

## PURPLE HEART COUNTY PROCLAMATION



Pictured from the left is Commissioner Mark Holtsberry, VFW Post 587 Commander John Daeger, Commissioner Lisa McClure, Paulding County Veterans Service Jon Lichty, and Commissioner Mike Weible.

The Paulding County Commissioners recently signed a proclamation which made Paulding County a "Purple Heart County". This action makes Paulding County the 12th county in the State of Ohio to be proclaimed a Purple Heart County on the National Military Order of the

Purple Heart Trail. The purpose of the National Purple Heart Trail is to create a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal.

Currently there are Purple Heart Trail designations in 45 states as well as Guam. In Ohio there are 73 cities, 12 counties, 5 schools, 2 bridges, 1 museum and 1 VFW Post that are listed on the Purple Heart Trail website, with John Paulding VFW Post 587 holding that distinction.

## AMERICAN LEGION POST #297 ANNOUNCES MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

The annual Memorial day events will be hosted Monday, May 27th by American Legion Post #297. A breakfast for veterans will be served at 7:30 a.m. At the Legion.

The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. With lineup at the Divine Mercy Catholic Church and marching to the Payne American Legion.

Immediately following the parade, a Memorial service will be held at Wiltsie Cemetery.

Lunch for veterans and their immediate families will be served at noon at the Legion. Guest are asked to bring a covered dish and place settings. Meat will be provided by the Legion.

## PAULDING EAGLES PRESENT PAUL MILES 2024 COMMUNITY CONCERT

Paul Miles will perform LIVE at the Paulding Eagles on Friday, May 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Paulding Eagles is located at 206 W Perry St., Paulding, OH.

Miles is a Paulding High

School Graduate, a Bowling Green State University graduate, and a Hall of Fame Member. His retired jerseys — #44 Go Panthers!! #29 Go Falcons!!

He is an 8-time Detroit Music Award Winner, and a 2-time Detroit Blues Society Best Solo Artist (first to receive the award).

Food and beverages will be available that night as well as Paul Miles' music after each performance set.

Thanks for attending. Please be safe. The community is built from the hearts of all its citizens. Peace to all. —PM

## COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SHUTS ITS DOORS

It was made public late last week that Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville Ohio closed its doors for the foreseeable future on Sunday, May 19, 2024. Physicians' Clinics that lease space at CMH will still offer services to their patients. Entrance 4 will be used for that.

From Hicksville EMS: "Despite the recent devastating news involving the closure of Community Memorial Hospital on 5/19/24 at 23:59, Hicksville EMS remains fully operational and committed to serving the community, continuing to provide emergency medical services, and transportation to the residents of Hicksville and surrounding

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## US 127 BRIDGE REOPENS AFTER RECONSTRUCTION



Local residents and brothers, John and Tim Walk, were the first to cross the newly constructed US 127 bridge following a ribbon cutting on Friday, May 17, 2024

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Defiance County Economic Development, and Paulding County Economic Development, Inc. hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the reconstructed bridge on U.S. 127 over the Maumee

River in Defiance County.

The event happened on Friday, May 17, at 10:00 a.m. on the bridge, located south of the village of Sherwood in Defiance County, and just north of the Paulding County line.

Participants may parked (Continued on Page 4)

## PAULDING VFW POST 587 MEMORIAL DAY 5/27/24

**9:00 a.m. Rochester Cemetery, Cecil**  
Introductions, Invocation, Closing, Charlie Simpson

VFW Aux and Scouts  
Guest Speaker Mark Holtsberry (Unknown Soldier Identified)  
Vocalist Dan Wilder Post 587 Quartermaster  
Post 587 Color Guard and Rifle Squad

**11:00 a.m. Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding**  
Introduction and Clos-

ing John Daeger Post 587 Commander

Invocation TBD  
VFW Aux and Scouts  
Guest Speaker Sheriff Jason Landers, Paulding County Sheriff  
Post 587 Color Guard and Rifle Squad  
Paulding High School Band

After the Live Oak Ceremony, there will be a community dinner provided by the John Paulding VFW Post 587. All are invited to the Post. ON the menu will be hot Dogs, baked beans, chips, soft drinks and water.

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## Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-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
  - Vibrant Communities Grant seminar @ Paulding Eagles, 2:30pm
  - May 24**
  - Bingo @ PC Sen. Ctr w/ Antwerp Manor, 12pm
  - WISE Workshop @ PC Sen. Ctr., 10am
  - Paul Miles Concert @ Paulding Eagles, 7pm
  - May 25**
  - Card Party @ Ties & Bows, 10a-4p
  - May 27**
  - MEMORIAL DAY
  - Veterans breakfast @ Payne Am. Legion, 7:30am; Parade @ 9:30am
  - Paulding VFW Memorial Day @ Rochester & Live Oak Cemeteries
  - May 28**
  - Jeanne Calvert @ JPHS meeting @ museum, 6:30pm



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## WHITE SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Greg White (Mayor, Village of Paulding, OH) as the guest speaker at the May 16, 2024, club meeting.

Greg White came at the in-

itation of Harry Wiebe (Village Administrator, Paulding Village). Greg White spoke to the Kiwanians about new and future projects that are planned or in the works for the Paulding community and Village.

## LONG-TIME ANTWERP EDUCATORS HANG UP THEIR HATS

By: Angel Steiner

Three pillars of Antwerp Local School staff will hang their hats when the school year ends for the 2023-24 school year. The Antwerp School Board approved the retirement of Emily Tempel, Lynette Vail and Jon Short.



**Emily Tempel** started teaching in 1985 with her first job as a Reading Intervention Teacher in Napoleon, Ohio – which is her hometown. In 1986, she accepted a 4th grade teaching position at Antwerp Local Schools and has taught there ever since. She has stayed focused in her career as an elementary educator, teaching elementary students from grades 4 for 27 years and 3rd grade for 11 years. Tempel enjoyed teaching Math the best. She had been the Math teacher for several years for the 3rd and 4th grades. Social Studies is a close second when

it comes to favorites for Mrs. Tempel. Third and fourth grades are great for interesting conversations with the students.

Sometimes challenges presented themselves to Tempel and she had a very wise perspective to share about some hard times in her teaching career. “I really can’t think of a teaching memory that would be considered a ‘worst.’ All occupations have challenges and my teaching career did too but there weren’t any times that were bad. Covid years presented educational changes that were unwanted, but we had the attitude to make the difficult circumstances work. So to the best of our ability, we came up with new ways to teach students that were in the classroom and those who were not in the classroom.”

At the opposite end of that spectrum are those memories that just made you smile. Tempel enjoyed watching her students’ progress and grow over her 39 years in the classroom. The staff and parents that surrounded her and supported her teaching really made for a positive work environment for her. “Antwerp is a wonderful community with great kids and being able to be part of their school lives has been a privilege,” Tempel commented.

Even though retirement is a highly coveted mile marker for those who have been a part of the workforce for decades, there will be things that Emily will miss about her classroom. Getting to teach and be a part

of students’ lives, knowing them personally from seeing them five days a week. She stated, “Kids are interesting little people and it’s been a lot of fun getting to witness firsthand the people they develop into,” and Tempel concluded, “I’ve been lucky to be associated with the Antwerp staff!”

Tempel is looking forward to having less schedules in her retirement days, and more freedom in her day to day agenda so she will be free to spend it with family and friends. “My current plan is to not have definite plans!”

Emily Tempel never intended to spend her teaching career at Antwerp Local School but a Kurt Tempel was teaching just down the hall from her classroom and they became friends and married a few years later.

Kurt began subbing in December 1986. Kurt was a long term sub for a maternity leave. Kurt taught several different grade levels and subject areas at Antwerp Local Schools until his retirement in 2023.

Emily and Kurt have a combine teaching career of 75 years. They also share three children and they had the privilege to teach each one of them. Their family has grown with the addition of two sons-in-law, a daughter-in-law and a grandchild. The Tempel’s look forward to the freedom retirement will allow for them to more easily spend time together.



**Lynette Vail** began teaching in 1983 after graduating from Bowling Green State University. She started off subbing in area schools until she was offered her first official teaching position with Defiance County Schools teaching at Ayersville, Tinora Central Local and Hicksville. Then in 1985 she interviewed for a teaching position at Antwerp School for sixth grade. And at Antwerp is where she stayed for the next 39 years. She taught 3rd grade for the first 15 years and then transitioned to 3rd grade when the opportunity arose, and this is where she stayed. Vail loves to teach reading, she enjoys seeing the students get excited about reading and watching their reading levels increase at the school year progresses. She especially enjoyed the units that centered around the classics like Charlotte’s Web, Where the Red Fern Grows, and Shiloh, and more recently Helen Keller.

Vail has many good memories about her time at Antwerp Local School, but one tragic memories was the year that the space shuttle Challenger exploded, “I remember that the principal knocked on my door and told me that the space shuttle Challenger had exploded in space and everyone had died including Christa McAuliffe, the first teacher to go in to space.” She also mentioned the horrific memory when the li-

brarian told her that a plane had just flown into the World Trade Center. Days like these tend to leave their mark.

But on the flip side, the good memories were too many to count, but Vail did recollect a more recent memory that she had a lot of fun with – Camp Read A Lot. The classroom was set up with scores, flashlights, and books. Students could read in their tents by a “fire” coming from the smart board. “I loved it when they asked, ‘Can we do this again tomorrow? This was fun!’” Another favorite memory is watching baby chicks hatch in the classroom. They do this project through the 4-H OSU Extension Office Students would make observations over the 21 day incubation period and Vail stated that it gave her so much joy to see the excitement the students had for this project.

Mrs. Vail is looking forward to a more relaxing daily schedules after she retires. Her family enjoys Hamilton Lake so she hopes to get there more often now, and she will have more time available for the hobbies she enjoys – scrapbooking, painting, reading, gardening, and cooking. She is going to miss the people at Antwerp School as well as working with the students on the special projects they did together. Teaching in the same school system for over three decades, Vail developed lifelong friendships with staff and students and their families. She feels blessed to work with an incredible staff of caring teachers, and she will miss them.

Lynette lives with her husband Pete and cat, Isabella in Antwerp. Their children have ventured out of Antwerp after college – Chelsea (with husband Marc) lives in Chicago; Taylor (husband Daric) also live in Chicago; and Alex lives in Allen Park, MI.



**Jon Short** began his teaching career in 1986 at Antwerp Local School. He has spent his career at Antwerp Local Schools investing in the Antwerp community by teaching children necessary math skills. He will be remembered as a middle school math teacher, but he also did a few years of Algebra I & II. Besides the classroom, Short coached golf, baseball, track and basketball in both boys and girls divisions. He spent three decades teaching young people athletic skills and mentoring them into adulthood through organized sports.

Short has so many good memories of being at Antwerp School it was hard to pinpoint just one to recollect. One that came to mind first was when the faculty dressed up as women and the students made them up. Being a part of the students’ daily lives means a lot to Mr. Short.

Short’s decision to retire after 38 years of teaching was a difficult one to make really, but he stated he is looking for-

ward to spending more time with his growing family and do some traveling. He has grandchildren he is excited to spend more time with when he’s not in the classroom during the school year. When thinking about not being in the classroom next school year, he says he’s going to miss seeing the kids everyday and seeing their growth from 6th to 8th grade, so much maturity takes place during this time. He wants to take this time to thank the Antwerp school – “it was a great place to work – Its faculty are just the best. And Antwerp is a wonderful place live and raise a family”

Jon and his wife Judi, have

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on either ends of U.S. 127, north and south of the bridge.

“This event recognized an investment in highway infrastructure that will endure for many years. We’re offering a unique opportunity for the public to celebrate the opening, walk the bridge, take photos, and enjoy the scenery of the area,” said Chris Hughes, ODOT District 1 deputy di-

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areas. We will now be transporting patients to Parkview Regional, Parkview Bryan, Parkview DeKalb, Defiance Regional, or closest appropriate facility. We have enjoyed the years of working with the staff at Community Memorial Hospital and will sincerely miss the camaraderie. We wish them all the best in their

## DEATH AND REALITY

When someone loved dies, the mind has trouble facing that reality. You can know something in your head, but still the heart will not accept it. This involves gently confronting the reality that someone you care about will never physically come back into your life again.

Whether the death was sudden or after a prolonged illness, acknowledging the full impact of the loss may not occur for weeks or even months afterward. You may answer the phone expecting the person to be speaking to you. You may think you feel a familiar touch, or see him or her walk through the door. You may be in survival mode by trying to push away the reality of death. But to know that someone you love has died is

three children and three grandchildren of which this retirement will be a blessing for all.

*Editor’s Note: Closing this article was bittersweet. It was more than the ending of a feature newspaper article, it was the ending of an era for the Antwerp community. My children grew up with their children. Bonds formed in a small town community like Antwerp are ones that last for a lifetime. Core memories of the years with these phenomenal educators and neighbors and community members will forever be held close to this heart. God bless you all ... and enjoy your retirement. You all have earned it.*

rector.

The bridge was closed May 8, 2023 and was completely reconstructed during that time. Work to complete the bridge will continue once it is reopened to traffic. Remaining work includes sealing of concrete, seeding, and tree planting.

Miller Brothers Construction of Archbold serves as the general contractor for the \$6.4 million project.

future endeavors.”

—Hicksville EMS

This paramount facility has been a fixture of service to the Hicksville community and the greater Northwest Ohio area for more than 50 years providing care in inpatient and outpatient services, 24-hour emergency care, obstetrics, surgical services, and comprehensive rehabilitation and wellness programs. It will be missed.

not like flipping a light switch. The process is neither quick nor easy, and it is painful.

Memories, both good and bad, will play and replay in your mind. You may question your sanity. You will hope this is all a bad dream and you will soon wake up to life as you remember it. Expressing these feelings and emotions to others is an important phase in the healing process.

This is the role GriefShare can play in your road to recovery. This seminar/support group meets weekly on Saturday mornings from ten until noon in the library of the Leo Methodist Church. It utilizes DVDs featuring grief counselors along with discussion. You can learn more about it at GriefShare.org or by calling 627-2580. It is important to know that you are not alone.

## The Paulding County Veterans’ Service Office

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

**There are two basic services the agency provides:**

1 – EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.

2 – CLAIMS ASSISTANCE – Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

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

**Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**America Being Hi-jacked**

This is a far cry from the America I grew up in and loved. We are no longer united as we once were. Our homes and car doors were not often locked, kids were always outside and we neighbored. Today our big cities and coastal cities are full of liberals in search of money, fun and riches ahead of everything else. It's all they know. They don't know truth, love, commitment or God.

**STATE BANK - FORT WAYNE OFFICE PARTNERS WITH HONOR FLIGHT NORTHEAST INDIANA**



State Bank, a diversified financial services company providing full-service community banking, mortgage banking, wealth management, and private client services, announced it has partnered with Honor Flight Northeast Indiana to raise money for the organization through its Community/Military Appreciation Day event.

The Community/ Military Appreciation Day lunch will be served May 31 from 11 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at our office located at 12832 Coldwater Road, in celebration of Military Appreciation Month (May).

Lunch will be available with a menu of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies, and water.

"Honor Flight's mission is to celebrate America's veterans by inviting them to share in a day of honor at our nation's memorials," stated Adam Brouwer, a member of the HFNEI Board of Directors. "We have the enormous privilege of showing our nation's veterans the appreciation and honor they deserve. Honor Flight Northeast Indiana is grateful for the opportunity to partner with State Bank in our mission to raise awareness and funds for the Honor Flight program."

Headquartered in Defiance, SB Financial is a diversified financial services holding company for the State Bank & Trust Company (State Bank) and SBFG Title, LLC dba Peak Title (Peak Title).

Ever since my high school days (graduated 1954) I have always heard that democrats are less likely to believe in God than Republicans. How do you get around facts like my next lines? Starting in 1947 Democrats started removing any mention of God they could come up with. They first attacked our youth by taking God out of school.

I say this to any of you out

there who agree with Washington "scum buckets" that still force this against our long term survival "try Jesus". If you don't like that, I'm sure Satan will gladly take you back. I'm of the opinion that many liberals are so open minded that their brains fell out.

Now that these atheist Democrat representatives have taken God from our youth, they have turned their full attention to our military. They don't want God there either. Maybe you read my letters of 8/21/23 "US Military Against Christ" or 9/5/23 "Dr. Chaps". Both letters explained how Democrats hate Christians and their efforts to destroy our military.

I can only conclude they want a totally immoral, anti-God military that is willing to kill those of us who disagree with their leaders. I believe these atheist leaders are preparing for the day when they will use our anti-God military against us as Russia and China are doing today. Just remember that I am seldom wrong.

I was about ready to close this out but then my mail brought me more alarming news about this atheist Biden administration. Next is the headline "The Biden Administration Is Doubling Down At-

tacking Religious Liberty!" That says it all. They will have to kill me to stop me.

This Biden administration has already started. My two letters mentioned above attest to that. Biden boosted protections for LGBTQ military members, lifted Trump's ban on (queer) transgender military service. Threatened to punish Christians for standing up for their faith. Recently 8,000 Christian or conservative service members have

been discharged for standing up for their beliefs.

A terrific way to crush and take over a thriving nation is to destroy its economy and remove protection. Why else did these atheist Biden followers leave our border open and allow illegals and plain crooks to control our lives.

I didn't even tell my wife this, but I wanted to sell out Florida vacation home because I was afraid for her safety driving through big cities to get

there. Plus, many of our park's yard crew didn't speak English.

This coming 2024 election will determine if America lives or dies. Every vote for a Democrat says you no longer wish to be free, that you would prefer a dictator like in Russia and China. It's quickly coming. Do you wish to be free or a slave? This election will decide that.

—Richard Mastin  
Hicksville, OH

**HOW IS YOUR RETIREMENT INCOME TAXED?**

Once you're retired, you will likely need to draw on several types of income for your living expenses. You'll need to know where these funds are coming from and how much you can count on, but you should also be aware of how this money is taxed — because this knowledge can help you plan and budget for your retirement years.

Here's the basic tax information on some key sources of retirement income:

- Social Security – Many people don't realize they may have to pay taxes on their Social Security benefits. Whether your benefits will be taxed depends on how much other taxable income you receive from various sources, such as self-employment, stock dividends and interest payments. You'll want to check with your tax advisor to determine whether your income reaches the threshold where your Social Security benefits will be taxed. The lower your total taxable income, the lower the taxes will be on your benefits. The Social Security Administration will not automatically take out taxes from your monthly checks — to have taxes withheld, you will need to fill out Form W-4V (Voluntary Withholding Request). Again, your tax advisor can help you determine the percentage of your benefits you should withhold.

- Retirement accounts – During your working years, you may have contributed to two basic retirement accounts: an IRA and a 401(k) or similar plan (such as a 457(b) plan for state and local government employees or a 403(b) plan for educators and employees of some non-profits). If you invested in a

"traditional" IRA or 401(k) or similar plan, your contributions may have been partially or completely deductible and your earnings grew on a tax-deferred basis. But when you start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA or 401(k), the money is considered taxable at your normal income tax rate. However, if you chose the "Roth" option (when available), your contributions were not deductible, but your earnings and withdrawals are tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.

- Annuities – Many investors use annuities to supplement their retirement income. An annuity is essentially a contract between you and an insurance company in which the insurer pays you an income stream for a given number of years, or for life, in exchange for the premiums you paid. You typically purchase a "qualified" annuity with pre-tax dollars, possibly within a traditional IRA or 401(k), so your premiums may be deductible, and your earnings can grow tax deferred. Once you start taking payouts, the entire amount — your contributions and earnings — are taxable at your individual tax rate. On the other

hand, you purchase "non-qualified" annuities with after-tax dollars, so your premiums aren't deductible, but just like qualified annuities, your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis. When you take payments, you won't pay taxes on the principal amounts you invested but the earnings will be taxed as ordinary income.

We've looked at some general rules governing different sources of income, but you should consult your tax professional about your specific situation. Ultimately, factors such as your goals, lifestyle and time horizon should drive the decisions you make for your retirement income. Nonetheless, you may want to look for ways to control the taxes that result from your various income pools. And the more you know about how your income is taxed, the fewer unpleasant surprises you may experience.

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- Cecil:** 127 Maramart
- Charloe:** Charloe Store
- Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
- Defiance:** Newman's Marathon 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
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- 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
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# INDIANS TOO MUCH FOR RAIDERS



Wayne Trace Jr Tianna Sinn picks up the ground ball and tags the Fort Recovery runner, getting the third out of the inning. More pictures at westbendnews.net

It was a tale of two games at Wayne Trace Friday evening as the Lady Raiders hosted Fort Recovery in Division III sectional softball action.

Wayne Trace appeared to take control early, scoring once in the first and again in the third for a 2-0 advantage.

However, the Lady Indians tied the game in the fourth and pulled away from there for a 10-2 win to claim a sectional championship.

The Mercer County squad plated three runs in the sixth to open a 5-2 advantage before sealing the victory with a five-run seventh.

Jenna Homan threw a complete game for the victory, getting stronger throughout the contest in fanning seven Raider hitters while allowing six hits, two runs (one earned) and four walks.

Raegan McGarvey suffered the loss for the Lady Raiders, surrendering ten hits, ten runs

(five earned) and two walks while striking out seven in a complete-game effort.

Homan singled twice for the Lady Indians at the plate, scoring three times and driving in two runs. Ella Schoen singled twice, scored twice and posted two runs batted in with Ava Grisez singling, doubling and scoring a trio of runs.

Kylie Post singled and doubled while driving in two runs for the Mercer County squad and Emma Will doubled and scored once. Alexis Grisez also singled and touched home plate once for the Lady Indians.

Logen Bland doubled and scored twice for Wayne Trace with Kaitlin Slade, Tianna Sinn, Katie Anna Baumle, Allison Noggle and Brenna Parker all singled once. Ava Zartman and Slade both drove in one run for the Lady Raiders.

## VETERAN HERITAGE COACH TO STEP DOWN

Casey Kolkman is stepping down after four seasons at Heritage High School.

Kolkman, who also served as a physical education instructor at the high school, will assume a student services position at Bluffton High School. He will also be an assistant football coach with the Tigers.

"It is the right time for me and my family. I can step back and be a dad while still being involved in the lives of young people. God has provided an opportunity for me to be

available for my eight-year-old son, as well as my aging father and father-in-law," he



said. "I returned to Heritage in 2020, candidly, because the Lord led me there. I'm confident in my assistants, student-athletes, and the community. The football program is in excellent hands."

Kolkman was 21-18 in those five seasons, including a 9-2 campaign. He was also the head coach at North Side and Bluffton. In 14 total seasons, he compiled a 67-77 record.

As defensive coordinator at Bishop Dwenger, he helped lead the Saints to the 2018

Class 4A State Championship. Kolkman is a 1991 HHS graduate.

"Regardless of the wins and losses and things like that. The measure of what we achieved is still to be determined. I'll remind you what the legendary coach Amos Alonzo Stagg said, 'I won't know that for 20 years.' All of us are in this for the kids and impacting their future."

The 2024 season begins August 23 with the Patriots hosting Bellmont.

## CAVALIERS CAPTURE SECTIONAL TITLE WIN OVER PANTHERS



Paulding's Olivia Breier slides safely into third after substituting for Mariah Klopfenstein at first. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Madison Wendel doubled and drove in one run while striking out eight Paulding batters on the mound to lead the Coldwater Cavaliers to a 5-3 win over the host Panthers Friday night in Division III sectional softball action.

Wendel gave up just six hits and two walks to Paulding as the Cavaliers advanced to Division III district tournament play against Fort Recovery.

The orange and black went in front for good in the third inning, scoring a trio of runs in the frame. Paulding picked up one run in the bottom of the third before both teams scored once in the fifth to put Coldwater on top 4-2.

After the Lady Panthers closed the gap to 4-3 in the sixth, Coldwater sealed the game in the seventh with a run to set the final at 5-3.

Tia Mendez took the loss

for the maroon and white, fanning seven Cavalier hitters but surrendered five hits, five runs (three earned) and nine walks.

Rachel Schroyer doubled and scored twice for Coldwater with Dana Zahn doubling, scoring once and driving in one run. Tori Timmerman also doubled and picked up a run batted in for the Lady Cavaliers.

Avery Knapke singled for the Mercer County squad with Libby Grieshop and Claire Steinke both scoring a run.

Maci Kauser, Cadence Schwab, Mariah Klopfenstein and Jalyn Klopfenstein all had one single for Paulding with Samantha Leal posting two singles.

Addison Shull, Olivia Breier and Leal scored runs for the Lady Panthers with Kauser and Schwab driving in one run each.

## WILDCATS DOMINATE ARCHERS

Host Miller City racked up a dozen hits and a dozen runs as the Wildcats coasted to a 12-2 victory over visiting Antwerp Friday night in non-league high school baseball

action. The Wildcats scored twice each in the first and third frames to take control of the contest before Antwerp broke up the shutout with a single run in the fourth inning.

The blue and white added another run in the fifth to pull

## LADY WARRIORS STOMP OUT RAILROADERS



The wind may have been with Woodlan's Junior Alyssa Harvey when she cracked the ball over the fence, giving Woodlan two more marks on the board in this homerun hit! The Warriors go on to win 12-2 over Garrett at Tuesday night's game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

## WARRIORS TAKE WIN OVER EAGLES



Woodlan Senior Gavin Sheehan leaps to grab the throw from Noah Beghtel out of the air and gets the out at first base! Final score after 7 innings chalked up a win for Woodlan: 7-6. More pictures at westbendnews.net

within 4-2 before Miller City put the game away with a six-run fifth inning to extend the margin to 10-2. The Putnam County squad then wrapped up the win with two more

runs in the sixth to set the final margin at 12-2.

Brent Koenig and Andrew Weis each had three singles and scored once for Miller City with Jared Niese recording two singles and a run scored. Carson Lehman, Max Long, Jonathon Pester and Ethan Barlage all picked up one hit for the Wildcats.

Koenig drove in two runs for Miller City with Long, Weis, Pester and Ethan Barlage picking up one run batted in apiece. Weis and Lehman touched home plate twice apiece for the Wildcats while Koenig, Owen Tobe, Brendan Barlage, Long, Jared Niese, Jack Wenzinger, Pester and Ethan Barlage all scored once.

Reid Lichty singled twice and scored once for Antwerp with Riley Smith, Kane Hines and Lucas Sproles singled once each. Kane Hines also scored for the Archers with Derek Hines and Hampton Rogge driving in one run apiece.



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# ANTWERP WINS FIRST ROUND OF SECTIONALS

# LADY PANTHERS HOST ARCHERS AFTER NUMEROUS WEATHER DELAYS



The team praises Antwerp freshman Riley Smith as he line drives the ball towards center just over the infield heads and senior Reid Lichty from third base scores for the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



Paulding Senior Maci Kauser slides safely into third on this triple! More pictures at [westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

May 14th was opening game for the Division IV baseball sectionals. Antwerp hosted the Fayette Eagles. In this low scoring match up Archers dug deep and pulled out a win: 2-1.  
Score by Innings:  
Fayette - 0 0 1 0 0 0 = 1; 3H, 1E  
Antwerp - 1 0 0 0 0 1 = 2; 4H, 1E  
Winning Pitcher - D Hines (7 innings, 3 hits, 1 run, 0 earned runs, 13 strikeouts, 2 walks)  
Losing Pitcher - Mitchell (6-1/3 innings, 4 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 9 strikeouts, 6 walks)  
Antwerp Hitters - R Lichty (double, run), A Lichty (run), R Smith (single, RBI), D Hines (triple, RBI), K Hines

(single)  
Fayette Hitters - Mitchell (single, double, run), Maginn (single)  
Sectional Semi-Final took place Thursday night May 16 at Edgerton. Archers started out strong with 2 runs in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning and held fast for innings 2-4. Bulldogs pulled out a rally in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning scoring 4 runs and again 4 run sin the 7<sup>th</sup> earning them the Sectional title.  
Score by Innings:  
Antwerp - 2 0 0 0 0 0 = 2; 6H, 3E  
Edgerton - 0 0 0 0 4 4 x = 8; 6H, 1E  
Winning Pitcher - Herman (7 innings, 6 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 3 strikeouts, 1 walk)  
Losing Pitcher - R Lichty

(5 innings, 5 hits, 4 runs, 1 earned run, 6 strikeouts, 3 walks)  
Other Antwerp Pitcher - A Lichty (1 inning, 0 hits, 0 runs, 0 strikeouts, 2 walks)  
Other Antwerp Pitcher - Marlin (0 innings, 1 hit, 4 runs, 2 earned runs, 0 strikeouts, 2 walks)  
Edgerton Hitters - Leppelmeier (single, two runs), Baker (single, two runs), Herman (run), Weaver (run), Krontz (two singles, run, RBI), Leppelmeier (single, three RBI), Kennerk (double, run)  
Antwerp Hitters - A Lichty (double, run), R Smith (single), D Hines (two doubles, single, run, RBI), Marlin (single, RBI)

After a fifth reschedule the game finally took place! The Lady Panthers and Lady Archers met up on the Panther mound on May 13th for high school girls softball. Paulding dominated and won 13-2.  
Score by Innings:  
Antwerp - 2 0 0 0 0 = 2; 6H, 2E  
Paulding - 5 5 3 0 x = 13; 15H, 3E  
Winning Pitcher - Tia Mendez (4 innings, 4 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 6 strike-

outs, 1 walk)  
Other Paulding Pitchers - Jalyn Klopfenstein, Riley Stork  
Losing Pitcher - Madison Schmidt (4 innings, 15 hits, 13 runs, 8 earned runs, 0 strikeouts, 0 walks)  
Paulding Hitters - Maci Kauser (single, double, three runs), Cadence Schwab (single, double, two runs, RBI), Hannah Trausch (single, run, RBI), Marley Parrett (single, two runs, RBI), Jocelyn Parrett (double, two runs, two

RBI), Riley Stork (two RBI), Tia Mendez (two singles, double, two runs, three RBI), Brooklynn Bakle (single, run), Mariah Klopfenstein (single, double, three RBI), Jalyn Klopfenstein (single), Samantha Leal (double)  
Antwerp Hitters - Caroline Rohrs (run), Caydence Shull (home run, run, two RBI), Estee Lichty (two singles), Raelynne Zuber (single), Allison Sproles (single)

## LADY WARRIORS TAKE SECOND AT ACAC TRACK

The Jay County girls and the Bluffton boys won ACAC track titles at the league meet recently.  
Jay County won the girls title with 122 points to slip past runner-up Woodlan's 116-1/2 points. Heritage and South Adams tied for third at 108 followed by Adams Central (63), Bluffton (54) and Southern Wells (10-1/2).  
South Adams' Kapri Bixler was a double winner in taking the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles while Adams Central's Gabi Landis captured both

the 800 run and 1600 run. Maya Gerber of Heritage placed first in both the discus and the shot put for the Lady Patriots.  
Heritage's DiNestee Williams-White won the 400 dash while teammate Piper Pierce captured the long jump. Winners for Jay County included Matilda Mende (100 dash), Jenna Dues (200 dash) and Mya Kunkler (high jump). Adams Central's Madison Gerber crossed the finish line first in the 3200 run.  
Bluffton claimed its fourth consecutive boys conference championship with 175

points and Heritage took second at 97 points.  
South Adams (92), Jay County (90-1/2), Woodlan (74-1/2), Adams Central (31) and Southern Wells (21) completed the list of schools.  
Bluffton's Tyler Godwin was a triple winner in capturing the 800, 1600 and 3200 runs while Heritage's Braden Walter took first in the 100 dash and long jump.  
Marshall Harris of Heritage captured the 200 dash and teammate Charlie Riddle won the shot put.  
Other individual winners were Bluffton's Jude Baumgartner (400 dash), South Adams' Uriel Gutierrez (discus), Jay County's Adam Alig (110 hurdles), Bluffton's Eli Bertsch (high jump) and South Adams' Tytus Lehman (300 hurdles).

in Division IV sectional softball action Friday evening. Waldron limited the blue and white to one hit, one earned run and three walks in throwing Ayersville to the victory.  
Antwerp struck first, getting its lone run in the top of the first, before the Pilots quickly responded with two runs in the home half of the frame.  
The Defiance County squad then plated another run in the second and three more in the third to extend the margin to 6-1. Ayersville wrapped up the game's scoring with four runs in the bottom of the fourth.  
Elle Clem had the lone Antwerp hit, a single, and scored the lone Archer run in the contest. Estee Lichty picked up a run batted in for the Lady Archers.  
Aeriell Brown, Mabel McGuire and Ava Sigler all had two singles for the Lady Pilots with Kendra Waldron, Mikayla Sierra, Taylor Waldron, Addison Zartman and Allison Eldridge posting one hit apiece.  
Brown, Taylor Waldron and McGuire each scored twice for the Lady Pilots with Kendra Waldron, Sierra, Zartman and Eldridge all scoring once. Sigler drove in two runs for Ayersville while Sierra, McGuire, Zartman, Eldridge and Laura Pahl picked up one run batted in apiece.



Antwerp senior Caydence Shull makes it to first base safely on this hit! More pictures at [westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

with two runs in the top of the seventh for the 6-3 victory.  
Kane Jones ripped three singles and scored twice to lead the Panther attack with Casey Agler, Blake Rhonehouse, Greyson Harder, Grady Barton and Colten Hunt all adding a single.  
Harder also touched home plate twice for the Panthers while Agler and Rhonehouse scored once each. Barton drove in a pair of runs for

Paulding and Hunt picked up one run batted in.  
Harder recorded the win on the mound for the maroon and white, tossing a complete game giving up five hits and three runs (one earned) while striking out ten.  
Colin Harris singled twice and drove in two runs for Pandora Gilboa with Brock Stall recording two singles and scored twice.

Paulding and Hunt picked up one run batted in.  
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**WALDRON LEADS PILOTS OVER ARCHERS**

Kendra Waldron struck out 15 Antwerp batters to lead the Ayersville Pilots to a 10-1 victory over the Archers

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**PANTHERS DOUBLE UP ROCKETS**

The Paulding Panthers hit the road to Putnam County Friday night in non-league high school baseball action where the maroon and white doubled up host Pandora Gilboa for a 6-3 victory.  
The maroon and white led throughout the contest, scoring once in the first before adding three in the third to extend the margin to 4-0.  
After the Rockets picked up one in the third and two in the fifth to pull within 4-3, Paulding put the game away

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# 2024 PEVS RETIREES RECOGNIZED



Paulding Exempted Village Schools recognized and honored six retiring employees at their annual Staff Appreciation Breakfast on May 10, 2024. Five of the retirees received a personalized crock handmade by Sandy Dobbe-laere to commemorate their time at PEVS, and Superintendent Ken Amstutz received a shadow box made by John Kennedy, PEVS Industrial Arts Teacher.

Pictured above are Pam

## PEVS 30 YEAR MEMBER RECOGNIZED

Paulding Exempted Village Schools held a Staff Ap-



preciation breakfast on May 10, 2024. During the annual staff gathering, Melissa Harder was honored for her 30 years of service at PEVS. Her experience and commitment to education at Paulding Schools have benefitted many young people!

## WARRIORS POST SPLIT AGAINST PATRIOTS, LIONS

The Woodlan Lady Warriors split a pair of games against fellow East Allen County Schools members Heritage and Leo in high

school softball action.

The Warriors nipped the Lady Patriots 2-1 on Tuesday evening before falling to the Lady Lions Thursday night 8-2.

Against Heritage, Woodlan scored single runs in both the fourth and fifth innings before holding off the Patriots for the victory.

Jade Lichty had two hits and scored a run for the Lady Warriors with Lillian Riley, Victoria Crozier and Mya Jones also picking up a single each. Alyssa Harvey scored the other Woodlan run.

Abby Horn recorded the victory, tossing the complete game scattering four hits, an unearned run and one walk while striking out 11.

Danica Fuller recorded a single and a double while scoring the lone Heritage run. Lucy Buuck also doubled for the Lady Patriots with Grace Guentner singling and driving in the Patriot run.

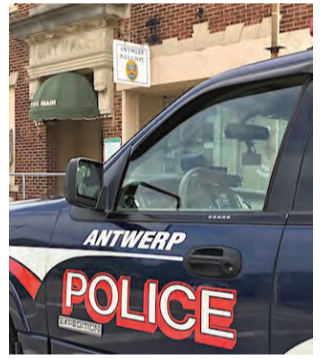
Fuller suffered the loss on the mound, giving up five hits, two unearned runs and two walks while striking out eight in the complete-game effort.

At Leo, Woodlan scored first but the host Lions put up eight consecutive runs from the third inning through the fifth in cruising to the 8-2 victory.

Lillian Pierce, Sara Hoepfner and Anna Woods all had three hits for Leo with Madyn Mohr picking up two and Kristian Bond adding one. Bond, Pierce and Hoepfner scored twice each for the Lady Lions with Pierce driving in three runs. Hoepfner and Woods both picked up two runs batted in for Leo.

Woods struck out four while giving up five hits and two runs (one earned) in picking up the win for Leo. Horn suffered the loss for the Lady Warriors, surrendering a dozen hits, eight runs (seven earned) and four walks while striking out six.

Lichty, Crozier, Addison Klotz, Lexi Metzger and Gabi Koos each had one hit for Woodlan with Lichty and Metzger touching home plate. Crozier and Metzger also posted a run batted in apiece for the Lady Warriors.



## ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On May 2, a manager of a local business reported that a man was acting strange in their business. The officer came and assisted with telling the man to stay out of the business.

On May 3, a resident of E. River St. reported that she was being harassed by her neighbor. Both she and the neighbor were spoken to by police and a report was prepared.

On May 3, a resident of Main St. requested that officers unlock their car. Officers assisted with unlocking their car.

On May 3, Antwerp Police Dept. received a call about possible drug activity at a local residence.

On May 3, a resident of E. River St. reported that he was threatened by a man in Payne. A report was prepared and sent to county prosecutor.

On May 4, Antwerp Police Dept. received a report of a man and woman fighting on N. Main St. When the officer arrived at the location, they contacted the county sheriff's office to assist.

On May 5, a resident reported the theft of wooden beams from her residence. A report was prepared.

On May 9, a theft of a cell-

phone was reported from the day before at the Antwerp track. Officer investigated and located the phone in Payne, OH. A report was prepared.

On May 11, a tree was reported cracked and about to fall over. An officer responded and forwarded information to the village administrator.

On May 11, while patrolling, an officer saw a juvenile running from a building on Archer Dr. Officer checked the building, didn't find any damage. They located the juveniles and spoke to them.

On May 11, a resident of Island St. called and requested help with locating their dogs. As an officer was responding, the dogs were located.

On May 11, Antwerp Police Dept. received a call in reference to a child custody issue. Officer filed a report for the complaint.

On May 11, Antwerp Police Dept. received a call of a toddler running on the sidewalk on N. Main Street. As caller was speaking to the officer, the father was seen retrieving child.

On May 11, an officer was called to a residence at Frank Leinard's. The caller was concerned that someone was in their shed. Officer checked and everything appeared to be okay.

On May 14, a domestic dis-

### WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle

#### TOMATO VARIETIES

- ACROSS**
- A disease-resistant tomato variety that produces medium-sized, flavorful fruits, suitable for fresh eating and cooking.
  - A small, green tomato variety with a sweet, mild flavor, great for snacking and salads.
  - A small, striped cherry tomato variety with a sweet, fruity flavor, perfect for snacking and salads.
  - A high-yielding tomato variety with large, flavorful fruits, suitable for slicing, canning, and fresh eating.
  - A cherry tomato variety known for its exceptionally sweet flavor and golden-orange color, perfect for snacking and salads.
  - A unique tomato variety with green and yellow stripes and a tangy flavor, great for adding color to salads and salsas.
  - A large, flavorful tomato variety prized for its juicy flesh, often used in sandwiches and salads.
  - An Italian plum tomato variety prized for its sweet flavor and thick flesh, commonly used in pasta sauces and pizza toppings.
  - A popular tomato variety that produces medium-sized fruits early in the growing season, perfect for slicing and canning.
  - An heirloom tomato variety with oblong, meaty fruits and a rich, sweet flavor, great for sauces and canning.
- DOWN**
- A small, sweet tomato variety typically eaten fresh or added to salads and appetizers.
  - A yellow-colored variant of the classic Brandywine tomato, known for its rich, sweet flavor and smooth texture.
  - A classic tomato variety known for its uniform, medium-sized fruits and excellent flavor, perfect for slicing and canning.
  - An heirloom tomato variety with dark, purplish-black fruits and a rich, smoky flavor.
  - A plum tomato variety known for its meaty texture and low moisture content, ideal for sauces and canning.
  - An heirloom tomato variety known for its large, pinkish-red fruits and rich, complex flavor.
  - A compact tomato variety with clusters of small, golden-yellow fruits and a sweet, tangy flavor, ideal for container gardening.
  - A prolific cherry tomato variety that produces clusters of small, sweet fruits, ideal for snacking and salads.
- solution on page 11*

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pute at North Garden Apartments was reported. An officer responded and prepared a report. The case was investigated and the report forwarded to county prosecutor.

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

## HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2024-10

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PAY RANGES FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES		
Full-Time Deputy Chief EMS	\$52,000.00 per year	
Fireman	\$14.19 per hour	
EMR	\$16.38 per hour	
EMT-Basic	\$18.56 per hour	
EMT-Intermediate	\$19.65 per hour	
EMT-Paramedic	\$20.74 per hour	
<i>(Note: On Call pay for EMT's and Firefighter Drivers is \$1.00 per hour)</i>		
Park / Pool Director	\$16,377.00 per year	
Park Groundskeeper	\$16.38 per hour	
Part-Time Park Laborers	\$13.36 per hour	
Head Lifeguard	\$14.00 per hour	
Lifeguard	\$12.00 per hour	
Pool Desk Clerk	\$10.00 per hour	
Clerk of Mayor Court	\$19.44 per hour	
Assistant Fiscal Officer	\$19.44 per hour	
Assistant Administrator	\$19.07 per hour	
Assistant Clerk	\$16.10 per hour	
HIX TV Station Manager	\$999.60/mo Plus 50% of Underwriting fees	
HIXTV Youth Director	\$305.66 per month	
<b>SECTION 1:</b> Effective May 6, 2024, the following named positions shall be paid at the following rates of pay:		
Police Chief	\$66,312.82 per year	
Police Lieutenant	\$25.78 per hour	
Police Sergeant	\$24.53 per hour	
Patrolman I	\$23.94 per hour	
Patrolman II	\$21.53 per hour	
Part-time Patrolman	\$21.53 per hour	
Police/Mayors Court Clerk	\$20.00 per hour	
Water Superintendent	\$22.13 per hour	
WWTP Foreman	\$71,020.00 per year	
WWTP Superintendent	\$22.13 per hour	
Street Foreman	\$22.13 per hour	
Grade I Laborer	\$20.92 per hour	
Grade II Laborer	\$19.62 per hour	
Grade III Laborer	\$18.50 per hour	
Grade IV Laborer	\$14.85 per hour	
Part-time Laborer	\$13.36 per hour	
Part-time Custodian	\$13.36 per hour	
Part-time Beautification Coordinator	\$17.20 per hour	
Part-Time Zoning Official	\$20.00 per hour	
Full-time Zoning Official	\$16.56 per hour	
Utility Clerk	\$20.00 per hour	
Senior Utility Clerk	\$20.00 per hour	
Income Tax Administrator	\$16.56 per hour	
Senior Income Tax Administrator	\$20.00 per hour	
Part-Time Fire Chief	\$10,000.00 per year	
<b>SECTION 2:</b> Effective May 6, 2024, the following elected and appointed officials shall be paid the stated amounts:		
(1) Administrator	\$62,921.60 per year	
(2) Fiscal Officer	\$51,940.00 per year	
(2) Mayor	\$14,712.59 per year – presides over Mayor's Court – no Mayor's Court \$9,656.44 per year – no Mayor's Court	
(3) Council Members	\$4,856.83 per year	
<b>SECTION 3:</b> This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure for the peace, health, welfare and safety of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio and for the further purpose that this Ordinance is necessary to meet the required time deadlines involved and the economic needs of the Village and shall, therefore, take effect and be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.		

## HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2024-08

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio has reviewed the Annual Appropriations Ordinance and feels that it is necessary to amend certain fund account totals to reflect the actual amounts to be appropriated,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio:

**Section 1:** The Annual Appropriations Ordinance Number 2023-18 in the amount of \$2,480,695.48 will be amended reflect the following changes:

Original/Amended Budget Amt.	Proposed Budget Amt.	Amount of Change
1000-310-530-0006 Donations-Splashpad	\$ ---	\$800,000.00
Total Amended Appropriations:	\$800,00.00	

**Section 2:** This ordinance is declared to be an emergency and therefore take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

DATED: 05/06/24  
MICHAEL BARTH, MAYOR  
CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER

## PPEC MEMBERS DONATE \$13,820 TO 15 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



The Challenged Champions Equestrian Center in Ottawa received a \$1,500 donation from PPEC members through the co-op's Operation Round Up program. The funds will be used to cover horse boarding expenses

Members of Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative recently donated \$13,820 to 15 local charities and community projects through the cooperative's Operation Round Up program.

About 80% of PPEC members round up their electric bill and donate those pennies to this fund, making a huge impact in the co-op's north-west Ohio and northeast Indiana communities.

Participating members round up their monthly electric bill to the next dollar, with the extra pennies being used to help fund charities and groups in their communities. Each quarter, the funds are dispensed to local causes that applied for funding.

The most recent donation recipients include:

- Antwerp Ball Association; \$970 to purchase wire for a new court.
- Antwerp Local Schools; \$800 to purchase an AED.
- Blessing in a Bag Paulding Exempted Village Schools; \$800 to provide food bags for needy students.
- Challenged Champions Equestrian Center; \$1,500 to fund boarding expenses for horses.
- Fort Jennings Fire De-

partment; \$2,100 to purchase emergency lighting for a rescue trailer.

- Friends of the Paulding County Park District; \$700 to provide funding for Port-A-Johns for three parks during the months of May - October.

- Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services; \$650 to purchase an online course subscription.

- Miller City Soccer Team; \$1,200 to purchase new poles for the field.

- Paulding County Opportunity Center; \$500 to purchase gym class supplies.

- Paulding County Relay for Life/American Cancer Society; \$1,000 to fund a survivor's dinner.

- Pauling Soil and Water Conservation District; \$800 to provide funding for GREEN Day.

- Putnam County Special Olympics; \$1,000 to fund a new bus.

- Van Wert County Humane Society; \$500 to provide funding to spay and neuter cats.

- Van Wert YMCA; \$500 to provide funding for the after-school program.

- Woodlan Band Boosters; \$800 to purchase uniforms and music.

## WOODLAN FFA OFFICERS 2024-2025



Members of Woodlan FFA recently interviewed and awarded the new officers for 2024-2025 school year! From the far left: Piper Palmer(student advisor), Miley Reynolds(reporter), Tyler Guise(vise president), Jacob Warden(treasurer), Calahan Spieth(president), Savannah Hopper(secretary), and Vivian Emenheiser(sentinel).

## PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENT

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (6) persons on Thursday, May 9, 2024.

Michael Anthony Dunn (2/6/1987), Latty, OH; Gross sexual imposition, F3

Jeremy Earl Shaffer (8/12/1980), Oakwood, OH; Felonious assault, F2; Specification for forfeiture of property

Joshua M. Brown (4/8/1987), Oakwood, OH; Theft, F5

David Olan Bidlack (8/24/1990), Antwerp, OH; Aggravated menacing, F4

Samantha J. Stahl (1/12/1980), Paulding, OH; Breaking & entering, F5; Theft, M1

Larry L. Dix (11/9/1971), Paulding, OH; Breaking & entering, F5; Theft, M1

## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Madison D. Compton, Elk City, OK; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Adam L. Ondrejck, Fishers, IN; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert J. Kochenour, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Trisha M. Mullins, Paulding, OH; Driving under FRA suspension, Case dismissed with prejudice, Costs waived; Left of center, Case dismissed with prejudice, Costs waived; Seat belt/drive, Case dismissed with prejudice, Costs waived

Jonathan D. Albritton, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cynthia L. Morningstar, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Arie M. Del, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived

Michael W. Miles, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Thaddeus W. Lang, Haviland, OH; Disorderly conduct, Case dismissed, Costs to defendant; OVI/under influence, Guilty, 180 days jail, 177 suspended, Operators license suspended from 2/17/24 - 2/17/25, Proof of insurance not provided, Pay restitution; Left of center, Count B dismissed

Jesse W. Miller, Monroeville, IN; Aggravated menacing; Guilty; 180 days jail, 175 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; No contact with victims; No firearms; Write a

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## PAULDING EAGLES DONATE TOWARD VETERANS MEMORIAL PROJECT



Pictured from the left are Eagles members John Gutierrez, Dennis Price, Joe Sukup, Ryan Anderson, Harrold Gottke and VFW Post 587 Commander John Daeger.

Paulding Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #2405 makes a \$10,000 donation to the Paulding Veterans Memorial

letter of apology; Evaluation and complete any counseling and treatment; Release surety bond; Repay atty fees

Jerica L. Brown, Continental, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Olivia R. Mengorink, Van Wert, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nicole M. Fisher, Paulding, OH; Distracted driving, Guilty, Defendant completed course; Left of center, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Case was waived by defendant

Jason Chad Kremer, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; 30 days jail, 29 days suspended; Defendant to pay all costs; Maintain general good behavior; Become compliant with APA orders

Emile Amani, Indianapolis, IN; Driving/texting, Defendant completed course; Highway use tax, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Lucas N. Keegan, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Austin T. Yant, Defiance, OH; Paraphernalia, Case dismissed per state, Costs waived; OVI/under influence, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived; OVI/refusal, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived; Driving under OVI suspension, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived; No brake lights, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived

Clayton R. Farrell, West Unity, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John B. Applegate, Palmyra, IN; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Christopher D. Carpenter, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nicole M. Fisher, Paulding, OH; Left of center, Guilty; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Jai Walia, Belle River, ON; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Heather N. Jacobs, Paulding, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jagseer S. Dhillon, Brampton, ON; Marked lanes, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Distracted driving, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

project. Mike Kauser, a trustee of the Paulding Fraternal Order of Eagles, was instrumental in the creation of the

Paulding Veterans Memorial project and coordinating the Eagle's donations to the memorial.

## PHS MAY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School May Students of the Month are from L to R: Senior Hailey Wolpert, Junior Marley Parrett, Sophomore Jared Manz, Freshman Lucy Porter

## ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD WRAP UP SCHOOL YEAR WITH NEW HS PRINCIPAL AT BOARD MEETING



Board President Sara Schuette (left) with Antwerp's new high school principal, Jessie Arnold, and superintendent Marty Miller (right).

The Antwerp School Board Meeting started at 5:30 p.m. on May 16, 2024. President Sara Schuette opened the meeting with approving the previous board

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My mind can't conceive what heaven will be like but I like to think what our life might be like. I think we will know each other, I think we will visit with Moses. My mate will be my best friend and we will visit each other. The Bible says there will be no marriage, there'll be no need for that. But I believe there will still be a bond between us.

"Here they broom but for a season  
There the roses never fade"  
The Bible doesn't address every little issue but some things make sense to me. I think we'll all be the same age, around 30 years old. There couldn't be us old men and fetuses together. I believe we will have boundless energy. We will not sleep or even rest. We will have pure energy. The Bible says we will eat, we will have banquets.

There will be no privies in heaven. Every bit of material that is burned for energy will be pure energy. On earth when material is burned and energy is created, there is always some waste. But in heaven it will be pure energy. God will be the light. Even the

sun produces waste as it burns.

"Friends have gone to be with Jesus.

In their robes of white array

They are waiting for my coming.

Where The roses never fade"

I believe our loved ones will know we are coming and will be there waiting for us. I don't know if the Bible addresses this but I believe it to be true. I feel part of heaven might be here on earth. The Bible talks of a staircase between heaven and earth. It might be the original Garden of Eden. After all if we get rid of the weeds and the pain... We pray Thy kingdom to come to earth. The Tree of Life will be full of delicious fruit and we will eat it. The Tree of Good and Evil will be no more.

I told a friend there will be no dirt in heaven. He said yes there will be trees and plants. I believe the soil will be pure and will not soil anything. The Lord told Adam and Eve to tend the garden so I believe we will garden and probably farm. The tractors will be green. People have always wondered, will there be pets?

"The lion will lie down with the lamb." Yes there will be animals there. We have all had pets that were dear to us.

I understand that pure gold is transparent. There is no such thing as pure anything on earth so we do not know. In the rivers and lakes we will be able to see the bottom. You'll be able to drink from the streams. I am wondering if there is a place called Paradise that surrounds heaven before we enter. It will be a perfect place, it will be heaven.

—James Neuhouser

minutes. Bob Herber stated that Governor DeWine signed a new bill that would allow the schools to have a cell phone policy. Cell phone use could get out of control. If a problem arises, the school can limit, now using state law. Marty Miller stated that Antwerp hasn't had a huge problem with cell phone use.

Vantage had a meeting on May 2. The first class of LPN to RN students graduated. On May 10, they had a CAP signing. The last day will be early next week.

Kristine Stuart presented the financial report for the month of March:

income: \$1,113,001.89  
expenses: 1,161,865.79  
interest: \$41,657.92

The five year forecast for the financial does show a deficit spending because of the new building being built. The real estate revenue increased by over \$100,000. The income tax revenue decreased by \$52,000. Expenses did go up some, and the unexpected bus purchase, and increased computer purchased expense, all contributed to a higher expense than what was anticipated. The school is 83% through the fiscal year.

Travis Lichty wrote that 43 students are graduating in the class of 2024. There are several students who will be taking summer school. Prom went very well. He also wrote a letter to the board about his seven years being at the school.

Traci Stokes stated that the PTO provided a picnic

for those who earned their AR points in elementary. Earlier in the week, Field Day took place. On Monday, May 20th the fifth grade will have their graduation.

Marty Miller, superintendent, said that Doug Billman will be the next principal for the Elementary. Sam Williamson will be taking over for Mr Short's position. There is several position openings currently at the school. The Wellness Center will have an inspection to clean up some of the final things. August 14 is the potential date for an Open House to see the new facility. The pressbox audio system was working well at the tournament game. AEP has to hook up the power to the building. Derek Hines came up with a building and grounds update on a serenity garden.

Harold Gotke stated that the new computers have been delivered already with the exception of several teacher computers. The fiber optic line has to be fixed because the fiber was damaged by a cement truck since it's in the middle of a driveway. The district had a conference about upcoming issues that cyber security will be dealing with in the near future.

Dr. Miller stated the school year started with 694 students and ended with 703. Paulding Putnam Electric donated money for an AED for the new building. A \$10,000 donation will be received for the new robots. This was beyond the match by APT and the Eagles.

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Herber asked why geometry scores are so low for our students. He then clarified that the test scores are just low across the state. Miller said he thinks there is a problem with the test and how it is written because they have been focusing on it for several years and just cannot seem to get the scores up even though the kids are doing well in it.

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSTS SEVERAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**  
 The Paulding County Economic Development office recently hosted several development roundtable discussions. Businesses owners, employees and individual members of the Paulding County Economic Development office were invited to attend from three sectors: finance, construction/development and realty. The intent of the roundtables was to organize an internal county team that is interested in developing residential opportunities in Paulding County.

The first roundtable discussion was with the financial group. Banking and credit union leaders, from seven financial institutions around the region, met to hear about project opportunities, potential properties available through private and land bank property options, and learned about different State of Ohio residential grant programs taking place. The group also shared information including: subdivision development, current lending, interest rates, modular home financing and an upcoming Vibrant Communities Grant seminar. The seminar will be held at the Paulding Eagles from 2:30-4:00 pm on Thursday, May 23. The seminar is open to the public but the currently the only eligible communities for the grant are the villages of Antwerp, Broughton, Cecil, Grover Hill, Haviland, Melrose, Oakwood & Payne.

The next roundtable group was the construction/contractors group. This group included 13 businessmen whose expertise ranged anywhere from building inspection to foundation de-

velopment, framing, drywall work and HVAC installation, to roofing, siding and finishing. This group was the most vocal as new introductions were made, new homebuilding myths were busted and new ideas were shared. The connections made in this meeting were certainly worthwhile and are already enticing new development project discussions.

The final group to meet was the realty teams. Nine realtors, representing six regional realty groups joined Megan Foes with Northwest Ohio REALTORS. Interestingly enough, these local teams confirmed much of the same that is being discussed in villages and counties throughout Ohio, that there needs to be more housing. There is interest to build, there is equity to be spent on speculative builds, there just isn't enough road, water, sewer, surface drainage infrastructure in place for building of single family, multi family or senior living complexes to begin. The group provided thoughts on how we might overcome this barrier and how we need to work in conjunction with grants and other funding to make this work.

Tim Cosey, Director for Paulding County Economic Development office summarized, "We have been hearing from so many different businesses, individuals and entities involved with all of these sectors. We just felt the best way to include our current and potential investment members in the conversation, and get them a seat at the development table, was to pull them all together in these roundtable meetings. Once everyone was introduced in their respective groups the discussion took off just as we hoped. These were definitely worth our organizations time and investment. We are excited to share what came out of these roundtable meetings and discussions."

To learn more about commercial, retail and residential projects developing in Paulding County please contact Paulding County Economic Development at 419-399-8282.

**PAULDING COUNTY TRAILS PROJECT GEARING UP FOR THE SEASON!**

Spring is in the air and the Paulding County Trails Project is still making plans to develop a trails system in Paulding. It's gonna need support from all areas of stakeholders to make this happen. Check out more about the project on the Paulding Chamber's website - www.pauldingchamber.com

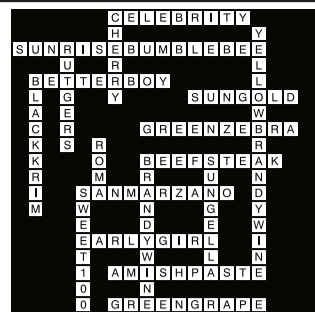
Our Vision: The Paulding County Trails Project isn't just about concrete slabs and trail markers; it's an investment in the safety, health, and connectedness of the community. Community leaders recognize that the well-being of residents transcends infrastructure. Thriving communities boasting quality of life, business appeal, and environmental stewardship invariably hinge on robust parks and recreation programs. These not only enhance public well-being but also contribute to community desirability, fostering a vibrant and sustainable environment. It speaks to the soul of Paulding - a commitment to ensuring every individual, regardless of ability, has the opportunity to not just live but thrive.

Our Goal: Create a Trail system in and through Paulding County to connect homes, recreational facilities, and businesses. Paving the Path to Safety, Health, and Community Connectivity

Nestled in the heart of Paulding County, the proposed Paulding County Trails Project isn't just about concrete and asphalt; it's about creating pathways to a safer, healthier, and more connected community.

As we lace up our shoes and pedal our bikes, we're paving the way for something truly transformative. The Trails Project isn't just about getting from point A to point B; it's about fostering a sense of belonging and ensuring that everyone, regardless of age or ability, has access to the resources and experiences that make life fulfilling.

"Nature has an incredible ability to heal and inspire us," said Anna Gurney, Education Specialist, Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District. "By investing in trail systems like the Paulding County



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Trails Project, we're not just building paths; we're providing opportunities for people to reconnect with the natural world, improving mental and physical well-being in the process."

Imagine strolling down a path, the sun peeking through the branches, as you make your way to the Paulding County Hospital, Black Swamp Nature Center, or Lela McGuire Park. With every step, you're not just getting closer to your destination; you're also strengthening the bonds that tie our community together.

But it's not just about convenience; it's about safety. With dedicated pathways for pedestrians, bicyclists, and wheelchair users, the project would reduce the risk of accidents and create a haven for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages. And let's not forget about the environment. By reducing vehicular travel and promoting active lifestyles, we're not only improving our own health but also leaving behind a greener footprint for future generations to enjoy.

"The proposed Paulding County Trails Project isn't just about concrete slabs and trail markers; it will be an investment in the safety, health, and connectedness of the community," said Erica Noggle, Executive Director, Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce. "It's about creating a space where everyone feels welcome and valued."

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# PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL'S CONSTRUCTION BASICS PROGRAM COMPLETES



Pictured above (l-r) Tom Kelly, NW State Custom Training Solutions, Kristen Schilt PCED, Jay Estrada, Riley Leatherman, Aidan Dewaters, Drake Ankney, Tiffany Rockhold OMJ, Jon Thomas Instructor & Chris Etzler, PHS Principal.

Paulding High School proudly announces the successful completion of its second Construction Basics I and III class. This cohort was offered to students at the Paulding County Opportunity Center (PCOC). There were two separate classes of students from the high school and those who attend PCOC. The program, offered by Northwest State Community College (NSCC), allowed students to gain skills and certifications, including OHSA-10, LEAN Six Sigma, and Blueprint Reading.

Leading this initiative was Mr. Jon Thomas. Thomas, a construction contractor by trade, taught the students about tools, how to handle them, blueprints, and guided them to actually design and make 26 raised garden beds and 15 picnic tables. These projects were dispersed throughout the school district including garden beds at the Paulding County Senior Center and picnic tables at the Charloe Sno Cone. Additionally, the students added a room on the side of their workshop

that included electrical and plumbing outlets for laundry services and then drywalled the water treatment building for the Village of Cecil.

"It was a privilege to be able to teach these young men the carpentry and building trades! They were eager to learn from day one and I am grateful to share my skills and experience with them," shared Thomas.

Paulding High School remains committed to innovation and excellence in education, empowering students with the skills and certifications necessary to thrive in today's workforce environment. The knowledge learned through the training, along with the dedication by the students, will open doors for them in their future careers in whatever career they decide to pursue.

The program graduates recently celebrated their accomplishments. Program graduates included: Tytus Manz, Derrick Martinez, Jesus Estrada Aidan Dewaters, Riley Leatherman, Parker Mapes, Draven Bradford, Lo-

gan Olin and Drake Ankney,

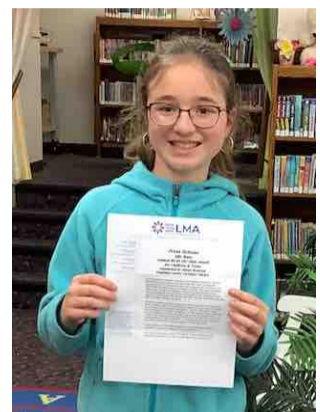
Throughout the entire school year students attended classes for 1.5 hours per day during school hours. The agenda included a mix of hands-on training and book work under the guidance of Thomas. The program is provided in conjunction with industry partner Tiffany Rockhold with OhioMeansJobs.

Paulding High School Principal Chris Etzler concluded, "We are very fortunate to be able to offer our students an opportunity like this. We are thankful for the location to hold this class, and thankful for Jon and his knowledge, as well as his ability to relate to our students. This gives them one more opportunity to leave Paulding High School with not only a diploma, but skills that will help them start and advance in a career."

For more information about Paulding High School's construction program and future workforce initiatives, please contact Paulding County Economic Development at 419-399-8282.

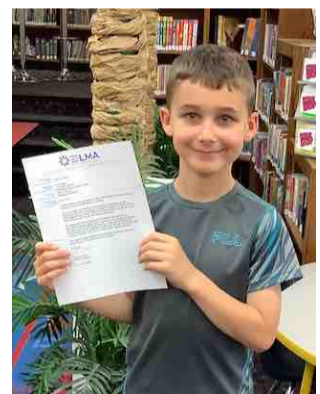
# STEELE & MANZ NAMED READ ON! OHIO AWARD FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

At its upcoming statewide Conference and Awards Celebration, the Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA), Ohio's professional association for K-12 school librarians, will recognize the recipients of the 2024 READ On! Ohio Award for Children & Teens. The award celebrates enthusiastic readers nominated by school and public librarians in the following categories: primary (K-2); intermediate (3-5); middle (6-8); and high (9-12) and regions: SE, SW, NE, and NW. This year marks the ninth year READ On! Ohio has been awarded.



Allie Manz

OELMA is pleased to announce that Leon Steele and Allie Manz are recipients of this award.



Leon Steele

Susan Deatrck shares, "Leon is an exceptional reader. He will pick out his stack of books to take home and then sit down and start reading." He frequents the library and Deatrck has seen his reading ability keep getting better and better for his age. Leon likes to participate in the programs and always asks thoughtful questions.

Susan Deatrck, Head of Youth Services, shares, "Allie is a good role model for her sisters and helps them find books." She is a competitor in the library's Battle of the Books competition. As Ms. Deatrck states, "Allie has a love of reading. As soon as she gets in the library she heads for the 'What's New' section, fills her bag, and then you can find her in the stacks reading before she even checks out." She attends the library's programs and gets involved with reading programs, summer and winter.

Congratulations to Leon and Allie and the Paulding County Carnegie Library for cultivating a passion for reading in its young patrons.

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## DEFIANCE COUNTY LIBRARIES CLOSED OR MEMORIAL DAY

Defiance public library system—including Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, and Johnson Memorial Libraries—will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

## SINN NAMED TO OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY'S 2024 DEAN'S LIST

Claire Sinn of Haviland, OH has been named to Ohio Dominican University's 2024 Spring Dean's List. In order to make the Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must have achieved a 3.5 GPA or better after taking a minimum of 12 credit hours.

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## POLLOCK GOES TO TRACK NATIONALS



Leslie Pollock, a red shirt freshman at Ashland University, will be going to the National Track meet in Emporia, KS next week. Leslie is 11th in the nation in the hammer throw in Division II. She will be throwing next Thursday. Leslie is a 2022 graduate from Antwerp Local Schools. She is the daughter of Tam and Terry Pollock.

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**MEAT MARKET**

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**HOURS:**  
TUES-FRI, 9-7  
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**PRICES GOOD**  
5/21 - 5/26

**SALE PRICES WHILE**  
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# WEEKLY SPECIALS

<p><b>ALL BOUNTY PAPER TOWELS</b> SCRATCH &amp; DENT</p> <p><b>20% OFF</b></p>	<p><b>SABRINA'S CHERRY CHEESE OR CREAM CHEESE DANISH COFFEE CAKE</b></p> <p><b>\$3.99</b></p>	<p><b>NASHVILLE HOT STYLE CHICKEN BREAST</b></p> <p><b>\$5.99 PER LB</b></p>	<p><b>FAMILY SIZE COCOA PUFFS, CINNAMON TOAST CRUNCH COCOA PEBBLES</b></p> <p><b>\$3.99</b></p>
<p><b>Smithfield ANYTIME HAM</b></p> <p><b>50% OFF</b></p>	<p><b>DAILY CHOICE PRE-COOKED BACON</b></p> <p><b>\$19.95</b></p>	<p><b>JENNIE-O BROWNED TURKEY BREAST</b></p> <p><b>\$5.99 PER LB</b></p>	<p><b>PILLSBURY FILLED CRESCENTS APPLE</b></p> <p><b>\$3.99</b></p>
<p><b>ECKRICH HOT DOGS</b> ALL VARIETIES</p> <p><b>\$1.99 PER PK</b></p>	<p><b>KRAFT SINGLES</b> 16 SLICES</p> <p><b>20% OFF</b> REG. \$1.99</p>	<p><b>WRIGHT'S HICKORY SMOKED BACON</b></p> <p><b>\$3.99 PER LB</b></p>	

## Purple Heart Recipients

If you, or a family member received the Purple Heart medal, you are invited to attend a special ceremony at the John Paulding Historical Museum.

The museum will be making a proclamation to give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal and will also unveil their new Purple Heart exhibit.

**10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 1, 2024**

John Paulding Historical Museum  
600 Fairground Dr. Paulding, OH 45879  
(419)399-8218

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## HUGE PURSE SALE

JUNE 7TH AND 8TH  
9:00-NOON  
H2O BUILDING  
EVERYTHING PRICE TO SELL!!  
BUY ONE OR BUY 10

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO "ROCK THE RIVER"