getting the out against Wildcat runner. More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - A five-run fifth inning by visiting Kalida proved to be the difference as the Wildcats doubled up host Paulding 8-4 Monday night in high school baseball play.

Leading 1-0 entering the fifth, Kalida plated five runs in the visitors half of the fifth to extend the margin to 6-0.

Paulding did answer with three runs in the home portion of the inning but the Putnam County squad answered with two runs in the sixth to expand the margin back to 8-3. The Panthers closed the scoring with a single run in the seventh.

Logan Kerner singled twice and scored once to lead Kalida with Braylon Smith, Caden Looser and Jack Stechschulte adding a single apiece.

Smith and Looser both scored twice for the Wildcats while Kerner, Adam Bockrath, Ethan Wehri and Jacob Siebeneck touched home plate once each. Siebeneck also drove in two runs with Looser, Smith, Griffin Klausning and Stechschulte picking up a run batted in apiece.

Kobe Foor recorded two singles with Grady Barton posting a single and a double for the Paulding offense. Greyson Harder finished with a single for the Panthers while Casey Agler, Hunter Coutts, Foor and Colten Hunt all scored once. Barton drove in two runs and Harder picked up one run batted in.

RHONEHOUSE WALK OFF SENDS PAULDING OVER DELTA

Blake Rhonehouse hit a walk off single to score Casey Agler that lifted Paulding to a 3-2 win over Delta in a battle of the Panthers Saturday in high school baseball action.

Each team scored once in the first before the Fulton County squad took a 2-1 lead in the fourth inning.

Kane Jones walked to start the bottom of the seventh before stealing second, who then took third on a Delta error. Agler followed with a single to plate Jones and knot the game at 2-2.

Agler stole second before Rhonehouse singled to center field, allowing Agler to score with the game-winning run.

Jones, Agler, Rhonehouse, Grady Barton and Colten Hunt all singled for Paulding with Jones, Agler and Rhonehouse touching home plate.

Lane Lopez and Alex Brown both singled twice for Delta with Brady Morr posting one single.

Lopez and Carlos Desantos scored the runs for the Fulton County squad while Landon Griesinger picked up a run batted in.

MUSKIES POST FIVE-INNING WIN OVER PANTHERS

In a game shortened by inclement weather, the Fort Jennings Musketeers recorded a 5-3 high school baseball victory over Paulding at the home of the Panthers.

The orange and black struck first, scoring once in the second and three more times in the third to go on top 4-0.

After Paulding picked up one run in the bottom of the third, Fort Jennings answered with a single run in the fourth to keep the lead at 5-1. The Panthers added single runs in the fourth and fifth before the game was stopped by weather.

Carson Gilchrist recorded the win for the Putnam County squad, pitching five innings surrendering five hits, three runs (two earned) and two walks with three strikeouts. Kane Jones took the loss for the Panthers, giving up six hits, five runs (three earned) and two walks while fanning three in the five-inning effort.

Bryce Gasser topped the Musketeers with two singles, two runs batted in and a run scored while Owen Calvelage, Jarron Swick and Adam Hoersten all singling and scoring once. Eli Lucke also had a single for the orange and black.

Gilchrist also touched home plate to aid the Fort Jennings effort with Sam Dube and Adam Luersman each driving in one run.

Greyson Harder singled, doubled and scored a run for Paulding with Kane Jones doubling and driving in one run. Grady Barton singled and drove in one run as well for the Panthers while Ian Hutchinson singled and scored once. Casey Agler scored a run to aid the maroon and white cause.

Lady Raiders cruise to win over Aces

Logen Bland singled twice, doubled twice, scored twice and drove in three runs to lead the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders to a 10-1 victory

Wednesday night over Hicksville in Green Meadows Conference softball action.

The red, white and blue totaled a dozen hits in the contest with Kaitlin Slade adding a single and a double to go along with three runs batted in. Paige Alber singled twice and drove in one run for Wayne Trace while Katie Anna Baumle and Allison Noggle both singled and scored once.

Ava Zartman recorded a triple, scored twice and drove in one run with Olivia Franklin also finishing with a single.

Tianna Sinn, Brenna Parker, Allison Schilt and Sam Williams touched home plate once apiece for the Lady Raiders while Noggle and Parker picked up one run batted in each.

Wayne Trace took control of the contest with a seven-run first inning before the Lady Aces picked up their lone run in the second. The red, white and blue added two runs in the fourth and one in the sixth to complete the 10-1 victory.

Raegan McGarvey fanned six Hicksville hitters to get the win for Wayne Trace, scattering five hits, an unearned run and two walks. Kennedy Adams took the loss for Hicksville, allowing a dozen hits, ten runs (six earned) and one walk with one strikeout.

Adams and Taylor Slattery both doubled for the Lady Aces with Evy McAlexander, Lilly Porter and Allie Nelson getting a single each. Porter scored the lone Hicksville run.

ANTOINE BREAKS WT DOUBLES RECORD

Wayne Trace senior Tucker Antoine set a new school record for doubles in a career with his 25th double in an 8-7 Raider victory over Lima Central Catholic Friday evening.

The Raiders rallied in the bottom of the sixth for the victory, coming from behind to post the one-run win.

Breven Anderson recorded three singles in the contest and scored twice with Cooper Wenzlick singling and homering along with driving in two runs. Cale Winans singled twice and drove in three runs for the red, white and blue with Kyle Forrer hitting a solo home run.

Antoine chipped in a double while Tyson Gerber, Carter Clemens and Tanner Laukhuf all recorded a single. Laukhuf scored twice as

well for Wayne Trace.

Michael Quatman finished with two singles and a double to go along with three runs scored and two runs batted in for Lima Central Catholic. Billy Bourk singled and doubled for the Thunderbirds while Matthew Quatman totaled two singles.

Carson Parker singled and Caden Falke doubled for Lima Central Catholic as well.

LADY LANCERS HOLD OFF RAIDERS

A five-run third inning proved to be enough for visiting Lincolnview as the Lady Lancers held on for a 6-4 victory over Wayne Trace Friday night in high school softball action.

Sydney Fackler recorded the victory on the mound for the Lancers, tossing five innings giving up five hits and four runs (two earned) while striking out four. Taylor Post picked up the save for Lincolnview, allowing two hits and one walk in one inning.

Raegan McGarvey took the loss for Wayne Trace, pitching a complete game allowing 11 hits, six runs (four earned) and one walk while fanning nine.

Lincolnview struck first, scoring once in the opening frame, before Wayne Trace tied the game with a run in the bottom of the second. The Lancers took control with a five-run third to post a 6-1 lead before the Raiders again got a single run in the home half of the frame to cut the deficit to 6-2.

The red, white and blue scored twice more in the fifth to pull within 6-4 before Lincolnview escaped a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the sixth to get the victory.

Ashlyn Price singled twice and doubled for Lincolnview with Addysen Stevens, Sophia Brickner and Allie Miller all singled twice. Post and Sydney Fackler recorded singles as well for the Lady Lancers.

Price scored twice and drove in two runs for the Lady Lancers and Brickner picked up two runs batted in.

Paige Alber homered and singled for Wayne Trace while driving in two runs with Tianna Sinn, Ava Zartman and Logen Bland finishing with a double apiece.

Allison Noggle, Brenna Parker and Allison Schilt all singled as well for the Lady Raiders.

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DEFIANCE MOOSE LODGE #2094 AWARD GRANTS



Pictured receiving the grant (l-r) is Renee Kelch - Y.E.S. Project Coordinator and Roberta Phlipot - Defiance Moose Lodge Vice President.



Pictured receiving the grant (L to R) is Eric Flory - Jewell Fire Chief and Rob Cupp - Past Defiance Moose Lodge President.

Congratulations to the St. Mary's Parish Center and the Jewell Fire Department for recently receiving a \$1,000 grant each from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This money will be used for the Y.E.S. project. The Y.E.S. weekend includes attending Mass, receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, traveling to area worksites,

sharing their faith with other young Catholics, having fun, camping out, and putting their faith into action throughout our community. To learn more about Y.E.S. please visit www.stmarydefiance.com/y-e-s. Jewell Fire Department plan to use their grant funds for a new fire hose.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report
Ruben Perez Jr, Defiance, OH; Disorderly conduct (2

conduct), Case dismissed per state with prejudice; Costs paid by the defendant
Jeremy E. Shaffer, Oakwood, OH; Felonious assault; Bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Defen-

dant waived the preliminary hearing

William T. Cass, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Anthony J. Shaffer, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brian E. Eblin, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gavin M. Winkler, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tony C. Krill, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David B. Smith Jr, Sherwood, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jimmy J. Hosler, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Anthony J. Clevenger, Delta, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dennis E. Carlisle, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bryan M. Bachli, Toledo, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kathryn R. Walter, Wolcott, IN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant completed course

Hannah A. Ziliman, Fort Wayne, IN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Noah G. Fuelling, Churubusco, IN; Over length; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Hailey A. McDaniel, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ashley K. Wilhelm, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Michael J. Mudrack, Fort Wayne, IN; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by

defendant
Leo B. Polanco, Tampa, FL; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP VOTES TO MOVE BUSINESS OUTSIDE OF VILLAGE

The Village Council meets on 5/8/24 to discuss issues of the village.

It was brought up by Keith West from the Appeals Board that members will resign if the town does not get behind them and back each member on the decision of the Wilcox St. trailer suit. There was an executive session on this subject later in the meeting.

The water tower expenditure project was approve at the cost of \$426,000.

The council this time decided to take away the insurance from a local insurance provider and take it to another county, even though the cost will be higher. The benefits, according to officials, is that they will get a better plan with more coverage, though no documentation was provided to council members to review, other than the ordinance itself.

Councilman Steiner asked if the library was power washed since it is the village property, since last meeting Administrator Davis had said he would take it under advisement. The power washing had not been done and he has no intention of having it done. Fiscal Officer Kevin Hornish stated that a person had just come into his office to volunteer to take care of power washing the library.

The Village administrator was asked about fixing the guard rails around Canal. He said that the new ones are being fabricated and much stronger than the previous. He believes those will be installed by Nick Longardner

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

when they are finished.

The council voted to approve three tax resolutions to appear on the ballot.

There were two executive sessions. One concerning the support for the Appeals Board members. After much discussion the session ended and upon entering the regular meeting the council, excluding Steiner, voted to have Solicitor Cam Stanley talk to the Appeals Board.

A second executive session was then requested by

Solicitor Stanley with no explanation given. The executive session ended with no decisions made or announced.

The meeting was adjourned following the mayor's report.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HICKSVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Hicksville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on an application for a LOT SPLIT on Thursday, May 23, 2024 starting at 6:00pm in the office of the zoning official located at 108 N. Main St. Hicksville, OH. The application, submitted by Kaduk Hillbrook LLC, is a request to split Lot 39, Hillbrook Estates, on the property located at Spencerville St. and Demar Dr.

—Jared Radford,
 Zoning Inspector
 Village of Hicksville

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153
MYCUMORTGAGE, Plaintiff,
 vs.
JAMES I. BISSELL, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 23 129
 Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

**615 West Wayne Street, Paulding
 Parcel Number: 30-17S-011-00**

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

Said premises appraised at Seventy-five Thousand and No/100 (\$75,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the June 13, 2024 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 June 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
 Paulding County, Ohio
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Matthew I. McKelvey, Attorney for Plaintiff

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153
PREMIER BANK, Plaintiff,
 vs.
ASHLEY KESLER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 23 178
 Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

**7980 Road 87, Paulding
 Parcel Number: 28-33D-010-00**

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

Said premises appraised at Ninety Thousand and No/100 (\$90,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the May 23, 2024 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 June 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

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

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

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

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

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

David W. Cliff, Attorney for Plaintiff

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153
NWL COMPANY LLC, Plaintiff,
 vs.
KAYLEE SHAFER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 23 093
 Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

**19411 Co Rd 1048 Defiance
 Parcel Number: 01-03C-023-00**

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

Said premises appraised at Seventy-five Thousand and No/100 (\$75,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

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David T. Brady, Attorney for Plaintiff

WEIS SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding was privileged to have Brandon Weis (Author) as the guest speakers at the May 9, 2024, club meeting. Brandon came at the invita-

tion of Corey Walker (Director, Paulding County Carnegie Library). He spoke to the Kiwanians about his journey to complete the Triple Crown in one calendar year.

THREE PARKVIEW NURSES HONORED WITH DAISY AWARDS



Morgan Curle

Three Parkview nurses were recently recognized by The DAISY Foundation for extraordinary nursing.

Morgan Curle, a surgical trauma intensive care nurse at Parkview Regional Medical Center (PRMC); Colin Fassold, an inpatient nurse at PRMC; and Elizabeth Wendt, a mental health nurse at Parkview Center in Fort Wayne, were honored with DAISY awards in the first quarter this year.

The DAISY Foundation was founded in memory of Patrick Barnes, a 33-year-old man who spent eight weeks in a hospital being treated for an autoimmune disorder.

During his stay, Barnes received excellent nursing care, and, in his memory, his family created The DAISY Foundation to honor nurses who go above and beyond for their patients.

In total, 56 Parkview nurses have been honored with a DAISY award since 2021.

"Our Parkview nurses go above and beyond every day

to provide high-quality care and the best experience for every person — our patients, their families and their fellow co-workers, too," said Juli Johnson, chief nursing and patient services executive, Parkview Health. "DAISY Award recognition is a testament to the compassion, care and commitment of our nurses, and we're proud to see three more great nurses join the dozens of others who have been previously recognized for their exemplary service."

Curle was nominated for the care she provided to a patient and his family in September 2023 as he decided to seek end-of-life comfort care. The patient's family nominated Curle for her willingness to listen to and address their concerns and advocate for the patient in his final days.

"You let me know it was time to hold his hand," wrote the patient's child in their nomination. "I will always be grateful to you. Not a day goes by that I don't remember that night, and I am comforted by your kindness and caring towards my dad. I have met and worked with phenomenal nurses over the past 35 years. You are right at the top."

Fassold, a nurse serving in PRMC's 7 Medical unit, was nominated for his efforts in revitalizing a patient who was struggling after clearing a weeks-long, complicated medical issue. The patient had become very weak and depressed, but Fassold worked tirelessly to get her active and on the trajectory toward recovery.

"Over the three days that Colin cared for my patient,



Colin Fassold

the change was remarkable," wrote the patient's physician, who nominated Fassold for the award. "Simply getting out of bed, eating better, having some sunshine, and being pushed to participate in therapies in a supportive way changed my patient's physical state and started to bring her out of her depression. She



Elizabeth Wendt

was almost unrecognizable from how she looked early in the week — the change was that dramatic."

Wendt was recognized for her efforts to help defuse a crisis situation at her Parkview Center office. A patient experiencing a mental health crisis was refusing to leave the office after consulting with the doctor and Wendt stepped in to provide additional support and address the patient's problem.

"Although the patient wasn't hers, Lizzy jumped into action as she always does and went to speak with the patient," the nomination states. "The patient just needed one-on-one support and a listening ear at the time. Lizzy was able to talk the patient through her crisis and bring her comfort when she needed it."

For more information about the DAISY Award, visit daisyfoundation.org. To view the full nomination stories for Parkview's three honorees, see here: Curle, Fassold and Wendt.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, NEBRASKA CONFERS DEGREES TO MAY 2024 GRADUATES

On May 4, Concordia University, Nebraska awarded undergraduate and graduate degrees to more than 475 graduates. The class of 2024 was honored during an undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremony.

Blaire Rebber of Antwerp, OH, earned a B.S.Ed. in Early Childhood Inclusive Educ.

Deb Burma, recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, presented the commencement address. Burma is a sought-after author and speaker who appears frequently at women's retreats, conferences and other ministry events. A contracted author for Concordia Publishing House, she has authored Bible study books, Christian living books, retreat kits and devotion books.

Burma reminded graduates to be true to their identity in Christ and true to the person they are becoming, according to His purpose.

"May you be continually encouraged, confident in your identity as a chosen child of God in Christ, the Savior of the world as you interact in a world where many people are searching, quite literally, for meaning and authenticity," she said. "A watching world wants to know what is real. Live out your witness for Jesus, the One who provides purpose, life and salvation - the One who is the very definition of all that is true."

CLAIRE SINN GRADUATES FROM OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

Claire Sinn of Haviland, OH graduated with a/an BSE in Primary Education from Ohio Dominican University on May 4, 2024. Sinn is among 154 students who earned their degree following the spring 2024 semester.

Ohio Dominican University is a comprehensive, four-year, private, liberal arts and master's institution, founded in 1911 in the Catholic and Dominican tradition by the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The University has approximately 1,262 students and offers undergraduate degrees in 42 majors and nine graduate degree programs. At ODU, students connect their passion with a purpose.

OHIO WESLEYAN INDUCTS ELISABETH JOHNSTON INTO PHI ETA SIGMA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Elisabeth Johnston of Oakwood, OH, was inducted this spring into Ohio Wesleyan University's chapter of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.

Phi Eta Sigma recognizes first-year students who are taking a full academic course load and who either achieve a grade point average of at least 3.50 or who are ranked in the upper 20 percent of their class.

Founded in 1923, Phi Eta Sigma is the nation's oldest and largest honor society for first-year college and university students in all disciplines. Its motto is "Knowledge is Power."

Learn more about Phi Eta Sigma at www.phietasigma.org and Ohio Wesleyan's Honors Program at www.owu.edu/honors.

Founded in 1842, Ohio

(Master Gardener ... continued from Page 1)

roepark, plants for the Green Thumbs gardening program at the fairgrounds, plants for the planters at the Paulding County Fair and Flat Rock Festival, Antwerp Local School cafeteria hydroponics system, trees for Oakwood Park and Payne Park at Divine Mercy School, planting the bed at the Reservoir Park, assisting with the landscaping at the Habitat for Humanity projects, plants for the fairgrounds and 4-H club projects, assisting the Friends of the Paulding Park Board, the native garden at the Black Swamp Nature Center, downtown Antwerp Village flowerpots, Fort Brown, and MGV memorial garden.

"Volunteering is a great way to give back to our Paulding County community,"

Wesleyan University is one of the nation's premier liberal arts universities. Located in Delaware, Ohio, the private university offers more than 70 undergraduate majors and competes in 24 NCAA Division III varsity sports. Through its signature program, The OWU Connection, Ohio Wesleyan teaches students to integrate knowledge across disciplines, build a diverse and global perspective, and apply knowledge in real-world settings. Ohio Wesleyan is featured in the book "Colleges That Change Lives" and included on the U.S. News & World Report and Princeton Review "Best Colleges" lists. Connect with OWU expert interview sources at www.owu.edu/experts or learn more at www.owu.edu.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL 2024 SENIOR AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

Senior Awards Were Held At Paulding High School On May 7, 2024. Members Of The PHS Class Of 2024 Received Approx. 112 In Awards And Over \$100,000.00 In Scholarships

- PHS Football Parents Club Scholarships: Kobe Foor
- Miami University Governors' Scholarship: Elli Barton
- Ohio Governor's Merit Scholarship: Maci Kauser, Jami Hunt, Elli Barton
- Dianne Cooper Bobcat Service Award: Jami Hunt
- Gorman Family Trust Scholarships: Elli Barton, Aiden Herman, Maci Kauser, Lucas Kennedy, Aiden Miller
- Ira Hamman Scholarship: Elli Barton, Lucas

stated the Master Gardener Volunteers, "without this sale, our program would not have funds to develop projects within our county. There is joy in gardening but there is more when you can give back to your community."

During the sale, the Master Gardener Volunteers will be on hand to answer horticulture and gardening questions. Additionally, a family can receive a free packet of Victory Garden seeds which includes cucumbers, lettuce, carrots, and sunflowers. OSU Extension has partnered with the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Victory Garden project. Factsheets and general plant brochures will be available for free. Special items are available to youth, under the age of 8. Bring a child or a friend to experience this great community event.

- Jacob Scholarships: Aiden Miller
- Janice Lipp/John Betz Memorial Scholarship: Elli Barton
- Franklin B Walters: Malia Manz
- John Paulding Vfw Scholarships: Elli Barton, Jami Hunt, Maci Kauser, Casey Agler, Aiden Miller, Trinity Salazar, Adam Stahl
- Jp Crain Scholarships: Casey Agler, Elli Barton, Aiden Herman, Jami Hunt, Maci Kauser, Carla Manz, Malia Manz, Aiden Miller, Adam Stahl
- Holcim/One Energy Stem Scholarship: Aiden Miller
- LELA Mcguire JEFFERY SCHOLARSHIPS: Elli Barton, Aiden Herman, Maci Kauser, Lucas Kennedy, Aiden Miller
- Melrose Book Scholarship: Aiden Miller, Elli Barton
- Monroe Family Scholarship: Jami Hunt
- Oakwood Alumni Assoc. Scholarships: Aiden Miller, Elli Barton, Adam Stahl, Jami Hunt
- Oakwood Elementary PTO Scholarships: Elli Barton, Kobe Foor, Jami Hunt, Aiden Miller, Adam Stahl, Tristan White
- Paulding County Area Foundation Scholarships: Carla Manz, Jami Hunt
- Paulding County Hospital Foundation Scholarship: Casey Agler, Maci Kauser, Trinity Salazar, Riley Stork
- Paulding County Retired Teacher's Assoc. Scholarship: Brayden Kingen
- Paulding Education Assoc. Scholarships: Aiden Miller, Elli Barton, Jami Hunt,

ONLINE EQUIPMENT AUCTION

Bidding ends May 22nd

TRACTORS: 2021 Case IH Steiger 420 AFS Connect w/ LSW tires, White 2-105, Case 970. **EXCAVATORS/TRENCHERS/BACKHOE:** 2019 John Deere 130G w/ thumb, 1998 Hitachi ZX225US LC w/ thumb, Case 660 trencher/backhoe, 1986 Kobelco 905LC, Ditch Witch trenchers, Ditch Witch JT2720 directional drill. **TILLAGE EQUIPMENT:** Dearborn 2-bottom plow, Ferguson cultivator, IH 4-row cultivator, IH 470 wing disk, Brillion cultipackers & pups, chisel plow, offset disk, cultivators, harrowator, IH disk, White 5-bottom plow, IH 550 plow. **FARM EQUIPMENT:** Brandt drive-over belt conveyor, JD 37 sickle bar mower, IH 2-row planter, hopper wagons, flat bed wagon, Ford 8-R 3 pt blade, Oliver 76 drill, BBI Magnaspread fertilizer/lime spreader, header cart, Unverferth HT30 header cart, JD 643 corn head, NH sickle bar. **SEMI TRUCK/GRAIN TRUCKS/VEHICLES:** '02 International 9400, GMC 6000 V-9 grain truck, '95 Ford F800 dump, '98 Ford F700, '06 Ford F450 XL w/ Reading bed, '06 Ford F-350, '06 Ford F450 XL, '10 Ford Expedition, '14 Ford Expedition, 1983 American LaFrance fire truck, '06 Dodge 4x4 2500 Big Horn 5.7 Hemi, new Crownline steel flatbed, '96 Dodge ¾ ton cummins. **TRAILERS:** drop deck steel, Wilson alum/steel drop deck, pipe trailer wagon, '04 Trail Boss enclosed trailer, 2010 Calico 16-ft livestock trailer, goose neck trailer. **OTHER:** 185 DFM air compressor, Lincoln welder, 3-phase converter, Hyster tow motor & more

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MYSTIC DAN



I goofed. I picked Sierra Leone to win the Kentucky Derby and he lost. There goes all my money. Seriously I have never bet a dollar in my life, but I would have lost. The only dollar I have ever attained has been by the sweat of my brow. Mystic Dan paid out \$39.22 on a \$2 bet, but I bet on Sierra Leone. I did enjoy the Derby.

It was one of the closest finishes ever with 6 in. separating the first three horses.

1. #3 Mystik Dan
2. #2.Sierra Leone by a nose
3. #11 Forever Young by a nostril

The year '24 is flying by. It will soon be half over. The Kentucky Derby is over, next it will be harvest, then Christmas. The next thing to look forward to is the Indy 500, which is a big deal in Indiana. Practicing takes place nearly all month. I got hooked on the Indy 500 when I was a lad. Back in the day when Memorial Day was on May 30. We had our family reunion on Memorial Day in Grabill Park. I have two cousins my age and we would sit in the car and listen to the race on the radio.

Billy Vukovich won in '54, '55, and was leading the race by a huge margin in '56, when he was killed. Three straight would have been a record that will never be broken. It was a devastating loss for 3 young lads. I'll try to write a story about it and maybe even make a prediction for this year. To pick a winner out of 33 cars, where anything can happen is much more difficult than a horse race with 18 horses.

I'll try to write something before May 26 about the race. It is something you must experience in your lifetime. I went in '93 and my grandfather went in '32. It is something you will never forget, but I wouldn't go back for a great deal of money. There is always something new, this year a steel bar to protect the driver from getting hit by a flying object. I believe a driver was killed recently but I'll have to check that.

The weather has been quite cool this May and I said before it will probably get hot immediately after the cool weather passes. At any rate it'll soon be harvest, then Thanksgiving, and then It will be Christmas. —James Neuhauser

- Maci Kauser, Adam Stahl
22. Paulding Ffa Alumni Scholarships: Allyson Merriman, Kobe Foor, Maci Kauser, Riley Stork, Tytus Manz, Jamy Hunt
 23. Pevs Board/Administration Scholarships: Maci Kauser, Jamy Hunt
 24. 4th Masonic District Scholarship: Jamy Hunt
 25. Rosemary Young Book Scholarship: Elli Barton

26. Russell Bauer Scholarships: Aiden Miller
27. Antwerp Conservation Club Scholarship: Aiden Herman
28. Systech Bookstore Scholarship: Casey Agler
29. Virgil H. Cooper Scholarships: Aiden Miller, Elli Barton, Jamy Hunt, Riley Stork, Wesley Ludwig, Kobe Foor, Morgan Szurminski
30. Northwest State Community College Presidential Award: Carla Manz, Riley Stork, Adam Stahl
31. Gleaner Life Insurance Society Scholarship Foundation Award: Aiden Miller, Carla Manz
32. Chemical Engineering Scholarship: Aiden Miller
33. Pcaf Agriculture Education Scholarship: Jamy Hunt
34. Greg Troyer Memorial Scholarship: Jamy Hunt, Malia

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Position: Culinary Arts Instructor
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35. Paulding Band Booster's Scholarships: Zachary Metcalf

36. John Phillip Sousa Award: Zachary Metcalf

37. Americanism Award: Ronnie Goodwin, Jamy Hunt

38. Paulding Putnam Electric Coop: Jamy Hunt

39. Van Wert Peony Pageant Representative: Miss Congeniality – Elli Barton

40. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award: Elli Barton

41. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award: Kobe Foor, Jocelynn Parrett

42. Engineering Team: Casey Agler, Lucas Kennedy, Aiden Miller

43. Science Olympiad Team: Aiden Miller, Wesley Ludwig

44. Art Award: Maci Kauser, Jocelynn Parrett, Hailley Wolpert

45. Office Assistants: Chloe Boyd, Hunter Coutts, Meagan Hirschy, Kelcie Pack, Denis Santillan-Rodriguez, Raeden Smith, Riley Stork

46. Personal Growth & Positive Mindset Award/Lead-4change: Josh Funez, Ronnie Goodwin, Brayden Kingen, Layla Logan, Adam Stahl, Alyssia Wilson

47. Student Council/Class Officers: Elli Barton, Maci Kauser, Trinity Salazar, Riley Stork

48. PHS Scholar Athletes: Casey Agler, Ronnie Goodwin, Elli Barton, Maci Kauser, Jocelynn Parrett

49. OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award: Casey Agler, Maci Kauser

50. NFHS National Award Of Excellence: Tytus Manz, Riley Stork

51. Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award: Casey Agler, Elli Barton

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RAIN TECH SEAMLESS GUTTERS, 419-258-1818 18-20

52. Semper Fidelis Bandsmanship Award: Zachary Metcalf

53. President's Award For Educational Excellence: Elli Barton, Jamy Hunt, Maci Kauser, Lucas Kennedy, Brayden Kingen, Wesley Ludwig, Carla Manz, Aiden Miller, Lathan Schneider

54. National Honor Society: Elli Barton, Mattie Hirschy, Jamy Hunt, Maci Kauser, Wesley Ludwig, Malia Manz, Aiden Miller, Jocelynn

- Parrett, Riley Stork
55. Honors' Diploma: Casey Agler, Elli Barton, Cyrah Bradford, Ava Foltz, Ronnie Goodwin, Aiden Herman, Mattie Hirschy, Jamy Hunt, Maci Kauser, Lucas Kennedy, Brayden Kingen, Sarah Lewis, Wesley Ludwig, Carla Manz, Malia Manz, Tytus Manz, Allyson Merriman, Zachary Metcalf, Aiden Miller, Kelcie Pack, Jocelynn Parrett, Trinity Salazar, Denis Santillan-Rodriguez, Lathan Schneider, Riley Stork
56. Graduating With Honors 3.5-3.99 After 7 Semesters: Cyrah Bradford, Ava Foltz, Ronnie Goodwin, Aiden Herman, Mattie Hirschy, Lucas Kennedy, Brayden Kingen, Tytus Manz, Zachary Metcalf, Kelcie Pack, Trinity Salazar, Denis Santillan-Rodriguez, Dillon Shough-Germann, Adam Stahl
57. Graduating With Highest Honors 4.0 Or Higher After 7 Semesters: Casey Agler, Elli Barton, Jamy Hunt, Maci Kauser, Sarah Lewis, Wesley Ludwig, Carla Manz, Malia Manz, Aiden Miller, Patrick Paholak, Jocelynn Parrett, Lathan Schneider, Riley Stork
58. Class Of 2024 Salutatorian: Aiden Miller
59. Class Of 2024 Valedictorian: Malia Manz

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Sudoku solution from page 9

drug paraphernalia and items used to conceal substance abuse.

This program is regularly updated by the Health Department with the latest information related to substances local youth are using.

For more information, contact the library at 419-782-1456.

DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 3/4/24

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024, in the Defiance County Commissioners' Conference Room. President Kern called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Dana Phipps and Mick Pocratsky; County Administrator, Sherry Carnahan; HR Coordinator, Emily Meyer; and Clerk, Liz Stuart.

The Commissioners met in General Session to approve and sign various resolutions, contracts, and documents. The Commissioners also reviewed the calendar of events and discussed upcoming meetings.

LIBRARY, HEALTH DEPT PARTNER TO OFFER PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

The Defiance County Health Department will visit Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., on May 16 to teach parents, educators, and caregivers about the dangers and signs of youth substance abuse, as well as how to talk to children about the subject.

The program, "Hidden in Plain Sight," will take place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Nellie Gary Reading Room. It is free and open to all adults (no youth, please). No registration is needed.

During the program, Taylor Jessing, MPH, CHES, health promotion specialist at the Defiance County Health Department will discuss drug culture and show examples of

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At dusk, around 10:00 pm, we will begin the Luminaria Ceremony, one of the most moving ceremonies of Relay For Life. The path will be lined with luminaria that is lit in honor and in memory of loved ones who have battled cancer or are currently battling cancer. If you would like to pay tribute to someone, please submit the form below and with a donation of \$10 for each luminaria (only one name per bag please) Wendy Price no later than May 24th. **Luminarias can be purchased at Relay too.

Join us on May 31st at Paulding Co. Fairgrounds from 6 pm – 2 am!
Please light a luminaria in memory of or in honor of a loved one or friend.

Your Name: _____ Participant to be Credited: _____

Name of Individual Please Print Clearly	Luminaria \$10 Each		Total
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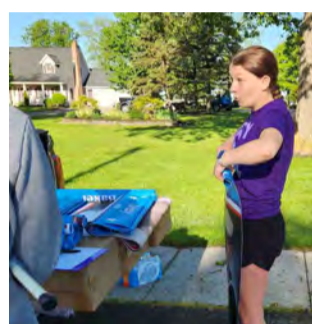
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BANNERS HONOR VETERANS IN THE WAYNE TRACE COMMUNITIES



Wayne Trace High School's Art Technology classes are excited to see the veterans' banners they created for their local communities going on display this month in Grover Hill, Payne, Latty, Haviland, and Scott. With generous grants provided by the Ohio Arts Council, the National



students set out to design, promote, and create banners for community members who served in the armed forces at no cost to the veterans and their families. After kicking off this banner campaign at the Veterans' Day assembly hosted by the school in November, these students have been working to collect names, photographs, and service information for over 200 community members while developing a variety of art,



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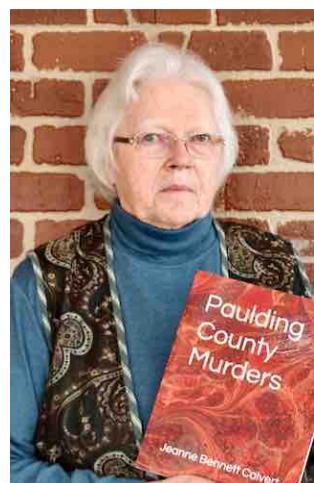
business, and life skills. If your family missed out on this year's project, make sure to join us as we kick off the second cycle of collecting photos and information this fall.

Completing such an intense project was not only an excellent learning experience for these fourteen high school Art Technology students, but also very rewarding. One student said that "It was very difficult but you also got to learn how companies work at a fast pace . . . we had to make sure (these banners) were right and had no mistakes." Another participant explained that "The skills I learned during this project was having communication skills and leadership . . . Working as a team helped get different ideas out." Other students agreed, adding "I think it is really cool that I can be a part of this big project. I think a lot of families will be happy with their banners." Most of the students agree with one of the team members who stated that they are "excited to drive through the towns and see the banners I helped create!"

The students would like to thank the Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School office, media specialist Susie Johnson, and the local veterans' organizations and village mayors for all of their help, patience, and recommendations. They would also like to thank Sisters Embroidery in Van Wert and Treece Electric for their help in stitching and hanging the banners throughout the Wayne Trace area. This opportunity for our Raiders to recognize the sacrifices made by others and their families is just one small way that they show pride and connect what is being done in the

classroom with their communities.

AUTHOR WILL SPEAK ON 'PAULDING COUNTY MURDERS'



Local author Jeanne Bennett Calvert will speak about her new book *Paulding County Murders* on May 28 at John Paulding Historical Museum in Paulding. The 6:30 p.m. general meeting is open to the public.

John Paulding Historical Museum will host a general meeting and special program at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28. The guest speaker will be Jeanne Calvert, who will discuss her newest book, *Paulding County Murders*.

Calvert, of Oakwood, will hold a book signing after her talk. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

The program is free and open to the public. The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive in Paulding, across from the county fairgrounds.

Calvert is amazed at how well the book has been selling since she published it late last fall. She believes there's an interest in true crime stories, especially homicides. "It's the ultimate crime. There's no going back," Calvert says. "The Bible starts off with a murder. It's fascinating and repelling. Nobody wins, even if it was a case of self defense."

Paulding County Murders covers 64 cases dating back to 1881.

"Over the decades, there have been many murders and other unlawful deaths in Paulding County, Ohio. This volume summarizes these killings and their outcomes. Many are solved, but they all left their impact on the county and its residents," says a book synopsis.

During her presentation May 28, she will discuss writing the book, some things she discovered while researching the cases and odd facts and details.

Calvert says this book will be part of a series of four. She is working on similar volumes for Defiance, Van Wert and Putnam counties and will share some information about those homicides.

Calvert has written several other books, including *Oakwood Memories*, *Oakwood Homecoming: The First One Hundred Years*, and *A Paulding Journal: 1870-1950*. She taught biology and physics at Wayne Trace High School and retired from the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne.

Her book can be purchased at the libraries in Paulding and Oakwood or online at Amazon.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Guests also will have the opportunity that evening to explore the vintage clothing exhibit and "Art & Artists of

PERSONAL GROWTH CLASS FINISHES UP THE YEAR BY EMILY REMAKLUS



The Personal Growth mentors and mentees celebrating their final mentoring meeting.



Students from the Personal Growth class attend Chris Herren's talk in Van Wert.

Paulding High School's Personal Growth and Positive Mindset class had a busy week. The students, who had been acting as mentors to elementary school students throughout the year, hosted their final mentoring session where they celebrated their mentees with donuts, juice, a game, and certificates.

A few of the students also went on a field trip to Van Wert's Niswonger Performing Arts Center to see NBA basketball player Chris Herren's talk about his journey from addiction to recovery. It was a

very eye-opening experience.

And finally the students finished up the last of their leadership projects by celebrating their final Lunch Chat for the year. A group of students started a program called Lunch Chats as a way to help build community in the school. They celebrated their final Lunch Chat by throwing a pizza party for those in attendance. The pizza party was made possible thanks to a grant that they received from United Way of Paulding County.

Paulding County" art show.

Any updates or notices will be posted on the historical society's Facebook page at [facebook.com/jphsmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/jphsmuseum).

DEFIANCE CO. PERI MEETING DATE SET

Defiance County PERI District 1 Chapter 30 is meeting on Wednesday, May 15 at 1:00 p.m. at Maggie's Family Restaurant, 1544 OH-18 Hicksville, OH.

SUMMER LUNCHES FOR KIDS RETURN TO SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

The free Summer Lunch Program is returning this year to Sherwood Branch Library.

Lunches will be available June 3-July 27, Mondays through Thursdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m. at the library, 117 N. Harrison St., Sherwood, as well as Ney Community Park, to anyone under age 18, or 18-21 with a disability.

No lunches will be available on Fridays, or on July 4 due to the holiday.

Stay and eat at the library or park, or take lunch to go. Special library programs will follow on many days beginning at 1 p.m. To see the programs, visit [defiancelibrary.org/summer](https://www.defiancelibrary.org/summer).

Sherwood Branch's Summer Lunch Program is made possible with the help of community sponsors, including Hearts and Hands (Farmer), Sherwood Economic Development, St. John Lutheran Church, Fairview Elementary School, Sherwood Methodist Church, and Sherwood VFW Post 5665.

For more information, contact the library at 419-899-4343.

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