

WT RAIDER PBIS END OF THE YEAR DRAWING WINNERS



Pictured above are the Raiders who qualified for the final drawing for the e-bike through the PBIS system at Wayne Trace Local Schools.

Wayne Trace Junior-Senior High School just finished its 2023-2024 school year with a variety of PBIS activities and give-aways, thanks to our

sponsors including Lee Kinsle GM Sales and Service, Grover Hill VFW Post 2873, Van Wert Cinemas, and the Sorensen Family. PBIS (Posi-

tive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) is an evidence-based framework used in Ohio districts and schools
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VIRGINIA PAULUS-ILER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED



Virginia Paulus, a long-time supporter and former board of director of the Paulding County Area Foundation has funded a scholarship through the Paulding County Area Foundation, which is available to university/college students entering their junior year, or third year of studies at an Ohio college or university and graduating from Paulding High School. Awarded for the 2023 -2024 school year are

Ella Cook, attending Ohio Northern University majoring in Early Childhood Education and Audrey Giesige majoring in Special Education. The scholarship recipients each received \$1,000.00 to further their education. Pictured below are Ella Cook and Audrey Giesige. To apply for the 2024-2025 scholarship; visit www.pauldingcountyareafoundation to complete the scholarship application.

PAULDING COUNTY FAIR
JUNE 8-15, 2024!

- 10:00 a.m. - Church Service, sponsored by Middle Creek, SP
- 1:00 p.m. - Jr. Fair Dog Show, SA
- 2:00 p.m. - PAS Horse Show, HA
- 2:00 p.m. - Kick Ball Tournament, Jr. Fair only, behind SO
- 3:30 p.m. - Kiddie Tractor Pull, outside EXT
- 6:00 p.m. - Jr Fair Barn Meeting, SA
- 6:30 p.m. - Jackson Snelling from "The Voice", GS
- MONDAY, JUNE 10:**
- **Wood carving Monday thru Thursday at 5:00 & 7:00 p.m., by block bldg.**
- 9:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair Goat Show, SA
- 12:00 p.m. - Jr. Fair Rabbit Showmanship, RB; Jr. Fair

PAULDING'S DOWNTOWN DESIGNATED NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

The organization Community Revitalizing Paulding (CoRP) is proud to announce that downtown Paulding has been added to the National Register of Historic Places. The Paulding Downtown Historic District was listed in the National Register in late March.

A public meeting to share information about the benefits and opportunities associated with the new district will be held Tuesday, June 18, at Branch Christian Church on the square in Paulding. CoRP board member David Burtch says the agenda is still being finalized, but he is expecting speakers from such groups as Heritage Ohio, Ohio History Connection and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). More details will be announced next week.

The meeting, open to everyone, will be of particular interest to building owners, downtown business owners, investors and community leaders. "Topics we have asked to be covered include benefits of being in a historic district;
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PAWS ON THE WALLS 2024 DOG SHOW

By: Chloe Trausch, Reporter
Paws on the Walls 4H Dog Club would like to invite the community to the 2024 Dog Show. Come on out and support our local youth and their dogs demonstrate their skills. You won't be disappointed!

The dog show will be held on Sunday, June 9 at 1:00 p.m. The show will be in the show arena at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. We would love to have you join us.

For more information you may contact Michael Schweinsberg at the Paulding County Extension Office. He can be reached at 419-399-8225 or Schweinsberg.5@osu.edu

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-12p
- 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 7**
- Kiwanis Summer Cookout @ Herb Monroe Park, 11a-1p
- June 8**
- Cruise In Benefit @ Vancrest of Payne, 1-4pm
- Paulding County Fair Begins
- June 10**
- Ballet Folklorico @ Fort Grounds, Defiance, 6pm
- June 13-15**
- Heritage Lions @ Monroeville Car Show
- June 13**
- Red Cross Blood Drive @ 1st Church of Christ, Hicksville
- Stone Dragon Stew @ Huber, 7pm

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OBITUARIES



Home of Van Wert with Bishop Larry Martinez officiating. Interment will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Ohio. Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 29, evening from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m and on Thursday, May 30, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the Thomas Edison Center of Van Wert.

Online condolences may be expressed on the Tribute Wall at cowanfuneralhome.com.



ANTWERP:
Pamela Friend, 68, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, May 30, 2024 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

Pam was born in Paulding, on June 12, 1955, a daughter of the late Vellina (Page) & William Doster.

Pam started her career at BOS Computer Programming and later became a manager at Schaefer Hardware. Her love for the Girl Scouts, fostered in her youth, continued as she became a devoted Girl Scout leader.

Pam also served as the president of the Hicksville Horseman's Association, where she combined her leadership skills with her love for horses. In her free time, she enjoyed sewing and baking, making wonderful pies and desserts, and crafting Care Bears that she sold by the dozens. Pam's love for animals was evident in the way she cared for her dogs, fed and talked to the squirrels in her backyard, and maintained her koi pond. She cherished nature and found joy in feeding and interacting with wildlife. Above all, Pam fiercely loved her family, who always held the most important place in her heart.

She will be sadly missed by her husband, William; children, Nicole (Brandon) Bell, Joseph (Amanda) Friend, Jason (Bethany) Friend; daughter-in-law, Peggy Friend; siblings, Deborah (Sam) Friend, Sandy (Brian) Swann, Crisann (the late John) Phipps, Linda (Gerald) Barnes, & Bill Doster; 11 grandchildren; & 5 great grandchildren.

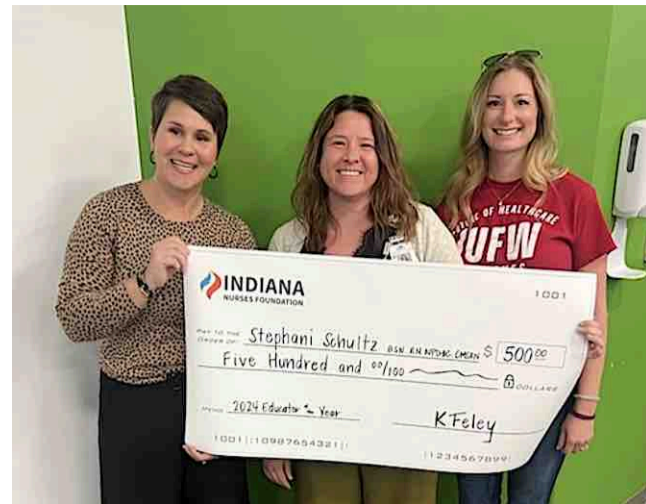
Pam was also preceded in death by her son, Steven Friend & grandson, Ryan Hatlevig.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, June 4th at 10:30 AM at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorials are to the CHP Inpatient hospice, Defiance or Holly Kobee Memorial ACDC.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.

PARKVIEW'S SCHULTZ NAMED NURSING EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR BY INDIANA NURSES FOUNDATION



Katherine Feley, chief executive director of the Indiana State Nurses Association, left, presents a \$500 award to **Stephani Schultz**, nursing professional development med/surg specialist for Parkview Health. They are joined by **Kristin Bassett**, clinical assistant professor at Indiana University Fort Wayne, right.

Stephani Schultz, nursing professional development med/surg specialist for Parkview Health, was recently named the Nursing Educator of the Year by the Indiana Nurses Foundation (INF).

Schultz was recognized for her work in nursing research and development of evidence-based practices for Parkview, as well as for the daily support she provides to other members of Parkview's nursing team to answer questions, provide guidance and foster growth. The award came with a \$500 prize.

"Nurses never stop learning, and great leaders and educators like Stephani help ensure that all of our caregivers continue to grow in their careers," said Johnathan Liechty, director of nursing professional development, Parkview Health. "The work Stephani does in both research and implementation keeps all Parkview nurses on the forefront of care, and the leadership she provides to our up-and-coming nurses helps them become better and better in their jobs every day."

Schultz obtained an associate degree in nursing from University of Saint Francis in 2008, completed a bachelor's degree in nursing with Purdue Fort Wayne in 2018 and recently received a master's degree in nursing leadership from University of Indianapolis. Schultz started at Parkview Hospital Randallia in January 2009 as a bedside nurse and advanced to a med/surg nurse leader in 2012 and a nursing professional development practitioner in 2019. She began her current role in December 2023. Now, she primarily oversees nurses working in vascular access, ortho trauma, surgical and extended care. She also works as an adjunct professor at the Indiana University Fort Wayne School of Nursing.

Schultz is an active member of Parkview's Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Committee and the Professional Practice Committee, among several other advisory councils, both on a facility and system level. She has also played a vital role in the development, distribution and maintenance of Parkview's nursing professional portfolio program, which rolled out in 2022, as well as the Tiered Skill Acquisition Model, a new nursing

orientation process implemented in 2023. Additionally, Schultz acted as the chair for Parkview's 2023 Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Symposium, an annual event intended to provide attendees with information and resources to help advance clinical practice and professional development through nursing research.

As a leader and educator, Schultz helps other nurses in many ways including conducting one-on-one follow-ups upon request, seeking out resources for students to further their education, proactively checking in with peers and offering encouragement and support to those who need it, and collaborating with co-workers to find creative and unique strategies to improve care and patient outcomes.

"Stephani is the perfect example of how Parkview enables its nurses to grow in their careers," said Erin LaCross, senior vice president, Nursing Professional Development, Parkview Health. "Across her 15-year career, Stephani has continued to learn and move up and now teaches and shares her experience with other nurses so they can chart a similar path. Our nurse educators play an important role in ensuring high-quality care across all of our units and facilities."

The INF has strengthened Indiana nursing practice since 1976. As a philanthropic organization, the INF serves to support nurses' contributions to the advancement of care through research and quality improvement and promote professional development, fostering leadership, advocacy, and community among nurses.

The Nurse of Influence contest annually recognizes an Emerging Nurse Leader of the Year, Nursing Educator of the Year and Top Nurse of Influence awards. Winners are selected via blind review by a panel of volunteers from Indiana healthcare systems.

Parkview also had two nurses who were nominated and considered for the Top Nurse of Influence award this year. Jan Powers, director of nursing research and professional practice, and Peggy Roberts, emergency care nurse at Parkview DeKalb Hospital, were both in consideration for the INF's top prize.

Scripture of the Week

"For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord."

— 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17



CONFESSION FOR TODAY

Father God, I pray over every meeting, conversation

and activity I engage in today. I pray that all my steps be ordered by you, that my heart and my mind always respond in obedience to your directions. I pray that I choose the way of righteousness when faced with many paths of judgment, that I will always fulfill your priorities and never allow my flesh to dictate my actions or attitudes. This day, I do all things to the glory of God and I am fruitful in every good work. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Peace & Love,
—Pastor Dwayne

NEW SILENT BOOK CLUB DEBUTS AT DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ages 13-25 are invited to the Teen Space at Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., on the second Monday of the month (June 10, July 8, and Aug. 12) from 6-7 p.m. for a brand-new take on the classic book club.

'Silent Book Club' is happy hour for introverts, with no required reading, and no forced discussion—

just reading separately, together. Attendees can bring their own reading material or choose something from the library's shelves.

No registration is needed. For more information, contact the library at 419-782-1456.

In Loving Memory

Rheba Baker

There is coming a day when my Jesus I shall see.

When I look upon His face the one who saved me by His Grace.

When He takes me by the hand, and leads me to the Promised Land,

What a day, glorious day that will be. (Jim Hill)

For Mom this Promised day was June 5th

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ANNUAL FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER AT PAULDING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



After a blockbuster 2023, where \$5,000 was raised by the community for the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry building project, the First Presbyterian Church of Paulding (look for the yellow bricks) will be offering booth spaces in its parking lot during the 127th Yard Sale once again. Spaces are available from Wednesday, July 31, through Saturday, August 3, with setup beginning at 4pm on Tuesday, July 30. This heavily trafficked site, positioned on the corner of US 127 and West Caroline Street, about half a block north of Fiesta Habaneros and downtown Paulding, offers high visibility and repeat year-after-year customers. Restrooms, air conditioning, ice streams, air conditioning, ice cream treats, home baked goods and soda will be available for customers inside the church, as well as even more bargain shopping.

port the recently constructed Caring & Sharing Food Pantry, located at 318 Walnut Street in Paulding. This new building hosts food preparation classes and additional outreach services for food insecure members of the community. Information about the building project and services can be reached by contacting the food pantry at (419) 399-9562, emailing pauldingfoodpantry@gmail.com and exploring the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry page on Facebook.

For information contact Event Coordinator Brent Fishbaugh at (419) 378-2068 or the First Presbyterian Church of Paulding, Ohio at (419) 399-2438. Interested parties may ask questions and find further information at www.facebook.com/firstpresbyterianpaulding. Potential donors to the sale should stay tuned in to social media for July donation times.

BALLET FOLKLÓRICO HEADED TO DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Defiance Public Library invites the community to enjoy a spectacle of Mexican dance when El Corazon de Mexico Ballet Folklórico visits the summer reading tent on the Fort Grounds, 320 Fort St., on June 10 at 6:00 p.m. El Corazon de Mexico demonstrates the beauty and charm of the culture in performing from a repertoire of over 100 dances. Mexico is made up of 31 states, with each state having a unique style of music, dance, and costume. Each performance gives the audience a taste of the variety within this art.

Founder Elaina Hernandez is a 34-year veteran of Mexican folkloric dance, who has been directing and choreographing for more than 20 years. She is recognized as a Master Artist by the Ohio Arts Council. This free family program is open to everyone; no tickets or registration are needed. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library as part of the 2024 'Adventure Begins at Your Library' Summer Reading Challenge. To read more visit defiancepubliclibrary.org/summer. To see more about El Corazon de Mexico, visit elcorazondemexicodance.com.

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grant opportunities that exist to those within a historic district, primarily businesses and building owners; and tax credits available to the building owners," Burtch said.

The district centers on the Paulding County Courthouse and the buildings surrounding the square, plus adjacent streets. The area is roughly bounded by Harrison, Water, Caroline and Cherry streets and contains nearly 50 buildings, the oldest dating back to 1876.

"The Paulding Downtown Historic District contains commercial, institutional, fraternal and governmental buildings that are associated with the village's evolution from an isolated, uninhabitable swampland to a center for local business, industry and government," the Paulding application states. "Significant in the areas of commerce and architecture, the district is comprised of 53 buildings, including 48 contributing and five non-contributing resources. The period of significance is defined as 1875 to 1971."

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts worthy of preservation for their significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture.

National Register listing does not obligate an owner to make any repairs or improvements to the property. It also does not prevent the owner or tenant from remodeling, repairing or altering the structure.

A downtown historic district accords a certain prestige, which can raise awareness and pride among the property owners and the community, according to the Ohio History Connection website. It also provides opportunities for promotion and makes available certain incentives like grants and tax credits that fosters investment in downtown Paulding.

The Downtown Historic District designation was achieved after a six-year planning, research and application process spearheaded by CoRP. In January 2018, the first discussions were held about establishing a historic district as a way to facilitate downtown revitalization. The journey included selecting a consultant, securing funding and determining the district boundaries. A group of local volunteers began researching and writing the detailed history of each of the 53 buildings within the proposed district. The volunteers' research, which took three years, saved several thousand dollars in costs. The consultants completed the application in spring 2023.

CoRP then submitted the village's 60-plus-page application, plus supporting documentation and research, to Ohio's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for review. SHPO is responsible for ensuring that nominations are technically complete and that they meet the nomination criteria before forwarding it to the National Park Service for consideration. The agency's advisory board approved the application last September. SHPO sent the final application to the National Park Service in February.

CoRP extends a special thanks to consultants Maura Johnson and Dan Hersh-

berger from The Mannik & Smith Group, local research team Ann Walker, Jane Nice, Kim Sutton and Melinda Krick, John Paulding Historical Society, Paulding County Carnegie Library, SHPO, National Park Service, and all those who made this achievement possible.

Questions concerning this release may be directed to the attention of David Burtch, CoRP board member and Paulding Village Councilman, at 419-567-4043 or valley-phonguy@gmail.com.

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10th Grade - *Whitney Boroff, *Hailey Duncan, *Riley Manz, *Estrella Martinez Sandoval, *Caitlyn Mead, *Lucas Morehead, *Natalie Richie, *Torree Sinn, *Addison Stoller, *Clay Stoller, Chloe McClure, Lily Boyd, Lance Maenle, Aubree Miller, Lexi Moore, Mylie Wittwer, Deklyn Schweinsberg, Olivia Franklin

11th Grade - *Ryan Bostelman, *Dylan Coffman, *Makenna Johnson, *Isabella Knowles, *Anna Meraz, *Harper Myers, *Allison NOgle, *Tyler Sanderson, *Nicholas Sinn, *Kathleen Stoller, *Luke Stouffer, Morgan Elliott

12th Grade - *Paige Alber, *KatieAnna Baumle, Logen Bland, Melanie Dunham, *Kacy Hornish, *Emma Laukhuf, *Lynsey Pease, *Meara Rager, *Kaitlin Slade, *Kylie Stoller, Maddox Treece, *Laryssa Whitman, Caitlyn Thomas, Brenna Thomas, Eli Stuart, Emily Thrasher, Briley Coffman, Zachary Wobler, Breven Anderson, Kaylyn Taylor

HS HONOR ROLL: 4.0-3.0

7th Grade - *Elliot Parady, Jonah Sinn, Jennifer Treece, Brooke Stoller, Emma Whitman, Easton Jay, Blaize Karhoff, Addilyn Davis, Corbin Stoller, Addilyn Gerardot, Kinlee Miller, Brayden Sinn, Olivia Stoller, Grace Ringler, Aaron Bohland, Madison Silance, Braylin Sinn, Luke Stoller, Evelyn Lyons, Ian Scarberry, Abbie Williams, Makenna Schilt, Paige Schang, Waylon McCord

8th Grade - *Madison Pease, Caylie Baker, Addyson LaBounty, Brooke Tigner, Ashlyn Manz, Lilly Holbrook, Owen Welch, Jenna Kipfer, Jensen Beining, Lilly Shepherd, Aubrie Stoller, Cayla Noggle, Peyton Sennebogen, Kennedy Dempsey, Brinna Collins, Nora Wenninger, Brennan Miller, Londyn Greear, Xylem Kashner, Jeremy Vejar

HS HONOR ROLL: 3.79-3.0:

9th Grade - Alex Doster, Elizabeth Graham, Arianna Viola, Graham Sutton, Zachary Stoller, Miley Jacobs, Olivia Zartman, Colton Kimmel, McKenzie Johnson, Isabelle O'Shaughnessey, Leah Bland, Corbin Varner, Carter Baumle, Stefany Lopez-Castillo

10th Grade - Ryan Parker, Emma Stouffer, Eric Reinhart, Izabella Foust, Caleb Cox, Amber Stoller, Hunter Lyons,

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Dr. John Charles Miller was born February 8, 1866 in Lagrange, Indiana. The son of Christian Henry born March 10, 1825 in Ohio and Julie Ann (Sowers) Miller born October 16, 1827 in Pennsylvania.

This couple was married April 13, 1848 in Ohio. By 1870, living in Lagrange, Indiana, they became the proud parents of Ella Catherine born October 5, 1855, Andrew Henry January 10 1862, Sarah Ann January 21, 1864, and John Charles February 8, 1866. Christian was a farmer.

By 1880, Ella had married and moved on with her husband. Christian still farming and the rest of the children were in school. By 1900, still living in Lagrange, Christian and Julie Ann found themselves in an empty nest. The children had grown and moved on. John had become a physician.

On October 18, 1898 in Toledo, Ohio, John married a gal named Sarah Francis Evans, born in 1858 in Lucas County. They were living in Maumee, Ohio. By 1910, John and Sarah were living in Henry County, he was a physician and surgeon.

Between 1910 and 1915, this couple had moved to Payne, Ohio. In between that

timeframe, John's parents both passed away. Christian passed away February 18, 1912 and Julie passed away April 13, 1914. They both were buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Lagrange, Indiana.

When World One broke out, John volunteered to serve as a doctor. Serving in the Officer's Reserve Corp.

On January 8, 1918, John was given the rank of Captain of the Medical Corp. He served at MacArthur, Texas, Kelly, Texas and Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Section 9, Act of Congress, May 18, 1918 and Circular No. 75, War Department, 1918, Dr. John Charles Miller of the Medical Corp. was honorably discharged December 5, 1918, from the service of the United States, for convenience of the government, to take effect this date, their service is no longer required.

After the war, John and Sarah moved to Union City, Michigan. At the age of 53, he became a farmer as well as a practicing physician. By 1930, this couple was still living in Union City, Michigan.

John's brother, Andrew passed away in 1937. By 1940, this couple was still living in Union City, Michigan at 202 Charlotte Street. In 1941, John's sister Sarah, passed away. On January 20, 1944, Sarah Francis Evans Miller passed away. She was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Union City, Michigan.

John's sister Ella passed away in 1945. In June of 1947, John was dealing with heart issues. He went to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Custer, Michigan. where on June 11, 1947, Dr. John Charles Miller passed away. He was buried alongside his wife in Riverside Cemetery, Union City, Michigan. They had no children. In 1950, John's sister Mary Catherine, passed away.

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Sinn, Serenity Helms, Dyson Scott, Nevaeh Jackson, EmmaJane Benschneider, Jericho Guyton

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MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATIONS REMEMBER...



Many communities commemorated Memorial Day with parades and ceremonies. In Antwerp, they celebrate at the Riverside Veterans Memorial Park. Memorial Day, previously known as Decoration Day is a time to remember those who paid the ultimate price for freedom and have gone

on before us. It also is a time to thank those who serve here and afar in the US Military.

This year, unlike past years, was a chilly morning on this May 27th. Even so, many people from the community came out to witness the parade from the VFW to the Park and then to listen to

the speakers at the veterans memorial. This year's main speaker was Pastor Mike Schneider of the Antwerp Global Methodist Church. Following the conclusion of the service the VFW and the American Legion invited everyone to the Cleveland St. facility for a light lunch.

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Rabbit Breeding Show, RB
1:00 p.m. - 4-H Food & Nutrition Judging, YLB
3:00 p.m. - Mike Bishop, Hypnotist, SP
3:00 p.m. - Food & Nutrition Project Awards, EXT
4:00 p.m. - Harness Racing, GS
5:00 p.m. - Prince/Princess & Jr King & Queen Contest, YLB
5:00 p.m. - Mike Bishop, Hypnotist, SP
6:00 p.m. - Jr. Fair Parade line-up
6:30 p.m. - Jr. Fair Parade
7:00 p.m. - Jr. Fair King & Queen Coronation, SA
8:00 p.m. - Cornhole Tournament, SA
8:00 p.m. - Mike Bishop, Hypnotist, SP

6:00 p.m. - Mr. Puppet, SP
6:00 p.m. - Jr. Fair Swine Show, SA
8:00 p.m. - Jr. Fair Youth Dance, SP
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12:
9:00 a.m. - 4-H Small Animal & Vet Science Judging, YLB
9:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair Market Rabbit Show, SP
10:45 a.m. - 4-H Small Animal & Vet Science Project Awards, EXT
11:00 a.m. - Harness Racing *Rain Date*, GS
12:00 p.m. - Jr. Fair Sheep Show, SA
2:00 p.m. - Farmer Travis, SP
3:00 p.m. - Jr. Fair Beef/Dairy Feeder Show, SA
4:00 p.m. - Farmer Travis, SP
5:00 p.m. - Open Swine Show (Jr Fair only) entries close, SO
6:00 p.m. - Farmer Travis, SP
7:30 p.m. - Jr. Fair Feeder Calf Auction, SA
8:00 p.m. - Wastin Neon Band, SP

6:00 p.m. - Farmer Travis, SP
7:00 p.m. - KOI Drag Racing, GS
8:30 p.m. - Adam Calvert, SP
FRIDAY, JUNE 14:
9:00 a.m. - 4-H Conservation/Science Project Judging, YLB
11:30 a.m. - 4-H Conservation/Science Project Awards, YLB
12:00-2:00 p.m. - Children Choosing Christ (Theme: Ultimate Mystery), SP
1:00 p.m. - 4-H Family Consumer Science Judging, YLB
2:00 p.m. - Black Swamp Beef Showdown entries close, SO
2:00 p.m. - Performance Dogs of Ohio, behind secretary office
3:00 p.m. - Showman of Showmen Contest, SA
3:15 p.m. - 4-H Family & Consumer Sciences Awards, EXT
4:00 p.m. - Performance Dogs of Ohio, behind secretary office
5:00 p.m. - Black Swamp Beef Showdown, SA
6:00 p.m. - Performance Dogs of Ohio, behind secretary office
6:00 p.m. - Jr. Fair Horse Contesting Show, HA
7:00 p.m. - NTPA Tractor Pull, GS

TUESDAY, JUNE 11:
8:30 a.m. - Senior Citizen Day (Reserve via Paulding County Sr. Center), EXT
9:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair Horse Showmanship, HA
9:00 a.m. - FFA Project Judging, EXT
11:30 a.m. - Senior Center Lunch, EXT
12:00-1:00 p.m. - Senior Center Entertainment, Mr. Puppet, EXT
1:00 p.m. - Jr. Fair Poultry Show, PB
1:00 p.m. - 4-H Clothing Judging, YLB
3:00-4:00 p.m. - Mr. Puppet, SP
4:00 p.m. - 4-H Clothing Style Review & Awards, YLB
4:00 p.m. - Harness Racing, GS
4:00 p.m. - Bean Supper, Veterans Day, EXT

THURSDAY, JUNE 13:
9:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair Pleasure & Performance Horse Show, HA
9:00 a.m. - 4-H Cloverbud Show & Tell, YLB
10:00 a.m. - Paulding County Animal & Me Show, SA
1:00 p.m. - Goat Obstacle Course, SA
2:00 p.m. - Farmer Travis, SP
4:00 p.m. - Farmer Travis, SP
6:00 p.m. - Open Swine Show, Jr. Fair only, SA

SATURDAY, JUNE 15:
8:00-9:00 a.m. - Farmer Share Breakfast, FB
9:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair Livestock Auction, SA
9:00 a.m. - Dave Stouffer Antique Tractor Pull
12:00 p.m. - Polls Open for Election of Directors
1 hour after livestock auction Horse Fun Show
2:00 p.m. - Performance Dogs of Ohio, behind secretary office
2:00 p.m. - Entries close for Open Goat/Sheep Show, SO
4:00 p.m. - Horse Fun Show, Jr. Fair only, HA
4:00 p.m. - Performance Dogs of Ohio, behind secretary office
4:00 p.m. - Polls close for director's election
4:30 p.m. - Black Swamp Open Goat & Sheep Show, SA
6:00 p.m. - Performance Dogs of Ohio, behind secretary office
7:00 p.m. - Rodeo, GS; *fireworks after rodeo*

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

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1 - EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
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We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
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Location Key:
(EXT) Extension Building;
(FB) Farm Bureau Building;
(GS) Grandstand; (HA) Horse

Arena; (PB) Poultry Barn; (RB) Rabbit Barn; (SA) Show Arena; (SO) Secretary's Office; (SP) SR Pavilion; (YLB) Youth Leadership Building

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS 4th NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2023-24

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SENIORS:
Carson Altimus, Landon Brewer, *Myranda Brooks, Camden Fuller, Cohen Hitzeman, Addyson Hormann, Reid Lichty, *Aewyn McMichael, *Brooke Molitor, *Mannah Molitor, Emma Saul, *Leila Spyker, Emma Townley
JUNIORS:
*Allison Carnes, Elle Clem, *Derek Hines, Jonah Keys, *Aiden Lichty, *Braylen Moreno, *Madisyn Peters, Caroline Rohrs, Keira Sargent, Eden Shuherk, *Gracelyn Stoller,
SOPHOMORES:
Kalli Billman, Nikalas Brandenburg, Marcelo Cruz, Leigha Doster, Miley Jewell, Mara Philipot, Hampton Rogge, *Colten Sargent, Corbin Sargent, Taylor Shull, *Raelynne Zuber
FRESHMEN:
*Briley Bagley, Lucy Conley, Maclaren Ehrhart, Keegan Gray-Wyckoff, Josie Hahn, Aiden Hook, Eliana Hormann, Jennifer Lawhorn, Alyssa Lawson, *Tyler Overman, Nathan Sanders, *Gabriella Snyder, *Keira Spyker
EIGHTH GRADE:
*Bryceton Barker, Gabriella Brandenburg, Alia Clem, *Wyatt Cline, *Tucker Doster, Arriyanna Dunderman, Lilly Halsey, Monica Maynez, Elise Meyer, Braxton Peters, Anabelle Saylor, Annelise Zijlstra, Kora Zuber

SEVENTH GRADE:
Brennan Barker, *Braxtyn Bauer, Tyler Bradbury, *Simon Conley, Pearce Cottrell, Teagen Eaton, Charlotte Hook, Brooklyn Lawson, *Robert Montgomery, *Annabelle Mowery, Evan Overman, *Alaina Reinhart, *Garrett Robbins, Aleta Sorrell
SIXTH GRADE:
Layla Bermejo, *Parker Bermejo, Eliza Cline, Bradyn Coleman, Conner Fidler, *Isaac Friend, *Hayden Grant, Anderson Honigford, *Tyler Johnson, Luke Jones, *Alivia Kiracofe, *Isaac Meyer, Marshall Rice, Jordan Steel, *Bentley Taylor, *Briggs Zartman
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SENIOR:
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JUNIORS:
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FRESHMEN:
Avalon Coney, Roman DeLong, Aliyah Friend, Maddox Friend, Blake Gribler, Lexy Hicks, Emily Laker, Kara Pierce, Kage Slattery
EIGHTH GRADE:
Hudsyn Bagley, Gage Barker, Reese Franklin, Aaden Friend, Brayden Fuller, Camden Herber, Avery Honigford, Kaira Jones, Allison Rice, Franco Rivera, Jazmine Yanez

SEVENTH GRADE:
Allison Miller
SIXTH GRADE:

CINDY WOLF OF THE HERITAGE LIONS AWARDED THE MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP



Submitted by Rick Boys
Secretary, Heritage Lions

Lions Clubs International recognizes outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an award that is named for its founder, Melvin Jones. This Fellowship Award is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. The recipient of this award becomes a model because of the exemplary service to his or her club and the community for which it serves.

Ms. Wolf also received the LCIF International Leadership Medal from District Governor Marker last night. This award is the 3rd highest award from LCI (Lions Clubs International), and is awarded to those Lions who have made a significant leadership contribution during the International President's year in office. The LCIF Presidential Award medal celebrates lead-

ers who have made an extraordinary impact on the communities they serve as their dedication and achievements inspire others to follow in their footsteps and make a difference.

Lion Cindy Wolf has chaired many key Heritage Lions projects including the popular multi-event ice cream trailer, Christmas bags for shut-ins, Energized by Ebony, and donations for Charis House. She has worked on the children's Christmas Party at the HAAA Pavilion, is membership coordinator for the HAAA, and is a member of the local annual "Walk to End Alzheimer's". Cindy's leadership has helped the Heritage Lions make a positive impact in Hoagland and the surrounding area for many years.

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

Jameson Graham, Jayde Hitzeman, Cooper Nestleroad, Heidi Rice, Benton Rogge, Kolton Stuckey, Emma White, Christopher Yanez

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FRESHMEN:
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EIGHTH GRADE:
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Izaiah Thompson, Case Trabel

SEVENTH GRADE:
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SIXTH GRADE:
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Let me start by saying that I enjoy reading West Bend News; it is a fine small town/community publication...that being said, there are some things that I need to get off my chest.

I remember hearing in a movie once a fairly accurate description of a politician. It went as follows: "Look. I'm a politician. That means, when I'm not kissing babies, I'm stealing their lollipops".

That says it all. Some are definitely better than others, but all of them are basically the same when it all boils down, and for the foreseeable future, that's just the way it will be, no matter which party they belong to. And to claim that one is "seldom wrong" when expressing their opinion or views is dangerously arrogant- and borders on narcissistic.

I myself have read the Bible NUMEROUS times and have yet to come across Jesus walking around calling people names like an angry 4th grader...with the exception of naming the high priests and Pharisees as hypocrites (which they were). I will close with one final thought, and it is that judgement is reserved for God, and God alone. Thank you and God bless.

—Brian Nimtz,
Woodburn IN

LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER

Aeration and Rolling

Aeration consists of perforating the soil (and any thatch above it) with small holes that opens up the soil, thatch and grass. This allows water, air and fertilizer to get closer to the grass' roots, which enables them to grow more deeply, producing a more vigorous lawn. In tests, grass roots have been shown to proliferate around the holes. Aerating will also improve soil compaction and reduce the likelihood of thatch becoming an issue. Some signs that your lawn may need to be aerated are poor drainage, a failure for the lawn to turn green after fertilizing, and a presence of

many worn areas. Intensively maintained lawns (those that receive regular fertilizer feedings) should be aerated about once a year; those receiving moderate maintenance (not much fertilizer) need aerating every two years or so.

In this area, aeration can be done in the spring or the fall of the year.

To aerate a lawn, use a specialized tool to poke holes or remove cores from the soil. Run the aerator over the lawn several times to make enough holes.

Make sure the soil is moist during aeration, neither too wet nor too dry, so the aerating device can penetrate it fully. You may have to water it first.

An aerated lawn will recover faster if fertilized and watered adequately. Apply fertilizer as soon as possible, and water whenever rainfall fails to supply about one inch of moisture per week. If the lawn is thin, overseeding with a high quality grass seed is recommended.

There are products on the market that revitalize the soil by improving air and water flow to your lawn, making aerating a thing of the past. These soil amending products help loosen soil for deeper rooting of grass plants. They are also fortified with calcium, sulfur & iron which are essential for making your lawn a great ecosystem. All you need to use is your fertilizer spreader. It's a much better solution and you don't need to see those soil plugs all over your lawn.

If your lawn is very uneven, you can roll the lawn first thing in the spring when the soil is still moist. The next best time to do this is in the fall. The key is to use a light roller. Heavy rolling on wet, heavy clay soils can cause harmful soil compaction.

It is not generally recommended to roll a new seedbed, since the new seedlings will take root easier in loose soil. Simply use a garden rake to level the soil.

Please remember that rolling is only necessary if the soil is uneven.

—Len Schrock
Specialist
Grabill & Woodburn
Hardware

FINANCIAL TIPS FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Losing a spouse is one of the most painful experiences anyone can have. Unfortunately, widows and widowers have to deal with more than just the emotional trauma — they also must consider a range of financial issues. If you've recently been widowed, what financial moves should you consider?

For starters, don't rush into any major decisions. If you're still in the grieving process, you are unlikely to be in the best shape to make significant choices affecting your finances and your life.

But once you feel ready to look at your situation objectively and make appropriate choices, consider the following steps:

- Review your finances. Look at your entire financial picture — your assets, investments, debts and income. If you and your spouse had communicated well about your finances, and you shared decisions, you hopefully won't encounter any big surprises. But if your spouse was the partner who mostly handled financial matters, you may need to get up to speed quickly on what you have and what you owe. And if your spouse had provided a large amount of your household income, you will also need to determine what changes you may need to make to your lifestyle.
- Address insurance issues. If you will receive a death benefit from your spouse's insurance policy, what will you do with the money? It may prove helpful in funding your own retirement or meeting other financial goals. But you'll also want to be clear about what other beneficiaries, such as your children, might receive. And while you're looking at insurance, you also might want to look at your own policies — do you need to change beneficiaries?

- Review your Social Security options. If you are at least 60 and you were married at least nine months, you may be entitled to Social Security survivor benefits. (If you remarry before age 60, you typically cannot receive survivor benefits, but you can reinstate them if this subsequent marriage ends.) The amount of your survivor's benefits de-

pends on your age and the age of your deceased spouse. You can't claim your deceased spouse's benefits along with your own retirement benefits, so if you qualify for survivor and retirement benefits, you'll receive the larger amount. Depending on your situation, you might come out ahead by delaying your retirement benefits, giving them the chance to grow, while you accept survivor benefits. For more details on receiving Social Security benefits, visit the Social Security Administration's website at www.ssa.gov.

- Review your estate plans. The death of a spouse can certainly affect your family's estate plans. So, it's a good idea to review these plans to see what changes, if any, need to be made. When conducting this review, you'll benefit from working with an estate-plan-

ning professional. Finally, keep in mind that you don't have to go it alone during this difficult time. If you're already working with a financial professional, they can help. If you aren't currently working with one, now might be the time to start. By looking at your finances and your family situation holistically, a financial professional can provide guidance that can help ease the stress you are naturally feeling.


Few events are as sad as losing a spouse. But when you feel ready, start taking the steps necessary to continue forward on your life's journey.

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Job change?

Whether retiring or changing jobs, you'll want to know your retirement account options.



There are four potential options for your 401(k) when leaving an employer:

- Leave it in your former employer's 401(k) plan, if allowed by the plan.
- Move it to your new employer's 401(k) plan, if you've changed employers and your new employer plan allows for it.
- Roll the account over to an individual retirement account (IRA).
- Cash it out, which is subject to potential tax consequences.

We can talk through your financial goals and find the option that works best for you.

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Antwerp: Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Family Dollar, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Village Hardware, Small Town Bliss

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

Cecil: 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House

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

Defiance: Newmar's Marathon Carryout, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General (Clinton St), Junction Dollar General, Senior Center, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Marathon Main Stop, 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, Dollar General

Hicksville: Sailors, Vancrest, Shell Station, Citgo, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices, Johnson Memorial Library, Red Angel Pizza, McDonalds,

Ney: Marathon

Oakwood: Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Cooper 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, Courthouse, VFW Post 587, PC Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, PCH, Kwik Mart, PC Carnegie Library

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

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

Scott: Scott Post Office

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, 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, Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General

New Haven: ACPL Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Chamber of Commerce (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, ACPL Library, Willies Cafe II

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WAYNE TRACE DISTRICT ART SHOW



Wayne Trace Local Schools recently held their annual District Wide Art Show. All Wayne Trace schools participated with outstanding talent on display. The following students were honored with the Merit Award:

Grover Hill Elementary:

Avah Farris, Lyla Stoller, Clara Laukhuf, Tessa Stoller, Kinsley Sinn, Lyla Orona, Damian Golliver, Venna Ruble, Gabriella Walters, Kenzie Manz, Abrie Hurd, Carter Noffsinger, Zoey Schnipke, Ellie Wilt, Brenna Beining, Izzy Hicks

Payne Elementary:

Norah Mawer, Jerica Gonzales, Hannah Mawer, Kinlee Lamb, Juan Negrete Pawoli, Monroe Taylor, Miranda Valdez-Velazquez, Bryleigh Wieland, Mylann Good, Bennett Gerardot, Brynlee Stoller, Olivander McCague, Megan Parker, Mailey Stoller

Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School:

Seniors – Paige Alber, Briley Coffman, Meara Rager, Brenna Thomas, Caitlyn Thomas, Tucker Antoine, Brenna Parker, Emily Thrasher, Karter Taylor, and Lyndsey Pease; *Juniors* – Bella Knowles, Aiden Lee,

Luke Stouffer, Brook Creighton, and Tori Young; *Sophomores* – Raegan McGarvy, Kamara Halliwill, McKendyl Mullins, Jazmyne Roddy, and Natalie Richie; *Freshmen* – Maizy Ripke, Dominic Lawhorn, and Noah Schlatter; *8th graders* – Faith Jacobs; and *7th graders* – Cobain Rittenhouse.

This year's Best in Show awards go to senior Caitlyn Thomas for her graphite portraits, Grover Hill artist Katelynn Hurd, and Payne artist Aubree Lamb. Thanks to all who visited our show and supported the artistic efforts of our Raiders!

WAYNE TRACE VANTAGE 4TH NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2023-24

* denotes a 4.0 GPA

JUNIORS:

Alana Beebe, Elana Bidlack, Riley Hildebrand, Corbin Kimmel, *Kal-El Lands, Bethany Miller, Braden Miller, Brady Miller, Brooklyn Miller, Gage Ogle, *Blake Osborn, Noah Parady, Kennedy Parsons, *Kamryn Sutton, Trent Thornell

SENIORS:

Kason Carlisle, Kassidy Lewis, Jasmine Mattson, *Trenton McClain, Parker Schisler, *Kamryn Smith, Jude Stoller, Lillianna Thompson, *Maddox Treece, Graiden Troth, Luke Wenninger, Harley Youtsey

STATE CONVENTION 2024

By: Rachel Haver

The Fairview FFA just returned from another amazing trip to Columbus Ohio for the 95th annual State convention. This year we had a total of fifteen members sign up to be able to go. The members had an amazing time, shopping, seeing the state officers, and having some fun outside the convention center. At the convention center, the members got the opportunity to watch some amazing speakers who took time out of their day to talk to the kids from Ohio FFA chapters.

One of the many things that the members enjoyed was going to the Columbus Zoo in their free time. They were able to get through almost half the zoo and had fun spending time together as a chapter. The chapter went to the zoo a few years back and was excited to be able to go again.

The members were also able to watch one of their members play in the Ohio FFA State Band. Logan Hardy got a chance to play in front of hundreds of chapters and do what he loved while performing at convention.

This year's state convention was extremely successful and the members were extremely happy to have gone and even more proud to represent the Fairview FFA chapter.

AUDREY GIESIGE NAMED TO SPRING 2024 DEAN'S HONOR LIST AT CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY

Audrey Giesige of Paulding, was named to the Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University for Spring 2024. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 5,456 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation, and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and high student engagement ranking. For more information about Cedarville University, visit www.cedarville.edu.



Pictured is junior Ryan Bostelman who won this year's grand prize electric bike donated by Lee Kinstle. Congratulations to all!

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throughout the country to improve academic, social, and behavior outcomes for all students. The Raider PBIS system included an attendance incentive with an end-of-the-year drawing for an electric bike in addition to quarterly rewards drawings that included approximately 75 prizes every nine weeks. The prize raffles were for students

in grades 7 through 12 who earned tickets throughout the year by demonstrating their Respectfulness, Responsibility, and Readiness.

Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High would like to thank all of these sponsors for helping to reward students who have demonstrated that they are Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to be the best Raiders they can be!

GMC ANNOUNCES ALL-LEAGUE, ALL-SPORTS WINNERS

With the spring sports winding down, the Green Meadows Conference released its all-league baseball and softball teams recently as well as the all-sports standings for the league during the 2023-2024 school year.

Highlighting the way locally, Wayne Trace senior Tucker Antoine was voted as the Green Meadows Conference Player of the Year in voting by baseball coaches around the league after leading the Raiders to the outright league crown.

Joining Antoine on the first team were teammates Cooper Wenzlick and Breven Anderson along with Ayersville senior Abe DeLano, Edgerton junior Cory Herman, Fairview senior Breaven Williams, Fairview junior Cole Mack, Paulding junior Greyson Harder, Tinora senior Kadya Radzik and Tinora junior Alec Schaublin.

Second team all-league award winners were Antwerp's Reid Lichty, Ayersville's Ryne Maag, Fairview's Jude Shiner, Hicksville's Parker Bassett, Paulding's Kane Jones, Tinora's Hunter Bostelman, Wayne Trace's Carter Clemens, Fairview's Elijah Arend, Hicksville's Austin Sanders and Wayne Trace's Tyson Gerber.

Those receiving honorable mention included Antwerp's Aiden Lichty, Ayersville's Ben Amoroso, Edgerton's Noah Weaver, Paulding's Casey Agler, Tinora's Mason McQuillen, Wayne Trace's Cale Winans, Fairview's Drayden Grinnell-Dennis, Tinora's Ayden Moser, Hicksville's Eli

Lawrence, Wayne Trace's Kyle Forrer, Antwerp's Derek Hines, Ayersville's Carter Michel, Paulding's Blake Rhonehouse, Antwerp's Riley Smith, Edgerton's Maddox Baker and Paulding's Grady Barton.

The all-league softball awards were released as well as Tinora's Scylea Zolman was tabbed as the GMC Player of the Year.

First team all-GMC awards went to Zolman as well as Ayersville's Kendra Waldron, Edgerton's Corinne Cape, Antwerp's Brooklyn Sims, Hicksville's Lillybell Porter, Paulding's Maci Kausar, Tinora's Paige Gamby, Wayne Trace's Logen Bland, Ayersville's Aerial Brown and Wayne Trace's Kaitlin Slade.

Second team honorees were Wayne Trace's Raegan McGarvey, Tinora's Tegan Norden, Antwerp's Elle Clem, Paulding's Tia Mendez, Fairview's Kortney Grinnell, Edgerton's Lola Giesige, Paulding's Mariah Klopfenstein, Edgerton's Casey Everetts, Ayersville's Taylor Waldron and Paulding's Cadence Schwab.

Players picking up honorable mention included Antwerp's Emma Townley, Ayersville's Allyson Eldridge, Edgerton's Olivia Wallace, Hicksville's Alexis Taylor, Hicksville's McKenna Rice, Paulding's Brooklynn Bakle, Tinora's Christina Meyer, Wayne Trace's Tianna Sinn, Antwerp's Caroline Rohrs, Ayersville's Mabel McGuire, Edgerton's Ella Miller, Ayersville's Makayla Sierra, Fairview's Kayla Mavis, Ayersville's Addison Zartman, Fairview's Bethany Shiner, Hicksville's Kennedy Adams, Paulding's Jocelynn Parrett, Tinora's Madison Spangler,

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HERB MONROE PARK BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM



By: Erica Noggle

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Hicksville's Allie Nelson, Antwerp's Caydence Shull, Hicksville's Evy McAlexander, Ayersville's Rylan Becher, Hicksville's McKenna Baird, Wayne Trace's Katie Anna Baumle, Paulding's Jalyn Klopfenstein, Edgerton's Ava Giesige, Fairview's Sydney Merritt, Wayne Trace's Paige Alber and Tinora's Tanee Smith.

Tinora captured the Green Meadows Conference All-Sports Boys and Girls Championship with 93-1/2 points while Wayne Trace was second at 74 points. Fairview finished third at 69 points followed by Ayersville (62-5/6), Edgerton (46), Paulding (44-1/2), Antwerp (39-5/6) and Hicksville (25).

BULLDOG ATHLETES HEADED TO STATE

The Indiana High School Athletic Association held its boys regional track meet last week with eleven athletes from East Allen County Schools qualifying for the state meet.

Qualifiers from New Haven included junior Keivon Mitchell, who took fourth in the 110 hurdles (14.73) and junior Aaron Hoffer with a third place finish in the 300 hurdles (39.22).

The Bulldog 1600 relay team of sophomore Bryan Garcia, Alex Hoffer, Aaron Hoffer and Mitchell recorded a third-place finish in 3:26.72.

New Haven senior Latrevion Bates finished eighth in the 100 dash with a time of 11.04 seconds and Garcia took sixth in the 1600 run (4:28.45) while Mitchell placed fifth in the long jump (21-5). John Bussard recorded finishes of seventh in the shot put (48-9-3/4) and sixth in the discus (146-1).

Leo's Nolan Miller is

headed to the state meet after taking second in the 400 dash (50.10) and senior Jaydon Steidinger qualified with a fourth-place finish in the 1600 run (3:26.72).

In the 1600 relay, the Lions' quartet of Fernando Flores, Steidinger, Miller and Drew Sauder advances after finishing second (3:23.39).

Heritage senior Logan Teichman punched his ticket to the state meet as well by placing third in the shot put (56-8).

Junior Charlie Riddle placed in two events for the Patriots, taking sixth in the shot put (52-5-1/2) and eighth in the discus (138-4).

Patriot junior Marshall Harris was fifth in the 400 dash (50.58).

New Haven led area boys teams with 30 points to finish seventh with the Lions placing 13th with 21 points. Heritage totaled 14 points to record 17th place.

BULLDOGS QUALIFY FOR STATE TRACK MEET

Several members of the Lady Bulldog's Track & Field team competed at the Carroll Regionals. Makenna Dommer won the Discus with a personal best of 139' 05" to qualify for the State Meet and placed 10th in the Shot Put. Madeline Graves placed 5th in the 200 Meter Dash, while teammate Annika Koepke placed 12th in the event. Mi'Angel Jordan-Colter placed 13th in the 100 Meter Dash. The 4x100 Meter Relay team of Heaven Gardner, Madeline Graves, Mi'Angel Jordan-Colter, and Annika Koepke placed 10th.

The boys team placed 7th as a team at the Carroll Regionals with several athletes punching their ticket to the state meet. Keivon Mitchell

was the first to qualify for state by hitting the state standard even though he placed 4th in the 110 Meter Hurdles. Aaron Hoffer was the next to qualify by placing 3rd in the 300 Meter Hurdles. In the last running event of the night, the 4x400 Meter Relay team of Bryan Garcia, Aaron Hoffer, Alex Hoffer, and Keivon Mitchell placed 3rd even though they ran in the slowest of the 2 sections of the event. Other results from the meet included Keivon Mitchell placing 5th in the Long Jump, John Bussard placed 6th in the Discus and 7th in the Shot Put, Bryan Garcia placed 6th in the 1600 Meter run, and Latrevion Bates placed 8th in the 100 Meter Dash.

NORRIS, DOMMER HIGHLIGHT REGIONAL TRACK

IHSAA regional track took place at Carroll High School in Fort Wayne last week with several athletes from the East Allen County Schools placing.

Leo freshman Rowyn Norris captured a regional championship, recording a time of 5:05.13 in winning the 1600 run.

Lady Lions' sophomore Alexandra Grates finished sixth in the pole vault at 10-3 with Heritage senior Piper Pierce placing fifth following a leap of 17-2-1/2 in the long jump.

The Heritage senior duo of Maya Gerber and Madilyn Scheumann took second and third place, respectively, with throws of 40-5 and 39-6-1/4 in the shot put.

In the discus, Gerber's toss of 119-6 claimed second place in the discus while Scheumann's throw of 109-7 put her in seventh place.

New Haven senior Makenna Dommer also won a regional title, taking first in the discus with a throw of 139-5 while the Lady Bulldogs' Madeline Graves took fifth in the 200 dash with a time of 26.77 seconds.

As a team, Heritage finished sixth with 28 points while New Haven placed 14th place with 14 points. Leo took 15th place with 13 points. Athletes advancing to the

state meet from Heritage includes Gerber, who moves on in both the shot put and discus, along with Scheumann in the shot put. Leo's Norris also advances to the state meet as does the Lady Bulldogs' Dommer.

The state meet will take place on Friday, May 31, at Robert C. Haugh Track and Field Complex on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington.

OHIO ATHLETES HEADED TO STATE TRACK

Several local athletes punched their tickets to the state track meet last week as area squads took part in the Division III regional meet at Fostoria.

Two Wayne Trace athletes claimed individual regional championships as Maddox Treece and Luke Stouffer both posted first place finishes.

Treece won the 200 dash with a time of 22.51 seconds while Stouffer recorded a toss of 57-4-1/2 to capture the shot put.

Wayne Trace's quartet of Eli Treece, Maddox Treece, Hudson Myers and Cole Morehead also set a new school record with a time of 3:23.03 to win the 1600 relay title.

Morehead moved on to the state meet with a third place finish in the 800 run (1:59.49) and the Raiders' Landen Foltz claimed a state berth by taking fourth in the discus (145-4).

Paulding will have a pair of athletes making the trip as well.

Jack Woods posted a second place finish in the shot put (56-9) to advance with Caleb Larson moving on after finishing fifth in the high jump (6-2).

Carson Altimus, Dayne Sholl, Tavin Sholl and Kayden Winslow combined to record a second place finish for Antwerp in the 1600 relay to move on with a time of 3:24.29. Tavin Sholl qualified individually as well in recording a fifth place finish in the 400 dash (50.01).

Hicksville's Hayden Neidhardt will take part in the state meet in two events. Neidhardt advanced by taking third in the shot put (36-5-1/4) and placed second in the discus (126-7).

WARRIORS FALL TO CADETS IN FINALE

The Woodlan baseball team saw its season come to a close last week as the Warriors dropped a 6-5 decision to Fort Wayne Concordia.

It was the Cadets who jumped in front, scoring twice in the second and twice more in the third as Concordia opened a 4-0 advantage.

DEFIANCE MOOSE LODGE #2094 GIVES GRANT TOWARD 'DEFIANCE HAS TALENT AND HEART'



Pictured representing the grant gift are (L to R) Casey Dull - Defiance Moose Lodge Administrative Assistant, Deb Weisgerber and Laurie Weaver - Trees of Life Representatives.

Trees Of Life P. Buckley Moss Society recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Defiance Moose Lodge #2094 for their annual "Defiance Has Talent and Heart". This benefit will be held for local Conquer Childhood

Cancer Now on Sunday, September 29 at 4:00 p.m., at the Defiance Knights of Columbus Hall. To find out more details about the upcoming event, please contact Deb Weisgerber at (419) 782-4311.

Woodlan answered with three runs in the top of the fourth to close the gap to 4-3 before the Cadets posting one run in the home half of the frame for a 5-3 lead.

After each team scored once in the sixth, the Warriors plated one run in the seventh but couldn't get the game tied as Concordia held on for a 6-5 victory.

Jalen Campos had two hits and drove in three runs for the Cadets with Carter Ripke adding one hit and three runs scored. Jack Belschner and Brody Fischer each scored once and posted one hit while Eli Trent finished with one hit. Drew Belschner and Fischer also picked up a run batted in apiece.

Jack Andrews tossed the complete game for the Cadets, recording the win with five strikeouts while allowing five hits, five runs (two earned) and four walks. Braden Smith, Blake Reed, Oliver Adams, Jordan Halsey and Noah Beghtel all had one hit for Woodlan with Clayton Rosier driving in two runs and Reed picked up one run batted in. Reed, Adams, Max Gillenwater, Halsey and Evan Koch touched home plate for the Warriors.

Woodlan closes its season with a record of 8-16 overall.

EAGLES TOO MUCH FOR RAIDERS

Liberty Benton rallied from a late deficit to come from behind for a 7-4 victory over Wayne Trace in Division III district baseball action in Elida Thursday night.

The red, white and blue

scored a trio of runs to jump on top 3-0 but the Eagles answered, scoring once in the first and two in the second to knot the game at 3-3.

Wayne Trace went back on top in the third with a single run before Liberty Benton scored four times in the sixth to post the 7-4 victory.

Tucker Antoine singled twice and scored once for the Raiders with Cooper Wenzlick doubling once, scoring once and driving in one run. Carter Clemens drove in two runs and singled once with Brody Ross-wurm also singling for the Raiders.

Breven Anderson and Cale Winans also touched home plate for Wayne Trace and Tyson Gerber picked up a run batted in.

Anderson took the loss for the Raiders, throwing six innings allowing seven hits, seven runs (four earned) and three walks while fanning three.

Landon Stansbery picked up the win for Liberty Benton, tossing a complete-game scattering five hits, four runs (two earned) and two walks with seven strikeouts. The Eagle hurler also led the way at the plate with two singles and two runs scored.

Zach Elchert singled, tripled and drove in one run while Seth Elchert singled, scored twice and picked up a run batted in. Treyin Lieb also singled and drove in two runs while Mason Modd singled once and scored twice. Ashton Crawford scored the remaining Liberty Benton run and Connor Arnold drove in one run.

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THE LEFT TURN



Rusty Schlenk Two big late model wins. *Charlie Orns photo.*



Carson Macedo returns to Fremont and wins WoO! *Action Photos Ohio*

By: Ron Burt

Memorial weekend racing in the tri-state didn't disappoint racing fans. Friday night McComb's, Rusty Schlenk dominated the 40 lap, Valvoline American Late Model Iron Man Series and drove the #91 to victory and his 41st career win at Attica Raceway Park. He took home \$5,000.00. Finishing behind Rusty was Kyle Moore, Seth Daniels, Ryan Missler, and Rod Conley. Indiana driver Cale Thomas led all 30 laps of the 410 Sprints feature for his first win of the year at Attica in a race that had one caution. Thomas, leads the track's points, made some great moves, particularly coming off the top side of the track early and patiently picking through traffic for his third career win at Attica, holding off a charging Jordan Ryan, Trey Jacobs, Stuart Brubaker, and Tyler Gunn. The 305 make up feature was won by Dustin Stroup. He doubled up by getting the win in the nights regular 305 feature. Rain forced Limaland Motorsports Park to



Swanson gets 3 podiums in one day! *Christopher Peder- sen photo*

cancel their races on Friday. Saturday night Rusty Schlenk kept the momentum going at Oakshade Raceway he became a six-time winner of the annual Barney Oldfield Race with a dramatic last lap pass for the lead in the 40-lap Valvoline American Late Model Iron Man Series feature event. The win earned him a second \$5,000.00 for his efforts in two nights of racing. Adam Lantz drove flag to sport and picked up the Sportsman feature win. Jake Rendel won the Dominator Stock feature. Rain spoiled Kyle Larson's chance to complete "The Double" on Sunday, but USAC driver Kody Swanson earned podium finishes in "A Triple" on Saturday in three different race cars on two different tracks.

Saturday morning at 9AM he finished second in a 30-lap pavement midget race for Bertram Motorsports at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park on Saturday morning. Jake Trainer won the event. Then Swanson made history by leading every lap of the prestigious "Hoosier Hundred" in a Doran Binks Racing USAC Silver Crown car at the same track. Kody and his crew headed north to compete at Anderson Speedway in the 76th annual running of the Little 500. He finished third in the biggest pavement sprint car race in the world after leading at the start. Caleb Armstrong passed leader Dakoda Armstrong on the last lap of the race for the win.

One of Limaland Raceway Park's fan favorites, Todd Sherman took his Modified north to Butler Motor Speedway and found victory lane. Angola Motor Sports Park had their first race night of 2024. Winners were Late Model Tony Dager, Street Stocks Parker Moyer, FWD Chip Heintzelman and Modified Jordan Gatton. Justin Claucherty won the DTS annual Joy Fair 100 for Outlaw Asphalt Late Models at Flat Rock Speedway. The Motor City 50 for Figure 8 cars was won by Billy Earley and the Street Stock feature was won by Jeremy Vanderhoof.

Tuesday, May 28th the World of Outlaws returned to Fremont Speedway. It was a homecoming of sorts for Carson Macedo. The California native made a fantastic move on the opening lap of the World of Outlaws feature, driving from third to the lead and then survived several cautions to score the \$12,000 pay day in the Rick Ferkel Tribute. Macedo came to Ohio in 2016 to drive a second car for Les and Craig Mintz and scored a pair of wins at "The Track That Action Built." So, for Macedo, the Outlaws return to Fremont Speedway after an eight year hiatus coupled with his great runs as of late, had him chomping at the bit for his second World of Outlaws win of 2024. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out!

NSCC COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY RECOGNIZES 226 GRADUATES

ARCHBOLD, OHIO - Northwest State Community College celebrated the 2024 graduating class at its spring Commencement Ceremony this past weekend, held at Founder's Hall in Archbold. The ceremony recognized 226 graduates who completed an Associate degree or certificate program with the College during fall, spring or summer term, comprising a total of 231 awards (192 associate degrees and 39 short-term certificates). Fourteen students graduated via College Credit Plus, before they officially graduate from high school. Cassie Rickenberg, NSCC Vice President of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs, noted that 88% of the graduating class lives in the six county service area of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Van Wert and Williams counties. Rickenberg also noted the students earning various honor society awards - 18 graduates are Phi Theta Kappa,

eight graduates are Alpha Delta Nu (nursing), and four graduates are Kappa Beta Delta (business).

Dr. Todd Hernandez, NSCC President, applauded the graduates, noting: "Student by student, family by family, community by community, we will help northwest Ohio maintain a high quality of life and remain a great place to live and work." Hernandez then invited Megan Hannigan to the podium to accept the President's Outstanding Student Award.

Kristi Barnd delivered the keynote address to the audience. Brand graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Management from Albion (MI) College, and her Master of Business Administration from Defiance College. Barnd is the CEO of Henry County Hospital. Barnd's message encouraged community impact, reflection and celebration. She noted, "We spend a lot of time setting goals, creating plans, learning lessons, and sometimes when we finally achieve the "thing" we've set out to do we forget to enjoy what we've just accom-



Jayne Durham, student speaker at Commencement

plished. So do that today." Jayne Durham was selected to be the Student Speaker of Commencement. Durham was inspired to begin her pursuit of an Associate of Arts degree at Northwest State in 2022 by her husband Chad, and daughter Kally, both former students of NSCC. Driven by her passions, Jayne is currently working towards a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at the University of Toledo, with a focus on creative writing and a minor in Art History. Durham shared her appreciation for her support circle - family, friends, instructors, etc. - noting, "We can all do hard things with the support and encouragement of the people we meet along the way. We've proven that by being here today."

As part of the graduate listing at the conclusion of the event, NSCC recognized its 17 Award of Merit recipients. For over 25 years, Northwest State has recognized graduates within the degree programs for their academic achievements. Award of Merit recipients are chosen by faculty from the respective divisions based on leadership involvement, special talents or abilities in their academic field, and significant contributions to Northwest State. NSCC Distinguished Faculty were also recognized: Linette Will (full-time faculty) and Anthony Menna (part-time faculty). Those interested in viewing the Commencement ceremony on-demand are invited to go to <https://northweststate.edu/commencement>.

DEFIANCE MOOSE LODGE #2094 GRANT RECIPIENTS



Recently, the Ayersville Athletic Boosters received a \$1,800 grant from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This money will be used for a 3 year field sponsorship. Pictured receiving the grant (l-r) is Roberta Phlipot, Defiance Moose Lodge Vice President; CB Florence, President of the Ayersville Athletic Boosters; and Kara Fritz, Secretary of the Boosters.



The Friends of the Defiance Public Library, received a \$1,000 grant from the Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This grant money will be used towards the upcoming 2024 Art in the Park event on Sunday, June 30 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pictured above are (l-r) Cindy Wendell, Treasurer of Friends of the Defiance Public Library and Melvina Smith, Defiance Moose Lodge Volunteer.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Drew A. Duchenev, Middle Point, OH; Driving under suspension, Guilty, License may be released when paid in full; Head phones, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Left of Center, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Distracted driving, Guilty, Defendant completed course; Driving.FRA suspension, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Jason B. Middleton, Bryan, OH; Resisting arrest, Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Com-

mon Pleas Court to track with case 24-CRA-85; Possession of drugs, Defendant waived the preliminary hearing, Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court

Shawna M. Smith, Paulding, OH; No operator license, Guilty, Proof of insurance provided; Driving/texting, Guilty, Defendant completed course, Fine and points waived

Charlotte B. Holt, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

John A. Adams, Cecil, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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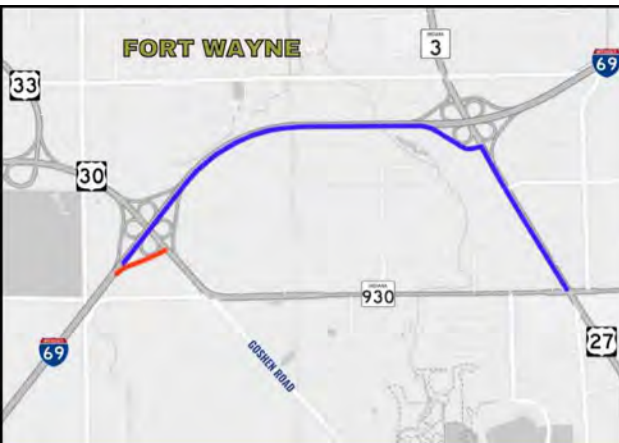
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should use the approved detour of continuing north on I-69 to Exit 311A, the U.S. 27/Lima Road exit, and then travelling southbound on U.S. 27/Lima Road to connect with State Road 930, or seek an alternate route. INDOT encourages drivers to consider worker safety by slowing down, using extra caution and driving distraction-free when travelling in and around all work zones.

OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant **Ricaiya D. Stokes**, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs **Jose A. Vazquez Lopez**, Fort Wayne, IN; No operator license; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs **Drake D. Ankney**, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant **Beatrice S. Kasule**, London, OH; Failure to yield; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant **Abbey R. Edwards**, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs **Mirashia R. Schweitzer**, Oakwood, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant **Harlee N. Pitney**, Colum-

bus Grove, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant **Nicholas Smith**, Indianapolis, IN; OVI/under the influence, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs to be paid by defendant; Driving under non FRA suspension, Case dismissed **Luke L. DeLano**, Defiance, OH; Distracted driving, Count A dismissed; Failure to control, Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs **Craig A. Schaffer**, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant **Zachary A. Fisher**, Defiance, OH; Driving under suspension; Guilty; Warrant and warrant block recalled **Jesus Salas Jr.**, Cecil, OH; Hunting without permission; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jacob J. Scheiner, Fostoria, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; 30 days jail, 27 days suspended; Defendant to pay all costs; Maintained general good behavior

Lindsay M. Clemens, Defiance, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Aaron M. Griffiths, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Miranda N. Caldwell, Grover Hill, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nathan E. McAlexander, Antwerp, OH; Headlights, Count B dismissed; No tail lights, Count C dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Count D dismissed

Levi J. Troyer, Continental, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Defendant entered into a pay plan; Shall pay all costs

Staci M. Jacob, Payne, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jacob A. Mourey, Bryan, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kylie J. Hatch, Paulding, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cynthia J. Sproles, Sherwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Jordan D. Northrup, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Vincent B. Fryer Jr., Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Curtis J. Emerson, Millbury, OH; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS



On May 14, the Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to a possible domestic dispute at North Garden Apartments. The case was investigated and referred to human services.

On May 15th, a resident of Erie St. reported the neighbor had followed his son down the sidewalk in a threatening manner. The call was investigated and referred to the prosecutor.

On May 17th, a neighbor of 409 W Daggett St. reported that people who had lived there had moved out and the grass was too tall.

On May 18th, Antwerp police were sent to an address on River St. in reference to a 911 call. It was determined children were playing on the phone.

On May 21st, an officer was requested for an unlock in Oasis parking lot. The vehicle was unlocked.

On May 22nd, a domestic dispute was reported on Mervin St. Antwerp Police Officer and a Sheriff Deputy responded. One individual was arrested.

On May 22nd, Antwerp Police Department assisted

the Antwerp EMS at North Garden Apartments for an individual allegedly going through drug withdrawal.

On May 24th, a report of a domestic dispute on Main St. Police came in and It was determined not to be a domestic dispute.

On May 24th, a fight was reported on River St. An officer responded and investigated.

On May 24th, the zoning inspector called the police department and reported that people had moved into a mobile home on Wilcox St. without meeting the zoning code.

On May 24th, it was reported that a red Silverado went off the berm a couple of times north of the village limits, south bound possibly heading into the village. An officer sat stationary for a while and believed vehicle may have turned off.

On May 25th, a loose dog was reported on S Erie St. The officer drove around and was unable to locate the dog.

On May 26th, the police department received a report of loud noises behind a residence on Park Ave. Officers investigated and nothing was found.

On May 26th, Antwerp Police Department received a call about possible gun fire. It was determined it was fire works.

On May 26th, the police department was notified of a possible downed power line on N. Main St. An officer and the fire chief responded and determined it was a telephone line.

On May 27th, officers assisted blocking traffic for the Memorial Day parade.

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

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATING SERIOUS INJURY CRASH

On May 28, 2024 at approximately 7:27 A.M., troopers from the Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol responded to a serious injury crash that occurred on Van Wert Decatur Road east of US Route 224 in Van Wert County.

Kimberly Allred, age 59, of Dandridge, Tennessee was driving a 2012 Toyota 4-Runner eastbound on Van Wert Decatur Road and had pulled to the side of the roadway and stopped. After stopping briefly Mrs. Allred began to complete a U-Turn, turning into the path of an eastbound semi. The semi, a 2021 Kenworth, was driven by Justin Rogers, age 32, of Convoy, Ohio.

Mrs. Allred was extricated from her vehicle by personnel from the Van Wert Fire Department before being flown from the scene to Parkview Medical Center by Samaritan. Mr. Rogers was uninjured in the crash.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted by the Van Wert Fire Department, Van Wert Police Department, Van Wert County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Department of Transportation, Samaritan Medical Transport, Van Wert County EMA, Knippen Towing, and Hague Towing and Repair.

The crash remains under investigation.

WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle
WHICH STRAWBERRY DO YOU HAVE?

ACROSS

- 5. A day-neutral variety known for its large, sweet berries with a firm texture and bright red color.
- 7. A mid-season variety with medium-sized berries that have a sweet, tangy flavor and good disease resistance.
- 8. A day-neutral variety that produces high yields of large, sweet berries with a firm texture.
- 10. A mid-season variety with large, juicy berries that have a sweet, mild flavor and good disease resistance.
- 11. A day-neutral variety with medium-sized berries that have a sweet flavor and firm texture.
- 13. A day-neutral variety with large, firm berries that have a sweet flavor and good disease resistance.
- 16. An everbearing variety with medium-sized, sweet berries that are excellent for fresh eating and preserves.
- 17. A variety known for its large, conical berries with a sweet flavor and firm texture.
- 19. A late-season variety with small to medium-sized berries that have a sweet, rich flavor, perfect for jams.
- 21. A short-day variety that produces large, firm berries with a deep red color and good flavor.
- 22. An early-season variety with small to medium-sized berries that have a sweet, intense flavor.
- 23. An early-season variety that produces large, firm berries with a bright red color and good flavor.
- 24. An everbearing variety that produces medium-sized, sweet berries throughout the growing

DOWN

- 1. An everbearing variety that produces medium-sized, sweet berries throughout the growing season.
- 2. An everbearing variety with small to medium-sized berries that have a sweet, aromatic flavor.
- 3. A popular variety with large, juicy berries and excellent flavor, commonly used for fresh eating and freezing.
- 4. An early-season variety known for its large, sweet berries with a bright red color and firm texture.
- 6. A French variety known for its small, intensely sweet berries with a distinct, aromatic flavor.
- 8. A variety that produces large, juicy berries with a sweet flavor and firm texture, suitable for fresh eating and freezing.
- 9. A variety that produces medium-sized, sweet berries with a bright red color and good disease resistance.
- 12. A mid-season variety that produces large, firm berries with a sweet, aromatic flavor.
- 14. An early-season variety that produces large, sweet berries with a bright red color and firm texture.
- 15. A day-neutral variety with large, juicy berries that have a sweet, aromatic flavor.
- 18. A variety that produces large, firm berries with excellent flavor and good disease resistance.
- 20. A mid-season variety known for its large, juicy berries with excellent flavor and bright red color.

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LEGAL NOTICE

2024 PAULDING COUNTY ASPHALT PAVING PROJECT

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

- Proposal 1:** OPWC Paving Project on CR 144 – Engineer's Estimate \$453,046
- Proposal 2:** OPWC Paving Project on Various Township Roads – Engineer's Estimate \$371,848
- Proposal 3:** Paving Various County Roads – Engineer's Estimate \$1,962,071
- Proposal 4:** Paving Various Township Roads – Engineer's Estimate \$687,757

Completion Deadline for each proposal is October 31, 2024. Each proposal will be awarded separately.

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

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

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

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO, Plaintiff vs. WILFREDO LEONEL AGURCIA PONCE: Address Unknown Defendant

TO: WILFREDO LEONEL AGURCIA PONCE
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
Case No. CI 24 077

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against Defendant, Wilfredo Leonel Agurcia Ponce, seeking a forfeiture of a 2004 Volkswagen Sedan ("Volkswagen") with Vehicle Identification Number 9B WGR61J344042584 titled of Defendant, Wilfredo Leonel Agurcia Ponce.

You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last

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publication hereof, or a judgment granting forfeiture of the Volkswagen will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 15 N. Williams St. Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Ann Pease, Clerk Court of Common Pleas Paulding County, Ohio
By: *Joseph R. Burkard*
Deputy
Respectively submitted,
Joseph R. Burkard
Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106) Paulding County, Ohio
Prosecuting Attorney
120 S. Walnut Street Paulding, Ohio 45879
419-399-8270

SIEGE OF FORT WAYNE 1812



The Siege of Fort Wayne 1812 will take place at the Old Fort on Spy Run Avenue Saturday - Sunday, June 8-9, 2024. Historic Fort Wayne, Inc. will host the event. During the War of 1812, the second of the American military forts built in this area survived a sustained siege and kept the frontier from falling to the British. It is a living history experience.

Observe firsthand the life of the civilians in the camps as they perform their daily activities. There will be demonstrations on period cooking, gardening, clothing, and much more. Local artisans will also be on hand. The Old Fort will be bustling with activity!

Sweet Treats and Treasures

No event at The Old Fort would be complete without its Bake Sale. Visitors can indulge in a variety of homemade baked treats. There is also Old Fort-themed merchandise, for those looking to take a piece of history home with them.

Immersive and Interactive

The historic ambiance of The Old Fort provides a perfect backdrop for this event. Families and history enthusiasts can explore the buildings of the fort and interact with

the reenactors, civilians, and local artisans.

New Construction

While at the event, you can also check out the new construction. The Old Fort is almost fifty years old! Time and weather have taken their toll. All the buildings need major repairs. Phase I is almost complete. Find out how you can help "Keep the Fort in Fort Wayne" at <https://oldfortwayne.org/about-us/fortrestoration/>.

A Community Effort

Admission to the event is free. Freewill donation. Historic Fort Wayne, Inc. is a nonprofit organization committed to preserving the rich heritage of Fort Wayne. As a volunteer-driven organization, it relies heavily on community support and donations to continue its mission of education and preservation.

ADVENTURES AWAIT WITH ACPL'S SPARK SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) is excited to announce the launch of the SPARK Summer Learning Program, a fun-filled initiative that celebrates the joy of learning and discovery. From June 1 to July 31, individuals of all ages are invited to participate in this engaging program that combines science, play, arts, reading, and knowledge (SPARK).

The SPARK Summer Learning Program aims to promote literacy and provide an opportunity to earn prizes by reading and completing activities. Participants can track their progress using the Beanstack app or pick up a tracking sheet at any ACPL branch. With a wide range of activities and challenges, the program ensures that there is something for everyone.

"Summer at the Library is an exciting, energizing time," said Youth Services Manager Jacki Fulwood. "Children and families find a wealth of opportunities to read, learn, and discover in all of our library locations. This season brings so many moments to capture imaginations and celebrate learning in a safe and affirming environment."

This year's theme, "Adventure Begins at Your Library," focuses on encouraging participants to embark on exciting journeys through books, learning, and exploring the world around them.

The SPARK Summer Learning Program has been a mainstay of the community for many years and is an impactful way that families can keep their children engaged in reading and learning during the summer break. According to Scholastic's Kids and Family Reading Report, 65% of youth who participated in a summer reading program said it resulted in them reading more than they otherwise would have. The same report listed public libraries as a critical source for books to support summer reading when school libraries are not available.

"A summer learning program engages kids and families outside the classroom. It offers them a chance to follow their own learning interests and develop reading habits with the Library's support in the form of structure and incentives," said Fulwood.

During the ACPL's 2023 SPARK program, more than 14,000 participants registered

DEFIANCE AREA FOUNDATION OFFERS GRANT TO AYERSVILLE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS



The Ayersville Athletic Boosters recently received a grant from the Defiance Area Foundation Community Fund, during the grant cycle ending in March, for \$10,000! This money will be

used for improvements to the baseball and softball facilities at Ayersville Local Schools. Pictured above representing the grant gifted are (l-r) Katelyn Eldridge, Vice President of the Ayersville

Athletic Boosters; Brayton Martin, Treasurer of the Ayersville Athletic Boosters; and Christine Yoder, Director at the Defiance Area Foundation.

DCHD & DC COMMISSIONERS RECEIVE GRANT



The Defiance County Health Department in collaboration with the Defiance County Commissioners recently received a \$20,000 grant from the Defiance Area Foundation Community Fund, during the last grant cycle ending in March.

This grant will be used for enhancements to the Mental Health and Wellness trail behind Mercy Hospital and the Defiance County Health Department. Congratulations and thank you for helping to make our community a great place to live!

the day. Additionally, kids can enjoy guest readers each hour, art projects, a sing-along, and more. The first 60 children to stop by the tent will receive a free safari animal drawstring bag, book, and safari hat.

Live entertainment under the tent on the Fort Grounds will include music by Rob Lawson at 11 a.m. and Paul Sulpizio at noon, followed by a talk on the War of 1812 and Fort Winchester with Taylor Moyer of Fort to Port Histories beginning at 1 p.m. Then,

more music by Brad Burkhardt at 2 p.m. and the Rube Band at 3 p.m. will round out the day.

Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., Defiance, OH 43512
 Johnson Memorial Library, 116 W High St., Hicksville, OH 43526
 Sherwood Branch Library, 117 N Harrison, Sherwood, OH 43556
www.defiancelibrary.org
 The Friends of Defiance Public Library will also host a used book sale on the Fort Grounds throughout the day,

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- Shower Stool
- More Items Not Listed



'ART IN THE PARK' RETURNS TO THE FORT GROUNDS JUNE 30

The Friends of Defiance Public Library will host the 42nd annual 'Art in the Park' event on June 30 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. On the Fort Grounds and along Fort Street in Defiance.

This special one-day event draws visitors from around northwest Ohio and includes dozens of artists and craft vendors, children's activities, food and beverage vendors, live entertainment throughout the day, and more.

Those interested in being a vendor can download a vendor application at defiancelibrary.org/aitp24. The deadline for vendor applications is June 14.

Young attendees will find plenty of fun in the Children's Tent, which features a jungle safari theme this year. Indiana Wild will be on hand from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. with an assortment of animals, including snakes, a tortoise, and even an armadillo. Justin the Clown will be treating attendees to balloon animals throughout

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Additionally, event goes can hop across the river to Pontiac Park and step back in time during 'Encampment at the Confluence,' a living history encampment presented by Moyer and Fort to Port Histories. In honor of the 230th anniversary of the construction of Fort Defiance and the 230th anniversary of the Battle of Fallen Timbers, the encampment will take place June 29 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and June 30 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This living history event, which will explore Defiance's early years, is free and open to all ages, sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library.

Food & drink options for purchase at the event will include nachos and drinks from the Friends of Defiance Public Library, hotdogs and brats from the Rotary Club, Bud's pie, Seasoned Mobile Grill, and Pink Penguin Ice Cream.

For more information about Art in the Park or Encampment at the Confluence, call the library at 419-782-1456.

AMAZING LOVE

By: Doris Applegate

Scribed By: Jessica Stevens
At the foot of the cross is a place just for you if you want God's forgiveness and life that's all new. Jesus gave freely His divine precious blood, He desires your salvation and asks you to come. No devil in Hell can keep you away, if you seek this salvation and humbly pray. Come with your sin be a many or few, He'll wash you and make you as fresh as the dew, Gone all your guilt and gone all your shame, sin gone forever and you'll have a new name. Now as a child of the Father of Love, you now have a name written in Heaven above. The sweet Holy Spirit now guides you each day, gives strength and upholds you, and helps you pray. Your life will touch others, a help you will be and they

will find Jesus and then be set free and someday in Heaven they will stand before Christ and give thanks to Him for his blood sacrifice. A song we sing in church is: "At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light and the burden of my heart rolled away, it was there by faith, I received my sight and now I am happy all the day, it was not for sins that He had done, He groaned upon the tree, amazing pity, grace unknown and love beyond degree" Oh hallelujah, praise the Lord my sins forever gone, I stand amazed at God's dear love and sing a brand new song: "Oh, love of God, how sweet and pure, how measureless and strong, it will forever more endure the saints and angels song!! If we with ink the ocean filled and were the skies of parchment made, to write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry, nor could we ever tell the whole, tho stretched from sky to sky!"
Amen

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN JUNE

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is gearing up for the 2024 Summer Reading Program, "Adventure Begins at your Library", starting June 3. All locations will have some exciting programs this summer to encourage reading. The Summer Reading Program is for all ages, children to adults. It is true that adventure begins at your library. The library will be closed Wednesday, June 19 in observance of Freedom Day. Stop by your local or any location and see what is happening this June.

The Adult section at main will continue "Coffee Talk" every Thursday at 1. Join us for a snack and fun conversation, bring a friend or meet some new ones while you are here. Our Friends of the Library meets at 6 on June 11. New members are always welcome. Their "Buy the Book" bookstore is open every Wednesday 3:30 to 6, and Saturdays 9 to noon. All books are sold for a free will donation, all proceeds support the

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library. Fill your house with books, it makes a house a home. Make sure to visit us at the Paulding County Fair in the second week of June. Check the fair schedule and our Facebook pages for details. Book Club "Black Swamp Bookworms" meets on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30. The book this month is "South of the Buttonwood Tree" by Heather Webber. New members are always welcome. Call the library for more details. Adult Cookbook Club will meet at 5:30 on Monday June 24. The theme is Grillin' and Chillin'. Bring something to grill or something chilled and the recipe for what you bring. We'll enjoy it together! Teen Cookbook Club will meet on Monday, June 24 at 4. All supplies will be provided, and you will make and eat some delicious treats. Every Tuesday this month, from 11-5, stop by for a fun craft project. Do it here and take it with you! This is geared toward teens and adults. All materials are provided. Bring some friends, it's a good time. Call ahead if you want to and we will have it ready for you. While supplies last. On Tuesday, June 25 at 1 we will continue the monthly series titled, "A Year of Frugal Living" with Carla Morris. Join us as Carla shares all kinds of practical information on making the most of your money and cutting down on waste, among other things. This month bring your questions and the expert will answer them. Bring your requests for things you would like more information about. There are new programs being planned all the time! Call us at 419-399-2032 for details as they are available, and like and follow our facebook page: PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

The Children's room at Main will be having a story time June 18 at 10 am with the Paulding County Farm Bureau. Stop in to make your

very own Adventure Box. There will be an Exotic Petting Zoo on June 27, 4-7 p.m., stop by and see the animals and join in on other activities. The children's room will have a Fossil Find June 17 to 22. You can see if you can find your own fossils hidden in the rocks. There will be something to do all summer long.

ANTWERP BRANCH:
The Antwerp Branch is planning a fun June! Catch them at the Antwerp Days Parade at 10 on Saturday, June 1 and you might win a Dingle-hopper! We will be dressed for fun-can you guess what we will be? We will kick off Summer Reading Program with Director Corey Walker; please come enjoy Campfire Stories and a Cookout and bring YOUR Summer Adventure here on Wednesday June 5th from 11-1. Storytimes during Summer Reading will be at the Antwerp Park unless it is raining. June 10th is our Book Club meeting at 6, "Leaving Time" by Jodi Picoult is the June section. We will have a special Father's Day story time on June 12th and craft on June 14th. Cookbook Club meets June 17th at 5:45 and the 3 selected cookbooks are out for your perusal. Come select your recipe today! We hope to see you soon for Summer Adventures at ABL.

GROVER HILL BRANCH:
The Grover Hill Branch will start June 1st at Welcome Park, the Friends of the Grover Hill Library along with many local organizations will come together to fundraise for Grover Hill Police Officer Charles Howe. The "Helping Howe" benefit will have activities all day from 11 am to 6 pm. Also on the First, at the Grover Hill Branch library, patrons can sign up to win the monthly drawing. June's prize of survival kit and books will be given out by 1 pm at the end of the month June 30th. Monday, June 3, the Summer

Reading Program officially kicks off. Participants will receive a goodie bag, read books, keep a reading log and win prizes. Plus, there is plenty of fun activities all week, such as: Action Movie Monday, Tril mis Tuesday, What's new/Western Wednesday, Thirsty Thursday, Free FriYay and Scavenger Saturdays. Monday morning Munchkin club story time dates are June 10th featuring "Where the Wild Things Are" and June 24th starring "Wild Kratts" at 10:30 am. These wilderness themed times include a read aloud story, activity and treat designed for kids 6 & under. The second Thursday of the month June 13th, Seniors aged 50+ will gather at 1 for Camp Out, Grill Out, Cook out Bingo. This event is currently booked, but please call for cancellations, or future bookings. The last Wednesday of the month, June 26, the GHBL Book Club will meet at 4 pm to discuss the classic novel "Adventures of Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain. A modern adventure alternative book club option will be available for the summer reading program. The June extra selection is "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed. Multiple copies of these selections will be available for checkout all June, in various formats. "Adventure is not outside man; it is within" Let your adventure begin.

OAKWOOD BRANCH:

The Oakwood Branch will start the summer food program on June 3 at the library. From Monday to Friday between 11:30 am to 12:15 pm. The library will provide nutritious lunches for children. It's a great way to ensure that kids have a healthy meal during summer break. Please note that the library will be closed June 19 and there will be no summer food program on that day. Each week throughout the summer, the library will have a new adventure theme, making it the perfect place for exciting exploration. The adventure begins June 3 with a garden adventure. Participants can learn about gardening and even take home a salad garden kit, while supplies last on Wednesday, June 5. The week of June 10, the library will host a farm adventure. Visitors can pick up a scavenger hunt bag and explore the outdoors. Additionally, on June 13 there will be a special senior bingo event at 1, providing an opportunity for seniors to connect and enjoy some friendly competition. From June 10 to June 14 the library will also participate in the Paulding County Fair. In the extension hall, there will be games and activities for all ages. It's a fantastic chance to experience the fair atmosphere and engage in library-related fun. On June 16, the library will dive into a camping



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adventure. After the summer food program, participants can join in on camping bingo, adding a twist of excitement to the day. The week of June 23 will be dedicated to a historical adventure. Families can pick up historical marker maps for a family scavenger hunt, exploring the rich history of the area. On June 25 and 27, there will be story time sessions featuring Ohio maps, adding an educational element to the summer adventure. The library's summer kick off promises to be an unforgettable experience. With a variety of activities, themes, and opportunities for learning and fun.

PAYNE BRANCH:

The Payne Branch will be signing up for the Summer Reading Program, bring your log in when you visit to claim a prize. Please call 419-263-3333 for more information. Every Tuesday we will be having Storytime in the Park at 11. There will be a story and a craft. If it's raining Storytime will be canceled for that day. Saturday, June 15th from 10-12 will be "Donuts with Dad", come in and make a card and help us celebrate Dad. Follow us on Facebook.

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DEFIANCE DREAM CENTER RECEIVES \$15,000 FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND



Pictured above are (l-r) Laurie McCann, Defiance Area Foundation Trustee and Grants Committee Member; Carvelle Tracy, Kaleb Soukop and Seth Ford, Workforce Development Graduates; and Dez Silva, Defiance Dream Center Workforce Development Program Director.

During the grant cycle ending in March, the Defiance Area Foundation Community Fund gifted \$15,000 to the Defiance Dream Center for

their workforce development initiative. These funds will be used for materials and supplies for the students enrolled in the program.

SECRETARY LAROSE ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING PASSAGE OF BAN ON FOREIGN FUNDING IN OHIO ELECTIONS

(Columbus) – Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose issued the following statement today regarding the General Assembly's passage of legislation to ban foreign funding in Ohio elections:

"As I've said, Ohioans deserve confidence in the integrity of our elections. Although there's been a concentrated effort to confuse this issue through aggressive soccer-flopping and misinformation, this matter is simple: foreign nationals should not be able to interfere with our elections. The legislation passed today takes an aggres-

sive step toward banning foreign nationals from funding Ohio elections and further cements Ohio's standing as a national leader on election integrity. I applaud the General Assembly for moving quickly to close this campaign finance loophole and I call on every state, as well as Congress, to pass similar measures."

MERCY HEALTH CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

May is Women's Health Awareness Month and a time for women to make their health a priority. Mercy Health suggests that starts with making sure they are scheduling wellness visits and preventative care screenings.

Women are caregivers by nature and so often the health wellbeing of family and friends supersedes their own. Dr. Anna McMaster, Mercy Health family physician, noted that only by caring for themselves as a whole can women stay healthy and strong to continue caring for others.

"Woman's Health Awareness month is a good time for all woman to think about cancer screening. There are several recent updates to cancer screening guidelines," Dr. McMaster said. "It is equally important to keep up to date on the colon cancer screening as colon cancer is the third leading cause of cancer death for both woman and men."

Dr. McMaster noted that on May 1, 2024, the US Preventative Task Force Services (USPTFS) updated guidelines to once again recommend breast cancer screening for all average risk women between the ages of 40-74 every other year. This is a change from the previous guideline of 50-74 years of age. While some higher risk women may benefit from additional or earlier screening, that is best recommended during a discussion between the individual woman and their personal health provider.

Additionally, a recent update was made in 2021 for colon cancer screening when the USPTFS dropped the age for colon cancer screening from 50 down to the age of 45. "I would encourage women to talk with their providers about these important screenings," Dr. McMaster said.

Preventative care can be lifesaving. Cancer, high blood pressure, diabetes, and other

illnesses can present themselves differently in the early stages. Annual screenings help medical teams catch disease early when there is a better chance of successful treatment.

"Even if you are feeling well now, your doctor will screen for a variety of health conditions that you may not be experiencing any symptoms for yet," Dr. McMaster said.

Tips for women to maintain their health include:

- Schedule a well-visit with your doctor
- Establish a relationship with a primary care doctor and an OB-Gyn before you need one
- Schedule appropriate annual screenings, including mammograms if age appropriate
- Focus on mental health
- Establish a routine of healthy eating and exercise

Dr. McMaster located at Mercy Health — Henry County Family Medicine, 1600 East Riverview Avenue, Suite 101, Napoleon, OH 43545. For more information, visit mercy.com.

PIRATES ARE HEADED TO DEFIANCE COUNTY

TAG Art Company will visit the Defiance County libraries this summer to present a pair of free, pirate-themed programs as part of Defiance Public Library System's 2024 'Adventure Begins at Your Library' Summer Reading Challenge.

First, ages 0-12 can attend Pirating 101 on June 17 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Johnson Memorial Library, 116 W. High St., Hicksville; 1 p.m. at Sherwood Branch Library, 117 N. Harrison St.; and 6 p.m. in the Summer Reading Tent on the Fort Grounds, 320 Fort St., Defiance.

Guests will learn what it means to be a buccaneer and can decide if a career on the high seas is right for them.

Then, teens and adults can sail over to the Summer Reading Tent on June 20 at 6 p.m. for Pirate Confessions, where attendees will sip mocktails

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