MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024

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 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

AMERICAN LEGION POST

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

The annual Memorial day

events will be hosted Monday,

May 27th by American Legion

Post #297. A breakfast for vet-

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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.

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

DR

School Graduate, a Bowling Green State University graduate, and a Hall of Fame Mem-

ber. His retired jerseys — #44

Go Panthers!! #29 Go Fal-

He is an 8-time Detroit Music Award Winner, and a 2time 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 Community week that Hospital Memorial 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

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PAULDING VFW POST 587 MEMORIAL DAY 5/27/24

9:00 a.m. Rochester Cemetery, Cecil

Introductions, Invocation, Closing, Charlie Simp-

VFW Aux and Scouts

Guest Speaker Mark Holtsberrry (Unknown Soldier Identified)

Vocalist Dan Wilder Post 587 Quartermaster Post 587 Color Guard and

Rifle Squad 11:00 a.m. Live Oak

Introduction and Clos-

Cemetery, Paulding

ing John Daeger Post 587 Commander Invocation TBD

VFW Aux and Scouts

Guest Speaker Sheriff Ja-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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OBITUARIES



Coe F. Gordon, 92, of Paulding passed away on May 14, 2024 at Paulding County Hospital. He was born June 11, 1931, the son of Coe F. Gordon, Sr. and Alma (Saum) Gordon. He graduated from Paulding

High School in 1949 where he played football and trumpet in the marching band. attended Defiance College for 3 years, then joined the US Air Force. During his 20 years of service, he was a jet fighter pilot, then he earned his electrical engineering degree from the University of Michigan; he spent a year in Turkey listening in on Soviet communications; he was a missile silo commander at Nellis AFB in Montana, where he also completed his Master's Degree with the Air Force Institute of Technology. During the Vietnam War he made a During the clandestine trip to Cambodia to bring back technology on Russian radar. He finished his career as a Lt. Colonel at Nellis AFB in Nevada working on radar systems.

After retiring from the Air Force, he taught AFJROTC for 16 years at Springboro High He retired from School. teaching in 1988, returning to Paulding in 1997. survived by his wife of 70 years, Patricia (Patterson) Gordon, and sons Edward Coe Gordon (Karen), Michael Bruce Gordon, and daughter Teresa Kay (William) Lane, grandchildren: Emily Lawson, Austin Gordon, Sean Gordon, Ashley Gordon, Daniel Lane and Michael Luttrell, and great grandchildren Ryan, Ruby and Theo. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Joan Wythe.

He was a lifetime member of the United Methodist church, 70 year member of the Masonic Lodge and participated in many philanthropic and organizations in his lifetime.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, May 18 at Paulding United Methodist Church. Viewing will be from 9-11 am, with service at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Paulding County Hospital where he received excellent

Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.

GREENHOUSE EFFECT **BLESSES ETHIOPIA**

Earl Huebner longtime owner of Greenhouse Effect has closed the door on a landmark business permanently. The facility is being disman-



Patricia Gray, 80, of Payne, passed away Monday, May 13, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital. Patty was born in Paulding,

on February 6, 1944, a daughter of the late Helen (Beck) & Carl Patty graduated from Payne

High School in 1962 before attending International Business College. In 1967, she married the love of her life, John, and they shared 57 wonderful years together. Patty worked as a computer operator at International Harvester and later retired from Shambaugh's. She was a talented seamstress, avid gardener, and skilled cook and baker. Patty was known for her meticulous housekeeping, she also enjoyed crocheting, quilting, spending time with her family. She was a devoted fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes and loved watching her nieces and nephews compete in high school athletics. Patty was also a life long member of the Payne Church of Christ. Patty will be deeply missed by all who knew her, but her love and kindness will live on in the hearts of those she touched.

Patty will be sadly missed by her husband, John; siblings; Richard (Susan) Young, William (Jeanine) Young, & Martha Jenkins; sister in laws, Jane Gray & Caroline Dangler; many nieces and nephews; & beloved cat, Bubba.

Patty was also preceded in death by her sister, Sally Young. Service will be Friday, May 17^{th} at 5 PM with visitation from

3-5 PM at Dooley Funeral

She will be laid to rest in St.

Paul Cemetery privately. Memorials are to the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Fond memories may be

shared at dooleyfuneralhome.



Ray S. Goyings, 92, passed

away on May 15, 2024 after a brief illness. Ray was born Dec. 9, 1931 to William and Mary (Unger) Goyings. He was one of the surviving members of Paulding High School Class of Ray was a life-long Paulding County farmer. He married Dorothy Todd on Oct. 26, 1952 and they celebrated 69 ½ years of marriage before her passing in Aug. 2022. Ray and Dorothy were blessed with three children: Steve (Joanie) Goyings, Doug (Diane) Goyings of Paulding and Melinda (Chris) Walters of Antwerp. He was a proud Grandpa to six grandchildren: Stephanie (Scott) Pier, Trent (Kelly) Goyings, Jeremy (Jessica) Goyings, Chelsie (Justin) Ross, Christina Burk and Brent (Brittney) Kauser. He was also Great Grandpa to Grace & Tyler Goyings, Lyla & Dylan Pier, Axel & Garrett Goyings, Carleigh Burk, Bralen, Briahlyn, Brayer, Brantley, & Baby Kauser, Riley & Macy two bonus great Ross, grandchildren Hannah Michael Griffiths, as well as a special family friend, Steve Burk.

Ray and Dorothy shared fond memories of square Bureau dancing, Farm members and Social Club. They were able to enjoy trips to San Francisco to celebrate their 40th anniversary wedding

anniversary with a family dinner. Many summer weekends were spent with family and friends at Hamilton Lake or on the Auglaize River. Ray was a member of the Paulding Methodist Church. In younger days, he was involved with Paulding Little League and Paulding Band Boosters. He helped raise a healthy and happy family while working the land he loved, and he instilled that love of the land in the hearts of his children. He and Dorothy were extremely proud and honored for recognition of an 1886-1986 Ohio Centennial Farm. The grandchildren always enjoyed Christmas special shopping trips with Grandpa and Grandma – as Grandpa had a hard time not spoiling them with their wish lists! And, they will cherish the times they got to go for a bumpy ride into town with Grandpa in "Old Blue". We'll never forget his usual instructions whenever we left from a visit with him – "Be careful and watch your Many will miss business". seeing him meticulously mowing his lawn, but he'll probably be maintaining the beautiful roadsides of heaven because "a farmer's work is never done". Preceding him in death were

Gatlinburg for their 50th.

They celebrated their 60th

his wife, parents, in-laws Bud and Blanche Todd, brothers Buck & Homer. He is also survived by a sister, Donna Pieper.

Cheri Estle (friend of the family) will lead a private memorial and celebration of life for the immediate family at Den Funeral Pallbearers include Steve Goyings, Doug Goyings, Chris Walters, Trent Goyings, Jeremy Goyings, and Brent Kauser. The family requests memorials be made to the Paulding High School FFA (c/o Staci Miller, 405 N Water St., Paulding, OH 45879) or to the Paulding United Methodist Church (308 N Main St., Paulding, Ohio

45879). Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.



tled and repurposed overseas. ing since 1990. By the time it

continue as the Greenhouse Effect comes down to serve a new community. Just south of Antwerp on State Route 49 the business has been operat-

The work of the Lord will closed, it had over a half acre under roof and growing plants locally. Since its closure before the pandemic, Earl had been trying to find a buyer to keep the business going. However, he was not successful in finding a tenant to take over. Recently, Dave and Jenny Anibal of Reading, MI were driving through the area and noticed that the structures lacked their original luster and intent, but knew they could still be used and repurposed for a new community. Dave and his wife, Jenny, attend the Remedy Church in Michigan that created a ministry called "Moriah", which also shares the same name as the Ethiopian mission group started by college kids 20 years ago to help with single moms and chilJenni talked to Earl about the future plans for the Greenhouse Effect to find out what could be done with the building. Earl then realized that this could be used for a mission project to grow healthy and safe food in the country of Ethiopia, and decided to make this massive donation to their

cause.

From watching television, you may think that Ethiopia is a desert; however, in the part of the country where the greenhouse will be going, it is at 9,000 feet elevation at Entoto Mountains, the region of the capitol, Addis Ababa. The mission is in the process of receiving land on a mountain top that will be used for growing food, providing job training and job creation. This part of Ethiopia is considered a rainforest with cool annual

Scripture of the Week

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"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!" — Romans 11:33

SOLDIERS IN THE ARMY OF THE LORD



path of our Christian journey, we can often be made to feel like we've wandered off the path, or if we're on the right path at all. Sometimes the road is

rough. Sometimes the road is tough. Sometimes the hills are hard to climb. There's one thing that I know for certain, and that is, we must continue to climb. I recall when I was a

sergeant in the army, and the soldiers would come to me with different complaints and gripes or situations or scenarios that were sometimes seemingly impossible, sometimes I wouldn't have the answers, but I would not convey that to them. I would just say in a confident command voice "CARRY ON! CONTINUE TO MARCH!

I somehow had developed blind faith. Faith in God, faith in the leadership, this faith

and confidence had been instilled in me through, consistency. You might ask "consistency in what?" and my answer is "in doing it by the book". Yes, by the Book. Over and over again, by the book. We use to call it "GOOD

TRAINING!". Those soldiers would get so angry when I would say "let's do it over again". They would say "WHAT! Again?" Well, as

much as I loved and hated the army, and wanted to get out, and be a civilian, I find myself a sergeant all over again. This time, I'm a sergeant in the Army of the Lord. I'm soldiering for the Lord. And can you believe it, the things that I don't get right by the book, the commander God makes me do it over again. For example, when I don't

"love my neighbor" or my enemy or pray for those who spitefully misuse me, or I'm not patient enough, He brings before me, the same scenario, over and over again, until I get it right. Then He says to me "GOOD TRAINING, CON-TINUE TO MARCH!"

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men would count slackness, but is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9) Thank God for His mercy. "CARRY ON, CONTINUE TO MARCH!

-Pastor Dwayne Richardson

annual rainfall of 50".

Bignall Pastor Jared headed up the project along with many volunteers from their church, and is making sure that all of this will get to Africa safely on shipping containers. Jared stated that it could take anywhere from a month to a year for the shipping container to arrive at its destination. He himself has been to Africa many times on mission trips, and two of his children are from Ethiopia.

Among the volunteers who were dismantling the facility, about 50% are from the church, and of the other volunteers about half were Amish, who had heard about this wonderful project to be a blessing to those brothers and sisters in Christ on the other side of the Earth.

The Greenhouse Effect was started by Earl and his family, with the first posts placed in the ground in February of 1990. The final hoop expansion took place in 1997 and served the community

until the family leased the business and structures to various people between 2009 and 2018 when it closed permanently.

Country Wide Junk Removal & Dumpster Rentals volunteered their time to remove the remaining debris.

https://youtu.be/ 2kvcBLOJKac

Pastor Dwayne Richardson

will be preaching at Paulding 1st **Presbyterian** Church

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Peace & Love,

— Pastor Dwayne

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YOUNGER AND FEARLESS

Penny For Your Thought By: Nancy Whitaker

Was I braver when I was younger or did we just live in different times? I remember when I was 20 (long time ago) I had a husband, 2 little girls at home, worked 6 days a week in a restaurant and went to Ft. Wayne on Saturdays where I took computer classes.

Yes we had some computers back then, but they were big and tricky to operate. I got a fairly decent job after computer school and worked sec-

Yep, I drove back and forth from Scott to Ft. Wayne getting off of work at midnight. Driving, I ran into bad weather, a run in with a cop, flat tires, got lost a few times and got a few tickets. However, I wasn't afraid of night driving or the lateness of the

After working for a while I bought a 1968 Dodge. It was one of the "white hat" deals and I felt so proud to drive that car. I bet it would be worth money today

One late night driving home, I saw a police car behind me. I thought to myself "I haven't done anything wrong so, I am going to see how fast my car will go and let him chase me." I pushed down my gas pedal and away I went. Mr policeman was flashing his lights and his sirens were full blast.

Well he chased me from a small town (Payne) clear out to SR 114. I thought, well I am already in trouble, so may as well and keep going until I reach 114.

Mr. deputy asked me where I was going to so fast? It was close to 1 am and he probably thought I had been drinking. Nope, I don't drink. Then, he observed my 1968 car with the white hat in the back window and wanted to see all of the required documents.

I seriously believe he thought that I was driving a stolen car. I thought I would get a ticket but he let me go on home. Thank you Lord!

I still can't believe how

Monuments

11907 SR 2, Hicksville, OH

would be scared to death to drive to Ft. Wayne and drive home at midnight.

One time during my fearless days, I decided to try a new way home from work. Thinking it might be a shorter way and a faster route I traveled my new way home. Wow different scenery and it was fun because I felt really smart. Hmmm I went through Woodburn, Goshen and other little towns that were not familiar to me.

We had no cell phones back then, so I just had to rely on my own sense of direction which was not good.



I thought I would never find my way home. However I did, but was 3 hours late. My family was scared something had happened to me and were about ready to go looking for their brave, lost Mama. After that I just took the way I knew to work and back.

Through the years, however, my fear of things have increased. Basically I am scared of many things and don't knowI if I am being careful or just a plain scaredy cat. I am scared to travel alone at night, scared of water, crickets, chickens, dentists, and doc-

One of my biggest fears is a mouse. Those little rodents not only scare me, but both my Mom and grandma used to stand on top of chairs and scream and scream if a mouse was ever spotted in the house.

Of course I jumped on a chair too and hollered because they did and till this day I would rather see a crocodile than a mouse.

I think as age approaches us, we tend to be more careful of what we do, where we go and even what we eat.

Yes, I felt invincible when I was young, but now I am just a big chicken.

How brave were you or how brave are you now? What are some of the scariest things you have done? Let this old chicken know and I'll give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

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ANTWERP MANOR HAPPENINGS



Welcome to Antwerp Manor. We are an Assisted Living Community located at 204 Archer Drive in Antwerp, Ohio. We are currently welcoming new residents.

Pictured are two of our residents celebrating their birthdays. Each month we celebrate the residents' birthdays by asking them what they would like to have as a birthday treat. Dick Gasser and Betsy Silcott both chose Dairy Queen ice cream cakes.

Anthony Marlin of Marlin and Associates. We greatly appreciate Anthony for purchasing and delivering the cakes for not only Dick and Betsy to enjoy but all of the residents!

If you would like to donate a monthly birthday treat to the Antwerp Manor birthday parties just give us a call. Jennifer Ramsier, Activity Director can be contacted at 419-

MUSEUM HOLDS SPRING TEA, OPENS EXHIBIT



Isabel Morisy stands next to a two-piece suit she wore as a junior high school student. At right is a school-days photo of Isabel wearing the suit while posing with her sister.

John Paulding Historical Museum hosted its annual Spring Tea on Saturday, May 11, and unveiled a new exhibit

of vintage ladies' fashions. More than 60 guests enjoyed an afternoon tea, complete with dainty sandwiches, scones with traditional marmalade and clotted cream, desserts and freshly brewed tea. Many guests wore lovely hats complementing their

best spring outfits. Table hostesses were Mary Wann, Sandra Shaffer, Michelle Stanford, Eileen Elizabeth Kochensparger, Miller, Paulding County Carnegie Library, Sue Weible, Staci Miller and Tonya Meyer. Elizabeth Miller chaired the event and exhibit.

Kochensparger Eileen gave a talk about George and Myrtle Phillips, the museum's first benefactors. Several items from their estate are included in the vintage clothing display, including clothing,

jewelry and a steamer trunk they used for an ocean voy-

The clothing exhibit continues each Tuesday through June 25, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. At the museum.

The public also is invited to attend the museum's general meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28. The guest speaker will be author Jeanne Calvert. Visitors will be able to view the vintage clothing plus a new exhibit, Celebrating the Arts & Artists of Paulding County, which features drawings and pastels by local artists.

Another opportunity for viewing the exhibits are from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 1, and special hours June 10-15 during the Paulding County Fair. Admission to the museum is free during these events.

Check the museum's Facebook page for any updates or announcements.

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and demonstrate God's love

OUR AWESOME GOD

By: Doris Applegate

In many churches and fellowships we sing "Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from Heaven above in wisdom, power and love. Our God is an awesome God!" How true this is! God knows the end of everything even from the beginning and because of this He knew that sin would invade His beautiful EDEN and so provided a lamb to be slain "Way ahead" of when it would actually be

needed! (Read Rev. 5:6)

Jesus agreed to become

ultimate and final sacrifice by dying on a tree (cross), rising from the dead and ascending into Heaven to intercede for us, God's radical, extremely powerful and full of love plan was brought faith! Amazing and so wonderful! By "believing that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and con-

awaited Messiah!

by healing the sick, feeding the hungry and preaching to the poor. The Kingdom of God was now within those who accepted Him as the long Being willing to give the

> can give them. Many look for it in a number of places to Jefailures and hurts to Him. Can it be found! Sometimes we "slip and fall" (sin again) but

borer at the Ft. Wayne Wagon Works. On July 6, 1911, Don's fa-

Wayne, Indiana. He was a la-

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MILITARY HISTORY IN

PAULDING HISTORY

By: Mark Holtsberry

January 1847 in Ohio.

Don Randall Mell was

born November 12, 1891 in

Oakwood, Ohio. The son of

Peter, born May 1836 in Ohio

and Cyntha (Good) Mell born

1869 in Ohio. Peter served

with Company C. 151st Ohio

Volunteer Infantry in the Civil

War. By 1880, Peter and Cyn-

tha were the proud parents of

Cyrus Winfred born May

1872, Luella R. December

1878, Ninnie 1879, Ewing

Edgar February 1880. This

family was living in Jackson

Township, Van Wert County.

still living in Van Wert

County. By 1900, this family

added Don Randall. They

were living in Grover Hill. Pe-

ter was working as a house

carpenter. By 1910, the Mell

family had moved to Cleveland Śtreet in Latty, Ohio. Don

was working as a machinist.

He was living with his parents

as the bread winner of the

family. Sometime during

1910, Don had moved to 1235

Washington Boulevard in Ft.

By 1890, this family was

Peter was a farmer.

This couple was married in

ther, Peter passed away. He was buried in Middle Creek Cemetery. On June 5, 1917, Don registered in Grover Hill for the World War 1 draft. Working as a painter, living in Grover Hill, he was listed as 5'7"tall, light brown hair, blue eyes, light complexion.

Don was inducted into service out of Paulding, August 5, 1918. Don served in the 327th Guard and Fire Company. Don was promoted to Private 1st Class, September 4, 1918. He will serve until November 15. 1918. He was then assigned to 314th Guard and Fire Company until December 4, 1918. Promoted to Corporal, March 20, 1919, then transferred to 734th Motor Transport Corp serving until June of 1919. He was honorably discharged June 27, 1919. He came home by 1920. Don moved back to Cleveland Street, Latty, living with his mother, where he started making a living at painting houses.

On March 8, 1926, Don's mother, Cynthia, passed away. She was buried by her husband in Middle Creek Cemetery. Limited information on Don between the years 1930-1940. In 1940, Don was living in Grover Hill working as a Pool Room Operator. In 1942, Don had registered for the World War 2 Draft. At the age of 50, he was not selected to

On July 14, 1946, Don passed away in Paulding. He was buried in Middle Creek Cemetery, lot 63, grave 1. Don was never married.

... Until next time!

OAKWOOD GLEANER ARBOR GIVE & **GROW PROJECT**



Oakwood Gleaner Arbor recently did some beautification at the Oakwood Post Office through Gleaner's Give and Grow project.

fessing that Jesus is Lord" you will be saved (born of the spirit of God) (Romans 10:9). You are now a new creation and sin no longer has dominion over you! (Romans 6:12-14). You now have the righteousness of God with peace and joy. This is what people crave.

The peace that only Jesus sus Christ giving their sins, we have an advocate in Jesus Christ who will help us recover. (Read I John 2:1)

When the wrath of God is someday poured out on the wicked and unbelieving (remember God is Holy and sin is intolerable, deplorable and unacceptable to Him) it will not come near you. Jesus took our wrath on the cross and we do not have to fear it at all. I am sure that you agree now with me and the song we sing that God is truly awesome.

Amen



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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-

lage 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 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 first-hand 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 to-gether.



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 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 for-

ward 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 th 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

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 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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rector.

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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

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three children and three

grandchildren of which this

retirement will be a blessing

article was bittersweet. It was

more than the ending of a fea-

ture newspaper article, it was

the ending of an era for the

Antwerp community. My chil-

dren grew up with their chil-

dren. 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 retire-

ment. You all have earned it.

Editor's Note: Closing this

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.

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

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.

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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.

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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 home 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 ans by inviting them to share in a day of honor at our namemorials," 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 Defi-

to celebrate America's veter-

ance, 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).

there who agree with Washing-Ever since my high school days (graduated 1954) I have ton "scum buckets" that still force this against our long always heard that democrats term survival "try Jesus". If you are less likely to believe in God don't like that, I'm sure Satan than Republicans. How do you get around facts like my next will gladly take you back. I'm lines? Starting in 1947 of the opinion that many liber-Democrats started removing als are so open minded that their brains fell out. any mention of God they could Now that these atheist come up with. They first attacked our youth by taking

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 mil-

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-

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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.

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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

> —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 So-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 nonprofits). 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 taxdeferred 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 in-An annuity 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 "nonqualified" annuities with aftertax 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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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 ac-

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

VETERAN HERITAGE COACH

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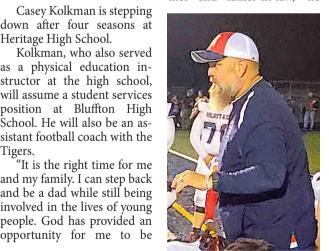
Heritage High School.

(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.

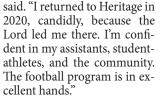
Kylie Post singled and doubled while driving in two runs for the Mercer County squad and Emma Will doubled and scored once. Alexis Grisez also singled and touched home plate once for the Lady Indians.

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



old son, as well as my aging father and father-in-law," he

Raiders. available for my eight-year-



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

"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 ac-

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

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

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 nonleague high school baseball

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

Phone: 419-258-2000 • Email: info@westbendnews.net 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 sixrun 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



Paulding Senior Maci Kauser slides safely into third on this triple! More pictures at westbend-After a fifth reschedule the outs, 1 walk) RBI), Riley Stork (two RBI), Other Paulding Pitchers -

Jalvn

Stork

outs, 0 walks)

Klopfenstein, Riley

Losing Pitcher - Madison

Paulding Hitters - Maci

Schmidt (4 innings, 15 hits, 13

runs, 8 earned runs, 0 strike-

Kauser (single, double, three

runs), Cadence Schwab (sin-

gle, double, two runs, RBI),

Hannah Trausch (single, run,

RBI), Marley Parrett (single,

two runs, RBI), Jocelyn Par-

rett (double, two runs, two

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

WEATHER DELAYS

Score by Innings:

Antwerp -20000 = 2;

Paulding -5530x = 13; 15H, 3E

Winning Pitcher - Tia Mendez (4 innings, 4 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 6 strike-

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. Aeriel Brown, 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.

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

Tia Mendez (two singles, double, two runs, three RBI), Brooklynn Bakle (single, run), Mariah Klopfenstein (single, double, three RBI), Jalyn Klopfenstein (single), Saman-

tha Leal (double) Antwerp Hitters - Caroline Rohrs (run), Caydence Shull (home run, run, two RBI), Estee Lichty (two singles), Raelynne Zuber (single), Allison Sproles (single)

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

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 -0010000 = 1;

3H, 1E Antwerp -1000001 = 2; 4H, 1E

Winning Pitcher - D Hines (7 innings, 3 hits, 1 run, 0 earned runs, 13 strikeouts, 2

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

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 1st inning and held fast for innings 2-4. Bulldogs pulled out a rally in the 6th inning scoring 4 runs and again 4 run sin the 7th earning them the Sectional title.

Score by Innings:

Antwerp -2000000 =

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

Losing Pitcher - R Lichty

points and Heritage took sec-

(5 innings, 5 hits, 4 runs, 1

earned run, 6 strikeouts, 3

Lichty (1 inning, 0 hits, 0 runs,

Marlin (0 innings, 1 hit, 4

runs, 2 earned runs, 0 strike-

Edgerton Hitters - Lep-

pelmeier (single, two runs),

Baker (single, two runs), Her-

man (run), Weaver (run),

Krontz (two singles, run,

RBI), Leppelmeier (single,

three RBI), Kennerk (double,

Lichty (double, run), R Smith

(single), D Hines (two dou-

bles, single, run, RBI), Marlin

Antwerp Hitters - A

0 strikeouts, 2 walks)

outs, 2 walks)

(single, RBI)

Other Antwerp Pitcher - A

Other Antwerp Pitcher -

walks)

ond 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).

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

Antwerp senior Caydence Shull makes it to first base safely on this hit! More pictures at 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.



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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

Bluffton claimed its fourth

consecutive boys conference championship Registration A

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THE LEFT TURN



Zach Wigal Wins At Waynesfield. Campbell Photography



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By: Ron Burt

We are very early into the 2024 racing season but in the UMP DIRTcar Late Models, veteran driver Rusty Schlenk is making everyone take notice. Last Friday at Attica Raceway Park he led the first 20 laps of the rained out make up feature from last week before his radiator hose broke and Ryan Markham, who had also been challenging up front, took the lead and held off a late race challenge from Kyle Moore and Jeff Babcock for his 24th career Attica win worth \$3,000. Schlenk came back in the night's regular feature and took the lead from Gentry on lap 14 and held off a late race charge from Moore who had spun on the opening lap and came from the tail. Gentry, Gregg Haskell, and Devin Shiels rounded out the top five. It was Schlenk's 40th career win in the late models at Attica Raceway Park. In victory lane Rusty Schlenk had this to say about the first feature, "We have a cooling problem obviously. We blew a radiator hose in the first feature. I was trying to baby it and I was trying to run around their half-throttle, but Gentry was there and I overheated it and blew the hose. That was a \$3,000 loss for a \$18.00 part. I was watching the board, and I knew Kyle Moore was coming, he's been very good competition." The



Schlenk #91 Wins At Attica. **Action Photos Ohio**

Fremont Fence 305 Sprints put on a fantastic feature. Dustin Stroup grabbed the lead at the start and held it for nine laps before John Ivy took over. Ivy continued to work through traffic, leading until lap 20 when defending track champion Jamie Miller passed him. Miller had to fend off Ivy, then Paul Weaver and finally Bryan Sebetto to get his second win of the year at Attica Raceway Park and the 41st 305 Sprint win of his career at the track. Sebetto, Weaver, Ivy and Stroup rounded out the top five. Craig Mintz was able to maneuver his car anywhere he wanted, and he picked up his 17th career 410 Sprint Car victory at the track. He earned \$4000.00 with the win. Behind Mintz was Greg Wilson, Cap Henry, Zeth Sabo, and DJ

Trev Jacobs added his name to the Fremont Speedway win list Saturday night in the 410 Sprint class winning the A-Main. He joins his father, uncle and cousin on the tracks win list. In the 305 Sprints, it was Bryan Sebetto who got the feature victory by

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nudging out Jamie Miller, who came back to win the Fremont Truck feature. It's not easy running two classes a night but Miller is good at it.

USAC Thunder Midgets went to Waynesfield Raceway Park last Saturday and the three cars sponsored by MWR Technology claimed the top three spots in the A-Main. The defending USAC Midwest Thunder Midget Champion, Zach Wigal took the win followed by Cale Coons and Alex Watson.

Jeff Bloom tossed his name in the hat for the Little 500 at Anderson Motor Speedway, Saturday, May 5th. Bloom won the prestigious race in 1972, 1977, and 1991. If he qualifies, this will be his 43rd appearance in the historic event for USAC Asphalt Sprint Cars. The top drivers in USAC have all entered this vear. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

RAMS SWEEP GMC TITLES

Tinora swept the field at the Green Meadows Conference track meet Saturday as the green and white took home both the boys and girls

The Ram boys racked up 158 points to cruise to the title, outdistance second place Edgerton's 108 points.

Wayne Trace was third at 98 followed by Fairview (61), Paulding (51), Antwerp (43), Hicksville (41) and Ayersville

Paul Westrick of Tinora posted a pair of wins in capturing the 800 and 1600 runs while Edgerton's Carter Herman took first in both the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles. Owen Ackerman of Tinora was victorious in both the high jump and long jump.

Maddox Treece of Wayne Trace picked up a first-place finish in the 200 dash while Antwerp's Tavin Sholl captured the 400 dash. Paulding's Jack Woods also claimed a conference title in the shot put and the Raiders' Landen Foltz took the title in the discus.

Edgerton's Owen Roth claimed the title in the 100 dash with the Rams' Noah Meyer capturing the 3200 run. Tinora's Anden Ankney won the pole vault.

In the relays, the Bulldogs won both the 400 and 800 relay events with Tinora capturing the 3200 relay.

Wayne Trace took first in the 1600 relay behind the quartet of Eli Treece, Ben Gurney, Hudson Myers and Cole Morehead.

In the girls meet, it was the green and white who won the championship with 146 points while Fairview was second with 106.

Completing the field were Wayne Trace (79), Ayersville (66), Edgerton (61), Paulding (57), Hicksville (39) and Antwerp (23).

Ayersville's Ally Schindler was the big winner on the day with first place finishes in the 100 dash, 200 dash, 400 dash and long jump.

Lauren Sattler of Tinora was a triple winner, capturing the 800, 1600 and 3200 runs, while Hayden Neidhardt of Hicksville took first in the shot put and discus.

Paulding's Kayleigh Dunham posted wins in both the 100 and 300 hurdles with Antwerp's Amelia Graham capturing the pole vault. Tinora's Neva Okuley also won an individual championship, taking first in the high

PHS VIRGIL H COOPER SCHOLARSHIPS



Aiden Miller, Riley Stork, Kobe Foor, Wesley Ludwig, Dianne Cooper presenter, Elli Barton, Jamy Hunt. Not pictured Morgan Szuminski.

Tinora won the 400 relay while Fairview recorded victories in the 800, 1600 and 3200 relays.

GOLDEN BEARS BLANK ACES

Landon Bassett struck out nine while scattering three hits and two walks in tossing a complete-game shutout to lead the Bryan Golden Bears to a 2-0 victory over Hicksville Monday evening.

The Golden Bears scored single runs in the first and second innings and made them stand up to pick up the victory.

Jase Kepler singled twice while scoring once and driving in one to lead the way for the Williams County squad. Cade Carlin singled and added a run batted in with Noah Huard, Carter Dominique and Lazarus Lane all picking up a single as well. Camden Bukowski also touched home plate for Bryan.

Austin Sanders posted a single and a double for Hicksville with Aidan Pollick recording a single.

Pollick took the loss for the Aces, allowing six hits, two runs (one earned) and three walks while striking out two in six innings on the mound.

RAMS ROLL TO WIN OVER PANTHERS

Tinora scored in the last three innings of the contest as the Lady Rams pulled away from host Paulding for an 8-2 victory over the Panthers Wednesday evening in Green Meadows Conference softball

The green and white scored in the third while the Panthers posted one in the fourth before Tinora plated two in the fifth for a 3-1 advantage.

In the sixth, the Lady Rams put the game away with a four-run frame that extended the margin to 7-1 before eventually settling on the 8-2 win.

Scylea Zolman struck out 11 while limiting the Panthers to four hits and two runs (one earned) in earning the win on the mound for the Lady Rams. Jalyn Klopfenstein suffered the loss for Paulding, giving up three walks while striking out one in seven innings.

Maci Kauser singled twice and scored twice for Paulding with Cadence Schwab singling and driving in one run for the Lady Panthers. Jocelynn Parrett also had a single for the maroon and white.

Tegan Norden singled twice, doubled once and tripled once to lead the Tinora offense with Zolman hitting a home run while adding a single. Madison Spangler posted a single and a double for Tinora with Zoe Billings recording a pair of singles.

OAKWOOD ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Oakwood Alumni Scholarship recipients: Elli Barton, Dianne Cooper presenter, Jamy Hunt, Adam Stahl, (not pictured Aiden Miller)

WAYNE TRACE VIRGIL H COOPER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Lynsey Pease, Kacy Hornish Nathaniel Guyton presenter Dianne Cooper

Tanae Smith, Christina Meyer and Mickey Starker all posted a single for the Lady Rams while Paige Gamby added a home run.

Trynity Koerber, Norden and Zolman all scored twice

for the green and white with Gamby and Spangler touching home plate once apiece. Gamby, Norden and Zolman also drove in two runs each and Billings picked up one run batted in.

LEGAL NOTICE

2024 PAULDING COUNTY ASPHALT PAVING PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding, Ohio, at 451 McDonald Pike, Paulding, Ohio, 45879 until 11:00 A.M., D.S.T. on June 12, 2024.

Proposal 1: OPWC Paving Project on CR 144 – Engineer's Estimate \$453,046 Proposal 2: OPWC Paving Project on Various Township Roads — Engineer's Estimate \$371,848

Proposal 3: Paving Various County Roads — Engineer's Estimate \$1,962,071

Proposal 4: Paving Various Township Roads — Engineer's Estimate \$687,757 Completion Deadline for each proposal is October 31, 2024. Each proposal will be awarded separately.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed as listed above.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Paulding County as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, (614) 644-2239.

All contractors shall follow all applicable Federal and State OSHA regulations. The contractor shall also hold the County Engineer harmless for any violations or fines received while engaged in this project.

All contractors must provide current Certificate of Liability Insurance Coverage for \$1,000,000 along with a current Certificate of Worker's Compensation Coverage, before they can be hired to perform any type of work for Paulding

All materials shall conform to the latest version of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications.

Sealed bids shall be in writing and in accordance with specifications furnished by Paulding County and on file in the Offices of the Paulding County Engineer and

Bids are to be sealed and addressed to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, and bids on the above-named items to

PROPOSAL: "2024 Paulding County Asphalt Paving Project"

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids received.

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tal years with 9 at PEVS; Ken

Amstutz, Superintendent, 48

total years with 7 at PEVS;

Karen Schlatter, Oakwood

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Lesa Mansfield, PHS Secre-

tary, 17 ½ years. Not pictured

is Linda Wellman, JH/HS

Head Cook, 28 years. Con-

gratulations to each of these

Oakwood

2024 PEVS RETIREES RECOGNIZED

school softball action.

The Warriors nipped the

Lady Patriots 2-1 on Tues-

day evening before falling to

the Lady Lions Thursday

lan scored single runs in

both the fourth and fifth in-

nings before holding off the

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

victory, tossing the complete

game scattering four hits, an

unearned run and one walk

single and a double while

scoring the lone Heritage

run. Lucy Buuck also dou-

bled for the Lady Patriots

with Grace Guenthner sin-

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the mound, giving up five

hits, two unearned runs and

two walks while striking out

eight in the complete-game

Fuller suffered the loss on

triot run.

effort.

Danica Fuller recorded a

while striking out 11.

Abby Horn recorded the

Patriots for the victory. Jade Lichty had two hits

Against Heritage, Wood-

West Bend News Crösswörd Puzzle **TOMATO VARIETIES**

At Leo, Woodlan scored first but the host Lions put up eight consecutive runs from the third inning

to the 8-2 victory.

Lillian Pierce,

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

Lichty, Crozier, Addison apiece for the Lady Warriors.

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- with dark, purplish-black fruits and a rich, smoky flavor.
- 8. A plum tomato variety known for its meaty texture and low moisture content, ideal for sauces and
- 9. An heirloom tomato variety known for its large, pinkish-red fruits and rich, complex
- 10. A compact tomato variety with clusters of small, golden-yellow fruits and a weet, tangy flavor, ideal for container gardening.
- 11. 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.

any suspicious activity or if

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

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

phone was reported from the

day before at the Antwerp

track. Officer investigated and

located the phone in Payne,

On May 11, a tree was re-

ported cracked and about to

fall over. An officer responded

and forwarded information to

trolling, an officer saw a juve-

nile running from a building

on Archer Dr. Officer checked

the building, didn't find any

damage. They located the ju-

Island St. called and requested

help with locating their dogs.

As an officer was responding,

reference to a child custody is-

sue. Officer filed a report for

lice Dept. received a call of a

toddler running on the side-

walk on N. Main Street. As

caller was speaking to the offi-

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cerned that someone was in

their shed. Officer checked

and everything appeared to be

On May 14, a domestic dis-

On May 11, an officer was

On May 11, Antwerp Po-

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OH. A report was prepared.

PEVS 30 YEAR MEMBER RECOGNIZED Paulding Exempted Vil-

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Schools recognized and hon-

ored six retiring employees at

their annual Staff Apprecia-

tion Breakfast on May 10,

2024. Five of the retirees re-

ceived a personalized crock

handmade by Sandy Dobbe-

laere to commemorate their

time at PEVS, and Superinten-

dent Ken Amstutz received a

shadow box made by John

Kennedy, PEVS Industrial

Pictured above are Pam

Arts Teacher.



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

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

MYCUMORTGAGE, Plaintiff,

JAMES I. BISSELL, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 23 129

the deed is recorded.

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

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:

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Registration and deposits must be completed at least one week before the 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 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

Matthew I. McKelvey, Attorney for Plaintiff

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

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

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-

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2024-10 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PAY RANGES

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio, desires to stablish pay ranges for its Village employees, to be effective May 6, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of

FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

SECTION 1: Effective May 6, 2024, the following named positions shall be paid at the following rates of pay:

Police Chief \$66,312.82 per yea \$25.78 per hour \$24.53 per hour \$24.53 per hour \$23.94 per hour \$21.53 per hour \$20.00 per hour Police Lieutenant Police Sergeant Patrolman I Patrolman II Part-time Patrolman Police/Mayors Court Clerk contracted \$22.13 per hour \$71,020.00 per year \$22.13 per hour \$20.92 per hour \$19.62 per hour Water Superintendent Water Foreman WWTP Superintendent WWTP Foreman Street Foreman Grade I Laborer Grade II Laborer \$19.62 per hour \$18.50 per hour \$14.85 per hour \$13.36 per hour \$13.36 per hour \$13.36 per hour Grade III Laborer Grade IV Laborer Part-time Laborer Part-time Custodian
Part-time Beautification Coordinator
Part-Time Zoning Official \$17.20 per hour Full-time Zoning Offical Utility Clerk Senior Utility Clerk \$20.00 per hour \$16.56 per hour \$20.00 per hour

Full-Time Deputy Chief EMS Fireman **EMR**

Clerk of Mayor Court

\$52,000.00 per year \$14.19 per hour \$16.38 per hour EMT-Basic EMT-Intermediate EMT-Paramedic \$18.56 per hour \$19.65 per hour \$20.74 per hour (Note: On Call pay for EMT's and Firefighter Drivers is \$1.00 per hour)
Park / Pool Director \$16,377.00 per year \$16.38 per hour \$13.36 per hour \$14.00 per hour Park Groundskeepe Part-Time Park Laborers Head Lifeguard Lifeguard Pool Desk Clerk \$12.00 per hour \$10.00 per hour \$19.44 per hour \$19.44 per hour \$19.07 per hour

Antwerp!

Assistant Fiscal Officer Assistant Administrator Assistant Clerk \$999.60/mo Plus 50% of Underwriting fees \$305.66 per month HIX TV Station Manager

HIXTV Youth Director SECTION 2: Effective May 6, 2024, the following elected and appointed officials shall be paid the stated amounts:

\$62,921.60 per year \$51,940.00 per year \$14,712.59 per year – presides over Mayor's Court \$9,656.44 per year – no Mayor's Court Administrator Fiscal Office (2) Mayor (3) Council Members \$4,856.83 per year

SECTION 3: 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. DATED: 5/06/24 \$16.56 per hour \$20.00 per hour \$10,000.00 per year

MICHAEL BARTH, MAYOR CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER

\$16.10 per hour

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2024-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

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

1000-310-530-0006 Donations-Splashpad

Section1: The Annual Appropriations Ordinance Number 2023-18 in the amount of \$2,480,695.48 will be amended reflect the following

Original/Amended Budget Amt. Proposed Budget Amt. Amount of Change

\$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.

MICHAEL BARTH, MAYOR CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER

DATED: 05/06/24 Income Tax Administrator Senior Income Tax Administrator Part-Time Fire Chief

\$800.00.00

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



ceived 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 re-

cently 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 northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana communities.

Participating 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
 - Fort Jennings Fire De-

partment; \$2,100 to purchase emergency lighting for a res**PAULDING COUNTY GRAND**

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (6) persons on Thurs-

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

Earl

M.

(4/8/1987), Oakwood, OH;

Olan

(8/24/1990), Antwerp, OH;

(1/12/1980), Paulding, OH;

Breaking & entering, F5;

Paulding, OH; Breaking & en-

PAULDING COUNTY COURT

Larry L. Dix (11/9/1971),

Criminal/Traffic Disposi-

Madison D. Compton, Elk

Adam L. Ondrejack, Fish-

Kochenour,

City, OK; Seat belt/drive;

Guilty; Case was waived by

ers, IN; Driving/texting;

Guilty; Case was waived by

Paulding, OH; Seat belt/

drive; Guilty; Case was

ing, OH; Driving under FRA

suspension, Case dismissed

with prejudice, Costs waived;

Left of center, Case dismissed

with prejudice, Costs waived;

Seat belt/drive, Case dis-

missed with prejudice, Costs

Defiance, OH; Seat belt/

drive; Guilty; Case was

Defiance, OH; Seat belt/

drive; Guilty; Case was

IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty;

ance, OH; Seat belt/drive;

Guilty; Case was waived by

land, OH; Disorderly con-

duct, Case dismissed, Costs

to defendant; OVI/under in-

fluence, Guilty, 180 days jail,

177 suspended, Operators li-

2/17/24 - 2/17/25, Proof of

insurance not provided, Pay

restitution; Left of center,

Jesse W. Miller, Mon-

fendant to pay all fines and

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cense suspended

Count B dismissed

waived by defendant

waived by defendant

Case was waived

defendant

Jonathan D. Albritton,

Cynthia L. Morningstar,

Arie M. Del, Fort Wayne,

Michael W. Miles, Defi-

Thaddeus W. Lang, Havi-

Trisha M. Mullins, Pauld-

Aggravated menacing, F4

Samantha

tering, F5; Theft, M1

(8/12/1980), Oakwood, OH; Felonious assault, F2; Specification for forfeiture of prop-

Shaffer

Brown

Bidlack

JURY INDICTMENT

day, May 9, 2024.

Joshua

David

Theft, F5

Theft, M1

RECORDS

tion Report

defendant

defendant

waived

Robert I.

waived by defendant

- cue 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 • Putnam County Special
- Olympics; \$1,000 to fund a new bus. • Van Wert County Humane Society; \$500 to provide
- funding to spay and neuter • Van Wert YMCA; \$500 to
- provide funding for the afterschool 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), Savanah Hopper(secretary), and Vivian Emenheiser(sentinel).

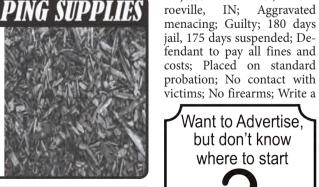
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Pictured from the left are Eagles members John Gutierrez, Dennis Price, Joe Sukup, Ryan Anderson, Harrold Gottke and VFW Post 587 Commander John Daeger.

project. Mike Kauser, a trustee

of the Paulding Fraternal Or-

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; Čase 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, Guilty,

Case was waived by defen-

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

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

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 defen-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 driv-

ing, Guilty, Case was waived

by defendant

Eagle's donations to the der of Eagles, was instrumental in the creation of the

PHS MAY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Paulding Veterans Memorial

project and coordinating the

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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 President Sara Schuette Board Meeting started at opened the meeting with ap-

5:30 p.m. on May 16, 2024. proving the previous board





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"I am going to that City. Where the streets with gold are laid

And the Tree of Life is olooming

Where the roses never 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 know everyone. 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

"Here they broom but for a

a bond between us.

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

that Antwerp hasn't had a

huge problem with cell

May 2. The first class of LPN

to RN students graduated.

On May 10, they had a CAP

signing. The last day will be

Kristine Stuart presented

the financial report for the

income: \$1,113,001.89

expenses: 1,161,865.79

The five year forecast for

the financial does show a

deficit spending because of

the new building being built.

The real estate revenue in-

creased by over \$100,000.

The income tax revenue de-

creased by \$52,000. Expenses

did go up some, and the un-

expected bus purchase, and

increased computer pur-

chased expense, all contrib-

uted to a higher expense than

what was anticipated. The

school is 83% through the fis-

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

cal year.

interest: \$41,657.92

early next week.

month of March:

Vantage had a meeting on

In their robes of white ar-

sun produces waste as it

"Friends have gone to be

They are waiting for my

Where The roses never

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 I told a friend there will be

no dirt in heaven. He said ves 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

—James Neuhouser

minutes. Bob Herber stated for those who earned their Governor DeWine AR points in elementary. signed a new bill that would Earlier in the week, Field Day allow the schools to have a took place. On Monday, May cell phone policy. Cell phone 20th the fifth grade will have use could get out of control. their graduation. Marty Miller, superinten-If a problem arises, the school can limit, now using state law. Marty Miller stated

dent, said that Doug Billman will be the next principal for Elementary. 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

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 geome-

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try 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 semi-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, Mel-

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

rose, Oakwood & Payne.

velopment, framing, drywall work and HVAC installation, to roofing, siding and finish-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 Foos 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. 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

Tim Copsey, Director for Paulding County Economic Development office summarized, "We have been hearing from so many different business, 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 wellbeing 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 Con-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

As we lace up our shoes and pedal our bikes, we're paving the way for something truly transformative. 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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Crossword solution from page 9

Trails Project, we're not just

building paths; we're provid-

ing 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 con-

venience; 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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Traci Stokes stated that the PTO provided a picnic

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PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL'S CONSTRUCTION BASICS PROGRAM COMPLETES



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 II class. This cohort was offered to students at the Paulding County Opportunity Center (PCOC). There were two separate classes offered to 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 Aiden Dewaters, Riley Leatherman, Parker Mapes, Draven Bradford, Lo-

ECHOP SHOP

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.

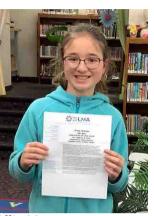
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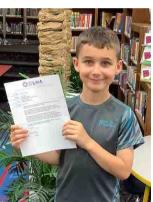
STEELE & MANZ NAMED READ ON! OHIO AWARD FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

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 Deatrick 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 Deatrick 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 Deatrick, 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. Deatrick 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.

Leon and Allie will be recognized at the 2024 OELMA Conference and Awards Ceremony, October 2-4, at OCLC, 6565 Kilgour Place, Dublin, OH.

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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.

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.

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.

We all wish her the best of

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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





