



FOUR FLAGS OF FREEDOM CEREMONY HELD ON FLAG DAY



Flag from a similar project in Illinois.

First of 4 Mega Flags to be Raised to Pay Tribute to Veterans. Defiance County Economic Development hosted a special ceremony to commemorate the first flag being raised of their Four Flags of

Freedom Campaign. Nearly two years ago, Defiance County Economic Development's Board decided to raise funds to establish the placement of Four Mega American (Continued on Page 2)

2024 ANTWERP DAY IN THE PARK PARADE

The Antwerp Day in the Park will be Saturday, August 10, 2024 at 10:00am downtown Antwerp, Ohio.

The Antwerp Rotary Club would like to invite you to participate in this year's Day in the Park Parade. The theme this year is "Summer Splash" Line up starts at 8:30am at the Antwerp School where you will receive your number and position in the parade. The parade travels through town and will end at Riverside Park. You may stop in front of the judges stand to perform and

have your pictures taken if you wish.

Promote your business, group, team, bank, club, church or organization to the town and have fun doing it. There is no entry fee and we would love for you to be a part of our celebration.

Questions, you may call Jennifer Ramsier at 419-506-0316 or email at antwerp.activities@alshio.com, you may also call Kristine Stuart at 419-786-0451 or email at stuart_k@antwerpschools.org.

Please join us after the parade for a day of Food, Fun, Games and Entertainment from 11:00-3:00 at Antwerp's Riverside Memorial Park.

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2024 PAULDING COUNTY FAIR ROYALTY



2024 Paulding County Junior Fair Royal Court: Owen Workman, Johnny Lipps, Jr. Fair King Zach Wobler, Jr. Fair Queen Hannah Molitor, Jamy Hunt, and Ally Jo Merriman.

On Monday evening following the Paulding County 4-H Fair Parade, the 4-H Jr Fair King & Queen Coronation took place. Paulding County Commissioner Mark Holsberry was the MC for the event and he in-

roduced the 2024 Fair Royal Court to those in attendance.

Earlier in the afternoon the Jr. King and Jr. Queen and Prince and Princess of the the Paulding County Fair was selected and they

were also announced at the beginning of the Jr. Fair King and Queen selection. 2024 Jr. King is Bailen Miller, son of Allen and Kylie Miller. 2024 Jr. Queen is Addison Wiesehan, daughter of Mike (Continued on Page 6)



PAULDING COUNTY 4-H FAIR SHOW RESULTS

SUNDAY JUNE 9, 2024:

Dog Show:
Showmanship Junior A - 1st Place Addison Clemens
Showmanship Junior B - 1st place Drew McClure, 2nd Place Brianna McClure, 3rd place Gracelyn Miller

Showmanship Intermediate A - 1st Place Kendyl Akers

Showmanship Intermediate B - 1st Place Elizabeth Graham, 2nd Place Chloe Trausch, 3rd Place Faith Jacobs

Showmanship Senior A - 1st Place Benjamin Gurney, 2nd Place Olivia Meraz

Showmanship Senior B - 1st Place - Aniyah Sajuan
High Point Showmanship - Elizabeth Graham

Obedience Beginner Novice A - 1st Place Benjamin Gurney, 2nd Place Addison Clemens, 3rd Place Kendyl Akers

Obedience Beginner Novice B - 1st Place Brianna McClure

Obedience Pre-Novice - (Continued on Page 6)

NEWS BREAK FROM PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

STAFF Update:
The Paulding County Board of Elections met on Weds, April 3rd. The Board is pleased to announce it unanimously voted to approve Rosann Laker and Julie Phe-lan to the positions of Director and Deputy Director of the Paulding County Board of Elections respectively. The Board members, in the same meeting voted for David H. Cline to become the new

Chairman of the Board as the Director and Board Chairman must be of the opposite political party.

ELECTION Notice:
All people who are not registered, moved or had a name change and wishes to vote in the upcoming General Election on Tues. Nov. 5th must register by Mon. Oct. 7th at the Board of Elections, 105 E Perry St, Paulding. Persons not certain of their registration validity may call the office at 419-399-8230, or stop (Continued on Page 3)

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-12p
- June 18**
- Paulding Downtown Historic District meeting @ Branch Fellowship, 5:30pm
- June 21**
- Paulding Chamber Golf Outing @ Auglaize GC, 9am
- June 22**
- Festival @ Cecil Community Church, 1-5pm
 - Game Con @ NSCC, 11a-8p
- June 23**
- Miracle Night @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm
- June 24-28**
- VBS "Life of Moses" @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6-8:30pm
- June 26**
- PC Sen. Ctr. On the Road @ Antwerp Manor, 9:30a-12p
- June 29**
- Ice Cream Social @ Cecil Comm. Church, 4-7pm
- June 30**
- Bluegrass Praise Concert @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm
 - Art in the Park @ Fort Grounds, Defiance 10a-4p
- July 8**
- PC Retired Teachers Assoc. Meeting @ Paulding Pancake House, 9:30am
- July 10**
- PCHF Golf Outing @ Auglaize GC, 10am

EMMY 102.7 PAULDING COUNTY'S OWN
Add your event to the calendar info@westbendnews.net

OBITUARIES

PAULDING, OH:

Margaret Ann English, 74, of Paulding, passed away Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at Parkview Regional Medical Center. ARR BY DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 202 W. RIVER STREET, ANTWERP, OHIO.

THE GIFT OF SALVATION

By: Doris Applegate

Come every soul, by sin oppressed, There is mercy with the Lord and he will surely give you rest by trusting in His word.

Only trust Him now. If you're burdened down with sin and guilt and see your need of a Savior, the Lord is calling for you to come to Him and be forgiven and cleansed from all unrighteousness. It is for whosoever will may come, since God the Father does not want anyone to perish, but for all to be saved.

Once you accept this great salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ will give you His righteousness and you will be pure and holy in His sight.

There is no greater joy than to know the Lord Jesus and to walk closely and in fellowship with Him and God the Father.

It won't be long before you will want to sing the following song: "Oh, I want to see Him and look upon His face and to sing forever of His saving grace on the streets of glory I will lift my voice cares all past, home at last ever to rejoice.

Amen

JOEL FROST DAR CHAPTER MEETS

Submitted by: DAR Member Caroline Wells Longardner

May 9, 2024 meeting of the Daughters of American Revolution, Joel Frost Chapter of Hicksville, Ohio.

Meeting was called to order at the community room of Hicksville Hospital at 700 p.m. by Chapter Regent Ronda Garbin. Patriotic exercises were led by those officers in charge.

Reminders were given to the members of the National Day of Prayer on May 7 and June 14. June 26-30, 2024 is the D.A.R. National Conference in Washington D.C.

For a devotional message, a reading from the book "Encouraging Words and A Mothers' Day prayer from Proverbs was presented by Chaplin Paula Meek.

Members were reminded of the annual 127 garage sale which is August 1, 2 and 3 this year. Fairview High School is where Joel Frost Chapter will set up a booth.

Members are asked to

PAULDING
Historic District

CoRP TO HOST PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION

There will be a Public Meeting held by Community Revitalizing Paulding to

please mark their calendars that there will not be another regular meeting until September 2024. Location will be released later.

Honor Flights were discussed for our military people. A contribution from Joel Frost Chapter was sent by the Treasurer Sarah Radabaugh. She received a thank you in return that she shared at the meeting.

Teacher's appreciation week is this week. Let's let that be known.

Conservation thought for the day: "Rain Gardens: A depression that can slow the runoff of fertilizers and where you can plant plants." Such gardens help reduce algae blooms.

DAR program was presented by Lana Johns, Chapter Registrar, on "History and Romance of Quilts". She displayed many pretty quilt blocks in her collection. The blocks that she shared were crazy quilt block examples produced and autographed by former residents of Farmer, Ohio.

Meeting was closed with refreshments.

Note: If you would like to take a "day trip" to Fort Wayne Library for genealogy research, please let this be known to the Chapter Regent rondagarbin@gmail.com Our lineage research should never get stagnant and we always want to encourage and help new prospective members with their lineage questions.

FAMILY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN APPRECIATES VARIETY & CHALLENGE IN SERVING PRIMARY CARE PATIENTS

Ryan Bleck, DO, has joined Parkview Physicians Group (PPG) - Family Medicine and is now seeing patients at the Bryan office, 442 W. High St., second floor.

"Dr. Bleck's rich experience makes him a wonderful resource for our patients," said Sally Taylor, vice president of operations, PPG, Ohio. "We are pleased to welcome him to PPG in Bryan, particularly since he already understands both the advantages and the

discuss the benefits and opportunities that come with Downtown Paulding being recognized as a Historic District. The meeting is on Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Branch Christian Fellowship



Ryan Bleck, DO

challenges of life in a rural area."

Dr. Bleck received his medical degree from the A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Mesa, Arizona, and completed his family medicine/osteopathic manipulative therapy residency with the Fort Wayne Medical Education Program. He earned his bachelor's degree in speech communication from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff after receiving an associate degree from Glendale Community College in Glendale, Arizona.

Dr. Bleck is board certified by the American Board of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

He is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, the American Academy of Osteopathy, and the Ohio Osteopathic Association.

Bleck is a United States Navy veteran with 12 years of service. His initial assignment, as an active-duty corpsman (an enlisted medic) serving at a naval hospital as well as with the Marines, spurred his interest in pursuing a career in medicine. He would spend two years on Okinawa, Japan, providing healthcare to a rural population and serving with a naval base team that provided training in jungle combat, survival and emergency care. Later, in the reserves, he served first as a corpsman and then as a physician with the Marines in Krtsanisi, Georgia, in Eastern Europe.

Now a civilian, in recent years, Bleck cared for patients at a walk-in clinic in Warsaw, Indiana; in Brook Park, Ohio; and at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville.

"Working with the Navy as a corpsman and a physician has given me opportunity to treat people with a variety of illnesses and emergencies ranging from the routine to the not-so-common," he said. "There is also a very strong preventive medicine focus in the Navy - this mindset has translated well to working with primary care patients."

Bleck noted that his time caring for rural patients in Japan further focused his medical aspirations on rural medicine.

"I wanted to treat as wide a variety of people and conditions as I could," he added. "I especially enjoy working with

kids, pregnant patients, addiction and hospice patients."

Outside of work, Bleck - who is married with a teenage son and a pre-teen daughter - enjoys family time, reading and riding motorcycles. Having learned some Georgian when he was deployed in that country, he continues to study that language. His interest in other cultures and languages has also led him to learn Esperanto, a unique international language.

"I started Esperanto because I was interested in the idea of a common, universal language that people would use secondary to their home language," he said. "I have had the chance to use it with people from all over the world - many of whom do not know English. Usually the conversation is online, but I have met people traveling through the U.S. on vacation from abroad who have used it to communicate here."

Dr. Bleck is welcoming patients of all ages - from newborns to older adults. He also delivers babies at Parkview Bryan Hospital.

Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon Thursday, and 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday. To schedule an appointment, call 419-636-4517.

Lab and imaging services are also available at the PPG - Family Medicine office. Lab hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. Imaging is open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

HERITAGE LIONS CLUB DONATES TO PROJECT LINUS FORT WAYNE

Project ♥ Linus



"Providing Security Through Blankets"

The Heritage Lions Club recently donated some of the profits from their ice cream sales to Project Linus Fort Wayne. Led by Deb Heath, the local Project Linus chapter is celebrating 20 years of providing blankets of comfort to children in Northeast Indiana. They have distributed 58,187 blankets since April 2004, and are looking for new volunteers to make quilts, single layer fleece, crocheted, and knitted blankets. New volunteers are encouraged to join the friendly Project Linus regulars on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to inspect, label and bag blankets for distribution. They meet at Lifeway Wesleyan Church, 7722 Moeller Road, door #2. Please contact Deb Heath 260-438-6575 if you have any questions.

(Flags ... continued from Page 1)

Flags (30 x 60) to be placed along US 24 in Defiance County.

The "Four Flags of Freedom" special ceremony took place on June 14th at 4:00 p.m. at the Keller Warehouse located at 25135 Commerce Drive. The dedication ceremony featured reflections from guest speakers who helped make this project a reality, along with veteran testimonies of how serving this great nation impacted their

Scripture of the Week

"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

— Philippians 3:20

CONFESSION FOR MEN



In Jesus' name I am the righteousness of GOD created in his image, likeness and given dominion over the earth. I am the head and not the tail, above, never beneath and GOD always causes me to triumph in every situation and circumstance. In Jesus' name, my steps are ordered in GOD'S word, and I walk by Faith and not by sight.

I walk not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor do I stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of the scornful, but my delight is in the law of the LORD, and in his law I meditate day and night as a result I am like a tree planted by rivers, and whatsoever I doeth prospers. I decree that I am strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, and I have on the whole armor of God, and I stand against every scheme and trick of the devil. I am a man of prayer and intercession. For I have the mind of JESUS CHRIST, and the voice of a stranger I do not adhere to, for my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. I have been filled with the knowledge of the will of GOD in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, I walk worthy of the LORD and everything I do pleases him.

My family is blessed in the city, and in the field for every place the sole of my feet treads GOD has given me the land.

lives and their families.

So, Why Four Flags?

- One American Flag to represent those currently serving

- One American Flag for those who made it home safely

- One American Flag for those who were injured in war

- And the last flag represents those who didn't make it home.

Assistant Executive Direc-

Wealth and riches abide in my house for I have the wisdom of GOD. I give, and it shall be given back unto me pressed down shaken together running over shall men give unto my bosom. No weapon that is formed against me shall prosper, and every tongue that rises against me shall be condemned for this is my heritage from the LORD, for GOD goes before me and makes every crooked place straight. I decree that I belong to GOD and I walk in his peace, protection, prosperity and purpose. My family is whole. I am a Godly leader in my house. My children are obedient to the calling of God in their lives, and my wife and I are on one accord with the Spirit of God. My house flourishes and we reverence God in all things that we do. My eye is single, therefore, my body is filled with Light. I operate in integrity, holiness, humility, excellence and love.

We are Blessed about all the nations of the earth and we operate in the spirit of unity. We forbid, block, deny, paralyze and bind the spirits of fornication, adultery, idolatry, witchcraft, fear, uncleanness, profanity, disobedience, death, debt, lack, pride, perversion, pornography and slothfulness and we loose the Mind of Christ, being led by the Spirit of God, Spirit of Love, Power and a Sound Mind, Gifts of Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom, knowledge, counsel, might, understanding, reverential fear, Vision, diligence, Unity and Power over all that concerns me. We call this done. In Jesus' name! Amen.

Peace and Love,

—Pastor Dwayne

Scripture reference: Genesis 1:26; Eph 6:10; Is 54:17; Deut 28:13; 1 Cor 2:16; Is 45:2; 2 Cor 2:14; Ps 1 12:3; Ps 37:23; Deut 28:3; 2 Cor 5:7; Luke 6:38; Ps 1

tor Paige Wesche stated, "It has been a long-awaited occasion that will be truly magical once the flags take flight. I am thankful that we are finally able to make it happen." Following the ceremony, the community was invited to continue the celebration at the Defiance Elks Lodge, 1760 Jefferson Ave., where refreshments were served, and additional Flag Day activities took place.

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WHO WILL HELP MAKE THE BREAD?

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

One of my favorite childhood stories is that of The Little Red Hen. This is not only a good story, but has some valuable lessons in it. The story goes

“Once upon a time there was a little red hen who lived with her friends, the cow, the horse, and the cat. In the springtime the flowers were blossoming, the leaves were appearing on the trees once more, and the farmers were busy planting their fields. The little red hen was delighted to find some seeds of wheat and she hurried home to show them to her friends.

The little red hen said, “Who will help me plant the wheat?”

“Moo. Not I,” said the cow. “Neigh. Not I,” said the horse.

“Meow. Not I,” said the kitty cat.

So the little red hen said, “Then I will plant the seeds of wheat all by myself.” And so she planted the seeds of wheat.

In the summertime, the sun glowed bright and hot, the fields and gardens were growing and growing, and everywhere was green. The wheat grew tall and golden in the sun, and the little red hen asked her friends, “Who will help me cut the wheat?”

“Moo. Not I,” said the cow. “Neigh. Not I,” said the horse.

“Meow. Not I,” said the kitty cat.

So the little red hen said, “Then I will cut the wheat all by myself.” And so she cut the stalks of wheat.

In the autumn, the days grew cooler, the leaves turned beautiful shades of red and orange, gold and brown, and the farmers were busy bringing in the harvest. The little red hen asked her friends, “Who will help me take the wheat to the mill?”

“Moo. Not I,” said the cow. “Neigh. Not I,” said the horse.

“Meow. Not I,” said the kitty cat.

So the little red hen said, “Then I will take the wheat to the mill all by myself.” And so she took the wheat to the mill. The miller ground the wheat into flour, and then the little red hen brought the big bags of flour back home.

In the winter the snow fell and the days were short and very cold. The little red hen asked her friends, “Who will help me bake the bread?”

“Moo. Not I,” said the cow. “Neigh. Not I,” said the horse.

“Meow. Not I,” said the kitty cat.

So the little red hen said, “Then I will bake the bread all by myself.” And so she took the flour, mixed it and kneaded it and put it in the oven. And while the bread was baking, it smelled wonderful! The cow and the horse and the cat came running when they smelled that fresh bread.

The little red hen took the bread out of the oven and asked her friends, “Who will help me eat the bread?”

“Moo. I will!” said the cow. “Neigh. I will!” said the

horse.

“Meow. I will!” said the kitty cat.

But the little red hen said, “Oh, no, no, no! I planted the seeds of wheat, I cut the wheat, I took the wheat to the mill and brought home the flour, and I baked the bread, all by myself. Now I will eat the bread - all by myself!” And so she did, and it was delicious!”

The following recipe some say is how the little red hen made her bread ...

Little Red Hen Honey



Wheat Bread

- 2 tbsp. white sugar
- 3/4 cup warm water
- 1 tbsp. active dry yeast
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tbsp. honey
- 1/4 cup water (may not be needed)
- 1 egg, beaten

1. In a small bowl, dissolve the sugar into the warm water. Make sure the water is tepid-warm, not hot, not cool. Stir in the yeast and let it sit until it appears creamy and bubbly, about ten minutes. (This is called "blooming the yeast," by the way, and what it does is wake up the freeze-dried yeast so it starts to make bubbles. Skip this step and you have flatbread, which is all well and good, but not really what we're after here.)

2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the yeast mixture with the milk, vegetable oil, whole wheat flour, 1 cup of the all-purpose flour, the salt, and the honey. Mix well.

3. Add in the remaining flour, half a cup at a time. If the mixture is crumbly and will not hold together, add the water a little at a time until it forms a ball. You don't want sticky, but you don't want it to crumble, either.

4. Either use an electric mixer's dough hook for about 5 minutes OR turn the dough out on to a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic-y, about ten minutes.

5. Oil or no-stick-spray a large bowl and place the dough in, turning it over so it gets oil on all sides. Put the bowl in a warm place and cover it with a slightly-damp cloth for about an hour or until the dough has doubled in volume. (Note: the oil and the damp cloth keep the dough from drying out on the outside. The world won't end if you skip this, but it tastes better if you don't.)

6. Grease a loaf pan. Place the dough on a lightly-floured surface and punch it down. Form it into a loaf and set it in the pan, covering again with a damp cloth to let it rise for another 40 minutes. Preheat the oven to 400 so it's ready when your dough is done rising.

7. Brush the loaf with the egg (this will help it to brown - butter would also work). Bake it for 30 minutes, covering with tinfoil mid-way through if the top is getting too brown.

8. Let the loaf rest for a few minutes before cutting into it, as it may otherwise not set

right.

This bread is pretty tasty as-is, but if you want to sprinkle, say, some sesame seeds on top before baking, that would be a nice addition as well. You can also use this dough to make rolls, which would be nice,

Did you know:

The Scripture, tells us in 2 Thessalonians chapter 3:10 “when we were with you, we

gave you this rule: if a man will not work, he shall not eat.' And then scripture goes on to say 'we hear that some among you are idle' ...

Are you like The little Red Hen? What do you think of the cat, dog and bull? Do you like to make homemade bread? Let me know and I will give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

ANTWERP CHAMBER RAISES FUNDS FOR ROCK THE RIVER



The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce raised \$1,000 at their purse sale last weekend during the town wide garage sales. Presenting the check to Dan Bowers is Christy DeLong, Chamber president. Join

Dan and his crew for Rock the River on June 29th. at Riverside Park in Antwerp. This fun event takes a lot of manpower and money. We are happy to join with Dan in helping him bring this to the community.

AUTHOR MINDY MCGINNIS COMING TO DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Edgar-award winning novelist Mindy McGinnis will visit Defiance Public Library on July 18 at 5 p.m. to discuss and sign her new book, “Under This Red Rock.”

Publisher's Weekly writes of the book, “Via a horrifying

psychological thriller, McGinnis uses the lens of a whip-smart teen from a family with a history of mental illness to sensitively explore relevant themes.”

McGinnis—a ninth-generation farmer and former school librarian hailing from Ohio—writes across multiple genres, including post-apocalyptic, historical thriller, contemporary, mystery, and fantasy.

Much of her writing reflects small-town living and aspects of rural poverty. She is the author of several young adult novels, including A Long Stretch of Bad Days, The Last Laugh, The Initial Insult, Heroine, The Female of the Species, and A Madness So Discreet.

This event is free and open to anyone age 13 and up. McGinnis' visit is sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library. For more information about the

author and her work, visit mindymcginnis.com.

OHIO HOUSE PASSES LEGISLATION EXEMPTING MILKWEED SEED DISTRIBUTION

The Ohio House of Representatives today passed House Bill 364, legislation that exempts certain non-commercial seed-sharing activities from laws governing seed labeling, inspection, and advertising. The legislation is sponsored by State Reps. Dave Dobos (R-Columbus) and Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland).

Specifically, House Bill 364 exempts any non-commercial seed sharing to conserve plants that are necessary for the sustainment and growth of threatened or endangered species. It also exempts non-commercial seed sharing to conserve or create native plants.

“The idea for this bill was brought to us by one of my constituents, David Donofrio, who serves as the Vice President of the Ohio Prairie Association,” said Dobos. “Some of the organization's members wanted to share seeds of milkweed plants to help our dwindling monarch butterfly population, but current law prohibits it.”

In the past 20 years, the Monarch butterfly population has plummeted by nearly 90%. Monarch butterflies are famous for their migration starting in Mexico and coming to Ohio, where they lay their eggs only on milkweed, which then serves as their only source of food before they travel back.

“House Bill 364 will fix an unintended consequences caused by restrictions on seed sharing,” said Klopfenstein. “By allowing certain seed sharing, we will help boost conservation efforts around the state.”

The deadline for the West Bend News is THURSDAYS at 5pm for the following issue.

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PC SENIOR CENTER ON THE ROAD!



Paulding County Senior Center will be on the Road on June 26th, 2024!

Paulding residents 60+ are cordially invited to join the Senior Center on Wednesday, June 26th 2024 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Antwerp Manor, 204 Archer Drive, Antwerp, Ohio.

Schedule:

Doors open for guests at 9:30 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. there

will be drumming, at 10:30 a.m. Bingo will start sponsored by Antwerp Manor. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The morning will be rounded out with a Wits workout at 12:00 Noon.

Menu:

Roasted chicken, redskin potatoes, creamed peas, oranges & pineapple, dinner roll, fruit & grain bar

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5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29, 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

October 30 – November 1, 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. (W-F)

Saturday, November 2, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 3, 1:00–5:00 p.m.; Early Voting Ends, Closes at 5:00 p.m.

No Voting ANYWHERE on Monday November 4th

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Benton / Harrison Twps. / Payne Village @ Payne American Legion Hall, 229 N Main, Payne

Brown Twp. Oakwood / Melrose Villages @ Oakwood Fire & EMS Station, 201 N Sixth, Oakwood

Carryall/Crane Twps. Antwerp/Cecil Villages @ First Baptist Church, 5482 Rd 424, Antwerp

Jackson Twp / Broughton Village @ Jackson Township House, 9992 Rd 131, Paulding Blue Creek / Latty / Washington Twps. / Grover Hill Village @ Wayne Trace HS, 4915 US 127, Haviland Emerald / Paulding Twps. / Latty Village / Paulding V1, V2, V3 @ Extension Bldg, 503 Fairground Dr. Paulding

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RECIPIENTS OF THE COOPER EDUCATION GRANT AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Pictured in the back are Mrs. Erin Schroeder, Cooper Education Grant recipient, and Dianne Cooper. Front row left to right Tatum Ducheny, Jade Fraley, Barrett Rau, Coltyn Blake, Evan Thomas and Clara Porter. The students are holding a variety of books that were purchased with grant funds. The Cooper Education Grant allows OES students to not only have a wide variety of literature but also the most recent books. OES is creating a love for reading.



Pictured are Kindergarten Teacher Mrs. Kylee Miller, recipient of the Cooper Education Grant, Dianne Cooper, and Mrs. Millers Kindergarten class. The students are sitting on the Nugget, which was purchased with grant funds. The Nugget provides flexible seating to make the classroom an inviting learning environment for all students. This helps Oakwood Elementary instill a lifelong love of learning.



Pictured from left to right Kindergarten student Ivan Stewart, Kindergarten Teacher Kylee Miller, Kindergarten student Sadie Manz, Cooper Family Foundation Representative Dianne Cooper, Kindergarten students Oliver Havert and Jimmie Pumphrey. Kindergarten students let their creative sides shine and it brings so much joy! The drying rack gives them independence at keeping their work in good condition and allows for more paint projects in the classroom.

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FINANCIAL REQUEST

The Defiance County Board of Commissioners has attended numerous meetings concerning the financial condition of the Community Memorial Hospital located in Hicksville, Ohio. During those meetings, they have re-

ceived requests from Hospital Officials, Township Trustees, and other people to financially help the hospital out of a financial crisis.

The Board members have spoken with local, state, and federal representatives to plead for the hospital's case for financial assistance. They also held public meetings with the hospital officials to discuss the

hospital's situation.

The Board realizes the economic fallout and the human aspect of not having healthcare close by if the hospital were to close. After consulting with officials, the Board cannot financially help the hospital. Any financial backing, or direct payment would have to be used to pay down financial liabilities the hospital cur-

rently owes to the State of Ohio. In reference to the ARPA funding the County received, it is clearly stated funds may not be used for debt service or replenishing financial reserves. Therefore, the County could not use any ARPA funding to help the hospital since it would be used directly to pay the financial liabilities the hospital has incurred.

The Board recognizes and understands the importance of having a critical access hospital on the west end of the county and will continue to advocate on their behalf to the State and Federal officials for financial assistance.

BRAVE ALLIANCE JOINING ALLIANCE HEALTH CENTERS TO FORM NEW FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER LOOKALIKE IN FORT WAYNE

BRAVE Alliance, a local nonprofit program of the Allen County Drug and Alcohol Consortium, is teaming up with Alliance Health Centers to form a new Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Lookalike in Fort Wayne. The new entity, Alliance Health Centers - The Brave Alliance Health Center, will share a location with Northeast Indiana Positive Resource Connection, 525 Oxford Street.

The Brave Alliance Health Center will continue to provide the care patients and clients have come to rely on at BRAVE Alliance and Northeast Indiana Positive Resource Connection, as well as full-service primary care, family medicine, mental health services and more.

"Together as The Brave Alliance Health Center, we can strengthen the care we provide our entire community," said Dr. Eric Shoemaker, medical director of Alliance Health Centers. "This clinic is open to all, and we look forward to continuing to break down barriers to quality healthcare as the Alliance footprint grows in Fort Wayne."

The Allen County Drug and Alcohol Consortium's BRAVE Alliance, currently located at 534 W. Berry St., offers mental health counseling, gender affirming care, group activities and other resources for the LGBTQIA+ community.

"This partnership strengthens progress in addressing health and mental health inequities in Fort Wayne," said Kris Wise, licensed clinical social worker at BRAVE Alliance. "Addressing the gaps and reducing barriers to access for the LGBTQ+ community, and other vulnerable people, changes the landscape immediately."

The FQHC Lookalike expands on the existing partnership between Alliance Health Centers and Northeast Indiana Positive Resource Connection. The two organizations, along with the Allen County Health Department, provide non-medical case management for HIV and Hepatitis C, PrEP navigation and medical case management, and STI testing and prevention. Northeast Indiana Positive Resource Connection also provides treatment support, housing aid, food pantry benefits and more for HIV+ and Hepatitis C+ clients. The organization was established in 1985 and is the only agency

OHIO TREASURER ROBERT SPRAGUE VISITS PAULDING COUNTY



The chief investment officer for the state's monetary funds, Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague stressed in at the Paulding County Fair and spoke at the Republican Cen-

tral Committee meeting on Thursday evening, June 13th.

He spoke to the group on the importance of this upcoming election and integrity.

of its kind in northeast Indiana.

The new clinic will be Alliance Health Centers' fourth location in Fort Wayne. Alliance also operates a clinic inside Lafayette Medical Center, 2700 S. Lafayette St., inside The Rescue Mission at 404 E. Washington Blvd, and at Bridge of Grace, 909 Elmrow Drive.

Alliance Health Centers offers a sliding-fee-scale discount for services (available to those who qualify) and will not turn away anyone for inability to pay. A certified Indiana navigator is on site to assist all area residents, not just patients, with applications for Indiana Health Coverage Programs such as Medicaid. Ad-

ditionally, the clinic refers patients to community resources for needs such as housing and utility assistance.

The Brave Alliance Health Center is expected to open in late June.

RAIDERS OUTSCORE LANCERS FOR WIN

Jack Schoenauer posted three hits and scored twice to lead the Wayne Trace ACME baseball team to a 14-11 win over visiting Lincolnview Monday night.

Schoenauer finished with two singles and a double at the plate while driving in one run for the Raiders while Carter Clemens recorded a single and a dou-

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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.

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

PAULDING VFW DONATE TO PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



Members of John Paulding VFW Post 587 recently made a \$5,000 donation to the Paulding County Sheriff's K9 fund to help cover the purchase of a new police dog. Pictured above are (l-r) VFW Post Commander John Daeger, Paulding County Sheriff Jason Landers, and VFW Post Life Member Keith West.

ble with two runs scored and an RBI.

The Lancers plated one and the Raiders scored twice in the first inning before Lincolnview tied the game in the top of the second at 2-2. After Wayne Trace scored four times in the home half of the second, the Van Wert County squad plated two runs in the third and three more in the fourth in taking a 7-6 advantage.

Wayne Trace tied the game in the fifth but the Lancers answered with a single run in the sixth for an 8-7 lead. The red, white and blue, though, scored seven times in the bottom of the sixth for a 14-8 lead before Lincolnview closed the scoring with a three-run seventh.

Brody Rosswurm, Blake Osborn and Lance Maenle all added doubles for Wayne Trace with Tyson Gerber, Tanner Laukhuf, Caden Sinn, Conner Davis, Dylan Coffman and Micah Sinn picked up a single apiece.

Rosswurm, Clemens, Davis and Micah Sinn all scored twice for the Raiders with Laukhuf, Maenle, Coffman and Osborn touching home plate once each. Maenle and Laukhuf totaled three and two runs batted in, respectively, while Schoenauer, Clemens, Caden Sinn, Osborn and Micah Sinn picked up one run batted in apiece.

Chayse Overholt topped Lincolnview with a single and a double while Seth

Brant, Myles Moody and Max Hammons all had two hits. Caleb Buehrer added a double for the Lancers with Conlan Hatfield and Holden Price recording a single apiece.

Price scored three runs to top the Lancers with Overholt, Hammons and Garrett Mosier touching home plate twice apiece. Hatfield and Moody also scored single runs for Lincolnview.

Hammons and Price both drove in two runs for the Lancers with Grant Zielke, Brant, Buehrer and Case Young recording one apiece.

ANTWERP PICKS UP WIN OVER EAGLES

A five-run second along with a pair of two run innings in the sixth and seven lifted the Antwerp Archer ACME team to a 9-7 win over North Central last week.

Aiden Lichty tossed six innings to record the win for the Archers with Teeghun Marlin and C.J. Eaton also seeing action on the mound for the blue and white.

The trio combined to record 16 strikeouts while allowing just two hits to the Eagles.

Lucas Sproles, Luke Parrett, Hampton Rogge, Brayden Fuller, Jaxon Jones and Derek Hines all had one hit for Antwerp with Riley Smith picking up two hits. Rogge also scored twice for the blue and white with Parrett and Smith both recording three runs batted in.

Jones, Fuller, Parrett, Tavin Sholl, Sproles, Kane Hines and Lichty scored once each for Antwerp with Derek Hines and Sproles driving in one run apiece.

OHIO HOUSE PASSES BILL TO DESIGNATE STAFF SGT. ZACHARY WOBLER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

The Ohio House of Representatives today passed House Bill 380, legislation that will name twenty-nine roads and bridges throughout Ohio, announced State Rep. Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland).

Included in the bill is House Bill 431, sponsored by Klopfenstein, which will designate a portion of U.S. Route 127 in Paulding County, near his childhood home, as the Staff Sargent Zachary Wobler Memorial Highway. Wobler, of Ottawa, Ohio, was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom when he was killed in action on

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AVOID THESE ESTATE PLANNING MISTAKES

By the time you reach retirement age, you may have accumulated a 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts, along with insurance policies and physical properties. You'll use some of these assets to support your retirement, but the rest may end up in your estate — which is why an estate plan is so important.

So, to leave a legacy for your family and those philanthropic groups you support, you need a comprehensive estate plan — and you need to avoid making mistakes. Here are some of the most common ones:

- Procrastinating – Estate planning, and its implications about our mortality, may not be a pleasant topic to think about. Yet, putting off your estate plans can be risky. If you were to pass away or become incapacitated without doing any estate planning, the results could be costly for your loved ones. One possible consequence: If you haven't at least created a basic, simple will, the courts could decide how to divide and distribute your assets, and they may do so in a way you wouldn't want.
- Not updating wills and other documents – Drafting a will and other legal documents, such as a living trust, is an important step in your estate planning. But you shouldn't just create these arrangements and forget about them. Changes in your life and among your loved ones —

February 6, 2005, at the age of 24.

"Staff Sergeant Wobler was a natural leader who deeply cared for his fellow soldiers," said Klopfenstein. "Despite being told he needed knee surgery and could return home during his first deployment, he chose to stay and lead his team in Iraq. Designating a portion of the highway adjacent to where he grew up is a special way to honor his service and sacrifice."

Wobler is a Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient. He is laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

The legislation now heads to the Ohio Senate for consideration.

deaths, divorce, remarriage, new children and more — may result in the need for you to update your estate plans, so it's a good idea to review them periodically.

• Not updating beneficiaries – Similar to updating your will to reflect changes in your life and family situation, you may also need to update the beneficiaries listed on your financial accounts and insurance policies. These designations carry a lot of weight and can even supersede instructions in your will, so you'll need to make sure they are current and accurate.

• Not properly titling assets in a trust – Depending on your situation, you may benefit from establishing a living trust, which may allow your estate to avoid the time-consuming and expensive process of probate. A living trust also helps give you control over how, and when, you want your assets distributed. However, you need to retitle your assets in the name of the trust for the trust to be effective.

• Not choosing the right executor – An executor carries out your wishes based on the instructions you've given in your will or trust documents. But fulfilling an executor's duties is not as simple as, say, following a recipe for a basic meal. Consequently, while you might just want to pick a close family member as executor, you need to be sure this person is competent, good with details and won't be overwhelmed by the financial

and legal issues involved in settling an estate. If your initial choice doesn't have these skills, you may need to find a responsible person outside the family.

Finally, here's one more mistake: going it alone. Estate planning is not a do-it-yourself activity. To help ensure your estate plan addresses all the issues involved, you'll need to work with a legal advisor, and possibly your tax and financial professionals, too.

Devoting the necessary time and effort can help you avoid many of the mistakes that threaten the effectiveness of estate plans — and the fewer mistakes you make, the better off your beneficiaries can be.

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- 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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(PC Fair Show ... continued from Page 1)

1st Place Faith Jacobs, 2nd Place Chloe Trausch, 3rd Place Aniyah Sajuan
 Obedience Preferred Novice - 1st Place - Gracelyn Miller
 Obedience Novice B - 1st Place - Drew McClure
 High Point Obedience - Drew McClure
 Rally Novice A - 1st Place Olivia Meraz, 2nd Place Benjamin Gurney, 3rd Place Addison Clemens
 Rally Novice B - 1st Place Elizabeth Graham, 2nd Place Chloe Trausch, 3rd Place Drew McClure
 Agility Standard Class On-Lead Level - 1st Place Chloe Trausch

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024:

Food & Nutrition Project Awards:

Let's Start Cooking - Maylee Stoller
 Snack Attack! - Kylee Hjelm
 Take a Break for Breakfast - Anabelle Saylor
 1st Place Beginner Food & Nutrition - Kylee Hjelm
 2nd Place Beginner Food & Nutrition - Maylee Stoller
 Let's Bake Quick Breads - Zoey Manz
 Sports Nutrition: Ready, Set, Go - Miley Jewell
 Grill Master - Drew McClure
 Party Planner - Emma Hartwig
 1st Place Intermediate Food & Nutrition - Drew McClure
 2nd Place Intermediate Food & Nutrition - Zoey Manz
 Yeast Breads on the Rise - Claire Miller
 Cooking on My Own - Miley Jewell
 1st Place Advanced Food & Nutrition - Claire Miller
 2nd Place Advanced Food & Nutrition - Miley Jewell
 John & Bernadyne Rogers Nutrition Award - Emma White
 State Fair Qualifiers: Emma Hartwig Miley Jewell Zoey Manz Drew McClure Claire Miller

GOAT SHOW:

Beginner Showmanship - Hayden Batt
 Junior Showmanship -



Baylor Kilgore Senior Showmanship - Janae Parrett
 Champion of Champion Showmanship - Jocelynn Parrett

Alpine Doe 1-2 Years in Milk - Anna Meraz
 Alpine Doe 5 Years and Older - Olivia Meraz
 Grand Champion Alpine - Anna Meraz
 Reserve Champion Alpine - Olivia Meraz
 Nigerian Dwarf Junior Dairy Kid - Kathryn Brown
 Nigerian Dwarf Senior Dairy Kid - Kathryn Brown
 Nigerian Dwarf Dry Yearling - Morgan Snyder
 Nigerian Dwarf Doe 1-2 Years in Milk - Kathryn Brown

Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Wether Kid - Bradyn Miller
 Grand Champion Nigerian Dwarf - Kathryn Brown
 Reserve Champion Nigerian Dwarf - Morgan Snyder
 American Lamancha Senior Dairy Kid - Anna Meraz
 Grand Champion American Lamancha - Anna Meraz
 Saanen Senior Dairy Kid - Kendall Kohart
 Grand Champion Saanen - Kendall Kohart

Toggenburg Dry Yearling - Sophie Donaldson
 Toggenburg Doe 3-4 Years in Milk - Sophie Donaldson
 Toggenburg Doe 5 Years and Older in Milk - Sophie Donaldson
 Grand Champion Toggenburg - Sophie Donaldson
 Reserve Champion Toggenburg - Allison Donaldson
 Oberhasli Senior Dairy Kid - Allison Donaldson
 Oberhasli Dry Yearling - Sophie Donaldson
 Grand Champion Oberhasli - Allison Donaldson
 Reserve Champion Oberhasli - Sophie Donaldson
 Grand Champion Pygmy Goat - Karlee Kohart
 Reserve Champion Pygmy Goat - Hayden Batt
 Grand Champion Pet

Goat - Karlee Kohart Reserve Champion Pet Goat - Luciana Martinez
 Breeding Boer Doe 3-6 Months - Janae Parrett
 Breeding Boer Doe 6-9 Months - Jocelynn Parrett
 Grand Champion Boer Doe - Jocelynn Parrett
 Reserve Champion Boer Doe - Janae Parrett
 Dairy Market Goat Class 1 - Milo Workman
 Dairy Market Goat Class 2 - Mallory Coressel
 Grand Champion Dairy Goat - Mallory Coressel
 Reserve Champion Dairy Goat - Mallory Coressel
 Market Doe Class 1 - Gannon Parrett
 Market Wether Class 1 - Mariah Klopfenstein
 Market Wether Class 2 - Janae Parrett
 Market Wether Class 3 - Jocelynn Parrett
 Market Wether Class 4 - Jocelynn Parrett
 Grand Champion Market Goat - Jocelynn Parrett
 Reserve Champion Market Goat - Jocelynn Parrett



Rabbit Showmanship and Breeding Show:

Beginner Showmanship - Grace Goyings
 Junior Showmanship - Kinley Sunday
 Senior Showmanship - Chase Manz
 Champion of Champion Showmanship - Chase Manz
 6 Class Senior Doe - Trinity Salazar
 6 Class Senior Buck - Trinity Salazar
 Grand Champion 6 Class - Trinity Salazar
 Best Opposite 6 Class - Trinity Salazar
 4 Class Senior Buck - Wyatt Wilhelm
 4 Class Senior Doe - Wyatt Wilhelm
 Grand Champion 4 Class - Wyatt Wilhelm
 Best Opposite 4 Class - Wyatt Wilhelm
 4 and 6 Class Mixed Breed - Kellen Manz
 Best of Show Breeding Rabbit - Wyatt Wilhelm
 Best Opposite Breeding Rabbit - Wyatt Wilhelm

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024:

Clothing Projects Awards:

Sew Fun - Alexandria Manz
 Designed by Me - Addison Griffiths
 Sundresses and Jumpers - Brianna McClure
 1st Place Beginner Cloth-

ing - Brianna McClure
 Sew for Others (1) - Nahla Carlisle
 1st Place Intermediate Clothing - Nahla Carlisle
 Bernadyne Rogers Memorial Award - Clare Linder
 State Fair Qualifiers - Alexandria Manz, Addison Griffiths, Brianna McClure, Nahla Carlisle



Horse Showmanship Show:

1st Place Junior Western Showmanship - Katelynn Hurd
 2nd Place Junior Western Showmanship - Lienna Stoller
 3rd Place Junior Western Showmanship - Brynlee Stoller
 4th Place Junior Western Showmanship - Kinley Sunday
 5th Place Junior Western Showmanship - Kendall Kohart
 1st Place Senior Western Showmanship - Raeley Franklin
 2nd Place Senior Western Showmanship - Royce Cooper
 3rd Place Senior Western Showmanship - Emma Elkins
 4th Place Senior Western Showmanship - Madison Gurney
 1st Place Pony Western Showmanship - Ally Jo Merriman
 2nd Place Pony Western Showmanship - Luciana Martinez
 3rd Place Pony Western Showmanship - Kendyl Hurd
 1st Place Junior Hunter Horse Showmanship - Reese Franklin
 2nd Place Junior Hunter Horse Showmanship - Adelynn Slattman
 3rd Place Junior Hunter Horse Showmanship - Ellie Roughton
 1st Place Senior Hunter Horse Showmanship - Delaney Johanns
 2nd Place Senior Hunter Horse Showmanship - Raeley Franklin
 1st Place Junior Ranch Showmanship - Reese Franklin
 2nd Place Junior Ranch Showmanship - Gracelyn Elkins
 3rd Place Junior Ranch Showmanship - Gabrielle Gurney
 1st Place Senior Ranch Showmanship - Raeley Franklin
 2nd Place Senior Ranch Showmanship - Delaney Johanns
 3rd Place Senior Ranch Showmanship - Royce Cooper
 4th Place Senior Ranch Showmanship - Ally Jo Merriman
 5th Place Senior Ranch Showmanship - Kyla Hurd
 Grand Champion Horse Showmanship - Ally Jo Merriman

Poultry Show:

Beginner Showmanship - Kaylee Miller
 Junior Showmanship - Ella Zimmerman
 Senior Showmanship -



Swine Show:

Beginner Showmanship - Axel Goyings
 Junior Showmanship - Sophia Antoine
 Senior Showmanship - Michael Griffiths
 Champion of Champion Showmanship - Rachele Maag
 1st Place Market Hog Class 1 - Ethan Steel
 2nd Place Market Hog Class 1 - Trent Thornell
 1st Place Market Hog Class 2 - Delaney Johanns
 2nd Place Market Hog Class 2 - Trenton Bail
 1st Place Market Hog Class 3 - Rachele Maag
 2nd Place Market Hog Class 3 - Cale Winans
 1st Place Market Hog Class 4 - Careen Winans
 2nd Place Market Hog Class 4 - Bristyl Stoller
 1st Place Market Hog Class 5 - Alan Griffiths
 2nd Place Market Hog Class 5 - Axel Goyings
 1st Place Market Hog Class 6 - Garrett Goyings
 2nd Place Market Hog Class 6 - Sophia Antoine
 1st Place Market Hog Class 7 - Hannah Griffiths
 2nd Place Market Hog Class 7 - Axel Goyings
 1st Place Market Hog Class 8 - Michael Griffiths
 2nd Place Market Hog Class 8 - Garrett Goyings
 1st Place Market Hog Class 9 - Michael Griffiths
 2nd Place Market Hog Class 9 - Briggs Stoller
 1st Place Market Hog Class 10 - Hannah Griffiths
 2nd Place Market Hog Class 10 - Alan Griffiths
 Grand Champion Market Hog - Alan Griffiths
 Reserve Champion Market Hog - Rachele Maag
 Look for the remainder of the results & more photos in next week's West Bend News!

(PC Fair Royal Court... cont'd from Page 1)

and Danielle Wiesehan. 2024 Prince is Liam Crites, son of Kevin and Tiffany Crites, and Kinley Miller, daughter of Tony and Staci Miller.

Commissioner Holtsberry introduced each selection of the 2024 Royal Court: Johnny Lipps, son of Katie Jackson and Nathan Lipps. He is a Junior at Paulding High School. Owen Workman is the son of Mike and Jennifer Workman, and he is a Freshman at Paulding High School. Zach Wobler is the son of Brandon and Elecia Wobler, and he is a recently graduate of

Wayne Trace High School. Alli Jo Merriman is the daughter of Jon and Jamie Merriman, and is a recent graduate of Paulding High School. Hannah Molitor is the daughter of Chad and Kim Molitor, and she is a recent graduate of Antwerp High School. Jamy Hunt is the daughter of Mike and Heather Hunt, and is a recent graduate of Paulding High School. The 2024 Paulding County Junior Fair King is Zach Wobler and Junior Fair Queen is Hannah Molitor.

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EIGHT SENIORS AWARDED ALBRIGHT GEMGLICK SCHOLARSHIPS; 73 NOMINEES HONORED FROM CLASS OF 2024



2024 Albright Gemlick Scholarship Winners: Sonia Yoder of South Side High School, James Hardy IV of New Haven High School, Madeline McCabe of Norwell High School & Empowered Volleyball Academy, Adysen Andres of Stryker High School, Gracie Fields of Huntington North High School, Benjamin Barker of East Noble High School, Kamden Zeisloft of Leo High School, and Jack Culler of Woodlan High School

Graduating seniors across Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio were honored Tuesday, June 11, during the 2024 Parkview Sports Medicine Albright Gemlick Scholarship banquet at Parkview Mirro Center for Research & Innovation. Eight winners were selected for their academic excellence, athletic achievement and community involvement. Winners each receive a \$8,000 scholarship made possible by Parkview Foundations.

Student-athletes were nominated by PSM athletic trainers assigned to the students' schools or by PSM Performance specialists who train the athletes. Winners are selected among the nominees by PSM Working Committee.

Eligible student-athletes must participate in one sport their senior year and hold a grade point average of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale (or 9.0 on a 12.0 scale).

This year, 73 nominees represent 31 high schools, two club sports organizations and the PSM EDGE sports performance program. Each nominee was recognized at the banquet with a video produced by the PSM Digital Outreach Team and a certificate.

Sonia Yoder of South Side High School

Sonia Yoder played softball and volleyball at South Side High School, earning varsity letters in both sports all four years. She was selected 1st Team All-Summit Athletic Conference as a catcher and named team MVP. In volleyball, she was 3rd Team All-SAC and won the Lundi Award. Sonia was active in Peacemakers, the French Club and the Athletic Leaders Committee.

Sonia earned a 3.741 GPA. She plans to attend the Bethel University and pursue pre-physical therapy.

James Hardy IV of New Haven High School

James Hardy IV played football and basketball at New Haven High School. He earned All-Northeast 8 Conference, All-State, Academic All-State, Athletic Scholar of the Week and Indianapolis Colts Academic All-Star Team while competing for the Bulldogs. James earned a 4.1 GPA, and ranked fourth in New Haven's Class of 2024. He was a member of the National Honor Society and the NE8 Leadership & Sportsmanship Council. He also was named New Haven's SERTOMA Award, which is considered the Heisman Trophy award

for Allen County high school athletes. James will attend Purdue University and major in business, while playing football for the Boilermakers.

Madeline McCabe of Norwell High School & Empowered Volleyball Academy

Madeline McCabe is a standout volleyball player from Norwell High School and Empowered Volleyball Academy. She earned three varsity letters at Norwell, and earned All-NE8 honors.

Madeline was a member of Norwell Student Council, National Honor Society, Wells County 4-H.

At Empowered, she plays indoor and beach volleyball. She earned a 4.3 GPA. She has trained with PSM Performance through Empowered, as well. Madeline will attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, major in pre-professional biology, and play beach volleyball for the Mocs. She hopes to become a physician.

Adysen Andres of Stryker High School

Adysen Andres played volleyball and volleyball, and cheered during football season at Stryker. In total, she earned eight varsity letters in four years. She was a member of the Stryker Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Farmers of America, National Honor Society and Spanish-Art Club. She also coaches elementary school basketball. Adysen earned a 3.9 GPA in the classroom. She plans to attend Bowling Green State University and major in Inclusive Early Childhood Education.

Gracie Fields of Huntington North High School

Gracie Fields competed in girls basketball, girls track & field, girls cross country, girls soccer and for the dance team at Huntington North. She earned a total of 13 athletic letters—four in track, four in cross country, three in basketball, two in soccer—and two letters in dance. She was also captain of the hoops, track and cross teams. Outside of

athletics, Gracie was a member of the National Honor Society, the Huntington North class council, Leadership Council, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She also participates in various community service projects. Gracie earned a 4.3 GPA. She will attend Marian University and study exercise science/kinesiology. She will also run for the Knights' women's track & field team.

Benjamin Barker of East Noble High School

Benjamin Barker played football, wrestled and ran track at East Noble. In football, Ben was 2nd team All-NE8 cornerback. In wrestling, he was sectional champion, state qualifier, and runner-up at the NE8 and regional meets in his weight class. Ben also participated in the National Honor Society, the robotics club and strength & conditioning at East Noble. He earned a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. Ben will pursue an electrical engineering degree at Trine University Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Kamden Zeisloft of Leo High School

Kamden Zeisloft was a three-sport athlete at Leo, competing in football, baseball and track & field. In football, he earned All-NE8, All-State and Academic All-State, and team defensive back MVP honors. The Lions won three NE8 championships, and advanced to semi-state his senior year. In baseball, Kam was part of a sectional title team. In track, he was an All-Conference runner in the 4x200-meter relay. Kam was active in National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Campus Life. He is also a coach, referee and camp instructor for Leo Cub Football; and he helps in the children's ministry at his church. Kam also does a lot of volunteering through his church's youth group, children's ministry and missions trips in Guatemala and inner-city Indianapolis. Kam will attend Indiana Wesleyan University to study exercise science with a pre-physical therapy concentration, and

play football for the Wildcats. **2024 Albright Gemlick Scholarship Winner: Jack Culler of Woodlan High School**

(Carter Fleck Memorial Scholarship)

Each year, Parkview Sports Medicine awards the Carter Fleck Memorial Scholarship as part of the Albright Gemlick Excellence Scholarships. The award is named for Carter Fleck, a 17-year-old Homestead High School who passed away from cancer in 2016. The Carter Fleck Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a nominee who demonstrates exceptional character. The 9th annual Carter Fleck Memorial Scholarship goes to Jack Culler of Woodlan High School.

Jack Culler played football and wrestled at Woodlan. In football, he was a two-time captain and earned three letters. In wrestling, Jack qualified for semi-state as a senior, lettered four times and was team captain three times. Volunteering is important for Jack, who can be found helping the Unified Sports teams at Woodlan, teaching Sunday School at his church, coaching the junior high wrestling club and working the concession stands at Woodlan sporting events.

Jack earned a 3.82 GPA, and his heading to Trine University to study mechanical engineering.

KENDALL BILLMAN GRADUATES W/MASTERS OF PHARMACOGENOMICS

Kendall Billman of Antwerp graduated with a Master of Science in Pharmacogenomics from Manchester University during the 2023-24 academic year. Commencement was May 18.

Billman was among nearly 250 students who received degrees from Manchester.

The list of 2024 conferred graduates includes students who finished requirements in December 2023, January 2024 and May 2024.

Mission Statement: Manchester University respects the infinite worth of every individual and graduates persons of ability and conviction who draw upon their education and faith to lead principled, productive, and compassionate lives that improve the human condition.

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HEISER, ALBRIGHT, & THIEL ELECTED TO AGCREDIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AgCredit, one of northern Ohio's largest lenders for farmers, agribusinesses, and rural homeowners, is pleased to announce the results of its recent Board of Directors election.

The successful candidates were Lisa Heiser of Attica representing Region 5, which in-

DEFIANCE DECA RECEIVES GRANT FROM MOOSE LODGE #2094



Defiance High School DECA were recently awarded a grant from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. Their grant was for \$1,000. Pictured are (l-r) Jordyn Busch, Executive Officer for Defiance High School DECA and Stacy McCartney - Defiance Moose Lodge Administrator.

DEFIANCE BASEBALL ASSOC. RECEIVES GRANT



Defiance Baseball Association (DBA) recently were awarded a grant of \$3,734 to put towards improvements at three of their facilities! This grant was awarded from the Hanna Family Memorial Fund, during our last grants cycle ending in March 2024. Pictured are (l-r) Jim Rensi - Defiance Area Foundation Grants Committee member and Randy Swary - DBA Representative.

cludes Seneca County; Joel Albright of Willard representing Region 8, consisting of Erie, Huron and Lorain counties; and Michael Thiel of Upper Sandusky representing Region 6 containing Marion and Wyandot Counties. Heiser and Albright are both serving in their first term on the 10-member board, while Thiel will be serving his fourth term, originally elected in 2015.

All three delegates bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the AgCredit Board. Heiser has 12 years of experience at a local cooperative, has spent time with the USDA's Farm Service Agency, is now employed with Simplot Grower Solutions, and serves as Venice Township's office officer. Albright has served on the American Jersey Cattle Association Board, The Ohio FFA Board of Trustees, and has been an Agriculture Education Instructor for 17 years. Thiel, in addition to past local leadership experience, is part of an 1,100-acre family operation producing row crops and runs a 25-head Angus-based cow-calf operation.

AgCredit's Board of Directors includes eight members who are elected by stockholders; the remaining two are board appointments to ensure diversity and a range of experience.

The 18 members of AgCredit's Nominating Committee - one representing each of the 18 northern Ohio counties that AgCredit serves - identify the candidates to fill any seats that may be open on the Board of Directors. A list of the 2025 Nominating Committee members can be found here: <https://www.agcredit.net/about/leadership/board-directors/committees>

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THE LEFT TURN



Cap Henry won the opening night of Ohio Sprint Week. Action Photos Ohio



Rusty Schlenk gets another feature win. Action Photos Ohio

By: Ron Burt

The 42nd Ohio Sprint Week for the Fast on Dirt, 410 Winged Outlaw Sprints, is winding down. Cap Henry currently leads the current point standings with 1294 and right behind him is Cale Thomas with 1247. Rounding out the top 5, Greg Wilson, Danny Sams III, and Travis Philo.

Ohio Sprint week started at Attica Raceway Park in Tiffin. Night #1 went to Cap Henry. Cap didn't do well in qualifying, but in the feature, he was able to defend his home track. Henry sliced through lapped traffic to build a nearly six second lead until a caution flew with just two laps to go another caution just after the white flag gave Greg Wilson a shot at Henry, but he was just too strong and drove to his 18th career Attica win over Wilson, Axsom, Craig Mintz and Zeth Sabo.

The following night the series went to Fremont Speedway to take on (the track that action built). After qualifying and the heat races were finished, mother nature ended the night with heavy rains. Cale Thomas took the Sunday win at Waynesfield Raceway. The track was in great shape and the drivers could run low or up on the cushion. Monday, June 10th, the race teams were at Wayne County Speedway, in Orrville. The win went to Jordan Ryan. He grew up attending races during Ohio Sprint Speedweek and eventually got to participate in a few.



Skylar Gee #99 battles Stuart Brubaker at Attica Raceway Park. Action Photos Ohio

Now the 27-year-old from Bellevue, Ohio can call himself an Ohio Sprint Speedweek winner. He led all 30 laps of the feature. Danny Sams III of North Port, Fla., utilized the VERY top side of Hilltop Speedway Tuesday, June 11, to earn the biggest sprint car win in his young career. Australian Brock Hallett led the first 13 laps of the 30-lap feature before a spirited battle began involving Hallett, Greg Wilson and third starter Sams. Greg Wilson drove the bottom line to steal the lead from Brock Hallett on lap 14, only to see Sams blast by to regain the top spot a lap later. Sams flirted with disaster lap after lap, inches from the guardrail and drove to his first victory of Ohio Sprint Speedweek. Wednesday action continued at Sharon Speedway in Hartford Ohio, located on the OH/PA Stateline. Danny Dietrich was off to a rough start in the series. He missed the feature the first two nights, came a very close second the third, crashed the fourth night, took the fifth night to regroup, and came back strong Wednesday at Sharon Speedway, leading all 30 caution-free laps for the

\$5,000 victory. It will be interesting to see what driver will win the 42nd Annual Ohio Sprint Week. Stay tuned and find out here next week or for daily updates visit Ohio Sports Blitz on Facebook.

Last week the Eldora Dream for Dirt Late Models was won by Jonathan Davenport. This was his third Dirt Late Model Dream win and 10th career major-event victory at Eldora. He took home \$100,030.00 for the win and a lucky fan won the 50/50 and received \$55,578.00. Last Friday at Attica, Rusty Schlenk picked up his 4th feature win at the track this season. Two weeks in a row, Outlaw 350 Supermodified driver Sawyer won, this time at Plymouth Speedway. At Kalamazoo Tyler Roahrig won the 75 lap, Inaugural Marty Jones Memorial and earned \$7,500. Jesse Jones was the winner of DCR Graphics Sportsman Feature at Oakshade Raceway.

ACES SWEEP EDON IN ACME ACTION

The Hicksville ACME team hit the road Monday night and brought home a pair of victories over host Edon as the red and white recorded wins of 12-1 and 8-1.

Hicksville recorded 11 hits in the 12-1 win over the Bombers as the Aces took control with a trio of runs each in the first and second innings.

After Edon scored once in the third, the Defiance County squad plated three more runs in both the fourth and fifth to seal the 12-1 victory.

Eli Lawrence, Owen Stuckey and Brendan Metz all had two hits for Hicksville with Parker Bassett, Deacon Bell, Collin Leavell, Carter Sheets and Michael Bleck picking up one hit apiece.

Bassett touched home plate three times in the contest with Lawrence, Sheets and Metz all scoring twice for Hicksville. Stuckey, Wyatt Bell and Brody Walter scored once apiece for the Aces.

Stuckey drove in five runs to lead the way for the Aces while Bassett picked up two runs batted in. Lawrence, Deacon Bell and Bleck drove in one run as well for Hicksville.

In Hicksville's 8-1 victory, the Aces led 2-1 after three frames but broke the game open with a five-run fourth.

The Aces completed the scoring with a single run in the fifth to wrap up the 8-1 victory.

Leavell topped Hicksville with two hits while Wyatt Bell, Bronson Graber, Stuckey, Austin Sanders, Bassett and Lawrence picked up one each.

Bassett, Stuckey, Graber, Deacon Bell, Wyatt Bell, Sheets, Leavell and Bleck scored once each for the Defiance County squad with Bleck, Wyatt Bell, Stuckey, Sanders and Lawrence driving in one run apiece.

LIONS ADVANCE TO STATE GOLF TOURNEY

The Leo boys golf team clinched a berth in the IHSAA state tournament as the Lions placed third in the regional tournament at Stonehenge Golf Club in Warsaw.

Homestead won the regional with a team score of 300 while Warsaw finished second at 310 and Leo placed third with a 314.

Individual qualifiers for

the state tournament included Blackhawk Christian's Gavin Haiflich and Fairfield's Brayden Miller with rounds of 72 while Westview's Luke Haarer shot a 71.

Caden Matthias led Leo with a score of 71 while Justin Hicks shot a 74 and John Nussbaum posted a 78. Brooks Opliger finished with a 91 to aid the Lions cause.

Heritage's Jake Dalman totaled an 88 to conclude his season and Woodlan's Mason Moore wrapped up his tournament run with a round of 101.

LIONS TIE FOR NINTH AT STATE

The Indiana High School Athletic Association boys golf state tournament took place at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel Tuesday and Wednesday with Leo tying for ninth as a team with Homestead.

Zionsville claimed the two-day tournament with a team total of 600 while Westfield (605) finished second and Hamilton Southeastern (606) finished third.

Homestead and Leo each carded a 625 to tie for ninth place.

Leo senior Justin Hicks tied for second place overall with a 143 while junior Henry Nussbaum posting a 156 in tying for 32nd.

Sophomore Caden Matthias posted a two-day total of 160 and junior Hudson Hines recorded a 166 for the Lions. Sophomore Brooks Opliger added a score of 172 for Leo as well.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Nicole L. Knapp, Hicksville, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Guilty; Warrant and warrant block shall be removed

Dawnja S. Fuentes, Van Wert, OH; OVI/under inf, Count A dismissed; FRA suspension, Guilty, 30 days in jail, 27 days suspended; May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Report to jail on 9/6/24 if DIP not completed, Proof of insurance not provided, Vehicle may be impounded if defendant is found to be driving; Unsafe vehicle, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Tracey A. Schroeder, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Pled no contest, found guilty; 30 days jail, 28 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Noah S. Kline, Haviland, OH; Aggravated menacing, Guilty, 180 days jail, 168 suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, Placed on standard probation, Submit an evaluation and complete recommendations, No contact with victims, Risk assessment, Letter of apology, EMHA removed today; Aggravated trespassing, Guilty, 180 days jail, 168 days suspended, Same conditions as Count A; Obstructing, 90 days jail, 78 days suspended, Same conditions as Count A; Disorderly conduct, Guilty, 30 days jail, 18 days suspended, Same conditions as Count A

Erin Karlstadt, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; 30 days jail, 29 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standing probation; Evaluation and com-

GRANT AWARDED TO CHP FOR GRIEF BAGS



Community Health Professionals for were recently awarded a \$1,000 grant received from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This grant will be used to create grief bags that will be given at Greif Camp to children who have lost loved ones. Pictured with the grant are (l-r) Valerie Gerdeman - Social Quarters Manager at the Defiance Moose Lodge and Brent Tow - President and CEO at Community Health Professionals.

OPERATION KAVIC RECEIVES DONATION



Pictured above are (l-r) Bryan Keller - President and CEO of Keller Logistics and Steve Hubbard.

The Keith Hubbard Family Fund made a recent donation of \$2,500 to Operation KAVIC in memory of Keith Hubbard. This donation will support Veterans and their families in Defiance County.

The Hubbard family had a private foundation for many

years, but in 2012 decided to partner with the Defiance Area Foundation to invest their funds, award grants and support Defiance County organizations and families through a family named Donor Advised Fund.

plete recommendations; No unlawful contact with victim; Risk assessment; Online class

Robert H. Boham, Antwerp, OH; No operator license; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Jennifer L. Timbers, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

David M. Mohley, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Riley J. Hart, Paulding, OH; Hunting without permission; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

George R. Fulk Jr., Centerpoint, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Alyssa R. McMillan, Haviland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kirslynn P. Camposano, Paulding, OH; Driving under FRA suspension, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; No tail lights, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Mason S. Claxton, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Sabrina C. Hensley, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jacob A. Lehnert, Defiance, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lewis S. Gibler, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dawson R. Hornish, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Shannon M. Brown, Continental, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by

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ANTWERP POLICE REPORT

On May 28, Antwerp Police Department assisted human services with a visit at a residence in the village.

On May 30, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference of unlocking a vehicle at 511 N. Main St. The unlock was performed.

On May 31, a report of child custody issue was received by the Antwerp Police Department. The individual was told to contact her attorney.

On May 31, it was reported that a white Ford Fusion was speeding on E. Canal St. The police department attempted to locate the vehicle but was unable to.

On May 31, a water main break was reported on Canal St. The village administrator was notified.

On June 1, a minor motor vehicle accident was reported on N. Main St. An officer responded and prepared a report.

On June 1, Antwerp Police Department assisted with traffic control for the parade.

On June 1, Antwerp Police Department performed a golf cart inspection.

On June 2, a report of domestic violence was received. Antwerp Police determined it happened in the county and it was referred to sheriff's office.

On June 3, a resident of Daggett St. reported he was in the process of evicting his tenant and the tenant had broken into the home.

On June 3, a hit skip was reported at Dollar General. The case was investigated and it was determined that it did not occur at Dollar General.

On June 3, a motor vehicle accident was reported on Daggett St. Officer responded, investigated and prepared an accident report. One driver was cited for left of center.

On June 4, Antwerp Police Department performed a golf cart inspection.

On June 7, Antwerp Police Department received a report of a tree limb down over power lines at the Antwerp

Park. The village administrator was contacted.

On June 8, Antwerp Police Department received a call about an intoxicated person wanting to drive off. The officer responded and convinced him to let someone drive him.

On June 8, Antwerp Police Department received reports of cars speeding on W. River St.

On June 8, Antwerp Police Department received a report of possible deceased person. The officer responded and contacted coroner.

On June 9, a suspicious person was reported at the Antwerp Park. Officer responded and located the individual. Everything was found to be okay.

On June 9, Antwerp Police Department assisted with several motorcycles traveling through the village.

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!

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENT

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (6) persons on Thursday, June 13, 2024

Jeremy Earl Shaffer (8/2/1980), Oakwood, OH; Felonious assault, F2 Specification of forfeiture of property; Criminal damaging or endangering, M1

Nicholas William Decker (6/1/1979), Grover Hill, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F3

Larry Matthew Dix (11/9/1971), Paulding, OH; Illegal conveyance of drugs of abuse onto grounds of a specified governmental facility, F3; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5; Nonsupport of dependents, F4

Brandon Allen Moser (2/13/2002), Bryan, OH; Breaking and entering, F5; Grand theft of a motor vehicle, F4; Failure to comply with an order or signal of police officer, M1

Jason B. Middleton (12/8/1980), Bryan, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F1 Specification for forfeiture of an automobile in a drug case

Norman Esparza (2/28/1975), Cecil, OH; Pandering obscenity, F5 (2 counts)

defendant
Karli D. Gamble, Paulding, OH; Prohibited turn; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jordan L. Bridgewater, Fort Wayne, IN; No motorcycle license, Guilty, Warrant and warrant block may be recalled; Wrong plate, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Cross yellow line, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Wesley W. Bowman Jr., Paulding, OH; Driving/FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; 30 days jail, 28 days suspended; Fine may be suspended upon proof of working on a valid operator license; Proof of insurance not provided

Bridgett N. Black, Defiance, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by

defendant
Jerry W. Hughes Jr, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving/texting; Guilty; Defendant may complete course within 40 days of ticket to waive fine and points

Tonya L. Meyer, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Austin D. Hahn, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jerald E. Andrews, Detroit, MI; No Operator license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Proof of insurance provided

Nicole M. Gill, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ronald D. Dumm, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR CELEBRATES ENTREPRENEURS WHO ARE SHAPING THE FUTURE

Ernst & Young LLP (EY US) recently announced that Jim Cooper and Gary Cooper of Cooper Farms were named finalists for the Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2024 Michigan and Northwest Ohio Award. Now in its 38th year, Entrepreneur Of The Year is the preeminent competitive business award for audacious leaders who disrupt markets, revolutionize sectors and have a transformational impact on lives. Over the past four decades, the program has recognized the daring entrepreneurs with big ideas and bold actions that reshape our world.

Jim and Gary are finalists in a pool of 34 regional en-



Jim Cooper

trepreneurs from 30 companies selected by an independent panel of judges. The candidates were evaluated based on their demonstration of building long-term value through entrepreneurial spirit, purpose, growth and impact, among other core contributions and attributes.

“My brother Jim and I are



Gary Cooper

honored to be nominated for this prestigious award,” said COO Gary Cooper. “When Jim and I joined the company 50 years ago, we never could have guessed where it would be today. We’re happy to be maintaining Cooper Farms as a family owned and operated company that continues to grow.”

Entrepreneur Of The Year honors many different types of business leaders for their ingenuity, courage and entrepreneurial spirit. The program celebrates original founders who bootstrapped their business from inception or who raised outside capital to grow their company; transformational CEOs who infused innovation into an existing organization to catapult its trajectory; and multigenerational family business leaders who reimagined a legacy business model to fortify it for the future.

Regional award winners will be announced on Thursday, June 20, 2024 during a special celebration and will become lifetime members of an esteemed community of Entrepreneur Of The Year alumni from around the world. The winners will then be considered by the National judges for the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards, which will be presented in November at

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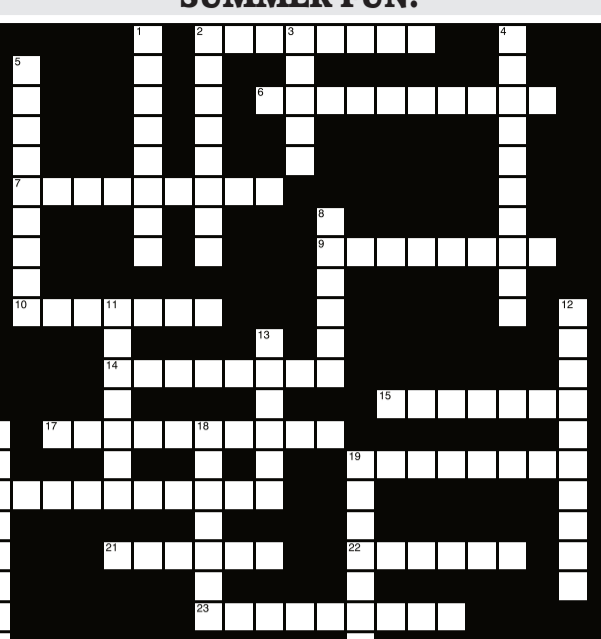
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WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle SUMMER FUN!



ACROSS

2. Cooking food outdoors on a grill, often a social gathering with family and friends.
6. A structure made of sand, usually built on the beach.
7. An amusement park featuring water slides, wave pools, and other aquatic attractions.
9. A cold, sweet treat made from dairy, perfect for hot summer days.
10. Riding ocean waves on a board, a popular activity in coastal areas.
14. A popular activity in pools, lakes, or oceans to cool off during hot days.
15. A large outdoor ring, often a social event with storytelling and roasting marshmallows.
17. A long, slippery sheet used used with water on the lawn, often enjoyed by kids in backyards.
19. A traveling amusement show with rides, games, and attractions.
20. Observing all things in the night sky including planets, often done in clear, rural areas.
21. Eating these seasonal treats like watermelons, berries, and peaches during summer.
22. Eating a meal outdoors, typically in a park or natural setting.
23. Growing plants, flowers,

DOWN

1. Traveling by car to various destinations, exploring new places.
2. A space behind a house where families can play, garden, and relax.
3. A sandy or rocky shore by the sea or a lake, perfect for sunbathing and playing.
4. A sport played on a beach or court, hitting a ball over a net.
5. Explosive devices used for entertainment, often seen on holidays like the Fourth of July.
8. Walking in nature on trails or through forests, enjoying the scenery.
11. Catching these water animals for sport or food, often a relaxing summer pastime.
12. Controlling this device in the wind, often done in open spaces like parks.
13. Riding these for exercise, transportation, or fun, often on trails or roads.
16. A public event with music, food, and entertainment, celebrating various themes.
18. Navigating a boat powered by wind, often a recreational activity on lakes or oceans.
19. Spending time in nature, often in tents, for relaxation and adventure.

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Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool & Daycare were recently visited by Carrie and Liam Jones and several of their farm animals. They brought along a Kune Kune Juliet Cross Pig named Tiny Tim, a Boer goat named Nanny, rabbits and baby

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(in the 2nd row): Liam Jones, Savannah Coil, JaNaya Ward, Johanna Federighi, and Ariya Lockwood. Third row: Jaylani Ward, Joziah Ward, Jazlynn Ward and Conor Nunn (in back): Carrie Jones and Frank Morris.

PREPARE YOUR PENS: DPLS HOSTING SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST

This summer, Defiance Public Library System will host another Short Story Writing Contest for adults.

Submit an original story (3,000-5,000 words or fewer) that epitomizes this year's summer reading theme, adventure, for a chance to win. The winning submission will be published in the library's September newsletter and distributed in booklet form at all three Defiance County libraries (Defiance, Sherwood, Hicksville).

Entries must be rated PG-13, and can be dropped off at Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, or Johnson Memorial

libraries, or submitted via email to vwestrick@defiancepubliclibrary.org between July 1-31. The winner will be notified Aug. 12.

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

'CRYPTIDS OF THE CORN' PODCASTERS BRINGING TALES TO DEFIANCE

Justin England and Jay Wolbur, hosts of the 'Cryptids of the Corn' podcast, will visit Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., On July 9 at 6 p.m. to discuss some of the most interesting mysteries they have encountered—some taking place just a few cornfields away from Defiance.

Cryptids of the Corn examines the conspiracy theories, cryptids, and UFO tales

that emerge wherever corn can be found. Episodes of the podcast, which centers on the place where scientific and magical thinking converge, can be found at cryptidsoft-hecorn.com.

This program is geared to adults. No registration is needed. For more information, contact the library at 419-782-1456.

YEARS AGO IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: John Paulding
Historical Museum
25 Years Ago
From the Paulding County Progress, June 16, 1999

Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice, located on West Wayne Street, holds a celebration for its 20th year anniversary.

"Swingin' Through a Century of Change" is the theme for the three-day John Paulding Days festival. Events include a Home & Industry Show, Little King and Queen contest, Price Is Right contest, craft show and sale, karaoke contest, live music including the Elvis & Hammer Band, beach volleyball, softball marathon and carnival rides. The parade grand marshal is Stan Searing, recently retired school superintendent.

"50 Years Ago"
From the Paulding Progress, June 19, 1974
Honored at the Paulding Flower Show at a teachers' tea for 40 years or more of teaching were Anna Powers, Bess Barnes, Mary Bidlack, Ida Buhrow, Ruby Voke, Cloyse Iler, Catherine Geyer, Ruth Geyer and Rex Scarbrough. The theme of the flower show was "School Days."

Paulding County winners in the Youth Golf Classic at Auglaize Country Club were Gary Johnson and Ted Rosswurm, runner-up. Johnson fired a 76 while Rosswurm carded an 82. The event was sponsored by the Independent Insurance Agents. Johnson was overall medalist of the event and will advance to the state tournament at Westfield Center.

New Paulding County Business and Professional Women's club officers for 1974-75 are Mary Ann Kuhn, president; Laura King, vice

president; Jackie Shisler, corresponding secretary; and Phyllis Conley, secretary.

Paulding County Sheriff's Department recently installed a jail surveillance system with closed circuit TV monitoring equipment. Recently, John Keeler's administration has added a new radio system, new booking equipment and a LEADS system in addition to the surveillance system.

100 Years Ago
From the Paulding County Republican, June 19, 1924

Big Oil Boom: Payne and vicinity is enjoying an oil boom that looks mighty good. The well that was brought in 10 days ago and the Ryle farm three miles southwest of Payne looks like a real producer. Following the "shot," oil flowed very freely and the drillers expressed the opinion that it was good for a hundred barrels a day.

There are three wells in the vicinity being drilled and it will soon be known whether or not this territory is a real oil field. Oil men are flocking to Payne by the dozens and some big concerns are watching the developments very closely. Leasing is progressing rapidly and the territory is widening in every direction. Here's hoping Paulding County develops into a regular oil territory.

Photographs by wire long a possibility now an established fact: The possibility of sending photographs by wire, long spoken of as a possibility, was proven when a series of photographs made in Cleveland were transmitted by ordinary long distance telephone wire and received at the New York office of the telephone company engineers, who have been at work on the invention for some time.

150 Years Ago
From the Paulding Democrat, June 18, 1874

The Largest Show on Earth, Coming to Paulding, Saturday, June 20th: By reference our advertising columns it will be observed that the Great International Menagerie, Museum, Aquarium and Circus will exhibit in Paulding on the date above named, Saturday, June 20. The New York Herald in speaking of this Leviathan Show says:

"Their five tents will be stocked to repletion with magnificent living animals, rare and wonderful curiosities, monstrosities and relics. They have also engaged Mademoiselle De Granville, the Lady with the Jaws of Iron. This lady is the most remarkable performer that we have ever seen and will certainly astonish our country cousins. Over 180 persons are employed in the various departments of this enormous traveling caravan; 350 horses are required to transport it from place to place, and over 70 wagons are brought into use; their daily expenses almost reach \$2,000. Cooper, Bailey & Co. are proprietors of "The Greatest Show on Earth." Admission 50 cents; children under 9 years, 25 cents.

Explore more local history by visiting the John Paulding Historical Museum from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays or by appointment. For special events and announcements, see our Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum.

PAULDING COUNTY LAND BANK CONTINUES POSITIVE MOMENTUM



The Paulding County Land Reutilization Committee met in June to share information and receive updates about many completing and some new projects.

Several positive comments have been expressed to the committee in regard to a site recently remediated in the Village of Payne. The property, located just on the south edge of the village along Highway 49 at the Flat Rock Creek bridge, was purchased by the Land Bank committee last winter. The committee was able to contract with Dangler Excavating and had several old semi-trailers, a structure and some other trash removed prior to grading and seeding the lot. The noticeably clean property was then sold to the commercial building owner next door.

Paulding County Treasurer, and Land Bank Committee President Lou Ann Wannemacher, shared that the Land Bank has finalized the purchase of the trailer court located at 802 N. Main Street in Paulding. The purchase from S&N Partnership, LLC will allow for some very aged mobile homes to be removed and remediation of the property to make room for future development. This trailer court had a fire last winter in which three residents lost their lives.

Another property purchase that has local attention is the former Faith Alive Church building located at 220 N. Williams Street in Paulding. This building will be removed to make way for the new Paulding Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial. There has been much inquiry about some of the stain glass windows, pews and other memorabilia inside the building. The committee is working with local auction-

eer Larry Gorrell to have an online auction in the future for purchase of the items. More information will be shared about the auction dates as this project develops.

Matt Wagner, with EPA consultant Tetra Tech, shared information about the final clean-up procedures at the former Liberty Fuel Station, that was located in front of the former Varner's Trailer Court on the east side of Antwerp. A final soil test is being procured. A low contamination reading will allow the sale of the property. Wagner also reported the Stokely and Grizzley remediation projects are still on hold awaiting Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) approvals of the remediation application.

Turning to residential and commercial building blight, Estee Blair, local land bank consultant with Maumee Valley Planning Organization, asked the committee for review and approval of a grading template that would provide her office a systematic process to determine awarded demolition contractors for future projects. Following questions and discussion, the committee approved the template as presented. Blair also noted that there still has been no response to the 47 projects submitted to ODOD for Paulding County remediation.

In final discussion of the full agenda meeting, the Land Bank committee had the opportunity to acquire two parcels in the unincorporated Village of Mandale, located in the county's southeast corner. The parcels were not purchased in a recent foreclosure auction. The committee agreed to accept the parcels to try and remediate them and contribute to a positive change in the area.

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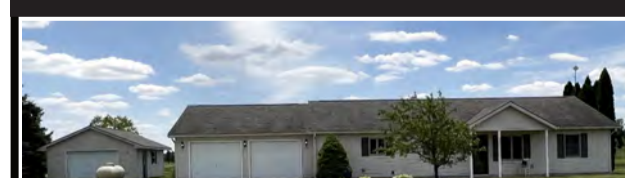
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THE RAINBOW



I was sitting in the parlor one summer afternoon just watching the storm outside the window. When the storm stopped there appeared the most beautiful rainbow. Just contemplating, I noticed the rainbow touched the ground just at the edge of the woods where we often went to gather May Apples in the spring.

My brother Rex was sitting propped up in a chair beside me. He was just recovering from a severe illness and we were just sitting and watching the storm. "Did you know Sadie, that at the end of the rainbow there is a big pot of gold." "Is that true?" "Definitely, at the end of the rainbow there is a pot of gold." I dashed out the front door, I had to find that pot of gold.

I paid no attention to the wet grass, and my frock was getting soiled, but on I went. I was going to find that rainbow. I was planning the fine presents I would give the entire family with my gold. How would I ever carry that heavy pot of gold? The way grew swampy, and then I had to figure out how to cross a stream, but all the time I never lost sight of where the end of that rainbow had been.

But when I got there the rainbow was not there, it was somewhere ahead so I set out again. Then it got wet and swampy and still I struggled on. I met a porcupine and ran for dear life to get away from it. In my fright I forgot to keep my eye on the rainbow, and now I could not find it. The rainbow had completely vanished from sight. I began to cry for now

the pot of gold of which I was searching was gone.

So now I turned and began my journey back home, but my troubles were just beginning. I was lost! I had no idea what any direction was, or which direction I had come from. By now I was hopelessly lost in the woods. I began to cry out, but of course no one could hear me. I was wet, cold, and miserable. I sat on a log because I was afraid of going further away from home. I sat for what seemed like hours and it was getting cold, but then I heard a voice calling my name.

I was afraid to answer, because I knew there were Indians in the area and they were very clever. Then I heard a voice that sounded like my older brother that had moved away from home. I hadn't seen him for months and that couldn't possibly have been him, so I stayed hidden under a log.

Then someone came standing on the log right above me. He called out the nickname he had given me years ago, so I realized this was my brother. I jumped out and grabbed him by the leg and nearly scared him to death. He kissed me and took my hand and we began our journey back home. On the way we found my other brother looking for me and the three of us rejoiced together.

I had been away 3 hours, and wandered miles from home. My oldest brother Robert had come for a visit and when he didn't find me he was the one that instigated the search. When we got home brother Ben apolo-

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gized profusely. He was just kidding when he talked about the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

My mother said that rainbow is a symbol of God's love for us. He is bending over us from the skies. Instead of a pot of gold we have God's love and his promise of treasures laid up in heaven which is far better than silver or gold.

—James Neuhouser

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Myths lead to misunderstood animals. Nature's Nursery will help dispel some of these myths—and introduce the audience to some of their animal pals—during a special presentation of "Tails & Tales" on June 25 at 10:30 a.m. at Rotary Park Pavilion, 598 N. Bryan St., Hillsville.

The program is sponsored by Geenex Solar and presented as part of Johnson Memorial Library's 2024 "Adventure Begins at Your Library" Summer Reading Challenge.

Tails and Tales is open to all ages. No registration is needed. For more information, contact the library at 419-542-6200.

DEALING WITH HOT TEMPERATURES

Farmers are finishing up planting, but some crops have been slow to emerge. Cooler night time temperatures may be delaying emergence. In most cases, moisture has been

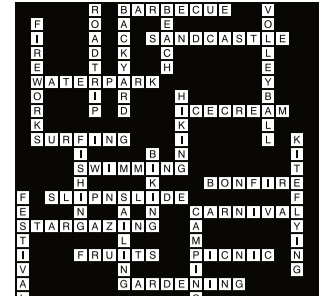
lack of available nutrients as they are by a lack of water, although the two are very closely tied together. Plants become stunted as growth is reduced due to a lack of nutrients.

Several nutrients are critical when high temperatures occur. Without adequate potassium (K), plants are less drought resistant. Low K also promotes higher incidences of disease and insect pests. Adequate zinc (Zn) is also critical to surviving hot temperatures. Zinc levels are commonly low on many soils and in plant tissue. Zinc is also easily tied up by glyphosate (Roundup). An element seldom talked about is organic silicate (silicon). Silicon strengthens the plant vascular system (xylem, phloem) somewhat similar to veins and arteries in humans. Plants with high organic silicates are stronger and healthier (bigger, larger vascular system) and can resist many environmental stresses including hot and dry weather. Organic silicate also helps plants reduce frost injury in early spring or fall.

If a farmer is doing no-till with cover crops, should they leave the residue standing or roll it down? Getting the crop residue on the soil surface is beneficial, by reducing soil temperature, and conserving moisture; plus as the residue breaks down, it releases nutrients to nearby plant roots. On rye, most of the beneficial allelopathic effects (natural herbicide) comes from decaying stems and leaves, reducing weed pressure. Getting crops to canopy quickly is also beneficial to reducing soil temperatures and conserving moisture.

On another topic, new research shows that managing individual leaf size may have a huge effect on crop yield. On wheat, the flag leaf is the most important leaf because it supplies most of the sugars and energy for wheat production. The same may be true for other crops as well, especially corn. On fruit trees, new leaves do not contribute sugar to the fruit equally. It's the leaf or leaves closest to the fruit. On most plants, 35% to 80% (wheat for example) of the sugars comes from leaves closest to the fruit or grain. Soybeans have many pods, but it's still the leaves closest to the pods that make yield.

Farmers may need to pay more attention to individual leaf size, especially on corn and wheat, to maximize photosynthetic activity. This explains why some of the highest yielding crops have a great deal of vegetative biomass, especially very large individual leaves, which results in an abundant sugar source for the grain or fruit. The practical application is that farmers need to make sure zinc (Zn and other nutrients) levels are in generous supply for those fruit or grain associated leaves to produce supersized individual leaves before or during reproductive development. (Source John Kempf, 2024).



Crossword solution from page 9

Wheat is turning yellow quickly and will probably be harvested early this year. Hot temperatures shut down wheat growth and it matures faster. With hot temperatures expected, give your pets and livestock plenty of cool water and some shade. Also, keep yourself, children, and elderly well hydrated and try to stay cool.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 5/6/24

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 6, 2024, in the Defiance County Commissioners' Conference Room. Vice President Phipps called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioner Mick Pocratsky; County Administrator, Sherry Carnahan; HR Coordinator, Emily Meyer; and Clerk, Liz Stuart.

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

The Commissioners signed the first two contracts for the 2024 Agricultural Demolition Program. The Commissioners are coordinating this program to help residents demolish dilapidated agricultural structures such as barns and granaries. The first round of demolitions will be starting soon, and applications for the program are still being accepted for projects that will be completed later in 2024 or in 2025. Please contact the Commissioners' office for information on applying to this program.

The Commissioners met with Health Commissioner Jamie Gerken, Health Department Fiscal Officer Marty Retcher, and Health Promotion Coordinator Brian Heil to discuss the renewal of a 1.1 mill property tax levy that will expire at the end of 2025. The Health District will not have any cash balance remaining at the end of 2026 without the renewal of this levy. The Board agreed to submit the levy for renewal at the November 5, 2024 election.

The Commissioners met with Jamie Gerken and Brian Heil of the Health Department to discuss funding sources for the Defiance County East walking trail. The Board has been awarded grant money and is seeking additional funding to pave the trail, add features such as exercise and music equipment, and add additional signage and benches. They will be coordinating with Mercy Hospital in the hopes of connecting the Mercy walking trail with the County trail.

The Commissioners met with Wastewater Operations Director Brad Fritch for a departmental update.

Last week, the Commissioners met with Mark White at the former Vancrest property at 401 Fountain Street, Hillsville, to finalize the donation agreement placing the property into the ownership of the County. The Commissioners will be hiring an architecture firm to redesign the space for use as the Hillsville Satellite Senior Center as well as additional office space, some of which may be available for lease by outside businesses or organizations. The building will be known as Defiance County West.

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PECA PAULDING GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY



(L-r): Jeff Clark, Blane Fickel, Jayson Dangler, Travis McGarvey, Richard Kipp, Kevin Stahl, Traci Koenig, and Kelly Pracht

With the excitement of the Paulding Exempted Character Academy (PECA) Oakwood building nearing completion in the air, PECA held the groundbreaking ceremony for the PECA Paulding Building.

Monday morning June 11th, PECA held a Groundbreaking Ceremony at the Paulding site (327 East Caroline Street Paulding, Ohio) which was attended by the PECA Board, LifeWise Paulding Exempted Staff, Volunteers, and Students, Paulding Exempted Village Schools Administration, Hartzog Lumber and Supply LLC, Dangler Excavating and Paulding Community Members. The ceremony started with Jeff Clark, Blane Fickel, Jayson Dangler, Travis McGarvey, Richard Kipp, Kevin Stahl, Traci Koenig, and Kelly Pracht turning over the first

shovels of dirt signifying the official beginning of the construction of the PECA Paulding Building.

During the Groundbreaking Ceremony Kevin Stahl, PECA Board President, shared a few words about the project and his thankfulness for the support and donations of the Paulding Community that are making the building possible. PECA is very grateful to Robert and Gretchen Noneman who donated the land for the building. Travis McGarvey, PECA Building Committee Chairman, shared that Dangler Excavating is donating the site work for the project, Tri County Roofing is donating the roof and installation, and Hartzog Lumber and Supply LLC will be the general contractor. Then Traci Koenig, LifeWise Paulding Exempted Director, expressed

her excitement about the impact that LifeWise is having on the life of the 1,145 students that attend LifeWise in Paulding County, almost 400 of those students will attend LifeWise in the new PECA Paulding Building. Jayson Dangler, Dangler Excavating LLC, said that he plans to begin site work later this week if the weather cooperates. Jeff Clark, Hartzog Lumber and Supply LLC, told attendees that based on his experience building the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry, he expects construction time to be 6 months, once all permits are received.

The Paulding Exempted Character Academy and LifeWise Paulding Exempted are excited to partner together to share the gospel with the students of Paulding Exempted Village Schools.

ANTWERP VILLAGE COUNCIL ADDS MORE TAX LEVIES TO FALL BALLOT

The Antwerp Village Council met on June 12 in a regular meeting to discuss the needs of the village with council persons Dean Rister, Jason Franks, Bill Boylan, Bryce Steiner, and Jordan Franks along with Administrator Brian Davis, Solicitor Cam Stanley, Fiscal officer Kevin Hornish, and Mayor Jan Reeb presiding over the meeting. Absent was councilperson, Bryan Smith.

Standard procedure began with Franks noting a correction on the minutes before approval. The financial statements were approved along with reviewing the RITA report and the police logs.

There were three resolutions to place tax renewals on the November ballot for fire, police, and street lighting.

An emergency ordinance for changing how mobile homes can transfer on deeds was up next for discussion. Zoning Rules regulate Mobile Homes and have not been allowed to be placed in any zoned area except for R-1A since 1976. Mobile Home parks are regulated by the state. Boylan gave input as to how this could harm the people living in those trailers, and how this would differentiate between trailers and manufactured housing. Steiner stated he wasn't necessarily opposed to the proposal; however, he asked how this ordinance came about since neither the Zoning and Planning committee nor the Zoning Appeals Board had reviewed or suggested the change. Steiner asked what committee this came from. After hesitation from the rest of the group, it was stated it didn't come from a committee. Cam Stanley answered that he drafted it. When asked who requested this, an answer was not given. It was also asked if this had gone through a public hearing. Numerous problems were pointed out during the discussion. The ordinance was tabled for corrections and review.

It was also brought up by Boylan about placing standards on marijuana facilities in the downtown area, as he believes something should be in place before one could be grandfathered in. Rister commented on his support of having one and noted that gun shops, pharmacies, and bars were all downtown and he considered them just as dangerous. It was voted 4-1 to send this to have standards drafted. Later in the meeting Davis noted that Carryall TWP already restricted marijuana sales except in the villages. He also mentioned there might not be a reason for an ordinance as dispensaries have a limit on how close they can be to schools and churches. Davis also stated that a significant offer had been made by a dispensary to purchase the Antwerp Depot building that was saved from razing by the Otto E Ehrhart Historical Society, James Temple, and many others who contributed to the efforts.

Franks asked for the Water Treatment Plant update as there hadn't been much discussion on that subject lately. Davis stated that engineering

\$25,000 GRANT AWARDED TO DEFIANCE DEVELOPMENT & VISITORS BUREAU



Pictured with the grant check are (L to R) DDVB Executive Director Kirstie Mack and Defiance Area Foundation Grants Committee Member Jay Hanson. To learn more about the project, visit the Defiance Area Foundation Facebook page (www.fb.com/defianceareafoundation.org) and listen to the video.

The Defiance Development and Visitors Bureau was recently awarded \$25,000 from the Defiance Area Foundation Community Fund! This grant money will be put towards the ongoing Downtown Facade

Enhancement Program. Building owners must first fund 50% of their facade enhancements and may request up to a \$10,000 matching grant for the other 50% (funded by DDVB and the City of Defiance so far)

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was being worked on.

It was also brought up that residents who wish to appeal a zoning violation notice, the fee will be raised from \$60 currently to \$500 (if approved by council). Otherwise you won't be allowed to dispute a ruling by an official of the village without paying this higher fee. There is supposed to be an ordinance presented to council at a later meeting.

Boylan brought up that the Zoning and Planning Board believes there needs to be some changes in the zoning meetings/committees. He also suggested changes to the Zoning administrator and/or more oversight. It was suggested by Hornish to bring on a Compliance Officer position. Police Chief Clemens reminded this would be good for his department and he would be in favor of this. After discussion it was sent to the Personal committee for review.

Steiner asked about the mulch at the playground at Riverside Veteran's Memorial Park as tree roots were now exposed. Davis said they were working on getting the mulch in the park.

Steiner made mention that there were violations of the Sunshine Laws in the

previous meeting. Stanley had initiated for an executive session without specifying an allowed reason in ORC 121.22. He further stated that the discussion included that the mayor is requesting Cam to bring charges against Steiner during the executive session - which is also a violation as stated in section 121.22(G)(1). Here it specifically states that discussion of an elected official is not allowed in an executive session.

The mayor gave her report on monies she brought in from judgements. Steiner asked for an adjournment of the meeting. All agreed and the meeting came to an end.

The entire meeting can be watched here:

