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**MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024** 

# OKULEY'S PHARMACY OPENING IN PAULDING, OH



Okuley's Pharmacy, located in Continental and Defiance, Ohio, is excited to announce the opening of a new location. Okuley's Pharmacy - Paulding will be located at 829 North Williams Street (former Fastenal location next to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles).

"This is an exciting announcement for Paulding County," stated Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) Director Tim Copsey. "It was heart wrenching when the announcement came from Rite Aid that our very well supported store was on the closure list. We imme-

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diately started making connections to take action. We met with the Paulding County Hospital Administrative Board the very next morning and made a plan to reach out to the Antwerp Pharmacy and Okuley's. Both will benefit from the Rite Aid closure. We can't thank the Okuley's enough for choosing to open this new location in Paulding."

There were many partners that took quick action to make this new location come to fruition. Okuley's, the Paulding County Hospital, DLM Realty, and even the Ohio Department of Liquor all responded and acted quickly to

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the contact and efforts the PCED office made to make this a smooth transition.

We are still several weeks away from the storefront opening but at least our county residents have the opportunity to again pick up their medications locally. The liquor store will move to a separate location but that is secondary to getting the necessary medications locally. Our office will focus more on that now that Okuley's is established," Copsey closed.

'Okuley's are excited to add the Paulding community

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# **END OF SUMMER READING PARTY AT PC CARNEGIE LIBRARY**

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is pleased to announce the End of Summer Reading Party, Adventure Begins at Your Library! The party will take place on Friday August 2 starting at 12:00 p.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m., at the Main library in Paulding. Stop by and bring your reading logs, or just stop in for some

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will feature newborns through 4 years old. Admirers of the cutie pies will have the chance to "vote" for their favorite at Day in the Park. The cutie pie with the most monetary donations at the end of the day will be named the winner. So, bring your change jar or your big bills to make sure your cutie wins. Prize for the Cutie winner will be tickets to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

To enter your cutie, submit

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fun, games and food. Timbrook Bounce House will be here for your enjoyment. The library is busy preparing more surprises for the day. See you







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# Community Calendar **MON & WED**

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

# July 29-30

• Little Shop of Horrors auditions @ Huber, 6-8pm

# July 30

NA Meeting @ Cecil Community Church, 6 PM

# **July 31**

- Living Free Group @ Cecil Comm Church, 6-7:30pm
- Depression Support Group @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6p

# August 1

• 1,000 Books before Kindergarten Graduation @ Defiance library, 10:30am

# August 1-3

- Heritage Lions Donuts @ Monroeville Comm Park
- Woodburn Lions Donuts @ Harlan Days

# August 3

• JPHS Chicken BBQ @ museum, 4-7pm

# August 4

• Harlan School Alumni Reunion @ Jack Brinker Post 409 Legion, Leo, IN

# August 6

- NA Meeting @ Cecil Community Church, 6 PM
- Movie Night at the Museum @ JPHS, 6:30pm

### August 7 • Living Free Group @ Cecil Comm Church, 6-7:30pm

**August 8** American Red Cross Blood

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# **OBITUARIES**

WOODBURN, IN: Jane Ann Woodring, 63, of Woodburn, Indiana passed away Friday, July 19, 2024 at Stillwater Hospice.ARR DBY DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 5761 SR 500, PAYNE, OHIO.



ANTWERP, OH:

David "Randy" Derck, 83, of Antwerp, Ohio passed away Friday, July 19, 2024 at Vancrest of Hicksville.

Randy was born in Antwerp on March 27, 1941, a son of the late Imogene (Perkins) and Herbert C Derck.

Some may say that Randy Antwerp's most was community minded leader. He was responsible for attracting and retaining many businesses to Antwerp. Randy and his family owned and operated Antwerp Insurance Agency. He was a member of Antwerp Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and Community Improvement Corporation. Above all, he loved his family. Randy thoroughly enjoyed family and holiday events, especially snowmobiling at their cabin in Michigan,

Randy will be sadly missed by his wife, Sue (Zuber); children, Timothy (Lisa) Derck, Lisa (Phil) Heckelman and Jennifer (Charles) Saul; siblings, Anthony Derck and Joan Rager; grandchildren, Amanda DeWood, Jeffrey and Tom Derck, Emily Gerschutz and Chloe & Emma Saul and 8 great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his son, Andrew David Derck; brother, Terry Derck; sisters-in-law Mary Derck and Mary Derck.

Viewing is Thursday, July 25th, 3 - 7 PM, with the rosary

recited at 7 pm at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp. Randy's funeral mass is

Friday, July 26th at 10 AM at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 203 W. Townline Street, Payne, Ohio. (PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH AFTER 9:45 AM)

He will be laid to rest in Maumee Cemetery Antwerp.

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Linda K. Dangler, age 84, passed away on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, Linda was born on July 14,

1940 in Putnam Co., OH to the late Arthur and Beulah (Wilser) Noon. On July 19, 1958 she married Gerald M. Dangler, who preceded her in death on July 26, 2018. Linda spent her life creating a loving home for her family. She was an avid bowler, she bowled with many leagues throughout the years. She loved to play cards (especially Euchre) following all of her grandkids, and great grandkids sports. She also served as Vice President of the Paulding Athletic Boosters. Linda was a devoted Ohio State Buckeyes

Linda will be sadly missed by her children: Ryne (Chris) Dangler, Jackie (Rick) Pease, Jay Dangler, Michelle Gawronski, all of (Rocky) (Curtis) Paulding, OH; grandchildren: Stephanie (Mark) Wolfle, Danielle (Mike) Wiesehan, Kayla (Brett Belew) Gawronski, Jayson (Mackenzie) Dangler, Derrick (Andrea) May) Zachary (Janelle Gawronski, Nicholas (Mckenzie) Dangler, Michael (Taylor March) Dangler; great grandchildren: Merrick and Maddock Wolfle, Madison, Duke, and Josie Wiesehan, Evelyn Dangler, Scarlet and Luka Pease, Hayden and Fallon Dangler, and Myla Gawronski; sister, Patricia (Gary) Bennett.

Along with her parents and husband, Linda was also preceded in death by her granddaughter, Ćhelsie Christina Dangler and sisters: Mary Lou Noirot, Jeannie David, Shirley Grime, and Sharon Keel.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at Den Herder Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Pennington officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery,

Paulding Township.
Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. on Monday, July 29, 2024 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation from 10:00 A.M. until time of services on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made in Linda's memory to the Paulding Athletic Boosters.

Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.com.

# ST. MARY'S PARISH RECEIVES GRANT FROM DEFIANCE MOOSE LODGE



Committee Member and Stacy McCartney - Moose Lodge Administrator.

The fourth grant given by the Defiance Moose Lodge #2094 for July was to St. Mary Catholic Church. This \$1,000 grant will be used for the upcoming Arabella Street Festival taking place on September 7th and 8th.

Saturday, September 7th from 5:00-10:00 p.m., will be open for all ages to come and enjoy the band Venyx playing outside. Sunday, September 8th from 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. family activities will be taking place. There will be several food and beverages options available all weekend long! To learn more about the Arabella festival, contact St. Mary's Parish for more details at www.stmarydefiance.com/.

### **OAKWOOD COMMUNITY** CHURCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Oakwood Community Church Fellowship Hall, 200 E. Main St, Oakwood, OH will be having and Ice Cream Social/Chicken BBQ on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 4:00-7:00 p.m.

The menu will include Chicken quarter, baked potato, baked beans, cole slaw, roll, dessert (hot dogs will also be available). Homemade Ice Cream: Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Maple.

This will be a free will donation event.

# **OHIO TURNPIKE ALERTS CUSTOMERS OF ONGOING TEXT SCAM FOR TOLL PAYMENTS**

The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission is reminding toll customers everywhere to be aware of a resurgence in fraudulent texts from scammers requesting payment for unpaid tolls through fraudulent websites.

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NOT request its E-ZPass customers to make payments by text. Collections of unpaid tolls and/or toll violations do NOT occur by text either.

The only website links associated with the Ohio Turnpike's E-ZPass accounts are ezpassoh.com and ohioturnpike.org.

We encourage all customers to stay alert to these "smishing" and "phishing" scams by text and email, respectively.

For questions about the Ohio Turnpike's E-ZPass notifications, contact through ezpassoh.com or ohioturnpike.org.

### **PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

The Van Wert County Council on Aging will be holding an informational meeting regarding the potential to start a local Parkinson's Disease Support Group at the Van Wert County Council on Aging. The informational meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15 from

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to our locations. Our team is

looking forward to serving the

community with prescription

and medical equipment

needs. There are many mov-

ing parts to making this hap-

pen. We are all going to work

hard to get up and running as

soon as possible to help elimi-

nate stress for the patients.

We thank everyone in ad-

vance for your patience as we

put all the pieces together"

commented Kieu and Travis

pick up medications locally

can immediately begin to

transfer their medications to

the Okuley's Pharmacy Conti-

nental, Ohio location, located

at 102 South Main Street. Pre-

Patients that would like to

Okuley.

scriptions will be filled and can then be picked up in Paulding at the 829 N. Williams Street location Monday thru Friday from 3-6pm.

Once the Paulding building remodel is complete, all licenses obtained, and contracts are in place, the Paulding store will be open to the public. The goal is to open sometime in September. Watch the Okuley's Pharmacy Facebook page or the website www.okuleypharmacy.com for updates.

For help transferring your medications or if there are any questions you can contact the Continental Okuley's Pharmacy at 419-596-3898 or fax 419-596-3909. All attempts will be made to make this transition as seamless as posScripture of the Week

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

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— Hebrews 11:1

# A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM PSALM 91



dwell in the secret place of the Most High and that I shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty (whose power no foe can withstand). I will say of You, Lord "the Lord is my refuge and my fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I confidently trust!" For then You will cover me with Your feathers, and under Your wings shall I trust and find refuge. Your truth and Your faithfulness are a shield and a buckler to me.

I shall not be afraid of the terror of the night, nor the arrow (the evil plots and slanders of the wicked) that flies

by day, nor of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor of the destruction and sudden death that surprise and lay waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at my side, and ten thousand at my right hand, but it shall not come nigh my dwelling. For You will give Your angels special charge over me, to accompany, defend and preserve me in all my ways of obedience and service to You. Your angels shall bear me up on their hands, lest I dash my foot against a I shall tread upon the lion

and adder; the young lion and the serpent shall I trample underfoot. because I have set my love upon You, therefore will You deliver me. You will set me on high, because I know and understand Your name. I have a personal knowledge of Your mercy, love and kindness. I trust and rely on You, knowing You will never forsake me, no, never. I shall call upon You, and You will answer me. You will be with me in trouble. You will deliver me and honor me. With long life will You satisfy mead show me Your salvation.

(Psalm 91- taken from the Amplified Bible).

Peace & Love,

**ACTIVITIES** 

—Pastor Dwayne

1:30-2:30 pm at the Van Wert Senior Center located at 220 Fox Road in Van Wert. All ages and those residing outside of Van Wert are welcome

The purpose of a Parkinson's Disease support group is to have an informal, self-managed group of persons with Parkinson's Disease. Occasionally the support group may involve their family members and caregivers. The group will be able to offer education about the disease, a forum to share information with each other, and a means to offer mutual support to members of the group.

to attend the meeting.

Our hope during the meeting will be to discuss the need for a Parkinson's Disease support group, a discussion as to what a support group is, the structure of the group, as well as feedback about an ongoing meeting day and time. For additional information about the meeting, please contact Kevin Matthews, COA Director, at 419-238-5011 or by email at info@coavw.org.

# **ANTWERP MANOR**

7/29 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Rummy @ 10:30pm; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Bible Stories @ 2:15 p.m.

7/30 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; UNO @ 10:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; PIzza Toss @ 2:45 p.m.

7/31 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Dominoes @ 10:30 a.m.; Resident Meeting @ 11:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:15 p.m.; PIzza Toss @ 2:45 p.m.

8/1 - What's for Dessert @ 9:00 a.m.; Bingo @ 10:30 a.m.; Beauticians @ 12:00 p.m.; Movie & popcorn @ 1:30 p.m.

# PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING MENU

7/29 - Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, Brussel sprouts, pineapple, dinner roll

7/30 - Swiss steak, hash brown bake, corn, mandarin oranges, tapioca pudding, dinner roll

7/31 - Chicken patty sandwich w/lettuce, tomato, onion,



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# **Penny For Your Thoughts** By: Penny Whitaker

An American adventurer went on a journey into one of the most remote jungles on Earth to uncover and investigate a particularly terrifying tribe of cannibals living

Drew Binski who had traveled in almost every country arrived alone in Papus New Guinea where the Korowai people live in isolation. They live much like our ancestors from the early early years.. They wear very little, if any, clothing and hunt with bows and arrows.

Until 1974, the Korowai did not know any more people existed. on the planet. Their world was the rain forest, stone tools, hunting, fishing and living as if was the stone age.

Binsky spent much time among the Momona tribe, neighbors of the Korowai, who shared stories about their terrifying cousins.

I have read that one tribe practices cannibalism but I cannot imagine that.

The Korowai people don't eat humans for pleasure or their nutritional value,".

Drew explained. "It's simply a form of punishment. If you steal something, you're burned at the stake and ate.' (Oh mv)

The tribe lives in a dense rain forest and in past years built their homes high in the trees. This kept out thieves and different tribes from raiding their homes.

There are over 300 various tribes living in the region and

pea salad, mixed fruit, potato

8/1 – Hot dog w/cheese;

8/2 – Pork roast, sweet

potatoes, green beans,

peaches, WW bread, cookie

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR

7/29 - Exercise @ 10:00

7/30 – Pancake Bar w/Kari

@ 9am; Euchre @ 9:45 a.m.;

Penny Pitch w/The Meadows

a.m.; Witt's Workout @ 10:00

7/31 - Rummy @ 9:00

a.m.: Cornhole @ 10:30 a.m.:

Bridge Club @ 12:30 p.m.

CENTER ACTIVITIES

salad, oatmeal raisin bar

sometimes they get along and sometimes they don't. Clothing is made of leaves

ern conveniences.

or gourds and there is no in-

ternet, phone service or mod-

the western world, the tribe

has had to rapidly adapt the

way in which they live to the

Will Millard visited with the

Korowai people, who have

now become used to tourists

and the documentary film

into the Korowsi tribe and

filmed a TV show said that

the Korowai tribe and others

now realize that if they

danced and jumped around

for the film crew they would

got clothes and things like

some have a hard time adjust-

They have no internet or

electricity but wanted to play

there? Well, no. But God Bless

them and i hope they get

whatever they wan and live a

happy peaceful life. However,

I would like to see that docu-

Climb up in their houses?

Wouldn't that be a great vaca-

tion? Well if you go let me

know and I'll give you a

a.m.; Defiance Farmer's Mar-

Penny for your thoughts.

ket @ 12:00 p.m.

Want to visit the Korowai?

Would i want to visit

games and take pictures.

One thing they asked

was cell phones.

ing to our Western World.

With money some have

However

get money.

mentary

modern tools.

One person who ventured

Writer and adventurer

ways of the outside world.

Since making contact with

There were numerous visi-

tors there wanting answers

about an upcoming ordinance

changing how Mobile Home ti-

tles will be handled. The intent is that eventually all mobile

homes will be in R-1-A zoning.

There were concerns including

those by council members and

visitors, however, the visitors

were told they couldn't speak as

part of the rules of the council.

They would have to be regis-

tered ahead of time with the

Fiscal Officer to have their

three minutes. According to

Ordinance 98-14 All new mo-

bile home placements must be

in an R-1-A district (mobile

had introduced a motion for

ordinance 2024-06 that would

restrict marijuana locations outside of the downtown area.

The vote failed with a 4-0 (one

abstaining) majority approval

due to it being an emergency,

made his discontent known to

everyone concerning Council-

man Steiner being at the Per-

sonnel Committee, recording

the meeting for the public, on

July 2. Councilman Smith

chimed in stating he had con-

tacted authorities around the

state claiming that Steiner be-

ing there was illegal. When

asked for the rule that stated a

councilman couldn't be at a

committee meeting, they could

show nothing, saying, "you

would have to put the pieces of

the puzzle together..." even

though they had nearly a

month to prepare. Rearranging

any words as a puzzle one could

get the laws to anything they

motion to get ODOT to repave

SR 49 through town. Village

Administrator Davis had been

in contact with ODOT and had

the papers prepared by ODOT

to evaluate, remove the old as-

phalt down to the brick, and

repave. Councilman Jordan

asked the timeline of paving

and Davis said it could be as

utive session then for discus-

sion of the sale of property. The

session ended and no action

had no fines or money to bring

into the Village for June. The

meeting was adjourned unani-

The mayor announced she

The council went into exec-

early as 2025.

had been taken.

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initiative aimed at enhancing

the quality of life for residents

by developing vibrant, com-

munity-focused park and riverfront spaces. This project

stems from the 2023 Compre-

hensive Community Action

Plan, which highlighted the

mously.

Councilman Steiner made a

Councilman Dean Rister

and one councilman missing.

Councilman Bill Boylan

home parks).

8/1 – Alzheimer's consultations w/Marybeth, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Euchre @ 9:45 a.m.; Ex-10:00 ercise (a) Alzheimer's Bingo w/Marybeth @ 12:00 p.m.

8/2 - Bible study @ 10:00

# **COUNCILMEN MAKE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST**

A fiery Antwerp Village Council Meeting took place on July 24 at City Hall. Regular items took place such as the expenditures, minutes and other Ohio law requirements for

Vegetable macaroni salad; baked beans; hot cinnamon apples; tomato juice

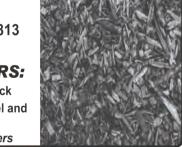
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# CAMP FIRELIGHT VBS AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

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St John Lutheran, Hicksville has been turned into Camp Firelight. The campers have been enjoying a week of music, skits, Bible stories, snacks, games & crafts. The VBS is under the direction of Jennifer Christman-Kurtz with a staff of 22 helpers.

community's passion for improving public spaces and the

environment. The City of Defiance has partnered with Jones Petrie Rafinski (JPR) and Hometown Initiatives, LLC, both chosen for their expertise in park and riverfront development and implementation. As an architecture and engineering firm in Fort Wayne, IN, JPR is known for its innovative and cost-effective community solutions. Hometown Initiatives, LLC, from Auburn, Indiana, specializes in community engagement, planning, and development.

To ensure the Defiance Parks and Riverfront Master Plan is truly communitydriven, the team is launching an online survey, attending a Family Fun Friday event, and hosting a community workshop. These engagement opportunities are designed to gather valuable input from residents and stakeholders, ensuring their voices are heard and incorporated into the planning

Online Community Survey: Residents are encouraged to participate in an online survey that will be available from August 1 through September 1, 2024. The survey seeks input on current park usage, desired amenities, and visions for the riverfront's future. The feedback gathered will play a crucial role in shaping the Master Plan. The survey can be found online at www.surveymonkey. com/r/Defiance2024.

Family Fun Friday Event: Residents are encouraged to attend the Family Fun Friday event on August 2 and participate in the scavenger hunt. The project team will be stationed at one of the scavenger hunt locations, eager to gather community feedback on the current parks system and its future. They will also offer visitors more information about the Master Plan.

Community Workshop: A community workshop will be held September 23, from 68pm at the Stroede Center for the Arts, 319 Wayne Avenue, Defiance. This interactive session will provide a platform for residents to share their ideas, discuss concerns, and collaborate on the design of future park and riverfront enhance-

A social media page, Defiance Parks & Rivers, has also been created to disperse information and updates regarding the Master Plan. It can be found and followed by searching @DefianceParks&Rivers within Facebook. The project will unfold in three phases, with two already approved. Phase 1 focuses on community engagement and analysis. Phase 2 will develop preliminary plans and strategies for three riverfront parks. Phase 3, pending approval, will finalize the Master Plan Design, including a detailed report, funding assessments, and an Implementation Plan.

# **ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETS TO DISCUSS** UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

The Antwerp School Board met on July 22 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting consisted of standard business procedure of reviewing minutes and financial records. Bob Herber stated there were few items brought up at the state. Dennis Recker said there was no meeting at the Vantage Board meeting.

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

income: \$593,258.14 expenses: \$1,092,099.94 interest: \$36,798.12 The fiscal year ended up

\$225,000 in the black from the

beginning to the end of the school year.

Principal Arnold has been communicating with staff and working on the board policies. She was not able to attend the meeting. Principal Billman has talked with the staff and reviewed the new attendance pol-

Marty Miller said that the staffing is complete for the next school year that began on July 1st. The pay is going to be increased for aids through Western Buckeye. Negotiations for certified staff is coming up this next year.

Building and Grounds added new lights in the main gym. There is new fencing on the other side of the press box. New carpet has been installed in the offices, including the "D" wing. Plans are in place for new netting on the back of the baseball field, with Josh Sinn in-

Computers are getting reimaged. The staff computers are up next, following the completion of the student computers.

Loop will be resealing the parking lot. New speed bumps will be installed at the field house. The Safe Routes to School grant has been received. A discussion took place concerning the location of the new sidewalk proposals.

Marty visited South Korea and Japan and discussed education there versus the US. He was exposed to a new culture and new foods. He said there were numerous (30) nuclear power plants. Herber stated he would like to see the gravel at the baseball/softball field parking to be asphalted. Marty said that could be in the future once the ground fully settles.

# The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office



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

# There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

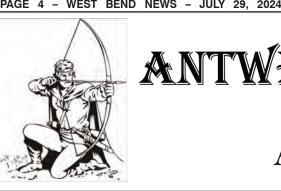
> Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

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a 5x7 photo (no frame) and a decorated donation container (please do not put photograph on container). Antwerp Chamber provides frame for the photo. Bring them to Petals & Vines for display. Put the child's name and phone number on the BACK of the photo. Entry fee is payable at the time of dropping off photo and donation container. They

will be on display at Petals & Vines until Day in the Park (August 10th). Message the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or send an email, antwerpchamber@gmail.com with any questions.

Proceeds from this event fund the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Scholarship awarded to an Antwerp senior who attended Vantage Career



# ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS

# Home of the Archers

# August/September 2024





start Wednesday, August 28.

In order to effectively carry out a successful school year with respect to health and wellness, we need parents to assist us with educating your child on the importance of maintaining safety routines and exhibiting healthy behaviors. School personnel will likewise continually emphasize and reinforce student responsibility for safe and heathy behaviors that protect them and those around them.

Speaking of student wellness, we are excited to announce that the grand opening of the Range Wellness and Recreation Center will take place multi-purpose classroom, restrooms, concession/kitchen and patio area, and elevated press box. The project was partially funded with ARP/ ESSER federal relief funds. Community members will have the opportunity to tour the facility during our Open House August 14 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Throughout the school year, students, staff, and community members will have the opportunity to utilize the facility to enhance their overall wellness.

On the academic front, our staff will continue to receive professional development opportunities during this school year in order to increase their abilities and improve their skill set to provide instruction and engage student acquisition with respect to the state academic content standards. The district will also continue to provide training for staff with respect to the science of reading, and inclusionary/co-teaching model of instruc-

Prior to the start of school, a few projects have or will be completed with respect to our building and grounds. The most visible project will be the repair and sealing of our asphalt parking lot and the addition of a few speed bumps in the area of the Field House. Interior projects completed hallway and the Central Office. In addition, a new lighting system was installed in the main gymnasium and both gymnasium floors received their annual sanding and re-waxing. Another major project that will be completed in late August is the installation of a new backstop netting system for the baseball field.

Parents are reminded that we will once again utilize the number tag system for elementary Martin A. Miller, Superintendent student pick-up in the large circle drive at dismissal time. If you are unfamiliar with this system and need a number tag or forgot your family number, please call the District Office at extension 2300 or Elementary Office at extension 2200 or stop by the District Office entrance during Note that students who qualify for free break-Open House and staff will be available to assist

Community members are encouraged to frequently visit our school website and view happenings taking place at our school or better yet, download our school app by going to the App or Play Store, search "Antwerp Schools" and install the free Antwerp Local Schools app. The app has numerous features that will keep you updated Lunch prices for students this year will remain want to receive through MY ALERTS tile. Addi- \$4.00. Extra milk is 50 cents. tionally, parents are reminded that the ONEVIEW parent portal is located in the PARENT tab and QUICK LINKS tab in the upper right-hand corner of the school website.

August 14 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Our first day of Portal also serves as a location for parents to the year, and I am excited to welcome our wonclasses for Gr. 1-12 will be Thursday, August 15. complete student forms (Emergency Medical to complete the registration process for new year ahead! students to our district.

We have several new employees who will work with our students during the coming school year. Ms. Jessie Arnold will serve as our new MS/HS Principal. Mr. Doug Billman will serve as our new Elementary Principal. Mrs. Jessica Myers will serve as a MS Intervention Specialist. Mrs. Bridget Slattman will serve as an Intervention Specialist in our K-12 Resource Room. Ms. Marcy Miller will serve as our Health/PE teacher. Ms. Madeline Miesle will serve as our new STEAM coordinator. We have five new classroom aides for this school year....Mrs. Donna Geyer, Mrs. Jill Wednesday, August 14 at 4:45 p.m. at the site. Jackson, Mr. Hunter Martin, Ms. Kendra Spieth, The Center features a large recreational space, and Ms. Sue Zartman. Lastly, Ms. Tameria Pollock will be a member of our cafeteria staff.

> We have several other employees who will serve in a different capacity this year in comparison to the previous school year. Mr. Jared Eklund will serve as a Grade 3 teacher, Mrs. Ashley Fidler will serve as a Grade 2 teacher, Mrs. Jaclyn Jeffery will serve as a Grade 5 teacher, Mrs. Kucera Thomas will serve as a Grade 3-5 Intervention Specialist, and Mr. Sam Williamson will serve as a MS Math teacher.

As the new school year begins, please remember that the most meaningful factor in assisting students to have a successful school experience is our ongoing partnerships with parents and guardians. In order to help your children attain their goals, we need your involvement, whether through attending conferences, extra-curricular events, volunteering in your child's school, or, CROSS COUNTRY perhaps most importantly, reinforcing the importance of education and on-time school

Through the range of experiences and emotions throughout a year, from celebrations to heartbreak, we should always remember that we are all stronger - and our students' experience include replacement of carpet in the D-Wing better - when we work together as a team, extended family and community.

> Remember to stay informed about your child's school through our school app or by visiting our website at www.antwerpschools.org.

> Enjoy the last few weeks of summer vacation and best wishes for a successful school year.

# LUNCH PROGRAM

fast/lunch may also qualify for waivers of workbook fees. Letters are being sent to families who are pre-qualified for the program. It is NOT necessary for Pre-Qualified families to complete the Free/Reduced Application. If you did not receive a letter and want your child to participate, please complete and return the application form the first week of school.

on news, events, school delays and closings, and the same at \$2.80 for K-5, \$2.90 for 6-12, and more. Choose what notifications and alerts you \$1.50 for breakfast (all grades). Adult lunch is

# MS. ARNOLD - HS/MS

students and their families for the start of anoth- to update student information such as change in mer and are gearing up for the 2024-2025 school summer break. On behalf of the elementary er school year with Open House Wednesday, address and/or contact numbers. The ONEVIEW year. We are making the final preparations for faculty and staff, we are excited to welcome you derful students and staff back this August. I look Kindergarten students will have their first day of Form/Transportation Form). The ONEVIEW par- forward to the opportunity to serve and lead the you will find a few starting points and initial inclasses Tuesday, August 20 and Pre-School will ent portal is also the location parents may visit school community and am excited for a great formation for the upcoming start to the year. We

### A few reminders:

- The Academic and Athletic handbooks can be found on the school website.
- Remember that hair must be a natural color and all clothing appropriate for an education-
- We will be operating on a 7-period Academic day, with a 42 minute Academic Assist period at the end of the day. Encourage your child to use this time to complete assignments and seek help from teachers.
- Please monitor your child's academic progress on ProgressBook. Mrs. Lucas is available in the high school office to assist if you've forgotten your login info.

Office hours are 8:00-3:00 until school starts. Don't hesitate to call or stop in if you need assistance or have any other concerns.

~ Ms. Jessie Arnold, MS/HS Principal

# **HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS**

Beginning August 8th, students in grades 6-12 may pick up schedules in the MS/HS office or make changes by seeing Mrs. Hammer Monday-Friday from 8:00-2:00. Students may also email Mrs. Hammer for schedule changes.

# ATHLETIC CALENDAR

# 9:00 Defiance Farly Bird

Aug 24	5.00	Denance Larry Dira
Aug 27	4:30	@ Edon/Edgerton/Hilltop
Aug 31	8:30	Columbus Grove Invite
Sept 7	8:30	Marion Invite
Sept 10	5:00	vs. Edgerton/WT/Leipsic

# **VARSITY FOOTBALL**

Aug 23	7:00	@ Montpelie
Aug 30	7:00	vs. Edon
Sept 6	7:00	vs. Hilltop
Sept 13	7:00	@ Edgerton

# **BOYS GOLF**

Aug 1	10:00	GMC vs. BBC
Aug 5	9:00	Wauseon Invite
Aug 6	10:00	@ Edgerton/Pldg/Montpelie
Aug 8	9:00	Paulding Invite
Aug 12	9:00	Patrick Henry Invite
Aug 13	4:30	GMC RD #1 (Home)
Aug 19	4:30	@ Crestview
Aug 20	4:30	vs. Paulding/Hicksville
Aug 22	4:30	Wayne Trace Invite

### **GIRLS GOLF** 9:00 Lincolnview Invite

Aug 7	10:00	@ Delphos Jefferson
Aug 12	10:00	@ Defiance/Edg/Nap/Mont
Aug 13	4:30	GMC RD #1 (@ Harvest Moon)
Aug 14	10:00	vs. Patrick Henry
Aug 19	4:30	@ Lincolnview/Edgerton

# **VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**

Aug 17	9:00	@ Holgate
Aug 19	5:30	vs. Kalida
Aug 20	5:30	vs. Ottoville
Aug 22	5:30	@ Miller City
Aug 24	5:30	vs. Lincolnview
Aug 26	5:30	vs. Montpelier
Aug 29	5:30	@ Crestview
Sept 3	5:30	vs. Edgerton
Sept 9	5:30	@ Delphos Jefferson

# MR. BILLMAN - ELEMENTARY

Our staff looks forward to welcoming back all Parents may utilize the ONEVIEW parent portal I hope you have enjoyed a fun and relaxing sum- We hope you are enjoying a nice and relaxing back. We are looking forward to getting things started for the 2024-2025 school year. Below plan to be back into the office starting the week of July 29th, please let us know if we can help in any way.

### STUDENT HANDBOOK

The student handbook for 2024-2025 may be found on the school's website. One big change is the attendance policy that has been board approved for the upcoming school year. Here is a portion of that policy:

Students are allowed SEVEN excused absences per year. Students will be required to have a doctor's note/excuse every absence past the seven day excused limit. Without a doctor's note, the absence will be deemed unexcused. Beyond the seven days, the doctor's note must be received within three days of the absence. The principal has discretion to determine the absence excused or unex-

## **School Nurse Excusals:**

- Students sent home during the school day due to illness will be excused regardless of the number of prior missed days.
- If the illness requires an additional day out of school due to fever, vomiting, etc., the next day will be considered an excused absence as well and will NOT require a doctor's note.

# **BUS TRANSPORTATION**

If you have any changes in your student's bus transportation, please go into OneView and complete or update the Transportation form online as soon as possible.

# **EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORMS**

All student emergency medical forms must be updated each year. Please go into OneView and complete or update the Student Demographics and EMA form online before the first day of school.

# SCHOOL FEES

School fees will remain \$68.00 for the 2024-2025 school year. The fees may be paid online or at the school.

# **TEACHER LISTS**

This year's class lists will be posted online beginning August 1st. These lists are tentative, so please be aware that changes may occur due to

~ Mr. Doug Billman, Elementary Principal

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Aug 7	6th Grade Orientation - 7		
Aug 14	Open House - 5-6:30p		
Aug 15	First day of classes		
Aug 20	First day of Kindergarten		
Aug 28	First day of Preschool		
Sept 2	Labor day - No school		
Sept 20	In-service - No school		

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

How can any religious person back and vote for Trump? He brags about grabbing women's genitals because as a celebrity he can. He mocks the handicapped it's on tape - calls our veterans suckers and losers (of course he never served -Daddy bought him out bone spurs - LOL!!) Brags about taking away a woman's rights - Says he wants to be

dictator like his buddy Putin Caused the Jan. 6 riots causing 5 deaths - Tried to overthrow our democracy! If elected he will pardon the radicals who did this!

He's been married 3 times, committed adultery on all 3 - The last one was pregnant with son Barron -All about power.

The Heritage Foundation has Project 2025 in place for a government takeover by Trump! Look it up! Your days of a free democracy will be gone.

His rich and greedy friends and CEO's are keeping our economy high! Grain prices have dropped 20% since Covid, but they haven't lowered prices.

Republicans want to take away Social Security and Medicare - Democrats fight to keep it!

Biden has been working on our infrastructure repairing roads, bridges, etc. Trump did NONE! Biden had a border policy Rep. and Dem. agreed on - Gave Rep, everything they wanted. Trump said No. He wants to use it in his campaign. Really looking out for our country.

His Vice Pres. pick is as radical as Trump - If a husband beats his wife she should stay with him! Really? Need to do a blanket party on him and see how he

Google HeritageFoundation Project 2025!

Trump tax plan: Family of 4 - \$100,000 pays \$2600 more; Family of 4 - \$5 million pays \$325,000 less! Sound fair?

Biden - Inflation Reduction Act - IRS collected \$1 billion in back taxes from high - wealth tax cheats Who is for the middle

class and not the rich? Dow four years ago

\$19,173; Dow now \$39,291. Yes we are better today than we were four years

—Judi Grubb Van Wert, OH

# **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Stop Being A Spectator If you are content with being a spectator in these treacherous times, I suggest you could be content with Biden and how he and his rag tag bunch of Democrat party leaders are destroying

A nation is kind of like a ship. If its rudder is missing or damaged, as ours is, it will flounder until sinking. Remember how they claimed the Titanic couldn't sink, but went to the bottom of the ocean after striking an ice-

Well, many Americans think we can-not fail to remain on top only because that is all they know. They could be the blind the Bible speaks of for the end times. Thanks to Democrats America has already capsized. They have been relentless in their drive to convert us to communism. I believe Obama would prefer seeing us under Islamic control because I don't feel he likes Christians.

For you liberals that don't know or understand, God has been our rudder since our founding on August 12, 1776. Thanks to 56 dedicated, strong and wealthy individuals, all of who lost their fortunes and /or life for their faith in a belief that a free people could govern themselves without a dictator. Democracy was born that day. Trump could easily

fit in their mold. You see, America was born on Christianity. Ever since that day we have had God's wall of protection around us. That is until 1947 shortly after when Democrats forbid any mention of God in our schools. We have not won a single war since then and we didn't lose before that time. By the way, these Democrats don't want any Christians in our military. They just want a killing machine.

Please read about Israel in the Bible. They are God's chosen people. Jesus was born in to a Jewish family. Israel was a people without a

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country. Thanks to America's strength and guidance, Israel got a small segment of their land back in 1948. Since then, Satan's earthly generals have doubled down trying to destroy America. The only sure way to do that is to eliminate God from so-

ciety and create a nation of ignorants. Once they gain total control of America, I believe they think they can then destroy Israel. Be careful who you follow.

I've said this before but doubt many Democrats took it in. We won all our battles at one time and then Satan attacked us big time. Since then Satan's Democrat generals created a law preventing God in out schools. Our demented Democrat leaders only want to rule stupid people and weak beings who depend on them for everything. They don't want anyone who can think for themselves.

Why did you vote for Biden even though he was showing signs of serious health failure before the election. If you Democrats had an ounce of common sense or paid attention to government goings on you would have known he was the lowest rated senator in modern history. When he left the senate, his personal wealth was was a measly \$27,000.

Biden started getting rich after working with Obama for eight years. While one was busy planting seeds to destroy America, the other one was busy getting cozy with communist China. As a direct result of being cozy he is now worth thirty million and his other family members have also gained millions. You fill in the blanks.

I've also said this before. The idiots leading our Democrat party today are communists or worse and will do any dirty trick in the book to keep their positions. Why do you think they brought all those fake and unconstitutional charges against President Trump? I don't like saving this but they are no better than a sewer rat. They just carry a more dangerous germ.

TRUMP DOES NOT POLITICS BUT AMERICA NEEDS TRUMP. —Richard Mastin Hicksville, OH

**HOW SHOULD YOU RESPOND TO MARKET CYCLES?** 

The movement of the financial markets can seem mysterious - and yet, if we look back over long periods, we can see definite patterns that consistently repeat themselves. As an investor, how should you respond to these market cycles? To begin with, it's useful

to know something about the nature of a market cycle and its connection to the business or economic cycle, which describes the fluctuations of the economy between periods of growth and contraction. Issues such as employment, consumer spending, interest rates and inflation can determine the stage of the business cycle. On the other hand, the market cycle refers to what's happening in the financial markets — that is, the performance of all the different types of investments. The market cycle often

anticipates the business cycle. In other words, the stock market may peak, or hit bottom, before the business cycle does the same. That's partially because the financial markets are always looking ahead. If they foresee an event that could boost the business cycle and help the economy, such as the Federal Reserve lowering interest rates, they may become more "bullish" on stocks, thus driving the market up. Conversely, if the markets think the business cycle will slow down and the economy will contract, they may project a decline in corporate earnings and become more "bearish" on stocks, leading to a market

Once you're familiar with the nature of market cycles, you won't be surprised when they occur. But does that mean you should base your investment strategy on these

Some people do. If they believe the market cycle is moving through a downward phase, they may try to cut their perceived losses by selling stocks — even those with strong fundamentals and good prospects - and buying lower-risk investments. While these "safer" investments may offer more price stability and a greater degree of preservation of principal,

they also won't provide much in the way of growth potential. And you'll need this growth capacity to help reach your long-term goals, including a comfortable retirement.

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On the other hand, when investors think the market cycle is moving upward, they may keep investing in stocks that have become overpriced. In extreme cases, unwarranted investor enthusiasm can lead to events such as the dotcom bubble, which led to a sharp market decline from 2000 through 2002.

Rather than trying to "time" the market, you may well be better off by looking past its cycles and following a "all-weather" long-term, strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance, time horizon and need for liquidity. And it's also a good idea to build a diversified portfolio containing U.S. and foreign stocks, mutual funds, corporate bonds, U.S. Treasury securities and other investments. While diversification can't protect against all losses, it can help protect you from market volatility that might primarily affect just one asset class.

Market cycles often draw a lot of attention, and they are relevant to investors in the sense that they can explain what's happening in the markets. Yet, when it comes to investing, it's best not to think of cycles but rather of a long journey - one that, when traveled carefully, can lead to the destinations you seek.

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# **READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

# **OHIO LOCATIONS** Antwerp: Antwerp Pharmacy, Dollar

H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Family Dollar, Pop-N-Brew, Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Pizza, Maramart, Library Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Village Hardware, Small Village Food Emporium,

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

Continental: Okuley's

Pharmacy, Dollar General, INDIANA LOCATIONS ACE Hardware Defiance: Newman's Marathon Walmart, Walgreens, Goodwill Carryout, Smoke Stop, Chief, (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years

Dollar General(Clinton St), Nursing Home, Golden Years Senior Center, Cabbage Patch, Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Advanced Auto, Marathon Hardware, Grabill Country Main Stop, Rite Aid, Defiance Sales Public Library

Edgerton: Supermarket, USPS, Utilties Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank Dept, H&W Napa, Marathon Hoagland: Mel's Town Main Stop, Marathon (East)

Stop, GH Branch Library, Feed & Grain Dollar General

Station, Citgo, Marathon, Dollar Assisted General, Subway, Senior Center, General Village offices, Johnson Memorial Library, Red Angel Pizza, McDonalds, Ken's Meat

Ney: Marathon

Cooper Library, Landing Strip Richard's Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Woodburn: Corner Market, Integrity
Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine,
Napa Do It Best, Bargain Bin,
Oasis, Financial Partners,
S&V Hardware, Gorrell Bros, General, Phoenix Manor, Courthouse, VFW Post 587, Chop Shop, ACPL Library, PC Sheriff's Office, Board of Willies Cafe II Elections, Paulding, PCH, Kwik Mart,

PC Carnegie Library

office, Village Payne: Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, General, Barber Shop, Sherwood Bank, Sherwood

**Scott:** Scott Post Office Cecil: 127 Maramart, Paulding Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart,

Orchard Tree

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems. General, Assisted Living

Kaiser Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Kaiser Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub Grover Hill: N&N Quick Milan Center: Milan Center

Dollar General

<u>Hicksville</u>: Sailers, Vancrest, Shell

Phillips 66, Village of Heritage Living,

Market, Paterson Hardware, Oakwood: Oakwood Market, Clips, NH Bakery, Chamber of The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Commerce (Old City Hall), Crumback Chevrolet, CVS,

Maramart, Dollar General, Heckley Automotive, S&V Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Liquors, Post Office, Dollar

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# DEFINITE COMPUTED SERVING THE COMPUTED SING THE

The Defiance Moose Lodge #2094 recently granted Lily Creek Farms with a \$1,000 grant. Congratulations! This grant is the seventh grant given this month by the Moose and will be used at Lily Creek for Equestrian Care. Pictured receiving the grant are (l-r) Stacy McCartney - Moose Lodge Administrator and Jami Young - Lily Creek Farms Executive Director.

# **DDVB RECEIVES \$1000 GRANT**



The ninth Defiance Moose Lodge #2094 grant recipient for the month of July, Defiance Development and Visitors Bureau (DDVB). This \$1,000 was gifted to DDVB and used for the community fireworks display earlier this month. Pictured receiving the grant are (l-r) Stacy McCartney - Moose Lodge Administrator and Jessica Babcock - DDVB Board President.



HISTORIC \$22.7 MILLION IN ARTS GRANTS AP-PROVED BY OHIO ARTS COUNCIL BOARD

935 Grants Awarded to Ohio Artists and Arts Orga-

izations
Operating Support

Sustainability supports ongoing arts and cultural activities in all genres. Awards support the state's arts and cultural ecosystem, providing stable and consistent

funding to organizations regardless of budget size. This flexible and reliable funding supports a wide range of the state's arts providers as they make high-quality artistic experiences available to residents and visitors, positioning Ohio as a national leader in creativity, artistry, and cultural wealth.

446 grants totaling \$17,167,288

Statewide Arts Service Organizations (SASO) are qualifying organizations that provide statewide professional services to arts and cultural organizations. These organizations often serve as critical partners to the OAC's work as they, along with their members or constituents, support our mission to strengthen Ohio communities through the arts. SASOs are eligible to receive OAC support in a way that honors their unique and valuable contributions to Ohio's arts sector.

5 grants totaling \$292,300

5 grants totaling \$292,300 Project Support

ArtSTART provides flexible, accessible funding to help organizations complete short-term projects addressing a wide variety of goals and objectives. Most awards support the programming of new or emerging organizations, including first-time OAC applicants, as well as new or established organizations in areas not served by other arts providers.

181 grants totaling

\$625,979
ArtsNEXT provides

competitive funding for innovative and experimental projects. Awards support big ideas that push boundaries, engage participants in unexpected ways, pilot new solutions to challenging problems, improve program design with calculated risktaking, or result in the creation of new work. These forward-looking projects help define Ohio as an exciting, cutting-edge place to make, consume, and experience the arts.

66 grants totalin \$974,891

Ohio Artists on Tour enables Ohio organizations to tap into the creative potential of artists to enrich their programming and the vitality of their communities. This program provides awards in the form of fee support to institutions that present Ohio-based performing artists.

31 grants totaling \$162,071

Arts Learning

Arts Partnership supports arts education projects that address the needs of individual learners and their communities. Grant recipients engage in collaborative planning with partners, emphasize in-depth study of the arts, and use arts learning outcomes and standardsbased arts education practices. The program supports organizations seeking to both maximize community strengths and shed light on community challenges, especially those in historically under-resourced areas. By supporting these projects and programs, the OAC strengthens arts education locally, regionally, statewide.

88 grants totalin \$1,002,171

**TeachArtsOhio** brings schools and community organizations together with

teaching artists to share engaging, personal, high-quality arts learning experiences. Engagements can vary from short introductory exposures lasting as few as 10 days to in-depth immersive experiences spanning a full school year.

100 grants totaling

\$2,415,000

Artist Programs

Traditional Arts Apprenticeships provide support for master artists to work with apprentices to build understanding and proficiency in folk and traditional art forms. These awards support the teaching and sharing of important cultural traditions and enrich the lives of Ohioans. 18 grants totaling \$65,002

"On behalf of the board,

the Ohio Arts Council thanks Governor Mike DeWine, Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted, and members of the Ohio General Assembly for their steadfast support of the arts. We are proud to invest such a significant amount of funding in Ohio communities and contribute to our state's cultural vitality and importance." Donna S. Collins, Executive Director, Ohio Arts Council

# FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio – Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officers Mark Williams and Chad Grote, assigned to Franklin County and Marion County, respectively, investigated a suspicious white-tailed deer harvest report from the 2023-24 hunting season. The officers found that one person had harvested four deer, which is more than the county bag limit of three deer. A second individual had tagged one of the deer. The latter was issued a summons for using a permit on a deer harvested by another person, and the former was charged for harvesting more than the bag limit. They were each fined \$160

and paid \$115 in court costs.

State Wildlife Officer Brian
Motsinger, assigned to Union
County, attended a fishing
event for families. Officer
Motsinger explained the importance of buying a fishing license and how the money generated from licenses goes back
into the sport. He also talked
about fishing as a family
hobby and gave a brief lesson

in knot tying.

Northwest Ohio – Wildlife
District Two

State Wildlife Officer Ethan Bingham, assigned to Williams County, received a call from the Williams County Sheriff's Office about a common loon in a yard. Officer Bingham captured the loon, which appeared to be healthy and unharmed. Loons need a large body of water to take off and fly. The loon was transported to Lake La Su An Wildlife Area, where it was released on a lake.

State Wildlife Officer Eric VonAlmen, assigned to Wood County, observed four individuals fishing below the dam at Mary Jane Thurston State Park. After fishing, the anglers left behind the trash they had accumulated as they prepared to leave. Two individuals placed plastic bait containers into the river, and a trash bag was thrown into the weeds. All four suspects received a summons for stream litter, and each paid a \$150 fine.

# DEFIANCE LODGE GIVES GRANT TO SOUTH RICHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The South Richland Fire Department recently received \$1,500 grant from the Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This is the eighth grant given by the Moose this month and the Fire Department will be using this grant for new fitness equipment. Pictured receiving the grant are (L to R) Paul Seibert - Fire Chief and Stacy McCartney - Moose Lodge Administrator.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

In December 2023, State Wildlife Officer Zach Hillman, assigned to Summit County, contacted a group of duck hunters along the Cleveland shoreline who had successfully harvested seven mallards. The Lake Erie Nature and Science Center needed mallard duck wings to rehabilitate wild mallards that had suffered flight feather damage. Through a process called feather imping, damaged feathers are replaced with healthy ones from donor duck wings. Officer Hillman explained the situation to the group of hunters, who donated wings from the ducks they had harvested. Officer Hillman delivered the wings to the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, where they will be used to help mallards with wing damage return to

Madgar, assigned to Geauga County, received information regarding a hunter who harvested several white-tailed deer before purchasing a deer permit. Officer Madgar found that over a period of three vears the individual only purchased deer permits after a harvest. The hunter was found guilty in Geauga County Court of hunting without obtaining the proper permit, was ordered to pay \$1,157 in fines, and had hunting privileges revoked for one year. A buck mount and venison were forfeited.

State Wildlife Officer Matt

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife
District Four

District Four
State Wildlife Officer Jerrod Allison, assigned to Coshocton County, received several complaints of people driving in unauthorized areas of Woodbury Wildlife Area and damaging gates. In March, Officer Allison obtained pictures and videos of an individual taking a cable gate apart and driving into an unauthorized area. The suspect was identified and issued a summons for driving in an

unauthorized area. The suspect paid \$175 in fines.

In June State Wildlife Offi-

In June, State Wildlife Officer Scot Gardner, assigned to Washington County, received nearly 20 black bear reports in three days. Officer Gardner confirmed that there were at least two bears, though many of the reports were likely of the same bear in the Vincent area. Officer Gardner talked to area residents and advised them to leave the bear alone and give it space to safely travel through the area. Most bears seen in Ohio are young males, which can travel great distances in search of new habitat. In the absence of a resident female, transient male bears are not likely to remain in an area for an extended time.

Southwest Ohio – Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Mathew Bourne, assigned to Clark County, recently handled a call from the Clark County Sheriff's Office. A deer ran into the sallyport at the jail while the doors were closing. Officer Bourne successfully captured the deer and released it in a safer location.

Wildlife Officer State Mathew Bourne, assigned to Clark County, received a complaint that an individual was digging ginseng without landowner permission in Highland County. Officer Bourne, along with State Wildlife Officer Gus Kiebel, assigned to Adams County, responded to the property and located a vehicle and two suspects. The officers contacted the individuals, who were in possession of a bag of ginseng which had been dug on the landowner's property without permission. Two digging tools and 152 ginseng roots were seized from the individuals. Both individuals were found guilty in Hillsboro Municipal Court, where they were ordered to pay \$500 in fines and \$271 in court costs. The ginseng was forfeited and will be returned to the landowner.





# INDOT LAUNCHES SAFE ZONES PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE WORK ZONE SAFETY



To protect the lives of motorists and construction workers across the Hoosier State, INDOT announces the official launch of Indiana Safe Zones, a five-year worksite speed control pilot program authorized by House Enrolled Act 1015 during the 2023 legislative session.

Starting Wednesday, Aug. 14, camera technology will be deployed in the current I-70 construction zone in Hancock County (MM 95-105). Deployment will start with a pre-enforcement warning period during which no violations will be issued, but courtesy warnings will be sent. Additional worksites will be added to the program over time. By statute, INDOT may deploy cameras in up to four sites at any given time. "The goal of the Safe Zones program is to slow drivers down, reduce crashes, and most importantly, save lives," said IN-DOT Commissioner Mike Smith. "Speed continues to be a factor in work zone crashes and changing driver behavior is crucial to making work zones safer for drivers

and road workers. For everyone's safety, I urge drivers to wear their seat belts, avoid distractions and follow the posted speed limit."

Over the past decade, 269 people have been killed in crashes in highway worksites or in worksite backups in Indiana. In 2023 alone, 33 people were killed and more than 1,750 were injured in INDOT work zones. Four out of five people killed in work zones are either drivers or their passengers.

Here's how Indiana Safe Zones will work:

- Signs will be posted as motorists enter and exit worksites notifying them that speed limits are being monitored by an automated system.
- The system will monitor the speed of vehicles using speed timing devices as they pass through the work zone. When a vehicle is determined to be traveling 11 mph or more above the posted speed limit, the system will capture an image of the vehicle's rear license plate. After the data is validated, violations will be cer-

tified and issued to the owner of the vehicle by mail.

- The pilot program will begin with a pre-enforce-ment period, during which drivers will receive courtesy notices but will not be fined.
- After the pre-enforcement period ends, the first violation will result in a zerofine warning, the second in a \$75 civil penalty, and every violation thereafter a penalty of \$150. In accordance with the statute, collected penalties will go into the state's General Fund.
- Workers must be present at the site at the time of the event for violations to be valid

Similar programs in other states have significantly improved work zone safety. Two years after Maryland launched its program, speeding violations in construction sites fell by more than 80% and incidence of worksite-related crashes, fatalities and injuries were at their lowest in more than 10 years. In the first year that Pennsylvania began continuously enforcing its program, it saw a more than 19% drop in worksite crashes.

Data collected by Indiana Safe Zones will be used strictly for this program, and will not be used for surveillance or other law enforcement purposes. The Indiana Department of Transportation will share annual reports throughout the five-year pilot program with members of the Indiana General Assembly and the traveling public.

To learn more about Indiana Safe Zones, including active locations and answers to frequently asked questions, visit SafeZonesIN.com.

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Toledo's Daniel Wallace wins at Oakshade Raceway. Charlie Orns Photo



#17 Sheldon Haudenschild battles #13 Justin Peck at Eldora. Campbell Photography



David Gravel wins the 41st Annual Kings Royal. Campbell Photography

# By: Ron Burt

I want to remind high school football fans I will be giving high school scores every Friday night on Facebook Live, on the "Ohio Sports Blitz" at 9:35PM and 10:40PM. If you're a diehard football fan I will cover 20 conferences. Locally this WBL, includes MAC, NWOAL, GMC, NWC, BVC and 14 more. I will also cover the weekly Ohio Top 10 and the National Top 10. The Friday night scoreboard last year averaged close to 2,000 listeners for each broadcast. I'm still deciding about putting it on TikTok. Just log onto Facebook and bookmark "Ohio Sports Blitz" and follow the page for any updates.

The 41st annual Eldora Kings Royal might have been the best in the history of the race. It was the largest crowd I've ever seen at the track. It was hard to look at

the stands or the grassy hillside between turns one and two and find a place to sit. One of the World of Outlaw fan favorites, David Gravel was the race winner and was crowned King and took the \$175.000.00 first place check. The second big winner was a fan that won the 50/50 and took home \$82,791.00. Some people attend this race to play the 50/50. It's hard to believe such a huge event doesn't attract area TV, radio or newspaper sports reporters. David Gravel has now won the 3 most prestigious events in Sprint Car Racing, Kings Royal 2024, Knoxville Nationals 2019 and the National Open 2014 and 2017. The Top Five finishers at this year's Kings Royal, David Gravel, Donny Schatz, Justin Peck, Logan Schuchart and Jacob Allen.

The "Knight Before" on Friday was another battle. You could hear the huge crowd chanting Rico, Rico as they watched Rico Abreu out-dual David Garvel. He picked up his 10th Eldora victory, 17th with the World of Outlaws and \$25,000.00 for his work. Gravel had to settle for second and Logan Schuchart rounded out the podium.

On Thursday July 18th, David Gravel won the Eldora Joker's Jackpot and netted himself \$100,000.00. Donny Schatz was 2nd and Brad Sweet 3rd. Wednesday July 17th the Double Down Duels kicked off Kings Royal week and was run by the High Limit Racing Series. Group A was won by Logan Schuchart and Giovanni Scelzi won Group B. Saturday, July 20th Oak-

shade Raceway had the Night of Wheels. 40 brand new donated bikes, scooters, etc. were given away at intermission to a bunch of happy kids and Toledo, Ohio's Dan Wallace found this way back to victory lane for the first time since 2018 in the DIRTcar UMP Late Model feature event. Wallace jumped out to a nice lead at the start of the 25-lap main event over Rusty Smith and Carter Murday after starting on the pole. He continued to check out on the rest of the field until a caution flag flew with just four laps remaining which tightened the field back. Once the green flag dropped for the final laps, Wallace once again pulled away and was able to take the checkered flag. Colin Shipley got by Rusty Smith for 2nd in the final laps which moved him up to second in the points, just 26 behind the fourthplace finisher, Carter Murday. Jake Rendel ended up fifth. The Dominator Super Stocks ran two features because of a June 8th rain-out. Rendel won the evenings A-main, and Jeff Foks Jr. won the make-up feature. Kolin Schilt took the checker in the Sportsman Class. Jeff Wells won the Sport Compact feature. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out!

## **OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY** ADVANCING ANIMAL **AGRICULTURE WITH NEW WATERMAN DAIRY**

The Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory in Columbus will soon be home to The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) new state-of-the-art dairy facility, replacing the outdated 1972 structure demolished in

"We're making exciting progress," Graham Cochran, CFAES associate dean for operations, said. "Construction will start soon with an anticipated completion in spring 2025. The project will bring a modern small-scale, fully autonomous dairy to the CFAES Columbus campus, supporting our work for years to come."

The new dairy, located on the site of the previous dairy at Waterman as part of the 261-acre lab, will be equipped with leading-edge technology from Lely North Amer-

"The three components that will showcase modern animal agricultural technology include a robotic milking system, feeding robot and au-

tomated feed kitchen, and

manure management robots," said John Lemmermen, longtime manager of the dairy

This technology greatly enhance cow comfort, as well as the learning, research, and outreach impact of the dairy and will support the Jersey herd, which was temporarily relocated to the CFAES Wooster campus in preparation for the new dairy. The new dairy can house 60 Jersey milking cows, all with access to the milking robot. "The newly constructed

Waterman Dairy will provide state-of-the-art technology and accommodations to enhance the college's academic and research programs," said Maurice Eastridge, professor and senior associate chair, Department of Animal Sciences. "It will be a tremendous asset to our outreach programs to the community and agricultural industry to focus on food production systems. It is also geographically positioned to highlight the importance of agriculture and innovation just off Lane Avenue, at the primary entrance to the Columbus campus."

According to Scott Higgins, chief executive officer of both the American Dairy Association Mideast and the Ohio Dairy Producers Association, the dairy project is important to the dairy industry in Ohio.

"On behalf of the dairy farmers I represent, it is exciting to see this investment in a modern dairy that will impact the student experience and tell the story of dairy farming and milk products through public engagement," he said. "The new Waterman Dairy, along with the Multispecies Animal Learning Center now under construction, will raise the bar for CFAES teaching, research, and public engagement with animal agriculture."

Initially, CFAES is planning to install one new robotic milker with the ability to add a second milking robot in the future. Space will be designated for future installation of an onsite milk processing facility.

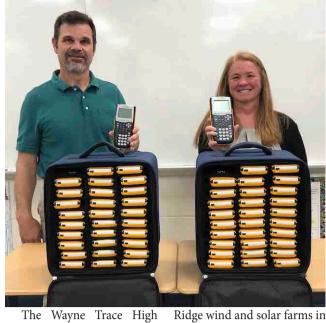
"The robotic milker will allow cows to be milked on their own schedule, on average three times per day, depending on their milk production and stage of being lactation. While milked, the cows will be fed grain in the robotic milker to encourage them to visit the robot more often," Lemmer-

men said. One interesting feature of robotic milking is the ability to more precisely feed the cows based on their stage of lactation, milk production, and body condition. The robot will measure each cow's milk production, milk components, body temperature, body weight, and activity. This information will provide data to improve performance and enhance the cow's health.

A feeding robot and automated feed kitchen will autonomously feed the animals. The barn is also designed with curtains, fans, and a misting system controlled by thermostats to keep fresh air moving through the barn and maintaining a more constant cool temperature. Two robotic manure vacuums will move throughout the barn, keeping alleys clean and re-

ducing water usage. "I am very excited about

# Phone: 419-258-2000 • Email: info@westbendnews.net **EDP RENEWABLES DONATE GRAPHING** CALCULATORS TO WT MATHEMATICS DEPT.



School Mathematics Department acquired 2 new classroom sets of 30 TI-84 Plus graphing calculators as a result of a generous donation by EDP Renewables. EDP Renewables operates the Timber

Paulding County. Shown are mathematics teachers Jack Baumle and Teresa Homier, who would like to greatly express their thanks to EDP for their investment in our students' future.

how the robotics will improve herd health and management, freeing up our time to better take care of the cows. The new facility will enhance our student learning and bring more people in to educate about the dairy industry and agriculture in general," said Lemmermen.

With the latest technologies being installed on Ohio dairy farms, this new dairy will provide more opportunities for hands-on experiences that prepare students for careers in the dairy industry. Their duties will include calf care and feeding, monitoring the milking information for health and breeding decisions, cleaning and bedding stalls and pens, monitoring cows in the calving pen, supplying the feed kitchen, assisting with classes and tours, as well as general labor.

"The new facility will allow students to be ready for a career in the dairy industry in all sectors, from farm management to sales and service," said Jason Hartschuh,

field specialist, dairy management and precision livestock for Ohio State University Extension. "It will assist with workforce development, as we'll also be able to use the technologies in this facility as training tools for dairy producers and their employees."

Also at Waterman, construction of the new Multispecies Animal Learning Center (MALC) is underway, with a projected opening in fall 2025. The MALC will be a world-class facility where people and animals can interact, fostering education not only for Ohio State students but also for K-12 students and individuals of all ages, expanding the visibility of advances in animal agriculture to the next generation of students. With the addition of both the MALC and Dairy, new, modern animal facilities serving all major animal agriculture species will now be accessible at Water-



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# FISHING BOAT SEIZED AFTER WALLEYE TOURNAMENT SCANDAL SOLD IN AUCTION



The boat, which was forfeited, was sold in an online auction which closed on Tuesday.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife announced that the fishing boat seized from Chase Cominsky, 37, of Hermitage, Pa., was sold through an online auction Tuesday. Cominsky and Jacob Runyan, 44, of Ashtabula, were convicted in May 2023 of felony cheating and misdemeanor animal ownership charges.

The forfeited boat, a 22-foot Ranger, was sold in an online auction that closed on Tuesday, July 23. The winning bid for the boat was \$82,000 with a final price of \$96,288.50 including fees and taxes. The boat was offered for sale with its motors and

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Complaint in the Court of Common Pleas

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Being known as a part of Lot Number

10 and Lot Number 10 ½ of Forder's Addition to the Village of Antwerp,

located in the Southwest Quarter (1/4)

of Section 27 AND a parcel of land

located in the Southeast Quarter (1/4)

of Section 28, Township 3 North,

Range 1 East, Carryall Township, Paulding County, Ohio, and being

more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast

corner of Section 28 monumented by a

S/8 inch capped iron pin found; THENCE North 01°09'39" East, on the

East line of Section 28, a distance of

210.42 feet to a l-inch copper rod set

on concrete on the Northerly line of

West River Street; THENCE North

68°37\*26" East, on the Northerly line

of West River Street, 40.00 feet to the

POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE

North 21°38'39"\* West, 94.92 feet to a

mag nail set in a concrete walk;

THENCE North 21°51'06" West. 35.94

feet to a 5/8 inch capped iron pin

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With this money, the Division of Wildlife will purchase a new Lake Erie law enforcement patrol vessel for Ohio Wildlife Officers.

In 2022, the Division of Wildlife received a report of individuals cheating during a walleye fishing tournament in Cleveland. The resulting investigation seized a boat, motors, and trailer and penalties included a three-year fishing license revocation for both individuals.

Ohio wildlife officers have statewide authority to enforce wildlife regulations and protect state lands, waterways, and property. As state law enforcement officers, they contribute to public safety in their local areas and Ohio's great outdoors. They also speak to hundreds of clubs and groups conservation wildlife programs, perform fish and wildlife surveys, and provide technical advice and instruction about wildlife management issues, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor related recreation.

Anyone who witnesses a wildlife violation in Ohio can call 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437). Reports are kept anonymous.

The mission of the Division of Wildlife is to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all. Visit wildohio. gov to find out more.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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on the Northerly line of Lot Number 10 of Forder's Addition extended, 74.29 feet to a 1/4-inch iron pin found set in concrete, (passing the East linc of Section 28 at a distance of 15.29 feet); THENCE South 16°48'14" East 131.75 fect to a 1/2 inch iron pin found set in concrete on the Northerly line of West River Street and the Southerly line of Lot Number 10; THENCE South 68°37\*26" West, on the Northerly line of West River Street and the Southerly line of Lot Number 10 and Lot Number 10 1/2 a distance of 62.97 feet; (passing the Southwesterly corner of Lot Number 10 at 57.52 feet) to the point

The parcel herein described contains 7,639 square feet in Lot Number 10; contains 1,080 square feet in Lot Number 10 ½ in Forder's Addition located in the Southwest Ouarter (I/4) of Section 27; ALSO a parcel of land containing 275 square feet in the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 28 for a aggregate of 8,994 square feet of land, more or less, but subject to all legal highways and easements of record

The basis of bearings is the Ohio North Coordinates. Thomas J. Henry, Registered Surveyor No.6787, prepared this description.

Parcel ID: 12-15S-002-00: 12-15S-001-00: and 12-36S-027-01 Property Address: 422 W. River Street, Antwerp, OH 45813

The persons mentioned above will further take notice that they have been made party Defendants to the Complaint and that they are required to answer the same within 28 days after the last

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# PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

# Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Randy L. Moore, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Shayne M. Chirinos,
Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive;
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

Mark F. Clark No.

Mark E. Clark, Noblesville, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Aaron M. Lugabihl, Wauseon, OH; Violation of protective order; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; 100 days jails, 92 days suspended; Repay Ct. Appt. counsel fees

Tyler J. Levos, Paulding, OH; Criminal damage; Pled no contest, found guilty; 90 days jail, 88 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Shall have no contact with victim; Maintain general good behavior

Cory L. Salisbury, Paulding, OH; Aggravated menacing; Guilty; 90 days jail, 90 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Restitution hearing set; Evaluation; Mental health; No contact with victims; Risk assessment; No alcohol; No firearms; Firearm forfeited; Online classes

Ethan W. Reust, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; 30 days jail, 29 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No unlawful contact with victim

Shon D. Cantu, Defiance, OH; Disorderly conduct; Assault; Possession of drugs; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing, Cases shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

**Richard** A. Smith, Galion, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Nate G. Reinhart, Paulding, OH; FRA suspension; Guilty; 30 days jail, suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall continue working towards a valid driver's license

Elijah J. Zamudio, Lima, OH; False ID; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by defendant

Kurtis P. Puckett, Haviland, OH; Domestic violence;, Guilty; 180 days jail, 150 days suspended, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Shall have no contact with victim, or Village of Haviland, OH, Defendant shall remain in jail until all ordered days are completed; Menacing, Guilty, 30 days jail, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, Defendant shall have no contact with victim or Village of Haviland, OH, Jail days concurrent with CRB2400140

Kenneth A, Overmyer, Nappanee, IN; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gebrehiwot G.
Meakubay, Blacklick, OH;
Marked lanes, Guilty, Case
was waived by defendant;
Distracted driving, Guilty,
Case was waived by defendant
Courtany M. Bigger,

Hicksville, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ibrahim K. Abdullah,

Fort Wayne, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joy M. Ingledue, Van

Wert, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant *Carol Merriman*, Oakwood, OH; Traffic device/

signs; Guilty; Case was

waived by defendant *Terri A. Bland*, Kettering,
H; Driving/texting; Guilty;
Case was waived by defendant

Shayne M. Chirinos, Toledo, OH; FRA suspension, Count A dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Distracted driving, Pled no contest, found guilty, Fine suspended with completion of distracted driving course

Devin C. Johnson, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Drake M. Sanders,

Grover Hill, OH; Driving/ texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jose Miguel R. Rico, Van Wert, OH; No operator license; Guilty; Proof of insurance not provided

Deedan K. King, Kissimmee, FL; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

William E. Khami, Sterling Heights, MI; Seat belt/ Drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

waived by defendant

Anais Melendrez, Warsaw, IN; Distracted driving;
Guilty; Defendant completed

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Crösswörd Puzzle

West Bend News

# ACROSS

- 2. A common feeling due to the high temperatures.
- 6. A risk from prolonged exposure to the sun during these hot days.
- 7. Extended period of excessively hot weather.
- 8. The star also known as the Dog Star, which rises during this period.
  10. The month most
- associated with the peak of summer heat.

  12. A potential result of the prolonged heat.
- 14. A favorite treat to help cool down.
- 15. Sought after to avoid direct sunlight.
- A severe heat-related illness to be aware of and prevent.
- Time off often taken during the hottest part of summer.
- 23. A popular method to cool off during these hot days.

# **DOWN**

1. The body's natural way to cool down.

- 3. Used to water plants or cool off in the yard.
- 4. Devices used to circulate air and provide relief from the heat.
- 5. Footwear commonly worn during the hot summer months.
- 7. Can make the heat feel even more oppressive.9. Worn to protect eyes from
- bright sunlight.

  11. Often used for children to play and cool down in the yard.
- 13. Important to maintain due to increased sweating.
- 16. A popular destination during hot summer days.17. The primary characteristic of the Dog Days of
- of the Dog Days of Summer.
- 18. Used to protect skin from harmful UV rays.19. A common activity to
- escape the heat.

  21. Outdoor meal often
- enjoyed in the summer.

  22. Often turns brown due to the lack of rain and high

temperatures.

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# DC AG SOCIETY RECEIVES GRANT FROM DEFIANCE MOOSE LODGE #2094



The tenth grant recipient from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094 for the month of July is Defiance County Ag Society! This \$1,000 grant will be used for the Junior Fair Poultry Barn Phase One Expansion. Pictured receiving the grant are (L to R) Blake Zeedyk - Fair Board Member/Poultry Barn Superintendent and Stacy McCartney - Moose Lodge Administrator.

### USDA AWARDS \$300 MILLION TO DIVERSIFY **EXPORT MARKETS FOR U.S. AGRICULTURE**

Secretary Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced today that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is allocating \$300 million to 66 U.S. organizations, under the new Regional Agricultural Promotion Program (RAPP), to build demand for American food and farm exports in high-potential around the globe.

Secretary launched KAPP in October 2023, authorizing \$1.2 billion in Commodity Credit Corporation funding to help U.S. exporters expand their customer base beyond traditional and established markets, focusing on regions such as Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and South and

Southeast Asia, where consumer demand and purchasing power are growing.

"USDA and the entire Biden-Harris Administration are focused on creating more, new and better markets for U.S. producers and agribusinesses, and exports are a critical part of that effort," Vilsack said. "By enabling U.S. exporters to expand their footprint in diverse and dynamic new markets, RAPP will help make them more competitive and resilient in an increasingly volatile global trading environment. We know the potential is out there, but it takes time and money to grow new markets. USDA is pleased to be able to provide the start-up capital to help tap into these opportunities, because if we are serious about reversing the decline of small and mid-sized farms, and building wealth



Paulding County AUCTION
Tillable Land Level Productive Soils

Monday, August 12 · 6pm



AUCTION LOCATION: The American Legion - 220 N Main St, Payne, OH 45880 PROPERTY LOCATION: 3400 Block of Road 144, Antwerp, 0H 45813

This property is a split off of two original tax parcels. It has road frontage along Road 144, just east of Township Road 21. The southern boundary is the large open ditch. The soils are mostly Hoytville Silty Clay. The buyer will need to install a culvert for spring planting. The Seller will pay the Buyer the Fall proceeds from the 2024 crops.

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- plans to conduct trade education seminars and other consumer-focused activities to target export opportunities in India, Brazil, Colombia and Southeast Asia. • The Southern Forest
- Products Association is targeting new market opportunities for Southern yellow pine products throughout the Caribbean region through educational seminars and promotional events.
- The Hazelnut Marketing Board will conduct market research and trade missions to facilitate support market development in several African countries.
- The U.S. Dairy Export Council plans to expand its presence in Africa by utilizing RAPP funding to better understand and develop dairy import regulations and regulatory frameworks in many markets.
- The U.S. Meat Export Federation plans to expand its export efforts to new markets in the ASEAN region and throughout Africa, as well as enhance its investment in the convenience store segment in South Korea, Central America and Colombia.
- The Brewers Association will tap into the burgeoning craft beer scene in Southeast Asia, taking part in the region's premier brewing trade show and festival and also bringing buyers from the region to the top trade shows in the United States.

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# **BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES \$190M GRANT FOR PROGRAMS**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service is making \$190 million available to help private forest landowners adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change and retain working forestlands.

This new investment, announced today at the University of Maine's Investing in America Town Hall, was made possible by the Inflation Reduction Act – part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda and the largest climate investment in

"Climate change threatens people, communities, infrastructure, and natural resources across the country," Secretary Vilsack. "Healthy, resilient forests can better withstand climate change impacts, and contribute to climate solutions by storing additional carbon. Thanks to President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, we are partnering with states and nonprofits to reduce financial barriers for landowners interested in adopting climatesmart forestry practices and making their lands more resilient to climate change. These strategic investments represent our commitment to an all-lands, all-hands approach to investing in rural communities and mitigating the climate crisis." Of the total, \$140 million

is available to support stateendorsed cost-share programs for landowners. Costshare payments lower the financial barriers for landowners to adapt to climate change by making forests more resilient to changing climate conditions, and to store more carbon on the landscape. For example, a landowner may decide to work with states and non-profits to strategically thin their private forestland, removing small-diameter trees that compete for scarce resources, allowing large trees to grow larger and sequester more carbon.

Additionally, \$50 million is available to programs that issue payments directly to landowners to adopt practices that increase carbon sequestration and storage of their forests. Forest management impacts the amount of carbon stored and sequestered, and this funding opportunity incentivizes carbon stewardship. Among other things, payments to landowners also provide financial incentive to maintain their land as forests rather than convert it to other uses. Eligible applicants include state forestry agencies or their equivalents and nonprofit organizations.

Privately owned forests and private forest landowners are key to tackling the climate crisis. Private landowners manage more than 60% of forests in the United States; in Maine, they manage more than 90% of all forests. These vast swaths of privately managed forests are key to the carbon cycle and are an imporclimate solution, absorbing vast quantities of carbon and storing it for decades.

The Forest Service is committed to supporting landowners as they manage their forests in a changing cli mate. In addition to these investments, the agency recently announced \$145 million from the Inflation Reduction Act for projects that connect private forest landowners with emerging climate markets.

This funding advances environmental justice and President Biden's Justice40 Initiative, which set the goal that 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal climate, clean energy, and other covered investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.

For more information about the available funding opportunity, including eligibility and how to apply, visit the Forest Service's Forest

Landowner Support webpage.

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Safety is the most important part of all jobs within Nucor; therefore, candidates must be able to demonstrate the ability to initiate, lead, and uphold safety policies, practices, procedures, and housekeeping standards at all times.

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- Electronic engine controls and computer-based diagnosis.
- Diagnosis and repair of gasoline engines, hydraulic and electrical repair
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# PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

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He could hit with power both right-handed and lefthanded, but he didn't take care of his body and was plagued with injuries nearly his entire career. Just as Babe Ruth subsisted on hot dogs and caroused all night long, Mickey played church league basketball in the offseason and suffered a severe injury which hampered him an entire season. The last few years he played his statistics declined measurably.

After 2 years in the minor leagues, Mick was the hottest prospect in baseball. The Yankees brought him up in the spring of '52. He was to be the replacement for Joe DiMaggio in center field. But he got off to a rocky start. He went hitless his first 22 games and was approaching the team strikeout record. That was the time that his dad showed up at his hotel, and gave him a new determination.

He eventually played 18 years for the Yankees and at age 37 he was just too injured to play, but he didn't want to quit. That year the Yankees held a Mickey Mantle day and the next year announced he was quitting baseball.

The startling thing I learned is that Mickey became a Christian in later life.

After his marriage broke up, his three sons became alcoholics and two of them died from alcohol. Mickey turned his life around, he became a Christian speaker denouncing the partaking of alcohol. Mickey Mantle still holds five world series records and played in 18 All-Star games. He was one of the last of the great superstars, after Ruth and DiMaggio. Perhaps Yogi Berra, and recently Jeter.

I recently read something that caught my attention. Nashville AAA baseball player, Brewer Hilken, was baptized in front of the entire stadium, by teammate Wes

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### **VILLAGE OF ANTWERP REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 6/12/24**

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Jan Reeb. Council persons present: Dean Rister, Bill Boylan, Bryce Steiner, Jason Franks, and Śteve

• motion made by Rister, seconded by Franks, to excuse Bryan Smith from the meeting. 5 yeas, o nays. motion carried and approved.

Also attending: Administrator Brian Davis, Fiscal Officer Kevin Hornish, Police Chief George Clemens and Solicitor Cam Stanley.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held May 8, 2024, were reviewed.

Councilman Franks pointed out a typo on page 2 in regard to the correct number of yea votes when adopting r2024-12 that needed corrected.

• Motion made by Steiner, seconded by Jordan, to accept the regular council meeting minutes from the May 8, 2024, meeting as corrected. 5 yeas, o nays. Mo-

tion carried and approved. The May finance statements and the R.I.T.A. report were reviewed.

• Motion made by Rister, seconded

by Boylan, to accept the May finance report. 5 yeas, 0 nays. motion carried and

Barry Hook and Gayle Rister. Both visitors were only attending as guests and had no business to present to council.

POLICE REPÔRT

Chief Cleme written report showing 49 calls for service, 4 total offenses and 4 ticketed offenses for mayor's court during the month of May. Clemens answered a few questions from council on the police re-

EMS REPORT No report was provided

# FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Emergency reading of resolution 2024-14: a resolution to proceed with submission of the question of levying a tax that is a renewal of an existing levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses, including street lighting expenses, and declaring the same an emergency (r.c. 5705.03, 5705.19(a), 5705.191, 5705.192, and

Motion made by Franks, seconded by Jordan, to suspend the rules regarding r2024-14. 5 yeas, 0 nay. motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rister, seconded by Boylan, to adopt r2024-14. 5 yeas, o nays. motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of resolution 2024-15: a resolution to proceed with submission of the question of levying a tax that is a renewal of an existing levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, and equipment including pumper/tanker fire engine and fire gear for firefighting personnel, and declaring the same an emergency (r.c. 5705.03, 5705.19(1), 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.25)

Motion made by Jordan, seconded by Rister, to suspend the rules regarding r2024-15. 5 yeas, 0 nay. motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rister, seconded by

Jordan, to adopt r2024-15. 5 yeas, 0 nays. motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of resolution 2024-16: a resolution to proceed with submission of the question of levying a tax that is a renewal of an existing levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of police protection, and declaring the same an emergency (r.c. 5705.03, 5705.19(j), 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.25)

Motion made by Boylan, seconded by Rister, to suspend the rules regarding r2024-16. 5 yeas, 0 nay. motion carried

and approved.

Motion made by Rister, seconded by Franks, to adopt r2024-16. 5 yeas, 0 nays. motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance 2024-05: an ordinance regulating the placement of mobile housing and the transfer of same within the village and declaring an emergency

Questions and discussion took place

on ordinance 2024-05. following discus-

 Motion made by Steiner, seconded by Rister; to table the ordinance until revisions could be made and more information could be gathered in regard to the possible need for a public hearing prior to voting on the ordinance. 5 yeas, 0 nays. motion to table carried and

# COMMITTEE REPORTS: No committee reports given **OLD BUSINESS:**

Bill Boylan asked to revisit the topic of a zoning restriction in regard to Ohio issue ii, marijuana legislative initiative which was passed in 2023. solicitor Stanley had no new detail to provide council on the issue at this time, council discussed the possibility of restricting store fronts that would sell marijuana in cer tain districts in the village, following discussion.

· Motion made by Boylan, seconded by Iordan, to have solicitor Stanley draft an ordinance that would restrict recreational marijuana facilities from opening and operating a store in zone b1 & 12 dis tricts of the village, 4 yeas, 1 nay. Motion carried and approved. Solicitor Stanley will start a draft of an ordinance for coun-

NEW BUSINESS:

Admin. Davis updated council on the status of the water tower restoration

Davis hopes the work will start the following Monday on the 17th. He also informed council that O.D.O.T. has made plans to resurface S.R. 49 through the village. This will be a two stage process with stage one being a reclamation from U.S. 24 on S. Erie to Canal Street next summer. and then stage two will be a more indepth process with a complete grinding of Main Street to the original brick allowing the village to do any necessary repair work to storm drains and catch basins prior to resurfacing main street through town to the north end of the village. this will allow O D O T to set the depth of the new asphalt which will fix curb issues along Main Street. This will not take place until 2027. Davis is working with Maumee Valley Planning to get funding

PAGE 11 – WEST BEND NEWS – JULY 29, 2024 to help with the cost of this project.

Davis was contacted by the county in regard to the issue of garbage being dumped at the recycling event, the county had additional costs and informed Davis that if garbage being dumped in recycling containers continues the village will be responsible for the costs moving forward. Davis and water operator Nestleroad had reviewed the cameras at the sewer plant but were unable to verify dumped the trash, council asked to have the video feed reviewed again to see if any information could be obtained for the po lice to investigate. Davis will look at the video again. If the trash dumping issue to consider stopping the recycling or establishing a line item in the general fund to cover additional costs related to the

contacted by Zoning Inspector Oberlin and the zoning appeals committee asking to raise the cost of a zoning appeal from the current rate of \$60 to \$500. This is due to the costs associated with conducting a proper appeal hearing. Davis will provide the necessary ordinance information to solicitor Stanley so he can draft a new ordinance for council to consider adopting at the next meeting.

Davis asked council to consider rec ognizing the Juneteenth holiday on Fri-

Davis informed council that he was

day June 21st rather than Wednesday June 19th so the holiday does not disrupt workflow of projects, the current date of the holiday would break the week into two separate 2 day periods. Motion made by Steiner, seconded by

Jordan, to allow village employees who wish to work Wednesday June 19th to observe the Junteenth holiday on Friday, June 21st. 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Jason Franks asked for an update on

the progress of the new water plant. Davis informed council that the plant is still in the engineering phase, which will proba-bly not be completed until the end of the year but it is currently approx. 35% com-

Steve Jordan asked about the Shaffer Road project. Davis informed council that the state is waiting on additional funding from FEMA due to the tornado's that hit Ohio earlier this year before they commit funding for this project.

# Crossword solution from page 9

Steiner asked about mulch at the park

around the play sets/slides. Davis had already asked the employees to work on this. Hornish mentioned that Walters was in his office and had mentioned getting bagged mulch from Menards until it was dry enough in the park to use the skid loader and have bulk mulch delivered Boylan asked the mayor to consider establishing another zoning board to work out the details of who is responsible

for each zoning item and enforcement of zoning issues. Council discussed this and decided it was best to have the personnel committee meet to discuss the possibility of a zoning compliance officer for the vil-lage. Mayor Reeb will set a date for this meeting with the personnel committee. Steiner asked about the final execu

tive session at the May meeting. He asked Solicitor Stanley to review the o.r.c. section 121.22 on executive session and the reason for executive session. Stanley will look into the issue

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Reeb gave the mayor's report.
Mayor's court brought in a total of
\$705.00 in the month of May, with
\$510.00 going to the village, \$187.50 going to the state, and \$7.50 going to the county indigent driver's fund.

 Motion made by Steiner, seconded by Jordan, to adjourn the meeting. yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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# **Basic Job Functions:**

The material handler is primarily responsible for the safe and efficient operation of forklifts and overhead bridge cranes, general plant and line housekeeping, tracking and emptying steel dumpsters, banding and wire barrels, as well as unloading trucks at the dock. Additionally, the successful candidate will assist in safety and housekeeping improvements as well as other continuous initiatives.

# Benefits:

Vulcraft Indiana is seeking candidates for the position for a Joist Loader 2nd shift. The successful individual must be committed to the pursuit of excellence in safety, costs, product and process improvements, and overall profitability of the division. This position is a 2nd shift position. Hourly plus loading bonus.

The functions of a Joist Loader 2nd shift include, but are not limited to, safely assisting in all operations associated with the traffic department, such as operating a shag truck, forklift, or overhead crane. Duties may include but are not limited to, loading/unloading trailers, moving trailers, and removing trailers from the joist production lines. Must be able to work scheduled and unscheduled overtime and be adaptable to change in workload and responsibilities

Safety is the most important part of all jobs within Nucor; therefore, candidates must be able to demonstrate the ability to initiate, lead, and uphold safety policies, practices, procedures, and housekeeping standards at all times.

# MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

· High School diploma

# PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Previous overhead cranes experience

• Previous experience loading/unloadeing flatbed freight

Previous forklifts or shag truck experience

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extra head, has set in barn for 15+- years ... Massey Harris 44 Tractor, (prob 1946 - 1948), hydraulic, live PTO, 3pt, radiator leaks, ran pretty good when set in barn 15+- years ago ... Farmall Super C, (prob 1951). last run summer 2023 and ran pretty good, 3 pt, new valves 2011 ... Allis Chalmers WD tractor, was hauled in ... 14 gravity wagons & 1 flathed wagon with hoist (Killbros L&M Parker Kory etc of varied Allis Chalmers WD tractor, was hauled in ... 14 gravity wagons & 1 flatbed wagon with hoist (Killbros, J&M Parker, Kory, etc of varied sizes) 3 have augers, 1 also has auger mate ... IH 5100 Drill ... JD 1350- 1450 6 bottom plow ... 12+- JD wheel disc ... AC 1300 Field Cultivator; 22\*- ... (2) JD sickle bar mowers (9+-' Model 350 & 7+-') ... 2 IH rotary hoes ... 60"Quick Attach Bucket for Skid Loader/utility tractor ... New Idea & Snowco Augers with motors (30' & 40\* +-) ...

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# THIS WEEK ON PCBW: **ALFONSO ROCHA**



This week on Paulding County Business Weekly we meet with Entrepreneur Alfonso Rocha who owns Nini's Ice Cream business and building. Alphonso shares a little about his start and business growth right here on the square in Paulding. We want to give a huge thank you to OhioMeansJobs for sponsor-

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### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

American Red Cross will have a blood drive Thursday, August 8, 2024 from 12:30-6:00 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, 118 N. Main St., Hicksville, OH.

## **PERI CHAPTER 10** MEETING

NOTICE!! All 96 state members: PERI Paulding County Chapter 10 will hold its meeting at the Paulding County Senior Center, 410 E.

Jackson St. at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2024. Speaker will be Jodi Schneider, Director of Caring & Sharing Food Pantry.

### **ANTWERP CHAMBER OF** COMMERCE TRIVIA NIGHT

Antwerp Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Trivia Night On August 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m. At the Oasis Bar & Grill, 111 S. Main St, Antwerp, OH. Teams of 4 or less, Winners split door.

Pre-register on Antwerp

Chamber Facebook page. Call or text 208-596-9215 with questions.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN AUGUST

The Paulding County Carnegie Library Summer Reading Program is coming to an end August 3. The Adult sections Adult/

Teen summer reading will be wrapping up on Saturday August 3. Join us for Coffee talk every Thursday at 1, new talkers are welcome! If you are more of a listener

that's good too. "Talk, Listen, Eat, Make Friends, Repeat". While you are here, check out the latest books available for check out. Vicki, Jamy and Kelly are ready to assist you! The Adult Cookbook Club will meet on Monday, August 19 at 5:30, bring a prepared dish to share, a copy of your recipe and enjoy a delicious buffet. Call 419-399-2032 for this month's theme and more details. Don't forget to check out our HUGE selection of cookbooks for new recipes to try. Teen Cookbook Club will meet on Monday, August 26 at 4. All supplies furnished. Call for more details.

The Frugal Hanger will present her monthly program on Tuesday, August 27 at 4. This month the subject is "BUYING LOCAL" Learn lots of helpful hints for getting what you need while supporting local businesses. Due to unforeseen circumstances, adult crafting will be celebrating "Christmas in July" in August, with Christmas crafts all month long. Available 11-5 every Tuesday. Join us for a fun time while getting a jump on the holiday season. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

The crafting group is also collecting unwanted Christmas items for an exchange all month. Bring in your items in to donate and take someone else's unwanted items home. We will be collecting items during the first two weeks of the month, offering them to their new homes during the last 2 weeks. For more information call the library. Black Swamp Bookworms will meet on Tuesday, August 13th at 5:30. We are reading "Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee" by Casey Cep. You may call the Main Library 419-399-2032 to reserve your copy.

The Children's room will be ending their summer reading program with a party on August 2, 12-4 pm. Turn in your reading logs. There will be food, prizes and games and an inflatable. Need not be present to win if you have turned in your log.

A "Canvas and Cookie" craft will be available Friday, August 9 during library hours from 9-5. Stop in to paint a prenumbered painting and enjoy cookies. While supplies last. Sign up for our Back-to-School giveaway all month.

# ANTWERP BRANCH

The Antwerp Branch is wrapping up their summer reading program, make sure to turn in your reading logs for prizes. Normal Storytimes resume on Wednesdays at 11:30 as usual. Smokey the Bear turns 80 on August 9. Come celebrate and learn how to be safe while adventuring in the forest. Craft Fridays are always a go, but in August we are adding Freezy Pops to let you know we think you're cool.

There will be a coloring contest for the big kids in the month of August, ages 12+. Also, on Fridays this month will feature splat painting and sidewalk chalk if the weather is nice before heading back to school. Speaking of back to school, we are doing a BOOK-BAG GIVEAWAY. Our regularly scheduled ABL Book Club is August 12th at 6, and the title is "Never Let Me Go' by Zazuo Ishiguro. Relaxation Day is Thursday, August 15th, come try a quick seated meditation with Jme at 6. Cookbook Club is August 19th at 5:45 and the current selections are out on display, stop by anytime to select your recipe and come join the fun.

# GROVER <u>BRANCH</u>

The Grover Hill Branch will be starting their August sign up for the monthly drawing, the theme for the month will be the Circus. Drawing will be held August 31 at 1. Adventure Begins at Your Library ends August 3 get your logs turned in. Prizes for the Top Reader and Grand Prize Scavenger Hunt will be awarded at the ultimate Adventure celebration Monday, August 5th at 4. Munchkin club story times are August 12th featuring "Daniel Goes to the Carnival", and August 26th with" Ben's Adventure: Under the Big Top". The story times include a read aloud story, activity and treat designed for ages kids 6 & under.

There will be no Senior Bingo in August and will resume for a special Anniversary Edition on Thursday, August 12th. On the last Wednesday of the month, August 28th, the GHBL Book Club will meet at 4 to discuss a spellbinding novel "The

Night Circus" by Erin Mor-

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The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Jessica Robbins (Director, Northwest Ohio CASA) as the guest speaker at the July 25, 2024, club meeting. Jessica came at the invitation of Erica Noggle (Executive Director, Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce ). Jes-

sica spoke to the Kiwanians about Northwest Ohio CASA, it is a non-profit organization that trains community volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse and/ or neglect. If you would like to become a volunteer, please reach out.

genstern. Two star crossed magicians engage in a deadly game of cunning in this love and fable that captures the world's imagination by defying both genres and expectations. Multiple copies in various formats will be available for checkout all month long. OAKWOOD BRANCH

The Oakwood Branch would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to the summer food program. Your commitment and support have made a significant impact on the community, ensuring that children had access to nutritious meals during the summer.

As the summer draws to a close, it's time to shift our focus to the upcoming school year. The summer reading will conclude on Saturday, August 3. We would like to commend everyone who participated and made it a resounding success.

The winners of our summer baskets will be announced on Monday, August 5, so stay tuned. We are delighted to announce that on Thursday, August 8 at 11:30 am, we will be hosting a Senior Luncheon Bingo event. This is a wonderful opportunity for our senior community members to come together, enjoy a delicious meal and engage in a friendly game of bingo.

Attention all trivia enthusiasts! Our Facebook trivia contest will be revealed on Monday, August 12. We appreciate everyone's participation and knowledge in making the contest a thrilling experience. Stay tuned for the announcement on August 13. Calling all food lovers! Our adult cookbook club will be gathering on Thursday, August 15 at 5:30 pm. This is a chance for culinary enthusiasts to come together, share recipes, and explore new flavors. Join us for an evening of culinary delights and camaraderie.

For all the quilting enthusiasts out there, mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 27 from 11 to 1 pm. We will be hosting our monthly quilt block of the month program. Make sure to stop by and pick up your fabric requirements. It's an excellent opportunity to showcase your quilting skills and connect with fellow quilters in the community. Thank you once again to all our volunteers, participants and supporters. Your dedication and involvement have made a difference in our community, and we look forward to continued collaboration and success in the future.

# PAYNE BRANCH

The Payne Branch will celebrate the end of summer reading on August 6th at 11:00 am with Justin the Clown! He will be here for our party with laughs and more. The party starts at 11 and having pizza. We will be handing out our summer reading prizes for the top 3 in each age group, so turn in your reading logs by Friday, August 2. Sat-

urday, August 3, at 11 am.

Author Rich Phelan will be here to promote his new book "Edge of Darkness". He will be here to sign books and have books available to purchase. Please bring a friend and join in supporting this new author. Storytimes will resume in the library on August 13th at 11 am. Come in for a story and craft. Kids can come in and do I Spy for a prize. On free Fridays we have a craft for kids too! Monday August 26th at 6, Judy Hook be hosting an Essential Oils Class. Judy does a great job of explaining the many uses of essential oils for our health. Bring a friend and

Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will meet Mondays, August 12th at 6 at Main. Buy the Book volunteers have been busy sorting through many new boxes of donations. Stop in soon and see what's new! Regular bookstore hours this summer are Saturday 9-12 and Wednesday 3:30-6:30 pm. Private browsing is available by appointment by calling 419-399-2032. Check us out!





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