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Lofton Brown is this year's GEM of the Year.

## 2024 ANTWERP CHAMBER'S GEM OF THE YEAR AWARD

Antwerp Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Gem of the Year Award every year. The first recorded Antwerp Diamond / Gem of the Year Award was back in 1974 and Nick Daeger was that first recipient. The list of recipients over the past five decades have included local educators, business owners, village officials, local law enforcements and people who live to serve this community they call home.

And those people do not fit into any kind of age bracket either. This year's GEM of the Year will go down in history as the youngest philanthropist and entrepreneur ever to receive the GEM award. Meet the 2024 Gem, Lofton Alexander Brown.

Lofton is 11 years old and lives here in Antwerp with his parents, Lorianne and Tim, as well as his brother, Benson. He does his schooling at home and also attends some classes

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## EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS' CLASS OF 2024 TOP SCHOLARS

### Woodlan High School



Luke Wells has been named Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 at Woodlan High School. He is a member of the Dungeons and Dragons Club, a National Honor Society member and competed at the QUEST tournament. Wells earned the Rule and Small Town Recognition (college board), AP Scholar with Honor, Rising Star of Indiana, and 2023 Award for Student Leadership. Outside of academia, Luke enjoys playing D&D, fish keeping, music, and esports. In the fall, Luke plans to attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to study Physics, because he says, "I'm passionate about understanding the world around me and hope to play a role in continuing to solve the puzzle that is our universe." His parents are Kevin Wells and Jennifer Wells.

Marilyn Emehiser has been named Salutatorian for the Class of 2024 at Woodlan High School. She participated in cross country, track, Woodlan Service Club, National



Honor Society, and as a member of the Quest Tournament team. She earned several awards during high school, including, Honor Roll all four years, Rising Star of Indiana Award, Principal's Scholars Honor, Huntington University Academic & Athletic Scholarship. Outside of school, Emehiser enjoys the arts, music and singing. This fall, she plans to attend Huntington University to study Exercise Science. She is passionate about health and fitness and wants to learn more about the human body and the best ways of achieving an active recovery. Her parents are Rex and Keli Emehiser.

### East Allen University



Brylie Rackham has been named Valedictorian for the

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## Community Calendar

### MON & WED

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

### 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

### June 1

- Woodburn Lions Donuts @ Antwerp Days, 7:30-11am

### June 4

- Noggin the Sled Dog presentation @ DC Library branches, 10:30a, 1p & 6p
- NA Tuesdays @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

### June 5

- Living Free @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

### June 6

- Heritage Lions Donuts @ Monroeville Car Show
- Patio Concert @ Huber, 5:30p

### June 8

- Cruise In Benefit @ Vancrest of Payne, 1-4pm

### June 13-15

- Heritage Lions @ Monroeville Car Show

### June 13

- Red Cross Blood Drive @ 1<sup>st</sup> Church of Christ, Hicksville
- Stone Dragon Stew @ Huber, 7pm



Add your event to the calendar info@westbendnews.net



# VW COMMISSIONERS PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COA TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE



Shown in the picture (left to right): Commissioners Todd Wolfrum and Thad Lichtensteiger, Sue Gerker, Van Wert County Economic Development Specialist, Kevin Matthews, Van Wert County Council on Aging Executive Director, Commissioner Stan Owens, and Ryanne Bollenbachker, Clerk.

Established through House Bill 33 of the 135th General Assembly and administered by the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) and the Van Wert County Commissioners, the Healthy

Aging Grants Program provides support for local aging services that focus on helping Van Wert Seniors aged 60 and older to stay healthy, live longer, and maintain their independence.

Through this grant funding, the Commissioner's office provided funding for the COA to purchase a vehicle designated for non-emergency medical transportation.

# RITE OF CONFIRMATION HELD AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH



St John Lutheran Church, Hicksville, Ohio held the rite of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. Minister Alex Heffelfinger confirmed McKenna

Baird, daughter of Ken & Tiffanie Baird and Rylee Chrisman son of Chad & Jennifer Kurtz. A fellowship time after the service was in their honor.

# THE RACE IS ON

**By: Doris Applegate**  
Anyone reading this who has ever played baseball remembers the many times you missed hitting the ball but you really remember when you "smacked" the ball and sent it flying. Quite a big difference in the way you felt, right? Cheers when you "hit" and "boos" when you missed had a bug effect on how you felt. Even as kids playing hide and seek we wanted to be the

one who caught someone, not the one caught. Any game of contest we enter whether running a race, a beauty contest, a highest grade on a test or winning first prize for a recipe, we want to WIN!  
Since our father is certainly a "winner" and we are made in His image or likeness, that means losing goes against our DNA. We are meant to be winners every time.  
As believers in Jesus Christ who have been born

again or saved, the Apostle Paul tells us in I Corinthians 9:24 to run to win. We must realize that our spirit is born again but the Holy Spirit in us now leads and guides us to overcome our "flesh" and worldly "hang ups" such as pride, lust, anger, gossip, etc. (the soul realm).

As we cooperate we become more like our Savior Jesus Christ. If we don't, we stay a "carnal" self centered Christian hardly deserving of the name. It is in our best interest to pursue the "high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

God wants us to be whole spirit, soul and body. This is a process and sometimes seems that we never will attain it. Don't give up and don't quit. Remember the "turtle and the hare" story? Just because things seem hopeless does not mean that they are. "The path of the JUST gets brighter and brighter unto that glorious day when we will see our Lord Jesus"

"We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, so let us run with patience the race that is set before us looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (He-

brews 12: 1-2)  
We are learning progressing and developing! Thank God! Do you feel a spirit of win today? I sure do. Let's do it!  
Amen

# JUNE ACTIVITIES AT CECIL COMMUNITY CHURCH

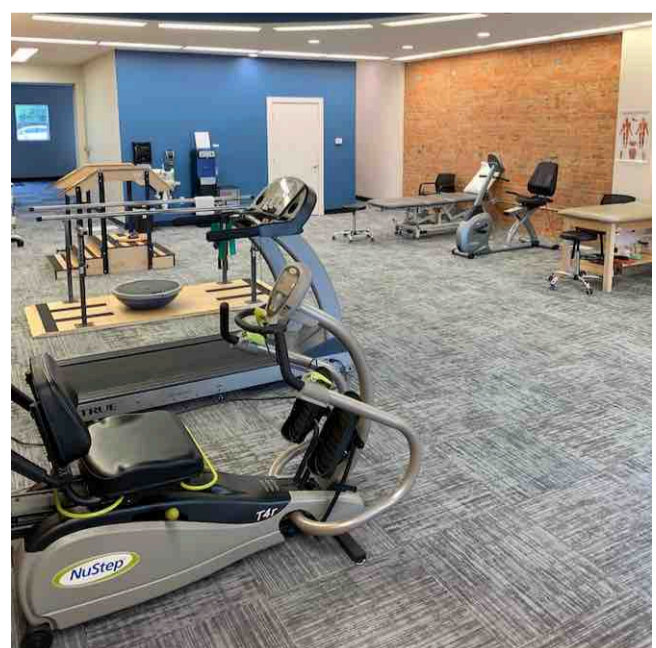
- The following are activities to be at Cecil Community Church in JUNE 2024. If you have any questions, please call 419-564-8383.
- NA TUESDAYS at 6:00 p.m.
- LIVING FREE Wednesdays: 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- June 15 - Food Pantry, 12:00-3:00 p.m.
- June 22 - Festival Begins: 1:00-5:00 p.m.; Cornhole, Cake Walk, Bingo, Silent Auction and Concessions
- June 23 - MIRACLE NIGHT at 6:00 p.m.
- JUNE 24-28 - Vacation Bible School, "Life of Moses", 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- June 29 - Ice Cream Social, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- June 30 - CONCERT: Bluegrass Praise Band, 6:00 p.m.

# RJ CORMAN RAILROAD RECEIVES GRANT FOR REHABILITATION OF WESTERN LINES

On May 16, 2024, the Ohio Rail Development Commission approved a grant in the amount of \$1,230,025 to RJ Corman Railroad to help with the rehabilitation of two of the railroad's lines: Greenville and Spencerville-Elgin. The total project cost is estimated at more than \$2.4 million.

RJ Corman's Western Ohio Lines consist of several lines across the region, among them the Spencerville-Elgin (SPEG) Line and Greenville Line. The 20-mile SPEG Line begins in Lima and extends to Elgin in southeastern Van Wert County. The 12-mile Greenville Line connects Greenville with a CSX interchange in Ansonia.

The Greenville Line portion of the project spans eight miles and includes replacement of ties, distribution of ballast, and surfacing. Work along the Spencerville-Elgin line consists of six miles of rail line track rehabilitation. Com-



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quality healthcare services. Their focus on the patient experience sets Choice Physical Therapy apart from other organizations. Choice Physical Therapy's professional development program

provides a foundation for professional growth and development for our team members leading to excellence in customer experience and outcomes.

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# Scripture of the Week

"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor."

— Romans 12:10

# IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?



Do you know that God is for you? That He loves you? That He is in you?

We often see God as some outside force that is separate from us, but the fact is, God is a Holy Spirit and He desires a body/vessel to live in and operate through. Since He created us in His image, what could be a more suitable host than us.

Those of us who have accepted Jesus Christ as our lord and savior have invited Him to live and operate in us. Once we've allowed Christ to live in us, as the head of our lives, we no longer operate in the same self-centered and controlling manner that we use to when we were ruled by fear, and we know that fear is of the devil. When we succumb to fear related spirits such as anxiety,

fear and doubt, insecurity and lack or fear of lack, it's usually precipitated by a lack of intimate contact with God.

Looking into the future without God causes anxiety. Likewise, looking at the past without God causes depression. The closer our relationship with God, the more peace we possess. The more Peace we possess, the more we are able to receive the abundant life that Jesus Christ desires for us. Jesus Christ gives us a holy perspective with clarity, weather we are looking forward or in retrospect.

In our past lives we attempted to manipulate every detail of our lives to a certain desired outcome to suite our fleshly desires. Now we let go and let God. We trust God in all situations.

In our new selves, when uncertainty presents itself, it doesn't send us in a tailspin, it sends us to our knees seeking the father for direction. What then shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all-how will He not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32) NIV.

So, relax, God is for you! No one can stand against you. Peace and Love,

—Pastor Dwayne Richardson

pletion of this project will result in slow orders being lifted and the restoration of FRA Class 2 conditions on the portion of the Spencerville-Elgin and Greenville lines. MP 7-12 of the Greenville Line is yard limits and will remain at FRA Class 1 condition.

Matthew Dietrich, Executive Director of the Ohio Rail Development Commission, said, "By improving the rail infrastructure, we are not only positively leveraging railroad investment but also improving lines that are needed to continue to serve the customers who depend on it. This project is an excellent example of positive economic impacts while also enhancing safety.

We are grateful for the continued partnership with the ORDC as we continue to make investments in our rail network. Safety is our top priority, and these funds allow us to upgrade our infrastructure and better serve the needs of our customers as we continue to provide safe and reliable freight transportation. The ORDC is a model for other states on how to prioritize rail transportation and improve the safety and reliability of the freight transportation network across Ohio," said William Downey, Director Government Affairs, RJ

Corman. *The Ohio Rail Development Commission assists Ohio communities, companies, and railroads in creating and retaining jobs by preserving rail service to existing shippers and providing rail service to new customers. The Rail Commission also funds projects to improve railroad-highway grade crossings to increase safety for the traveling public. Rail lines in Ohio are private property. Trespassing is both extremely dangerous and strictly prohibited. For additional information, please contact Wende Jourdan at (614) 728-9497.*

**Pastor Dwayne Richardson**  
will be preaching at Paulding 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church

**May 26<sup>th</sup> thru June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Please come join us for a wonderful service.**

**Peace & Love,**  
—Pastor Dwayne Richardson

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## TWO HANDS

**Penny for your Thoughts**  
by: Nancy Whitaker

I remember years ago I was singing a song with my grandma in church. All of a sudden I looked down at her hands and I got tears in my eyes.

I knew the work my grandma did with those hands and knew hard work and love were a part of her hands.

Grandma's hands could make cookies, soothe a sick child, plant a garden, do the laundry in an old MayTag washer, and folded them to pray.

Just think of what all we all do with our hands. We clap them, raise them up, hold our children, play an instrument, sew, crochet, wave, hold another's hand and write. Our Mama's hands also feeds her children, packs lunches, drives a car and sweeps the floors.

Then Daddy's hands knows work, fixing things, planting, harvesting, maybe fishing and cleaning fish, raking leaves and shoveling snow.

Soft hands, rough hands. Big hands little...

Hands can push, pull, touch, sweep, and carry in groceries. Hands work in factories, restaurants, construction, schools, hospitals and eyes even in politics.

A grandfather was sitting by his grandson one day, and asked him, "Have you ever just looked down at your hands?"

"Son just think about your hands and what they can do and will do."

The old gentleman then told his grandson, "As a child my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots. They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special. They trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse and walked my daughter down the aisle."

"They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day, when not much of anything else of me works really well, these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer.

These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of my life. But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home. And with my hands He will lift me to His side, and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ."

And speaking of hands here are some thoughts on Grandmas hands.

Grandma's hands...  
Clapped in church on Sunday morning  
Grandma's hands...



Played a tambourine so well  
Grandma's hands...

Used to issue out a warning  
She'd say, Billy don't you run so fast

Might fall on a piece of glass  
Might be snakes there in that grass  
Grandma's hands...

Soothed a local unwed mother  
Grandma's hands...  
Used to ache sometimes and swell  
Grandma's hands...

Used to lift her face and tell her  
She'd say, Baby, grandma understands  
That you really love that man

Put yourself in Jesus' hands  
Grandma's hands...  
Used to hand me piece of candy  
Grandma's hands...

Picked me up each time I fell  
Grandma's hands...  
One thing that know is that there are left-handed people and right-handed people.

Left-handed folks have their own holiday which is August 13. Four of our last Presidents have been left-handed. Your dog could be left pawed, left handers have their own scissors, ball gloves and bowling balls. And Lefties are said to be more creative!

What has your hands accomplished and have you ever looked at them and thought of all the things they have done? When we get old, our hands may become wrinkled and show veins but thank God for what they can do.

Let me know what a your hands have done and I'll Give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

## OAKWOOD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SPRING TEA



Karen Jacobs and Anada Cooper stand with their "Butterfly Junction" themed table at the Annual Tea & Style Show fundraiser for the Cooper Community Library.

Oakwood Library Association hosted their Annual Spring Tea recently. It's one of the Association's annual fundraisers that supports Cooper Community Li-

brary. Eleven hostesses beautifully decorated tea tables and stylishly dressed attendees enjoyed a brunch in true tea party fashion.

## HERITAGE LIONS ICE CREAM SEASON BEGINS



The Heritage Lions in Hoagland brought their popular soft ice cream trailer to Monroeville Youth League Baseball Opening Day this past weekend. Last week the Heritage Lions were at the Hoagland Youth League Baseball Opening Day as well.

All profits are donated to several worthy organizations in our area. These include the Monroeville Fire Dept, the Monroeville EMS, the Monroeville Park, the Hoagland Fire/EMS, three local and very active food banks, the HAAA Christmas party, the Heritage High School Christmas family, and Indiana Lions groups helping with sight (Leader Dog, School for the Blind, etc.), hearing, and pediatric cancer research at Riley Children's Hospital. In the past 10 years the Heritage Li-

ons have donated well over \$120,000 to these and other important causes.

The remaining ice cream appearances for the summer are:

Monroeville Car Show: June 6  
Hoagland Days: June 13-15

Music in the Park: June 20 through July 25  
Monroeville Harvest Festival: August 1-3

St. Aloysius Summer Fest: August 10  
Heartbeat of Hoagland: September 7

Hessen Cassel Fall Festival: September 28

The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion.

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at a private school. With homeschooling, there is flexibility with grade levels and Lofton does mostly 6th grade schoolwork even though his age is more inline with a public school 4th or 5th grader.

What triggered his nominations for this Award, is that Lofton has a heart for philanthropy as he has facilitated several Bake Sales over the past few years to raise funds to aid in the natural disasters that have happened all around the country. He has raised hundreds of dollars to send to those disaster relief organizations. He has an entrepreneurial spirit as well and has started Something Brave Supply with his father, Tim. The entire family is involved in the business of making special order hats for groups, individuals, organizations and businesses.

Lofton also enjoys being a kid, which is evident by his

collection of basketball cards - he has hundreds of them in binders and boxes at his home! He also likes playing music, talking with people, and reading.

When Lofton heard the news that he was selected to be this year's GEM of the Year, he said he was very happy. He would like to thank everyone for this opportunity to represent Antwerp with this award. "Thank you for supporting me through my bake sales and my hat business, because without you guys none of this would be possible." Out of the mouths of babes - you got that right Lofton!

His parents couldn't be more proud of his generous heart. They were surprised when the Chamber contacted them to say Lofton had been chosen as this year's Gem. Lorianne, Lofton's mother, commented that they use 1 John 4:19 as a focal point to keep the boys' thoughts in the right direction: "We love because he

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## MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

David Rube Myers was born November 9, 1879 in Emerald, Paulding County. The son of Frederick born 1853 in Ohio and Margaret Romana (Ankney) born 1856 in Ohio.

This couple was married February 8, 1874 in Paulding. By 1880, this couple, along with children Edward born in 1875, Olive born September 13, 1877 and David were living in Emerald, Paulding County.

Frederick was a farmer and Margaret kept house. By 1890, the family added a son, Isaac E. born September 4, 1883. By the time the Spanish War broke out in 1898, David volunteered to serve in Company M. 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry out of Paulding. After being mustered out of service, February 10, 1899, David reenlisted to serve with Company L. 31st United States Volunteer Infantry, and was shipped to the Philippines to fight the rebels trying to overthrow the government. He served until 1901.

By 1900, Margaret passed away. It is unclear where she is buried. Frederick went to live with his son Edward and his wife and child. By 1900, David was in the military, serving with Company L. 31st United States Volunteer Infantry. He was stationed in the Philippines, living at 166 West Weck Street. He was listed as a private, 5'7", fair complexion, brown eyes and brown hair. He served until March 23, 1905, he had attained the rank of Sergeant. He was discharged at Angel

Island, California. On June 10, 1914, David returned to serve in the military. He re-enlisted to serve with Company B. 26th United States Infantry stationed in Texas. On April 15, 1915, David's brother Edward passed away in Toledo, Ohio. David served with Company D. 3rd Machine Gun Battalion. David was promoted to Sergeant June 3, 1915, First Sergeant August 1, 1916.

On July 21, 1918, David was severely wounded. David was also reported missing in action. David's father, Frederick, who was living on North Cherry Street, received word of his son. Postmaster of the Post Office, Frank Miller, decided to try and get answers for Frederick, who was very upset. Frank inquired by mail to see if he could help.

Mr. Miller received a letter from Chaplain Williams, of the 26th Infantry, October 24, 1918. The Chaplain referred the letter to David. David assured his father and family that he was well and recovered from his wounds. David was promoted to Battalion Sergeant Major October 12, 1918. David served in the Montdidier-Noyan, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne defensive sectors. David was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Cited in General Orders #3 Headquarters 2nd Infantry Brigade on official reports to high command, May 24, 1919.

David transferred to serve with the rank of 1st Sergeant with the Headquarters Department, 3rd Machine Gun Battalion, August 1, 1919. Then transferred to Company C. 3rd Machine Gun Battalion September 30, 1919. David was Honorably Discharged September 30, 1919. David retired after serving 30 years in the military. After the war, David came home to settle at 630 Dakota Avenue in Columbus, Ohio. He passed away with stomach cancer, January 13, 1928. He was buried in Ft. Hayes Ohio Post Cemetery, lot D., section 71, grave 39. His military upright tombstone was installed in 1930.

...Until Next Time!

first loved us." To go along with that, his mother stated, "We always try to keep Him the focus. For His glory, and sharing what He has done for us. Lofton genuinely loves people and serving ... so it just comes naturally to him."

On behalf of the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce, congratulations Lofton on being this year's Gem of the Year.

Lofton will be in Antwerp Days parade on June 1st (10:00 a.m). Antwerp Chamber will present the Award to Lofton at opening ceremony following the parade.



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### 31st PC RELAY FOR LIFE



Relay for Life is in its thirty-first year in Paulding County. The event will be held at the Paulding County Fairgrounds on May 31, 2024.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Building and Opening Ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. with our annual Survivor First Lap.

This year our first lap will be led by two honorary survivors: **Kenny Thomas and Gena Sheets**. Relay for Life is an event hosted by the American Cancer Society and gives the opportunity to honor and remember all loved ones who have struggled, survived, or lost their fight to cancer.

This year we encourage the community to join us - all are welcome! Look forward to great food, music by DJ Larry Colley, vendors, games, a bounce house, auction and raffles items, and more! Teams are encouraged to have booths set up, but you do not need to be registered in order to take part in the evening's festivities.

A Luminaria Ceremony will be underway at dusk (approximately 10:00 p.m.) which includes a beautiful time of reflection as we light candles and take in quiet music to honor those we have lost. It is truly the most touching, respectful moment of the night.

We will finish the evening with auction winners announced at 11:45 p.m., and our final lap at midnight. Come show your support to this important cause, as nearly every person has been impacted by this disease in one way or another. We are ready to put an end to cancer and need your help.

Contact Cheryl Eddy @419-670-4066 or Jillene McMichael @419-769-5504 for more information.

### PCRTA HANDS OUT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association recently awarded \$1200 in scholarships to four high school seniors planning to enter the field of education. Nathaniel Guyton, Braydon Kingen, Aewyn McMichael, and Brenna Thomas each received a \$300 scholarship.



**Nathaniel Guyton**

Nathaniel, the son of Joe Guyton and Magdalena Taylor will graduate from Wayne Trace High School. He plans to attend Ashland University where he will major in Integrated Mathematics Education.



**Braydon Kingen**

Brayden, the son of Amanda and Michael Watson, will graduate from Paulding High School. He plans to attend Bowling Green State University where he will major in Early Childhood Education.



**Aewyn McMichael**

Aewyn is the daughter of Scott and Courtenay McMichael. She will graduate

from Antwerp High School. She plans to attend Bowling Green State University where she will major in Physical and Health Education.



**Brenna Thomas**

Brenna is the daughter of John and Crystal Thomas. She will graduate from Wayne Trace high school. She plans to attend Purdue Fort Wayne majoring in Art Education.

### MUSH! NOGGIN THE SLED DOG HEADED TO DEFIANCE COUNTY



Imagine riding the runners behind a team of dogs, steering a loaded sled through mountainous terrain, crossing the vast Alaskan tundra while hugging the shoreline of the great Bering Sea.

Learn all about the life of a musher and her sled dogs during special presentations June 4 at all three Defiance Public Library System locations. Musher Karen Land and her Alaskan husky, Noggin, will visit Hicksville's Johnson Memorial Library at 10:30 a.m., Sherwood Branch Library at 1 p.m., and Defiance Public Library (in the Summer Reading Tent on the Fort Grounds) at 6 p.m.

Land is a writer, public speaker, and three-time participant in the 1,000-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, as well as many other sprint and endurance races in Alaska, Canada, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Maine. Since 2000, Land has traveled to nearly every state with her Iditarod dog sled, mushing gear, Arctic clothing, and beloved dogs to offer more than 1,000 educational programs at schools and public libraries.

These presentations are free and open to all, sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, and Johnson Memorial libraries. No registration is needed. For more information, contact the library at 419-782-1456.

### ACES CRUISE TO WIN OVER MARINES

The Hicksville Aces hosted cross-state rival Hamilton Monday night in high school baseball action with the host Aces blanking the Marines 19-0.

The Defiance County squad scored in each of the first four innings as Hicksville plated four in the first, three in the second, seven in the third and five in the fourth to wrap up the victory.

### SHAMROCK SHAKE® FANS IN INDIANA HELP RAISE \$126,000 FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES



Pictured here (l-r) Sarah Tharp, Director Operations, RMHC NEIN; Teresa White, Chief Development Officer, RMHC NEIN; Dean DiMichele, McDonald's Owner/Operator; Jen Veatch, CEO, RMHC NEIN; Nadia Velasquez, McDonald's Operations Manager; Pam Crum, Business Coordinator, RMHC NEIN; Matt Ball, McDonald's Owner/Operator; Brian Hedrick, McDonald's Franchise Business Partner; and Val Thurston, RMHC Volunteer.

Shamrock Shakes aren't just a delicious seasonal treat. They also support a great cause.

This spring, 25 cents of every Shamrock Shake sale in Indiana was donated directly to Ronald McDonald House Charities across the state. McDonald's customers helped raise more than \$126,000 to be shared between Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana, Michiana, and Northeast Indiana. This

week in Fort Wayne, leadership from local McDonald's restaurants presented Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Indiana a check for \$21,835.

The total amount raised from Shamrock Shake sales at 250 McDonald's restaurants in Indiana was \$126,834.50. RMHC of Central Indiana in Indianapolis will receive \$75,372 and RMHC of Michiana in South Bend will receive \$29,627.50. In 2023, McDon-

ald's restaurants in Indiana raised \$83,832.50 for RMHC through the Shamrock Shake promotion.

RMHC chapters provide care, comfort and support to families, allowing them to heal together while their child receives medical care. Included in these efforts are the Ronald McDonald Houses which provide families a place to stay while their child receives care at a nearby medical facility.

### LIBRARY EMPLOYEES EARN CERTIFICATES



Paulding County Carnegie Library employees, Susan Deatrack, Jamie Lammers, Teresa Reel and Jennifer Meyer recently completed their requirements for Certi-

fied Public Library Staff through the Ohio Library Council. Renewals for certification is every 5 years and requires 50 hours of continuous training.

Elle Clem suffered the loss for Antwerp, giving up a dozen hits, seven earned runs and two walks with two strikeouts in six innings of work.

Wallace also was a force at the plate for Edgerton, posting two singles and three runs batted in while Nessa Cox doubled twice, scored once and drove in one run.

Casey Everetts singled

twice and scored once for the Lady Bulldogs with Ava Giesige singling twice, scoring once and posting one run batted in. Lola Giesige also added a single, a run scored and two runs batted in with Corinne Cape doubling and scoring once. Ella Miller and Alivia Farnham picked up a single and a run scored apiece as well.

Zane Ritter had the lone Hamilton hit, a double.

### BULLDOGS BLANK ARCHERS

Edgerton totaled a dozen hits and the Bulldogs kept visiting Antwerp off the scoreboard in posting a 7-0 victory over Antwerp in Green Meadows Conference softball action Tuesday evening.

The Williams County squad scored once in the third before adding two runs each in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to wrap up a 7-0 victory.

Olivia Wallace controlled the game on the mound for the Lady Bulldogs, striking out 13 Antwerp hitters while limiting the blue and white to just a single by Estee Lichty.

## The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments**

**Any questions, please call 419-399-8285**

## PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

*New Schedule For Large Villages*

**1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds**

**2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW**

**3rd Weekend- Payne ,**

**(Paved lot east of Homier's)**

**4th Weekend- Antwerp ,**

**(13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)**

*New Schedule For Smaller Villages*

**3rd Wednesday of each month**

**Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)**

**Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)**

**Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)**

**Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)**

**For Questions Call : 419-399-3630**

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# DARI DELITE: LOCAL LANDMARK IN HICKSVILLE COMMUNITY



In small town America, each community has its own unique history and components that make up that history. Whether it be buildings, events, parks, etc. there are certain things that leave their mark on a town or community. Dari Delite is one such fixture for the village of Hicksville. It is a Dairy Bar/Diner owned and operated currently by Lucas Horg. It sits on E High Street across from the Hicksville school building.

Dari Delite has gone by a few different names in its past. It began in 1952 as Tasty Freeze all through the 60s, then was named Albersons in the 70s, and Hicov's Hut in the 80s.

My name is Lucas Horg. I am the owner of Dari Delite in Hicksville Ohio.

We are a small Dairy Bar/Diner that has operated at 961 E High St Hicksville Ohio across from the Village school since 1952. Over the years the name and owners have changed but the local landmark has continued the serve the local community with delicious food and sweet frozen

treats. The current owners are relocating overseas to Australia to start a new chapter in their lives and are seeking a new owner to take the reins. If a new owner is not found by October the restaurant will permanently close its doors for good after 72 years of business and a local summer tradition will be lost forever.

We hire a lot of local high school kids and often give them their very first job.

I know that it was called Tasty Freeze in the 60's Albersons in the 70's and Hicov's Hut in the 80's. Kim Langham owned it from about 2010 I believe until she sold it to the present owners. When it was Dari-Di-Lite until 2022 when my wife and I bought it and changed the name again to Dari Delite.

Since I have owned it I have upgraded the POS system (it previously did not have one)

New ice machine  
2 massive top of the line high capacity Taylor soft serve machines.

Added a dairy free range of hard dip and dairy free dole whip soft serve.

# HANCOCK & PAULDING STUDENTS PAINT THE PLOWS



The Paulding FFA Chapter members pose with their Paint-the-Plow submission: (from left) Piper Kochel, Hunter Couts, Drake Ankney, Blayne Pease, Bryson Pease, Jack Woods, Tytus Manz, Matt Bail, Karlee Akers, and Carson Eitnienar

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1's annual Paint-the-Plow contest winners are Hancock County's Riverdale Middle School and the Paulding FFA Chapter.

Riverdale, located in Mt. Blanchard, collected the most votes on social media to win the people's choice award, earning 969 votes on ODOT District 1's Facebook page contest. The plow with the most likes, comments, and shares wins the award.

The artists' work honors Mr. Luke Swavel, a beloved middle school teacher and coach who passed away unexpectedly in May 2023.

"Luke was a dedicated Falcon staff member," said Greg Rossman, Riverdale Local Schools superintendent. "He gave 100 percent effort in his history classes and made connections with all of his students," he said.

Ada High School took second place with 513 votes, and in third place, Upper Scioto Valley High School with 480 votes, both with bold school mascot-themed plows.

Paulding FFA Chapter's creative entry, "Move Over... Mailbox Slayer," earned the coveted ODOT Choice Award, selected by ODOT District 1 employees at the annual road competition on May 8. Fort Jennings High School and Allen East High School took second and third place, respectively.

"These plows will be more than just snow-fighting tools. They'll be ambassadors for their schools, spreading joy and pride at fairs, parades, and in neighborhoods throughout the year," said Chris Hughes, the deputy director of ODOT District 1.

Since 2014, ODOT District 1 has hosted an annual Paint-the-Plow contest, with a brief hiatus in 2020 and 2021 when a virtual contest was held instead. Schools unleash their creativity on real snowplows in this program which fosters community engagement, school spirit, and color on the winter landscape. This year was one of the most crowded contests ever with 26 schools from all eight counties in District 1 participating.

ODOT employees chose a favorite entry from each of the district's eight counties:

- Allen County: Allen East High School
- Defiance County: Ayrersville High School
- Hancock County: McComb High School
- Hardin County: Hardin Northern High School
- Paulding County: Paulding FFA Chapter
- Putnam County: Fort Jennings High School
- Van Wert County: Crestview FFA Chapter
- Wyandot County: Mohawk FFA Chapter

All entries may be viewed on ODOT District 1's Facebook page.

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# NEW CHOICES FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

If you own a business and you offer a 401(k) or similar retirement plan to your employees, you'll want to stay current on the various changes affecting these types of accounts. And in 2024, you may find some interesting new developments to consider.

These changes are part of the SECURE 2.0 Act, enacted at the end of 2022. And while some parts of the law went into effect in 2023 — such as the new tax credit for employer contributions to start-up retirement plans with 100 or fewer employees — others were only enacted this year.

Here are some of these changes that may interest you:

- New "starter" 401(k)/403(b) - If you haven't already established a retirement plan, you can now offer a "starter" 401(k) or "safe harbor" 403(b) plan to employees who meet age and service requirements. These plans have lower contribution limits (\$6,000 per year, or \$7,000 for those 50 or older) than a typical 401(k) or 403(b) and employers can't make matching or non-elective contributions. These plans are low-cost and easy to administer but the credit for employer contributions doesn't apply, as these contributions aren't allowed, and since start-up costs are low, the tax credit for these costs will be correspondingly lower than they'd be for a full-scale 401(k) plan.

- Matches for student loan payments - It's not easy for young employees to save for retirement and pay back student loans. To help address this problem, Congress included a provision in Secure 2.0 that allows employers the option to provide matching contributions to employees' retirement plans (401(k), 403(b), 457(b) and SIMPLE IRAs) when these employees make qualified student loan payments. Of course, if you offer this match for student loan payments, your costs will likely increase, although these matching contributions are tax deductible. In any case, you may want to balance any additional expense with the potential benefit of attracting and retaining em-

ployees, particularly those who have recently graduated from college.

- 401(k) eligibility for part-time employees - Part-time employees who are at least 21 years old and have at least 500 hours of service in three consecutive years must now be eligible to contribute to an existing 401(k) plan. The inclusion of part-time employees could lead to higher business expenses for you, depending on the amount of contributions you may make to employees' plans. Again, though, you'd be offering a benefit that could be attractive to quality part-time employees.

- Emergency savings account - Many people, especially those who don't earn high incomes, have trouble building up emergency funds they can tap for unexpected costs, such as a major home or car repair or large medical expenses. Now, if you offer a 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b) plan, you can include a pension-linked emergency savings account (PLESA) that allows non-highly compensated employees to save up to \$2,500, a figure that will be indexed for inflation in the future. PLESA allows for tax-free monthly withdrawals without incurring a 10% tax penalty. PLESA contributions are made on an after-tax (Roth) basis and must be matched at the same rate as other employee contributions.

You may want to consult with your tax and financial professionals to determine how these changes may affect what you want to do with your retirement plan. The more you know, the better your decisions likely will be.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

## READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

### OHIO LOCATIONS

**Antwerp:** Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Family Dollar, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows  
**Bryant:** Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General  
**Cecil:** 127 Maramart  
**Charloe:** Charloe Store  
**Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

**Defiance:** Newman's Marathons Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid, Defiance Public Library  
**Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)

**Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library  
**Hicksville:** Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Citgo, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices, Johnson Memorial Library  
**Ney:** Marathon

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

**Payne:** Village office, Panchos, Vancress of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library  
**Sherwood:** Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank, Sherwood Library  
**Scott:** Scott Post Office  
**Van Wert:** CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree

### INDIANA LOCATIONS

**Fort Wayne:** Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living  
**Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales  
**Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank

**Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub  
**Milan Center:** Milan Center Feed & Grain  
**Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General  
**New Haven:** ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, McDonalds, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's

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

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Class of 2024 at East Allen University. Brylie participates in Young Women's with LDS Church and May Thai MMA. She has earned Top Student in Social Studies, First Aid, VU Science and Chemistry, Rising Star of Indiana (junior year), and Indiana Academic All-Star Nominee 2024. Rackham's hobbies outside of the classroom include Muay Thai, boxing, reading and running. This fall, Brylie plans to attend Purdue Fort Wayne to pursue a degree in Elementary Education because it is something she has wanted to do since she herself was in elementary school. Brylie's parents are Kelsie Rackman and Brad



Rackham.

**Victoria Toro-Blohm** has been named Salutatorian for the Class of 2024 at East Allen University. Victoria is a tutor, and volunteer at various community events and wants to become a Big Sister. During high school she as achieved being a on the Dean's List, Rising Star of Indiana Award Top Student in Science, Accounting and College Algebra, Ball State's Presidential Scholarship and earned a \$125,000 scholarship from another university. This fall Toro-Blohm plans to attend Ball State University to pursue a degree in Nursing. "I love babies. I was a NICU baby for six months, so one day I want to be a NICU nurse taking care of babies that were like me," Victoria commented. Outside of academia, Victoria enjoys reading, watching true crime and movies, and going out to eat. Her parents are Taymar Blohm.



**Heritage High School**

**Jaxon Hoting** has been named Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 at Heritage High School. During high school, Jaxon participated in track and field, cross country, and volleyball. He was president of

student council and National Honor Society. Outside of the classroom, he enjoys running, lifting weights, fishing and hunting. This fall, Hoting plans to attend Purdue University to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. "I have always had a passion for creating. Studying mechanical engineering will allow me to further my ability to do so while making contributions to the field," he stated. Jaxon is the son of Jason Hoting and



Sharla Hoting.

**Kaitlyn Rochester** has been named Salutatorian for the Class of 2024 at Heritage High School. During high school, she was involved with organizing fundraisers for Ronald McDonald Charity House and Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She earned the National Rural and Small Town recognition, Top 10 ranking, and Rising Star of Indiana. Outside the classroom, Kaitlyn enjoys gaining new belts in taekwondo, and teaching/tutoring and reading. This fall, she will go to Purdue University Fort Wayne to pursue a degree in biochemistry because she says, "It combines two of my greatest passions: molecular biology and organic chemistry." Her parents are Ryan and Dawn Rochester.



**Leo High School**

**Hannah Carter** has been named Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 at Leo High School. She participated in Soccer, student council academic Super Bowl at school and also volunteers at her church and did some tutoring. Awards Carter earned during school included Fall Sport Academic All-State 2022, Rising Star of Indiana, and IUI Chancellor's Scholars. Outside the classroom, Hannah enjoys reading, exercising, and watching hockey. Hannah plans to attend Indiana Uni-

versity to pursue mathematics for a degree. Her parents are



Dona and Loriann Carter.

**Emilia Kennedy** has been named Salutatorian for the Class of 2024 at Leo High School. She participated in volleyball, National Honor Society, FCA, Yearbook, and Competitive Dance during high school. Awards that she has earned include Academic All-State, Direct admit into College of Arts and Sciences, and Provost's Scholarship. Emilia's interests outside of school extend to dancing, hanging out with friends, and spending time in the Bible. Her parents are Jennifer Kennedy and Jeffrey Kennedy.



**New Haven High School**

**Emily Gordillo** has been named Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 at New Haven High School. She participated in Tennis, National Honor Society, and Upward Bound during high school. Awards Gordillo earned include Indiana Academic All-Star nominee and Health Science certificate of achievement. She also enjoys drawing and reading. This fall Emily plans to attend Indiana University Indianapolis and pursue a career as a medical doctor. She wants to be able to fully advocate for those in the Latino/Hispanic community. Her parents are Jesus Gordillo and Rosario



Gordillo.

**Brayden Eagleson** has been named Salutatorian for the Class of 2024 at New Haven High School. Brayden participated in tennis, baseball, student council president, National Honor Society, and Young Leaders of Northeast Indiana during high school. He commented, "High school was enjoyable because it changed who I am. Throughout high school I learned to become more social and started to become more involved. I've made tons of friends." In his down time,

Brayden likes to fix things, and work, he likes to go to the gym and fix cars. In the fall, Eagleson plans to attend Trine University to study engineering. "I have always had a passion for electronics. I expanded my knowledge of electronics by installing various electronics in vehicles including new radios, speakers, subwoofers, etc." His parents are Brandon Eagleson, Chandra Zollinger (mom), and Monica Roth (step-mom).

**HARLAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCES TOP SCHOLARS 2024**



**Noah Miesle** has been named Valedictorian of the class of 2024 for Harlan Christian School. After high school Noah plans to attend college for electrical engineering or get a job and attend college part-time. This career path aligns well with his interests. Outside of school he volunteered his time with the Woodburn Lions Club making donuts for events. Noah also enjoys cooking, micro-controller projects, single board computers, small engine projects, and video games. Noah is the son of Pete



and Amber Miesle.

**Heather Beerbower** has been named Salutatorian of the class of 2024 for Harlan Christian School. She is undecided right now about any college plans, but she has plans to work for a company, like Nucor, because that line of work is interesting. Heather was involved in volleyball and basketball from 5th-12th grade, and she was in the Tutoring Club her senior year. She earned the Vulcraft scholarship, and volleyball and basketball awards from HCS. Outside the classroom, Heather enjoys painting and playing volleyball. Her most memorable experience at HCS was "playing volleyball and basketball with amazing people and becoming closer with my teammates." Heather is the daughter of Nathan and Katrina Beerbower.

**WARRIOR BOYS PLACE 12<sup>th</sup> IN TRACK SECTIONAL**

Woodlan took part in the IHSAA sectional track meet at Spuller Stadium with the Warriors placing 12th as a team in scoring 17 points.

Warrior sophomore June Suel took eighth in the 100 dash with a time of 11.70 seconds with sophomore Jeremiah Troyer posting a

**RAIDERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER ROYALS**



**Cooper Wenzlick cracks the ball to center field, driving in Cale Winans to slide into home for a run, and earning second base! More great pictures at westbendnews.net!**

Wayne Trace took the lead in the first inning and rolled to a 10-1 victory over Elmwood in Division III sectional baseball action at the home of the Raiders Friday night, May 17th.

After opening a 1-0 lead in their first at bat, the Raiders added another run in the second before picking up two in the third for a 4-0 advantage.

Elmwood got their lone run of the contest in the top of the fourth before Wayne Trace responded with four in the bottom of the inning for an 8-1 advantage. The red, white and blue finished out the scoring with two runs in the sixth to wrap up the 10-1 victory.

Cooper Wenzlick and Carter Clemens both hit a single and a double for the Raiders with Kyle Forrer

recording a single and a home run. Tucker Antoine added a double for the red, white and blue while Breven Anderson and Tanner Laukhuf finishing with a single apiece.

Antoine, Cale Winans, Clemens and Forrer all scored twice for the Raiders with Laukhuf and Wenzlick touching home plate once each. Forrer and Clemens each finished with two runs batted in and Wenzlick drove in one run.

Luke Armbruster had two singles for Elmwood with Kam Kingery, Colton Bradford, Aiden Marsh and Zach Gross posted one single apiece.

Simmons scored the lone Royals run and Gross picked up the run batted in.

**CADETS DISLodge WARRIORS IN SECTIONAL PLAY**



**In the bottom of the sixth inning Concordia's Jalen Campos gets stuck in a run down between second and third bases between Woodlan's Jordan Halsey and Nolan Meeks getting the out! More pictures at westbendnews.net**

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Woodlan lost to Concordia in the Sectional play. 5-6 in Angola.

Concordia - 0 2 2 1 0 1 0 = 6; 6H, 2E  
Woodlan - 0 0 0 3 0 1 1 = 5; 5H, 3E

sixth-place finish in the 1600 run in 4:38.45.

Woodlan's 400 relay team of freshman Shaiden Snyder, senior Grant Frecker, sophomore Jakson Hamrick and Suel placed eighth in 46.01 seconds while the 3200-relay quartet of freshman-Nathan Culler, senior Brady Garrison, senior Ryan Hubbart and Troyer placed eighth in 9:28.83.

Snyder also took sixth in the long jump with a leap of 19-4 with Suel posting an eighth-place finish after a jump of 19-0.

Sophomore Ryan Kline

recorded a sixth-place finish following a toss of 43-3 in the shot put. Kline placed as well in the discus with a throw of 129-6 to take fifth place.

**LADY WARRIORS TAKE 7<sup>th</sup> IN SECTIONAL MEET, PARKER CLAIMS SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Woodlan Lady Warrior track team took part in the sectional track meet at Spuller Stadium in Fort Wayne where Woodlan posted a seventh-place finish as a team with 31 points. Woodlan senior Kyr

**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  
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**WARRIORS OPEN TOURNEY PLAY WITH WIN**



Perfect timing when Mya Jones catches the line drive at second, quickly throws the ball to Lexi Metzger at first base for the double play and ending the inning! More pictures at westbendnews.net



IHSAA Class 3A Sectional semi-finals: Woodlan shut out Angola, 3-0 on 5/22. Pictured above: It's the third inning and Woodlan's Victoria Crozier is at bat and gets a base on this hit! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Woodlan pounded out 13 hits at the plate while Abby Horn limited Concordia to just two hits in six innings of work as the Lady Warriors rolled to a 10-0 victory in sectional softball action Monday night.

The two squads played to a scoreless tie through three innings before Woodlan took control in the fourth.

The Lady Warriors scored six times in the top of the fourth to open a 6-0 advantage before putting the game away with a four-run sixth inning to wrap up the 10-0 victory.

Jade Lichty and Lillian Riley each had three hits to pace Woodlan with Lexi Metzger

getting a pair of hits.

Mya Jones, Victoria Crozier, Addison Klotz, Olivia Roney and Horn all had one hit for the Lady Warriors with Riley and Metzger both scoring twice as well.

Klotz finished with three runs batted in for Woodlan with Lichty and Crozier driving in two runs apiece.

Horn pitched the Lady Warriors to the victory, tossing a six-inning complete game while scattering two hits and four walks. Horn also struck out eight for Woodlan.

Raelyn Koesters and Madi Spreen had the lone hits for Concordia as both posted a single.

rriors was Allyson Rorick, who tossed the shot put 32-3-1/4 to finish fourth in the sectional meet.

Woodlan's Grace Graber recorded a fourth-place finish in the 200 dash with a time of 27.54 seconds while Ava McAlexander posted a seventh-place in the 100 hurdles in 16.89 seconds. Savanna Graber leaped 4-10 to take

eighth in the high jump.

Savannah Hopper finished eighth for the Lady Warriors by throwing the shot put 30-1-3/4.

The Lady Warrior 400 relay team of Graber, Ayana Melchi, Karina Pepler and McAlexander finished with a time of 52.93 seconds to place sixth.

**ACES PICK UP TOURNEY WIN**

The Hicksville Aces opened up Division IV sectional baseball action with a 9-2 win over Stryker Tuesday night in Defiance County.

After the visiting Panthers struck for two runs in the first, the Aces answered with two in the second and three more in the third for a 5-2 advantage.

Hicksville then extended the lead with two more runs in the fourth before wrapping up the scoring with a two-run

sixth.

Brant Langham picked up the win on the mound for the Aces, tossing the first five frames giving up two hits, two unearned runs and four walks while striking out three.

Owen Stuckey threw the final two innings with three strikeouts.

Eli Lawrence tripled and scored twice for Hicksville with Deacon Bell singling twice, scoring once and driving in two runs. Langham also singled, scored once and picked up two runs batted in.

Austin Sanders posted a single, one run scored and one run batted in for the Aces.

Parker Bassett, Carter Sheets, Aidan Pollick and Stuckey also scored for Hicksville with David Taylor and Stuckey driving in a run each.

Jacob Myers and Gavin LaBo both singled and scored for Stryker.

**RAIDERS FALL TO LIBERTY-BENTON IN DISTRICTS**



On May 23rd, Wayne Trace vied for the District title. Raiders lost the battle to Liberty-Benton, 4-7. Pictured here Senior Breven Anderson bunts the ball to advance the runner and makes it to first himself! More pictures at westbendnews.net

**RAMS BLANK PANTHERS**

Conor Wolfrum limited Paulding to two hits in a complete-game effort to lead the Tinora Rams to a 12-0 victory over the Panthers Tuesday in high school baseball play.

The green and white scored all the runs they would need in the second with a pair before picking up a quartet in the fourth for a 6-0 advantage.

After adding single runs in the fifth and sixth, Tinora completed the 12-0 win with a four-run seventh.

Greyson Harder and Easton Lehman finished with a single each for the maroon and white.

Patrick Paholak took the loss on the mound for the Panthers, allowing six hits, six earned runs and three walks while striking out four in four innings of work. Colten Hunt, Hayden Elston, Hunter Coutts and Kobe Foor also saw action on the mound for Paulding.

Wolfrum struck out seven and walked just two in picking up the victory for the green and white.

At the plate, Wolfrum topped Tinora with two singles and a double while scoring twice and driving in four runs.

Trentin DeLarber singled, scored twice and picked up a run batted in with Kady Radzik singling, doubling and driving in two runs. Ayden

Moser singled once and scored three times with Alec Schaublin posting a single and two runs batted in.

Mason McQuillin and Adam Spychala both singled and scored once for the Rams with Hunter Bostelman scoring once and Dominic Graziani touching home plate twice.

**LOCOS PULL AWAY LATE FOR WIN OVER ACES**

Hicksville and host Montpelier battled in a tight contest through four innings before the Locomotives pulled away late to record a 10-6 win over the Aces in Division IV baseball action Thursday evening.

The Aces struck first, scoring twice in the first, before the Locomotives plated one in the home half of the frame. After each team scored twice in the third, Hicksville scored once in the fourth to open a 5-3 lead but Montpelier responded with a three-run fourth to go on top 6-5.

In the fifth, the Locomotives picked up another run before plating three more in the sixth to pull away and post the 10-6 victory.

Kenneth Smeltzer topped the Williams County squad with four hits and three runs scored while Griffin Cooley chipped in three hits and two runs batted in. Jaxon Stahler, Kameron Smith and Landon

**McCOLLEY HONORS 2024 OHIO MR. BASKETBALL**



State Senator Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) honored Colin White, a member of the Ottawa-Glandorf High School boys basketball team, who was selected as the 2024 Ohio Mr. Basketball by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association for his accomplish-

2,000 career points.

"It is an honor to recognize Mr. White for his accomplishments," said McColley. "He has shown resilience, dedication, and determination which will aid in his future academic career and in life."

White has led the Titans to the OHSAA state tournament all four years of his high school career. He will go on to play at The Ohio State University.

Colin White, has earned a three-time first-team Division III All-Ohio selection. He is the first player in Ottawa-Glandorf history to score over

**NEW HAVEN TRACK SECTIONALS**



2nd place 4x100 Meter Relay Bulldog team: Sedrick Boone, Aaron Hoffer, Alex Hoffer, and Latrevion Bates. Photos by Melissa Amstutz

The Lady Bulldogs' Track & Field team placed 6th at the New Haven Sectional Meet. Regional Qualifiers were Madeline Graves (100 Meter Dash & 200 Meter Dash), Makenna Dommer (Discus & Shot Put), Annika Koepke (200 Meter Dash), and the 4x100 Meter Relay Team of Heaven Gardner, Mi'Angel Jordan-Colter, Annika Koepke, & Madeline Graves.

The Boys' Track & Field team placed 2nd at the New Haven Sectional Meet. Individual Sectional Champions were Aaron Hoffer (300 Meter

and John Bussard (Discus). Also qualifying for Regionals were Kevion Mitchell (110 Meter Hurdles, 300 Meter Hurdles, and Long Jump), Bryan Garcia (1600 Meter Run and 800 Meter Run), Aaron Hoffer (110 Meter Hurdles), Latrevion Bates (100 Meter Dash), Charles McGrant (Shot Put), the 4x100 Meter Relay team of Sedrick Boone, Aaron Hoffer, Alex Hoffer, and Latrevion Bates, and the 4x400 Meter Relay team of Bryan Garcia, Alex Hoffer, Kevion Mitchell, and Aaron Hoffer.

Fackler all finished with two hits while Trenton Eitnrear and Tyler Plourde each posting one hit.

Parker Bassett had three hits and David Taylor finished with two hits for the Aces, which also got one hit each from Eli Lawrence, Austin Sanders and Owen Stuckey.

Lawrence scored three times for the Aces and Stuckey drove in two runs for Hicksville.

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# THE LEFT TURN



Devin Shiels in victory lane at Oakshade. *Charlie Orns photo*

By: Ron Burt

After 2 races on asphalt half mile tracks the USAC Silver Crown cars headed to their first race on dirt this year. Belleville, KS is one of the nation's top dirt tracks. Most race fans thought national points leader and winner of the first two Silver Crown events Kody Swanson would have another lock on this night. There's a sign on turn number 4 at Belleville that reads "where legends are made." On this night a legend was made. We all knew one of the young guns with lots of top five finishes would finally wave a checked flag. Every week two female drivers have been in this mix. The time finally came, and history was made during qualifying. Kaylee Bryson surprised everyone as she had quick time with 17:264 won the pole. Kaylee became the first woman to win the starting pole in a USAC Silver Crown race.

But this was just the start of the evening. Social media around the racing community was on fire. Many of us tuned in to watch her taped delayed qualifying run and then switched over to watch the race live. After the 50 lap feature, holding the checkered flag, Kaylee Bryson cemented herself in the record books by becoming the first woman to win a USAC nationally sanctioned event in the 69-year history of the organization. The feature was tight with lead changes, and she took over the lead with 16 laps remaining, then had to fend off a furious charge led by C.J. Leary during the final laps to capture a dream victory for Bryson and her Sam Pierce/Sam Pierce Chevrolet team. Finishing behind Bryson was 2nd C.J. Leary, 3rd Mario Clouser, 4th Justin Grant, and 5th Daison Pursley. Series points leader Kody Swanson had car problems and finished 14th.



Kaylee Bryson #26 Makes racing history. Christopher Pederson photo



Buddy Kofoid wins at Attica Raceway Park. Action Photos Ohio

Attica Raceway Park hosted the World Of Outlaw Sprints last Friday. Several years ago, Michael "Buddy" Kofoid moved to Ohio to make a name for himself in sprint car racing, competing weekly at Attica Raceway Park. Buddy used that experience to perfection Friday, getting by Carson Macedo on the last lap to score his first World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series win of 2024. Behind your winner was 2nd Carson Macedo, 3rd Bill Balog, and 4th Brandon Spithaler. In the Fremont Fence 305 Sprint feature Sandusky, Ohio's Bryan Sebetto took the lead from Brendon Torok on lap three and survived a late race caution to score his 15th career win in the 305 division at Attica.

Oakshade Raceway kicked off the 2024 race season on Saturday night with some exciting racing action on the new clay racing surface. Defending track champion Devin Shiels took advantage of Rusty Schlenk's bad luck to pick up the first UMP DIRTcar Late Model feature win of the year. Sportsman driver Kolin Schilt drove to the feature win in a race the was only slowed by cautions a few times in the first handful of

laps. Chane Stuckey with 2 laps remaining took the lead in the Dominator Stock feature and held on for the victory and \$500. The Compact feature was the nightcap. Hillsdale, Michigan's Cory Gumm took the lead after an early restart from Ryan Okuley. Okuley stayed right on Gumm's rear bumper trying to battle back for the lead, but eventually faded just a bit until they caught lapped traffic. Gumm had to make some impressive moves, including squeezing between two lapped cars, to maintain his advantage over Okuley. Gumm held on to pick up the checkered flag with Okuley close behind. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out!

## KIDZ CAMP 2024 STONE DRAGON STEW

Villagers of Nearhere are fed up with living under siege of the Stone Dragon, who keeps dropping rocks from the sky! Residents are forced to stay inside, wear a helmet, or suffer the consequences! Smart villager Bookseller offers up a plan: find a brave knight to defeat the Stone Dragon and restore peace to Nearhere. The only problem is nobody in the village knows any knights, so four brave villagers set out to find knights willing to fight the ferocious dragon. After the knights prove to be no help and hope seems lost, a renowned chef shows up and shares the perfect recipe for successfully dealing with the Stone Dragon. The participants of the Huber KIDZ Camp have helped with the costumes, set pieces, and props along with learning their lines for this one act show. The performance is on June 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Huber Opera House.

## SUMMER EVENTS AT THE HUBER OPERA

June 6 - Patio Concert at the Huber featuring Maddie Lawson; Lady's Night 5:30-7:00 p.m.

June 13 - Stone Dragon Stew, a Huber Youth Production, 7:00 p.m., free will offering

June 20 - Patio Concert at the Huber featuring Heidi Paxton; Kids Night, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

July 18 - Patio Concert at the Huber featuring David Bussing; Craft Night, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

July 20 - Guys & Dolls, a Huber Youth Production, 7:00 p.m.

July 21 - Guys & Dolls, a Huber Youth Production, 2:00 p.m.

July 29 - Auditions for Little Shop of Horrors at Huber, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

July 30 - Auditions for Little Shop of Horrors at the Huber, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

August 15 - Patio Concert at the Huber featuring Christina Adams; Farmers Market, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

## EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER FUNDS AVAILABLE

Paulding County has been awarded federal funds made available through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). EFSP is a federally funded grant program that is administered by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA).

Paulding County will receive \$8,800 for Phase 41 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in Paulding County.

A local board will determine how the funds awarded to Paulding County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must:

- Be privately voluntary non-profits or units of government
- Have an accounting system
- Practice nondiscrimination
- Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food or shelter programs

If they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Lora Lyons at 419-399-8240 or pcuwdirector@gmail.com to request an application. The deadline for applications to be received is May 31st by 3:00 p.m.

## VANCREST OF PAYNE TO HOST CRUISE-IN

On June 8, 2024 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Vancrest of Payne will be hosting a Cruise-in, 650 North Main St., Payne, OH. There will be door prizes, food trucks, music and kids activities. It is a free will donation with all proceeds benefiting a local organization.

## CHELSI GIESIGE COMPLETES TRINE UNIVERSITY DEGREE

Chelsi Giesige of Paulding completed requirements for a degree from Trine University at the end of the Spring 2024 semester.

Giesige earned a degree in Master of Business Administration at Trine.

Join the conversation, #TrineU.

Trine University, an internationally recognized, private, co-educational, residential institution, offers associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in the Allen School of Engineering & Computing, Ketner School of Business, College of Graduate and Professional Studies, Brooks College of Health Professions, Franks School of Education, Jannen School of Arts & Sciences and Rinker-Ross School of Health Sciences. Trine is a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and offers 37 intercollegiate sports, 27 of which compete in NCAA Division III. Its golf program includes the university-owned 18-hole championship Zollner Golf Course. Founded in 1884 and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org), Trine operates a 450-acre campus in Angola, Indiana, and the College of Health Professions in Fort Wayne, with education centers in Detroit, Michigan, Phoenix, Arizona, and Reston, Virginia, and programs available worldwide through TrineOnline.

# OHIO STATE LIMA ANNOUNCES WBL SCHOLASTIC BOWL TOURNAMENT RESULTS



WBL Varsity winner from Defiance: (l-r) George English, Henry Hoffman, Juan Drown, Jacob Schnitkey.



WBL JV Runner Up from Defiance: (l-r) Zephyryn Starr, Ashton English, Tristan Hamot, Christopher Brinkman, Jack Kost, Izaiah Ramos, Aubre Wolford-Garcia.

## More than 100 high school students competed

Defiance and Shawnee took home top honors in the Western Buckeye League Scholastic Bowl Tournament held Thursday, May 2, 2024, at The Ohio State University at Lima. Defiance swept its matches to win the varsity competition with Shawnee as runner up. Shawnee JV won in head-to-head competition to beat Defiance in the junior varsity competition.

The varsity team from Defiance included Juan Drown, George English, Henry Hoffman and Jacob Schnitkey. The team finished with a 9-0 record. The varsity team from Shawnee included Evan Conley, Caiden Garlock and Andrew McKenzie. The team finished with an 8-1 record.

The winning JV team from Shawnee included Georgianna Damschroder, Ezra George and Tamduc Tran, and finished with a 7-1 record. The JV team from Defiance included Christopher Brinkman, Ashton English, Tristan Hamot, Jack Kost, Izaiah Ramos, Zephyryn Starr and Aubre Wolford-Garcia. The team also finished with a 7-1 record.

The Defiance coach is James Kerr and the Shawnee coach is John Young.

## The WBL Scholastic Bowl All Tournament Team

was chosen by the coaches and made up of one member from each school. The 2024 All Tournament Team members are Jonah Volbert from Bath, Ethan Olwine from Celina, George English from Defiance, Maddox Bell from Elida, Jackson Blue from Kenton, Noah Brinkman from Ottawa-Glandorf, Andrew McKenzie from Shawnee, Owen Bubp from St. Marys, Jacob Kitson from Van Wert and Graham Shively from Wapakoneta. Jonah Volbert, Maddox Bell and Andrew McKenzie have been named to the All Tournament Team in 2022, 2023 and 2024.

High school teams from around western Ohio went head-to-head in the round-robin scholastic bowl tournament. Varsity and junior varsity teams from Bath (Daniel Grime), Celina (Chris Wood), Defiance (James Kerr), Elida (Melody Morris), Kenton (Todd Daquino), Ottawa-Glandorf (Joe Jahnz), Shawnee (John Young), St. Marys (Chad Doll), Van Wert (Chris Kraner) and Wapakoneta (Adam Friemering) competed. Coaches' names are in parentheses.

The competition is hosted and sponsored by The Ohio State University at

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LaBounty, Gabe Schlatter, Brianna McClure, Carson Devenney, Lyla Stoller, Austin Stoller, Jayrah Sinn, Chandler Sinn, Alirah Ricker, Evan Heier, Aylan Stoller, Sawyer Schlatter, Shawna Stoller, C.S., Connie Landwehr, Katelynn Hurd, Brenna Beining

WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY 4th NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2023-24

No honor roll for grades K-2
THIRD GRADE: All A's - Megan McKinney, Elise Steffen, Maylee Stoller, Luna Schmidt, Allie Wilcox

FOURTH GRADE: All A's - Adalyn Litzenberg, Brynlee Stoller
All B's & C's - Kelsey Folsom, River Rittenhouse, Boston McGarvey, Wade Stoller, Piper Mills, Beckett Taylor, Bryleigh Wieland

FIFTH GRADE: All A's - Luke Shepherd, Gabe DeWaard
All A's & B's - Londyn Dargenson, Aubrey Fairley, Zander Lelonek, Kaylee Miller, Carter O'Dell, Adley Morehead, Nuria Valdez, June Wenninger, Cerenity Seibert

SIXTH GRADE: All A's - Hudsyn Burkley, Megan Parker, Mailey Stoller, Ryleigh McGarvey
All A's & B's - Scarlett Neff, Antonia Negrete-Pawoli, Aubree Lamb, Audrey Reuille, Lienna Stoller, Olivander McCague, Jordan Howell

WT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY ALL YEAR HONOR ROLL 2023-24

All A's - Aleyah Stoller, Ad-dilyn Noffsinger, Emery

FAIRVIEW FFA PETTING ZOO



By: Rachel Haver

This year's 2024 petting zoo was held at the Faiveu Elementary school from 8:30 - 2:30. With over twelve different animals and amazing hands-on activities, this petting zoo brought tons of joy and even more laughs.

The animals at the petting zoo this year included: ducks, rabbits, chickens, horses, cows, pigs, and sheep. The rabbits were one of the most popular stations because the kids were able to hold them and interact with the teacher to learn more about them.

The Mechanics group had some really exciting things

going on this year that kept the kids interested and intrigued. They taught the kids how to use a drill, hammer in nails, and even use a hand saw. The kids were always laughing and cheering each other on as they were learning the new skill.

The classroom activities was taught my Amya Hill had tons of amazing hands on activities including, a match the sound to the animal, bird feeders, and even a few games. The students really enjoyed this because it showed the importance of team work and taught them even more facts about the animals.

In conclusion, this petting zoo year was very successful. The sophomore class went through so much to put on this amazing event that the kids look forward to every year. Another huge thank you to the teachers who let there kids have some fun and learn about farm animals.

Laina Matthews, Avery Welch

Sebastian Yanez

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY 4th NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2023-24

THIRD GRADE: All A's - Hadley Bissell, Paizley Cover, Aria Feasby, Mason Ganger, Addison Griffiths, Greysyn Hermiller, Madilyn Hogans, Leni Johnson, Ashlynn Dunham, Wynter Johnson, Hudson Martenies, Reece Bidlack, Bristol Kausser, Grace Kobee, Sutton Malfait, Addie Straley, Carter Taylor

All A's & B's - Duke Dangler, Keegan Moreno, Roberta Poppe, Blade Ruffing, Carson Sutton, Brody Adams, Deacon Hitzeman, Roman Laker, Ensley Parisot, Grady Stairhime, Lydia White, Wayne Zielke, Beckett Zuber, Tori Brandenburg, Owen Rhonehouse, Rylan Ruffing, Parker Schmidt, Anna Wiechart

FOURTH GRADE: All A's - Brock Barker, Zoey Cotrel, Aria DeVault, Lilian Mowery, Ulrik Zijlstra, Adelle Cline, Annabelle James, Cora Rohrs, Emmett Wurster, Olivia Bennett, Olivia Kosch, Lauren Overman, Lucas Philips, Quintin Reyes, Brody Smith, Greyson Smith

All A's & B's - Richard Adams, Grace Beck-Bragg, Wesley Hostettler, Waylon Hounshell, Ariya Hughes, Ellie Kemerer, Layton Ladd, Ava Starr, Soren Conley, Brando Cruz Melgar, Bennett Graham, Elliot Henschen, Jameson Reeb, Madison Wiesehan, June Zuber, Sophia Friend, Aubree Frost, Zooey Mylek,

The West Bend News

Sudoku Puzzle

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153 MYCUMORTGAGE, Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES I. BISSELL, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 23 129

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

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

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

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

The first sale date will be on the June 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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

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

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on June 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Matthew I. McKelvey, Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

Maumee Valley South CHIP Consortium (MVSCC), a housing partnership of Defiance County, Paulding County and the City of Defiance, intends to apply to the Ohio Department of Development/Office of Community Enhancements (OCE), for funding under the Community Housing Impact & Preservation (CHIP) Program, a federally funded program administered by the State of Ohio.

Table with 4 columns: Activity, Amount, Units, Source of Funds. Lists funding for Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation, Rental Home Repair, and Administration & Fair Housing.

Second public hearings will be held as follows:

Monday, June 10, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the Defiance County Commissioner's Chambers, 500 Court Street, Suite A, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. in the Paulding County Commissioner's Office, 451 McDonald Pike Suite E, Paulding OH 45879.

The public hearing gives citizens the opportunity to review and comment on the above proposed activities. Citizens are encouraged to attend any or all of the meetings listed above to express their views and comments on the Maumee Valley South CHIP Consortium Program application.

Date of Publication: May 27, 2024

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 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 required.

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 County.

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 Commissioners.

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 be marked:

PROPOSAL: "2024 Paulding County Asphalt Paving Project"

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

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO Heather Barnhouse Clerk, Board of Commissioners



# ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS CELEBRATE MOTHERS!



Shown here in the photo booth are Alissa Ferguson and her son, Henry.

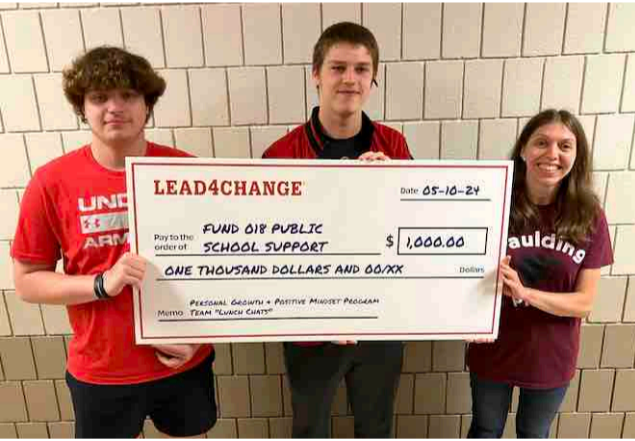
Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool recently held a Mother's Tea during classtime! They invited their mom and provided entertainment, cookies and iced tea.

Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed their time together. For more information about our preschool or summer daycare program, call 419-399-KIDS (5437).

# PHS STUDENTS ARE LEAD4CHANGE GRANT WINNERS



The Lunch Chats leadership team and their teacher (l-r) Bryce Manz, Layla Logan, Emily Remaklus, Camron Wolford, and Adam Stahl.



Bryce Manz, Camron Wolford, and Personal Growth teacher Emily Remaklus pose with their Lead4Change award check

Paulding High School's Personal Growth and Positive Mindset class participated for the first time in the Lead4Change program this school year. Lead4Change is a national student leadership program that provides educators with lessons on leadership and challenges students to create and implement their own leadership project in the community. In Ohio the Lead4Change program can also be used to help some students with their graduation

requirements. The Personal Growth students worked on their Lead4Change projects this past semester and were required to brainstorm, plan, implement, and document their project, write a one pager of the project, write reflections, create a video showcasing their project, and write a grant proposal. Upon review of the student and educator's submitted work, the Lead4Change program selects projects to fund. Paulding High School is

very excited to announce that one of the Personal Growth class' projects was ranked in the top 13% of Lead4Change projects in the nation and was awarded a \$1,000 grant. The Lunch Chats program was created by Adam Stahl, Layla Logan, Bryce Manz, and Camron Wolford and was meant to help students connect with one another and to improve mental health.

Lead4Change's press release stated, "Entries were reviewed and passed through three levels of evaluation and judging. Our judges are inspired by the way these teams identified a problem or need, devised a plan, overcame obstacles, and pushed forward to reach their goals. We love the creative and innovative ways that teams communicated with their target audience and practiced leadership skills from beginning to end!"

The winning project, Lunch Chats, created a way for middle school and high school students to make new friends during their lunch period a couple times a month. Students conversed, played card games, and enjoyed snacks with one another. Many of the snacks and funds for Lunch Chats were provided by the school district, OSU Extension Office, and The United Way of Paulding County. Their support really made a big impact on the program.

Emily Remaklus, Paulding High School's Personal Growth and Positive Mindset teacher, stated, "What I really loved about Lunch Chats was seeing kids who don't normally hang out together spending time getting to know one another. I was definitely excited and surprised to receive the email saying we won a grant. It was our first year using Lead4Change, so I told the kids not to get their hopes up too much on winning. So the fact that we actually won was just so exciting. I'm really proud of the kids and the impact they made on our school."

The Personal Growth and Positive Mindset class will incorporate Lead4Change projects again next year as part of the course curriculum.

# MUSEUM TO CELEBRATE 40TH BIRTHDAY, PURPLE HEART PROCLAMATION JUNE 1

John Paulding Historical



Museum will join the national Purple Heart Trail with a proclamation and presentation at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 1.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony at the museum, located at 600 Fairground Drive in Paulding. Purple Heart recipients or their family members are especially welcome.

Following the ceremony, a new Purple Heart exhibit will be unveiled.

The museum is only the second museum in Ohio to join the Purple Heart Trail. Currently, 73 cities, 12 coun-

ties, five schools and one VFW Post (#587 of Paulding) in Ohio are listed on the Purple Heart Trail website.

Visit the museum any time between 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday to take part in other activities. Admission and parking are free.

June 1 marks the anniversary of the museum's grand opening and dedication in 1984. Help celebrate 40 years of "Preserving the Past For Future Generations" with a slice of birthday cake and a stroll through 30,000 square feet of local artifacts.

Visitors also can view the annual "Celebration of Arts & Artists of Paulding County" exhibit, which this year focuses on drawings and pastels. The display includes 56 works by 22 adult and students artists. Several of the works are available for sale.

A vintage clothing exhibit features stunning ladies' fashions from the 1880s to 1970s, along with hats, gloves, purses and other accessories.

Both exhibits opened earlier in May and will continue through June 25.

Look for the museum to be open special hours June 10-15 during the Paulding County Fair.

# PAULDING COUNTY WATER/SEWER REGIONALIZATION DISCUSSED; RECYCLE DAY ANNOUNCED

The second quarter Paulding County Mayors meeting was held here recently. The Mayors, village administrator and village council guests received valuable presentations from several different presenters.

Eric Davis, Business Development Manager for Wessler Engineering, was on hand to share thoughts about sewer and water regionalization. Davis provided information about similar projects taking place around the region (Bucyrus, Dupont and Cloverdale collaboration) that are taking place to keep small villages from becoming ghost towns due to tighter and more stringent EPA regulations and testing. Another factor to consider more collaboration is the lack of new water treatment certified supervisors. As more supervisors reach retirement age, there are fewer trained and licensed individuals to backfill open positions. As a starting point for this group, it was suggested that regardless of what engineering group they currently use, each village should do a study to understand current use and open capacity available for future growth in their respective villages.

The group was introduced to Daniel Dunlap. Daniel is the owner of Four County Home Inspections and is a licensed home and building inspector. He has worked for private individuals, municipalities, financial institutions and realtor groups. Introducing Daniel to the group provides opportunity to help township and zoning inspectors around the county have a contact for any zoning issues that may be in question.

Waste Management Director Shannon Rueschel announced the Paulding County Recycle Day will be held on Saturday, July 20 from 9am-noon at the county fairgrounds. The intent is to offer a way to remove some solid waste including gather-

# PAULDING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL POSITIVE PANTHERS



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Positive Panther per grade level. These students are recognized for the positive character traits they exhibit as students of Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture from left are Mason Parker (Grade 7), Taryn Wolford (Grade 8), and Kenny Peffley (Grade 6).

# PAULDING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Student of the Month per grade level. These students are recognized for being some of the top academic performers at Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture from left are Hudson Spangler (Grade 6), Presley Barnes (Grade 8), and Leah Manz (Grade 7).

ing tires, batteries and old paint. Details of costs, and items that will and will not be accepted, are still being developed and will be released soon. Shannon noted that villages should let her office know if there are plans for individual community recycle days scheduled. The Village of Latty will host a community event June 6-10. Ed Bohn, county EMA Director was on hand to comment on the county emergency siren system and issues with the sirens during recent tornadoes that occurred in the southeast part of the county. It was decided to schedule another meeting to cover just siren maintenance, upkeep and testing. Economic Development

Director Tim Copsey closed out the agenda presentations noting that several new villages have been added to the eligible JobsOhio Vibrant Communities Grant list. Antwerp, Broughton, Cecil, Grover Hill, Haviland, Melrose, Oakwood and Payne Villages are now all eligible. Municipal officials, building and business owners have been invited to a presentation through RGP and JobsOhio to share parameters for the grant. The meeting will be held on May 23, at the Paulding Eagles, from 2:30-4pm. Additional roundtable discussion also took place including: • Updating the group on Land Bank activity around the county. 47 properties in

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Where the roses never fade. Listen... I hear Jimmy singing:

"I am going to that City. Where the streets with gold are laid And the Tree of Life is blooming Where the roses never fade"

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

"Here they broom but for a season

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

There will be no privies in heaven. Every bit of material

that is burned for energy will be pure energy. On earth when material is burned and energy is created, there is always some waste. But in heaven it will be pure energy. God will be the light. Even the sun produces waste has it burns.

"Friends have gone to be with Jesus

In their robes of white array

They are waiting for my coming.

Where The roses never fade"

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

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

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

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

—James Neuhouser

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begin each morning at the Liberal Arts Building on the Purdue Fort Wayne campus. A \$50 fee per camper includes a light breakfast and lunch each session. Assistance covering the fee may be possible based on certain eligibility criteria. Online registration closes June 5.

"The liberal arts are frequently misunderstood and undervalued," said Janet Badia, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "One of our goals is to foster a deeper appreciation for the value of the humanities and social sciences, especially the ways everyone's lives and communities have been shaped by such knowledge. The liberal arts are more relevant than ever - and the more complex our world becomes, the more important the liberal arts are."

Guided by Purdue Fort Wayne faculty, the theme of this year's camp is "Explor-

ing Place through the Liberal Arts." Campers will dive into a variety of topics including how books are made; how local stories are told; the relationship between food and culture; and the history and diverse cultures that make Fort Wayne what it is, including local abolition efforts in the 19th century. There will also be a focus on hands-on digital storytelling woven throughout the week.

The camp is made possible through a \$10,000 pathways step grant from the Modern Language Association awarded to improve the recruitment, retention, or career readiness of undergraduate students. The Purdue Fort Wayne team led by Badia was one of 19 across the country to receive the funding.

To learn more about the camp, email cola@pfw.edu or call 260-481-6160.

## OHIO 4-H LAUNCHES CAREERNEXT TO EMPOWER YOUTH FOR TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE

Ohio 4-H announces the debut of CareerNext: Are You Ready?, an innovative online course designed to equip young individuals with the skills and confidence needed to excel in tomorrow's workforce.

As the career landscape rapidly evolves, Ohio 4-H recognizes the need to prepare youth for forthcoming challenges and opportunities. CareerNext stands as a comprehensive program integrating practical knowledge, interactive modules, and real-world scenarios to empower participants to explore various career paths, hone critical skills, and make informed decisions about their future.

"CareerNext marks a significant milestone in our commitment to nurturing the personal and professional growth of Ohio's youth," stated Kirk Bloir, state 4-H leader. "By furnishing participants with essential skills and knowledge, we empower them to carve their own paths and thrive in the swiftly evolving job market."

Key features of the online course include interactive learning modules covering resume building, interview techniques, post-secondary education, and financial literacy. Participants also gain from expert guidance, flexible learning options, hands-on activities, and resources for career exploration.

"In today's fast-paced world, adaptability and re-

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silience are paramount for success," said Margo Overholt-Seckel, program manager. "CareerNext not only equips participants with practical skills, but also fosters critical thinking, creativity, and a growth mindset, all essential qualities for navigating the complexities of the modern workplace."

Ohio 4-H remains dedicated to empowering youth to become confident, capable, and compassionate leaders. With CareerNext, Ohio 4-H reaffirms its commitment to providing transformative learning experiences that prepare youth for success in an ever-changing world.

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# GRAND OPENING OF HIDDEN TREASURES LLC IN PAULDING



Hidden Treasures LLC, a unique artisan market, proudly announces its grand opening at 1007 N Williams St, located between Subway and Marathon in Paulding, Ohio. The doors officially opened on February 28, 2024, marking the realization of a long-held dream for the shop owner.

Heather Sherburn, a local entrepreneur with over 20 years of management experience and a background in marketing and direct sales, Hidden Treasures LLC brings a distinctive shopping experience to Paulding. Heather

previously served as a marketing director and branch manager at a bank, and discovered a passion for creating custom resin pieces, sparking the idea for this new business idea.

"It has always been a dream of mine to own my own business," shared owner Heather Sherburn. "About five or six years ago, I started envisioning a storefront instead of constantly setting up at flea markets and vendor shows. After much prayer and guidance, the right opportunity presented itself. With the support of the

Paulding County Economic Development team and valuable input from Lisa Becher at Northwest State Community College SBDC, my vision quickly became a reality."

Hidden Treasures LLC offers a wide variety of handmade, hand-crafted, and hand-baked goods, emphasizing the importance of supporting local artisans. The store also hosts DIY workshops and offers gift certificates, providing the community with both unique products and creative experiences.

"Owning this business means the world to me," Heather shared. "I am passionate about helping people and supporting local small businesses. I would rather spend a little more to support a single mom or a family trying to make ends meet, rather than a major corporation. Our small business cares deeply about the community and our customers."

The founder is eager for the community to know that 95% of the products in Hidden Treasures LLC are handmade by local vendors, offering items that can't be found in big chain stores. This commitment to quality and community sets Hidden Treasures apart

# GRADUATION AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Ann's Bright Beginnings recently held their preschool graduation. The children entertained with songs and received their well-deserved

diplomas. For more information on fall preschool or summer daycare, call 419-399-KIDS (5437). Shown here from the left

are: Van Snyder, Johanna Federighi, Lakelynn Sauber, Brynleigh Adams, Mateo Ash, and Breanna Lawrence.

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## PERI CHAPTER 10 MEETING

NOTICE!! All 96 state members: PERI Paulding County Chapter 10 will hold its meeting at the Paulding County Senior Center, 410 E. Jackson St. at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5th, 2024. Speaker will be Roy Klopfenstein, State Representative.

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