



## PAULDING VETERANS MEMORIAL DONATION FROM AMVETS POST 1991



The Paulding Veterans Memorial Committee recently received a donation from AMVETS Post 1991 of Defiance for \$5,000. Pictured are (L to R) John Daeger, Commander VFW Post 587, and Pete Urton, Commander AMVETS Post 1991.

## PLANS COMING TOGETHER FOR THE ANNUAL OAKWOOD HOMECOMING

The Annual Oakwood Homecoming, always held over Labor Day Weekend, will kick off on Saturday, August 31. There will be breakfast at the Fire Station from 7:00-11:00 a.m., Golf Teams will tee off at 9:00 a.m. at Auglaize Country Club, and competitors will gather at the East end of town for the annual Tractor Pull. OSU fans can tailgate and watch the game on the big screen at the Landing Strip at 3:00 p.m. The Annual Alumni Banquet starts at 5:00 p.m. and at 8:00 p.m. the band "Kodebreakers" will perform on First Street.

Sunday breakfast will be held at the American Legion from 7:00-11:00 a.m. The

Health Walk is at 10:00 a.m. followed by Church in the Park at 11:00 a.m. There will be a Tractor Drive at 1:00 p.m. and the Cemetery Walk will begin at Sherman Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.. A Quarter Auction with food available will begin at the school at 5:00 p.m., doors opening at 4:15 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. Deal or No Deal will be hosted by the Landing Strip. There will be Square Dancing in the street at 9:00 p.m. followed by a DJ at 10:00 p.m.

Parade entrants will begin lining up at 9:00 a.m. on Monday for the Parade. Ice cream will start being served in the Library at 10:00 a.m. and following the parade there will be loaded baked potatoes and turkey sandwiches, also in the

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## DEAR AMAZING FOLKS OF ANTWERP...



Every year our Day in the Park celebration is a reminder that it does, indeed, "Take a Village". We, of the Antwerp Rotary Club, could not be more grateful for all of the parents, children, vendors, volunteers, musicians, sponsors, donors, runners, dancers, archers, football players, grandparents, organizations, coaches, friends, etc.. who come together for 5

hours in all these various ways to have the celebration we call "Day in the Park."

There really are too many to count, however, in an effort to recognize a few people who had significant roles behind the scenes and otherwise, we would like to give a shout out, in no particular order to:

The weather. The Kobe family and volunteers of the annual Turtle Trot. Lofton

Brown. Jeremy VanVlerah of JVT Entertainment for donating the bounce houses. Jake Eaken, Mercer Landmark, Paragon Glass (and many others) for monetary donations that provided many of the raffle items. Kristine Stuart and Jennifer Ramsier who, among many other things, organized a wonderful parade to kick-start things. The Antwerp

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## U.S. 24 TO HAVE LANE CLOSURES FOR BRIDGE WORK

ALLEN COUNTY, Ind. - INDOT announces lane closures on U.S. 24 for bridge maintenance work over Norfolk Southern Railroad.

Crews will begin working between Webster Rd and State Road 101 on or after Monday, August 19. Bridge deck overlay preventative maintenance work will be ongoing for approximately three weeks.

INDOT has the following updates for three additional bridge projects in the area. Bridge work on State Road 101 over U.S. 24 is nearing phase two of the project, with traffic expected to switch to the northbound side of the bridge by the end of this week.

Bridge work is expected to wrap up on U.S. 24 over Doyle Rd (just east of I-469) and on State Line Rd over U.S. 24 by early next week.

All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change. INDOT encourages drivers to consider safety for all by slowing down, using extra caution and driving distraction-free when traveling in and around all work zones.

## SUCCESSFUL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

On August 8th the Red Cross Bloodmobile returned to Hicksville once again, collecting 41 units of the gift of life. Drive coordinator and Red Cross Ambassador Zelda Zimmerman was pleased with the turnout and expressed her

gratitude for all who showed up to donate.

In addition to the donors, the drive was supported by the First Church of Christ, site for the event, and members of the Rotary Club for assistance with setup and teardown. Rotary also footed the bill for sandwich ingredients. Alice

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## Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-12p
- August 20**
- West Ohio Food Bank Food Distribution @ PC Fairgrounds, 12-2pm
- August 23**
- PC Sen. Center on the Road @ Cooper Comm. Library, 9:30a
- Aug 31- Sep 2**
- Oakwood Homecoming! See schedule of events in next week's West Bend News
- August 31**
- Oakwood Fireman's Breakfast @ FD, 7-10am
- September 6**
- Celebrate Your Plate @ Johnson Memorial Library, Hicksville, 4-4:45pm
- September 7**
- Heritage Lions @ St. Aloysius in Yoder, IN
  - Dave Brown Designs Fall Festival, Hicksville, 9a-3p
- September 8**
- PC Sen. Ctr. Car & Truck Show @ Paulding Square, 2p
- September 13**
- Celebrate Your Plate @ Johnson Memorial Library, Hicksville, 4-4:45pm
- September 14**
- Woodburn Lions Donuts @ Payne Celebration
  - Rock the Block Fall Festival @ Payne Village, all day

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**OBITUARIES**

UNION, MO; FORMERLY of PAULDING, OH:

**Roland (Ron) Manz**, 76, passed away unexpectedly on August 4, 2024 at his home in Union, Missouri. Roland was born on June 15, 1948. His parents were Emmanuel and Ruth (Schlatter) Manz.

Roland grew up in Paulding, Ohio attending Paulding schools, graduating in 1966. After graduation, he attended college in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He then worked at Magnavox in Ft. Wayne, Indiana until his marriage to Ardi Hodder when he moved to Bay City, Michigan. Later in life he moved to Missouri where he met his second wife Merrie Beth Wanager.

He attended Junction Apostolic Christian Church and was baptized in August 1969. After moving to Missouri, he attended the First Baptist Church of Union, Missouri where he served as the head of the media ministry. He and Merrie Beth were very dedicated and active members of their church.

Surviving are two sons, Ryan (Jennifer) Manz and Jeremy (fiancee' Tammie Whittaker) Manz; two grandsons, Dakota Manz and Jesse Manz, and one granddaughter, Graclyn Manz. Also surviving are two great grandchildren, Levi and Millie Manz, all from Michigan.

Also surviving is a daughter, Katie (Corey) Aubuchan, a son, Andy Wanager, three grandchildren, Conner Aubuchan, Matthew and Alexander Wanager, all from Missouri.

Surviving from Ohio are siblings Verginia Manz, Paul (Sandra) Manz, Viola Manz, and Helen (Pete) Hurd plus 11 nieces and nephews along with many cousins and friends.

There was a private burial service on August 6, 2024 in Union. Funeral services will be held on August 17, 2024 at the First Baptist Church in Union, Missouri.



OAKWOOD, OH:

**Doris J. Ames**, age 63, of Oakwood, peacefully passed away on August 9, 2024 at St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo, with her family by her side.

She was born on August 21, 1960 to Aaron and Doris Cheeseman in Reading, PA. Doris proudly served her country in the United States Army. On December 30, 2000 she married Chuck Ames and together they owned and operated Auction City in Oakwood, OH. Doris enjoyed gardening, playing games, watching movies and working at the Auction barn. She loved her dog, Morticia. Doris was known by all as a very kind and generous person. She truly loved to help others. Most of all she adored spending time with her children and grandchildren. She always had a supply of Dum-Dum suckers for the grandchildren and loved giving them gifts. Doris had her share of battles in life, but her strength

and perseverance will never be forgotten. She will be greatly missed by many family members and friends.

Doris is survived by her loving spouse of 23 years Chuck, her sons, Derrick (Tina) Padgett, of Lindley, NY and Doug (Cynthia) Ames, of Phoenix, AZ, daughters Amber Link and Janine (Jodey) Thomas, both of Defiance, grandchildren, Kamdyn Heck, Skyleigh Thomas, Landry and Maxton Hussey and Nashton Thomas all of Defiance, Rhys and Gabe Padgett, both of Lindley, NY, and Elizabeth and Emily Ames, both of Phoenix, AZ, her twin sister Frances (Stephen) Miller of Malvern, PA along with several other siblings and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson Jayden Scott and several brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2024 from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM at Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance. Services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, www.komen.org. Online condolences can be given at www.Schafferfh.com.

WOODBURN, IN:

**Margaret Gail Bellis**, 86, of Woodburn, passed away Sunday, August 11, 2024, at the Cedars in Leo.

Margaret was born on October 6, 1937 in Gary, Indiana, a daughter of the late



Dorthy (Porter) & Lloyd Huffman.

Margaret dedicated 20 years of her life working as a secretary for the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra. Even after retiring, she continued to attend performances. Margaret was an avid reader and enjoyed shopping, often finding joy in the simple pleasures of life. She cherished time spent with her family, especially attending her grandchildren's birthday parties and events. Alongside her beloved husband, Ervin, Margaret found great pleasure in traveling around the country.

She will be sadly missed by her husband, Ervin, to whom she was married to on May 17, 1986; her children; Karen Caprioni, Kathy Nicholson, William (Rita) Nicholson, Jr., & Robert (Jennifer) Nicholson; step children, Joellen (Brian) Kline, Richard (Teresa) Bellis, & Laura (Mike) Larry; sister, Myrna Bailey; 29 grandchildren; 38 and counting great grandchildren; & niece and nephew, Victoria & Ted.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Debra Nicholson & granddaughter, Crystal Nicholson.

Service will be Saturday, August 17th at 10:30 AM with viewing one hour prior at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne.

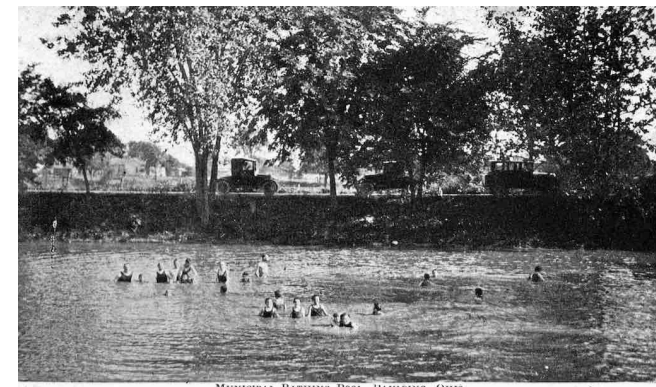
She will be laid to rest in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Payne.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.

cookies provided by Empower Church. Registration was done by Susan Guilford and Colleen Richter.

At this time, blood is ur-

**YEARS AGO IN PAULDING COUNTY**



MUNICIPAL BATHING POOL, PAULDING, OHIO

**By: JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

**25 Years Ago**

*From the Paulding County Progress, Aug. 18, 1999:*

A group of Boy Scouts canoeing on the Maumee River east of the Cecil Bridge saw an animal that may be an alligator, hunting along the muddy shores. A wildlife officer reviewed a videotape taken by the Scouts and believes the 3-1/2-foot reptile is likely a caiman. Authorities say the tropical animal won't survive an Ohio winter.

Judge J. David Webb issued a gag order to all parties involved in an upcoming homicide re-trial. The CBS news series "48 Hours" is considering producing a segment about the case.

The Ohio and Indiana departments of transportation will hold a special public meeting to discuss the selected feasible corridors for the U.S. 24 New Haven to Defiance preliminary development project. The meeting will be Aug. 23 at Antwerp High School Gym. Members of the Fort To Port Improvement Organization will also be present.

The Paulding County Writers Club, which held its first meeting in June, has been established to provide inspiration, support and education to local writers.

**50 Years Ago**

*From the Paulding Progress, Aug. 21, 1974:*

Groundbreaking for the new Jacob-Eaton Children's Home took place Friday on the site north of Paulding on Rt. 127, donated to Paulding County by Clara and Otto Jacob of Route 1, Paulding. In 1924, the Eaton Children's Home was opened in a farm house on the grounds of the property bequeathed to Paulding County by Levi W. Eaton. The past five years have seen a great increase in the number of children needing care. The old Eaton Home needed many repairs, renovations and additional sleeping and play space when licensing came up in 1972.

School time - Paulding: Harry Reece, superintendent of the Paulding School System, has announced Sept. 4 as the first full day of school for students at all the buildings. Lunch prices will be 45 cents for elementary age, 50 cents for junior and senior high and 60 cents for adults. Clayton Butler, administrative aide, estimates a 1974-75 enrollment of 2,900. Antwerp: Sept. 4 will be the first full day of school for students in the Antwerp School System. First grades will be in the north wing of the 1956 building. Second grades will be in the south

gently needed! Blood can only come from one place - and that is YOU!!!

Be sure to make an appointment to donate at the

wing. The third grades will be in the 1966 addition and the fourth grades will be in the new rooms of the 1972 addition. The sixth grades will be on the top floor of the old high school addition. The fifth grades will be in the last rooms of the 1966 addition. Wayne Trace: Wayne Trace Local School District will begin for all students Sept. 4. High school lunch charges have been increased to 50 cents per student Type A lunch.

Early this week, the Paulding County Commissioners said categorically there has been no decision at this time to close the Paulding County Home. The problem centers around the possibility the state will compel the county to install a sprinkler system in the county home.

Grand marshal of Saturday's Puckerbrush Parade was Dr. D.E. Darling, a Payne doctor and Paulding County coroner for many years.

The county has 840 young people between the ages of 9 and 19 in 4-H, but no county 4-H agent.

**100 Years Ago**

*From the Oakwood News, Aug. 21, 1924:*

The Paulding county fair will open next Wednesday. The fair board has made an endeavor to make this one of the best fairs that has yet been held in the county. Splendid attractions have been secured. The Pageant of Progress, which will be given each day of the fair, will be very elaborate. The racing program will no doubt be the best that has been seen in many years. Several freak attractions have also been arranged.

Every afternoon, the Pageant of Progress depicts the progress of America from the time of Columbus to the Present. Beautiful scenes and costumes. Hundreds of people taking part. Harness and running races each day. Other specials: Wednesday - pigs racing in harness; Friday - decorated automobile and stock parades; Saturday - derby and freak costume day; famous Elk's band of Defiance; five runs and one harness race.

*From the Paulding Democrat, Aug. 21, 1924:*

The Kelloggs baseball team, of Battle Creek, Mich., will be here Aug. 25 for a game with the Paulding team. The team is supported by the Kellogg Cereal Food Co. and includes several ex-leaguers in their lineup.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding, will hold a special service to dedicate its new bell.

The Paulding Community Club solicited Greenville

next blood drive, which will be held on October 3, from 1 - 6 pm. Sign up online at red-crossblood.org.

**Scripture of the Week**

"Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God."

— 2 Corinthians 7:1

**A TIME TO HONOR GOD**



There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens. This quote from Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 has never held more preeminence or been more apropos than it is now in the world in which we reside.

With all of its pressures and issues, you can easily be consumed. Lamentations 3:22- 23(KJV) 22. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed because His compassion fails not. 23. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. When we meditate on the mercies of God and how they truly apply to our lives, I would think that one could not help but divert meditation into praise.

Can you recall the last time you told God that you love Him, adore Him, or that He's Holy? Do you know that we were created to worship God? I was captured by John's writing in Revelations 4:8-11

"Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,' who was, and is, and is to come.' Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.'"

This new tender mercy shown to me through this scripture on this particular day, caused me to fall to my knees and tell God over and over, again and again, just how much I loved Him, and how beautiful He is, to me. Before you know it, an hour had passed in a second, and I was caught up in the beauty of His Holiness. If you would please take time after you read this to tell God how much you love Him and I guarantee you will be blessed. If the angels in heaven can cry Holy, Holy, Holy, forever, surely you can give Him a few minutes. God bless you until we meet again.

Peace and love,  
—Pastor Dwayne

Gravel Co. for a donation of gravel for use in the bottom of the new swimming pool that is to be established at the site of the old Ludwig pond, east of the Jackson Street bridge over Flat Rock Creek. The pool will be about 100x450 feet in dimensions. The county surveyor estimated it would take 12 [railroad] cars of gravel to cover the bottom of the pond to a depth of four inches. The gravel company offered to supply gravel for a depth of 12 inches, up to 40 rail cars. The Columbia Sugar Co. has offered the use of its large crane to unload the gravel here.

**150 Years Ago**

*From the Antwerp Gazette, Aug. 20, 1874:*

In Memoriam. Another Pioneer gone! is echoed and received from time to time through every city and hamlet

of our broad land, but this, like everything else will have an end, for soon the last one will sleep beneath there clods of the valley, and their personal recollections of our early settlements will be lost, irrevocably lost, so history, and Paulding Co., will be no exception to this conclusion. Horatio N. Curtis departed this life on Thursday last, aged 71 years, 8 months and 2 days.

We learn from Knapp's history of the Maumee Valley that Mr. Curtis made his second visit to the county on March 10, 1823, and was one of the first Justices of Crane Township. It will be seen that Mr. C settled here nearly 49 years ago, then 22 years of age, and we are informed, early engaged in trading with his [Indian] neighbor ....

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Breidenbaugh, Marilyn Guilford, and Sara Green prepared food for the canteen, with





**A HAIRY SITUATION**

**Penny For Your Thoughts**

**By: Nancy Whitaker**

We want it to look good, be clean, color it, curl it, straighten it, cut it, brush it, shave it or we can just "Put a hat on it."

What is it? It is or can be one of our most attractive features. Yes it's hair and trust me, styles and colors can change every year.

As for me, I think I have tried every color and every hair style that I thought made me look better. Well some styles were good and others were not for me.

Going back to my grandmas decade, my grandma had long hair down her back. Through the week she would pull it back on both sides and braid it and let her long braid rest in the middle of her back.

On Sundays, she would wave her hair in front, pull it back and up into a knot on top of her head. It would always take the biggest part of a day for grandma to wash and dry her hair. Especially when we had no running water.

Now my Mama was a different story. Her hair wasn't really long, but she had this long, round, furry thing called "a rat." Mom would roll her hair around the rat, bobby pinning it tight so it wouldn't fall out.

In the late 1950's or early 60's, the bouffant hair-do became popular. Gals learned to tease their hair and make it stand sky high using tons of hair spray. I loved The Bouffant because it made me look taller and everyone else had one. After that we embraced The Page Boy, this was a cut around the shoulders, straight and then went under.

Then remember The Shag? It was cut shorter on the sides and longer in the back. Yep I had a shag then and I hear shags are coming back.

In the 70's the curly hair style called Afro was popular. I remember I got one and each time I looked someone else

had one.

Any hair style that makes me look better or taller is fine with me.

Now remember the sideburns, the pompadours, duck-tails and the hair grease guys had in the 50's. I loved this style on a guy.

Then with boy hippies came long hair and pony tails. My brother sported long hair and his hair was longer than mine.

Men worry about baldness and there are all kinds of salves, sprays, dyes and pills to help grow hair back in. I don't know if they work, but if a man loses his hair, shaving the



head is trendy now and looks good. Lots of movie stars do it.

Black hair is the most common color of hair globally followed by brown. It's much less common to have blonde hair, and even less so to be a redhead. I had 2 redheaded children, a beautiful daughter and a handsome son.

Did you know that red heads only make up about 2 % of the population?

Well May 26 is World Red Head day and May 31 is National blonde day, so celebrate.

National Bald Beautiful Day is celebrated on September 13 each year to honor bald heads and to remind people that everyone is beautiful, regardless of whether they have hair.

Do black haired and brown haired people have special days? There is no indication they do, but according to old sayings, "brown hair means stability and black hair means you have strength and power. These are just sayings and never been proved.

Do you like different hair styles? What was the earliest hair do you remember having? If you are blonde, red or bald headed are you going to celebrate your special day?

Let me know and this bottled blonde will give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

**ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DISCUSS NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

The Antwerp school board meeting took place on August 15, 2024. Jayme Landers was the acting head of the meeting, as Board President Sara Schuette was absent from the meeting.

The minutes were approved from the July 22nd meeting.

Bob Herber talked about HB 47 with the law going into effect on October 5th. There was another proposed rule that misconduct could lead to having staff removed from their position. Privacy rules are also being reviewed by the state.

Harold Gotke expounded upon the potential liability of schools that might be compromised through technology.

Dennis Recker stated that Vantage had a meeting on August 1st. He said that 576 kids are enrolled for this year and that's about 30 more than last year. He said the CDL program has been expanded.

The financial Statement was given by Kristine Stuart:

Income: 1,467,407.38

Expenditures: \$947,874.34

Interest: \$39764.90

The school is 8% through the fiscal year with about 12% of the income received and 8% projected spent.

Elementary Principal Doug Billman report:

The first day went well. The elementary staff is doing very well and he's very happy to be working with them. Rachel's Challenge will be here on the 21st of August to speak to the student body. He stated that the Lifewise program is a great addition to the school and he has worked with the Lifewise director to get everything scheduled out. It is scheduled to start on August 26th for grades 1-7.

High School Principal Jessie Arnold report:

The first day of high school was today (8/14/24) and it went well. Several students are attending Vantage this year and she met with all of them. The fall sports programs have started already. The cheer team won a trophy at a recent competition. Volleyball has their first game on Saturday, August 17th.

Dr. Miller stated that he was glad to be able to work with the new principals and proclaimed their competence and enthusiasm. He sated that Mr. Gottke is also keeping on top of the technological challenges for the school.

There are 16 new staff or staff changes, which accounts for 16% of the total staff. Kevin Snyder and Sam Williamson are now working with the school rather than working through Western Buckeye. Work continues on the baseball field back stop and the new light poles will be put up soon after the concrete is cured. A tree was removed that was causing problems with concrete. The Wellness Center was opened yesterday to a ribbon cutting. Public access will be available but people need to talk to the Marty Miller to get the FOB, and should be available by September 20th. There will be volleyball, pickleball, and other sports that people could participate in. Wrestling, previously at the Archer Drive Gym is moving their practices to the Wellness Center.

Harold Gottke gave a report on summer technology upgrades. The first day had several small hiccups, but overall went well. New WIFI and cameras have been added throughout the campus. He also stated that his summer staff did a great job getting the computers ready for the new school year.

September 20th will be the first in-service day. The off-site evacuation with the staff only will take place on that day. The bus drivers will have to be on call for this as well.

The wellness initiative will be similar to last year, and this will start in September, with getting the community involved. Game based learning technology and reading will be taking place.

Lola Cortez is working with Marty Miller on a trip to Spain April 3 - 10, 2026. This is open to any students in grades 8-11. Cost will be \$4,000 per student. There will be a meeting for students and parents interested in more information will be September 11 in the auditoria at 7:00 p.m. They need 20 participants.

The current enrollment of the school is at 710, compared to last year was 703.

The school will change the second parent-teacher conference in November to the seventh, changing from Wednesday to Thursday.

The school will get three new MARCS radios to accommodate for the new infrastructure. There is a monthly fee for each radio. The buses use analog radios for communication.

Kristine told all the board training about the new State Auditor fraud training is available to complete.

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**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**

**By: Mark Holtsberry**

Mairi Lambert Gooden Chisholm and Elsie Knocker.

No, these gals were not



from Paulding County, but I thought this would be a good read.

Mairi was born February 26, 1896 in Datchet, Windsor and Maidenhead Royal Borough, Berkshire, England. The daughter of Roderick Chisholm Gooden Chisholm and Margaret Chisholm Gooden Chisholm.

Elsie Knocker was born Elizabeth Blackall Knocker June 29, 1894 in Exeter, Devon, England. The daughter of Dr. Thomas Lewis and Charlotte Shapter. Elsie began an orphan after her parents died. She was raised by a teacher Lewis Edward Upcott and his wife Emily. They sent Elsie overseas to the finest schools in Switzerland.

Elsie found a passion in motorcycle riding and a love for the open road. This is how she met Mairi, a Scottish nurse in the Red Cross. In 1914, at the start of World War One, they went to London and joined a motorcycle club. They both joined the "Flying Ambulance Corp."

Knocker had been trained as a nurse, mechanic and chauffeur. Also can speak the French and German language. Knocker and Chisholm began treating the wounded in the field to save time. Knocker gave the medical attention and Chisholm

transported the injured in an ambulance. She often drove in terrible conditions and under enemy fire. She was able to reach the base hospital fifteen miles away numerous times. The amount is lost to time.

Both women were known for the skill of even carrying wounded men on their backs to the nearest first aid station while under fire. Both women were gaining recognition for the heroic actions taken during their service during the war.

News spread and they both became the most photographed nurses of the war. They both were gassed during the German Offensive in March of 1918. They both were sent home in April of 1918. Their service was not overlooked. They both received numerous medals and citations for their service of saving thousands of lives on the Western Front.

Even saving, while under fire, a German pilot who was shot down out of the skies. They received the British Military Medal, World War One Victory Medal, British Victory Medal, Belgium Queen Elizabeth Medal, 1914 Star Knights Cross of the Order of Leopold the Second with Palm, and were made Officers of the Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

In Belgium, they were dubbed by the press as, "The Madonnas of Pervyne". The Imperial War Museum holds Knockers diaries along with recordings and transcripts of interviews. In November of 2014, a statue of Knocker and Chisholm was unveiled in the garden of the Hotel Ariene in Ypres, Belgium.

Elsie Knocker passed away April 26, 1978 in Ashtead, Surrey, England of pneumonia and senile dementia. She was cremated, remains unknown. Mairi passed away August 22, 1981 in Perth, Perth and Kincross, Scotland, do from lung cancer. She is buried in Perth Crematorium, Perth, Perth and Kincross, Scotland.

this county, he was especially the poor man's friend, and he possessed the confidence of his fellow men. The deceased was twice married, and the father of 16 children, only two of whom survive him.

On Saturday night, we saw demonstrations near one crusader saloon that looked very much like fight, nobody hurt.

We heart the report of a great many guns in the vicinity of the Reservoir on Sunday last, and presume that a large

number of ducks were killed on that day. The time for killing ducks is not until the first of next month, and the time for hunting on Sunday - never!

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



Pictured above is Barry DeLong, Rotarian who volunteered to be MC for this year's Day in the Park, announcing the winners of the the Parade Float contest - Jessie of Jesse Money Makers and Tonya Walker with Krazy Krafters.

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Community Band and Boy Scout Troop 143. The pipes of Griffen "Don't call me Sinatra" Waltmire. Barry Delong who said "thank you" to everyone but himself. The spouse of every Rotarian. Sue Fowler and Bryan Smith. George Clemens who patiently accepted every Rotarian phone call during the parade and donates the dunk tank each year. Chris

Walters who prepares and takes pride in the park grounds and facilities. And our favorite unofficial Rotarian, Alisha Headley.

Last but not least, we would like to congratulate all of the raffle winners; especially the kids (and kids at heart) who took home new bikes. If you see Vanice speeding through town on her new E-Bike, please call the APD.

-Antwerp Rotary Club

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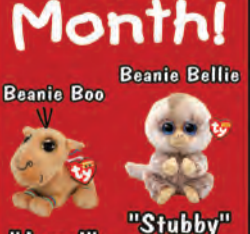
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## TINORA COMMUNITY HAS A SUCCESSFUL 2024 PARTY IN THE PARK



Proudly pictured with the check are (L to R) Emilie Parsons - Northeastern Local School Fund committee member and grand piano capital project chair and Stacey McCartney - Defiance Moose Lodge administrator.

The 2024 Party in the Park was a huge success for the Tinora community. The event held on July 19th, 2024 brought in \$5,022.18 for the grand piano capital project. This money was raised through 50/50 tickets, raffle baskets, drinks and bake sale items all sold under the shelter

house during the event. An additional \$12,720 was donated to the Northeastern Local Schools Fund from the Defiance Moose Lodge #2094, bringing the total raised from the event to an outstanding \$17,742.18! Thank you to all who helped make this event such a huge success!

## HCCF RECEIVE GRANT FROM DEFIANCE MOOSE LODGE



The Henry County Community Foundation recently received a grant from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094 for \$1,000. This grant will be used for the Kevin R. Schwiebert Memorial Fund scholarship. Pictured are (l-r) Rick Speiser - Defiance Moose Lodge Trustee and Jennifer Schwiebert - Fund Advisor.

## OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY CLASS LISTS 2024-25

**Miss Brimmer 6A:** Cevin Adkins, Cheyenne Blake, Cooper Boroff, Dylan Bradford, Bentley Branham, Noah Coleman, Kaliope Foor, Edda Hardt, Raelyn Haynes, Carter Naugle, Kaylee Pack, Luke Ramey, Logan Riethman, Elliot Rohda, Lucy Spangler,

Rylee Steffes

**Mrs. Sizemore 6B:** Zeke Adkins, Ryland Ashbaugh, Leah Baker, Brextyl Bartley, Annabell Bidlack, Tyberious Clifford, Corbin Gibson, Brody Lydon, Connor Manz, Adalyn Miller, Janae Parrett, Lucy Riethman, Morgan Snyder, Coal Stewart, Brantlee Swanson, Gavin Thomas

**Mrs. Limber 5A:** Zayn Ad-

kins, Alex Burghart, Zavier Coleman, Alaina Daniels, Ryder Dotson, Audrey Etter, Osiris Feliciano-Rosas, Molly Halter, Lydia Hyre, Trevor Manz, Maggie Martinez, Remy Parks, Carter Sheaks, Tierney Tenwalde, Hannah Wells

**Mrs. Siefker 5B:** Kirsten Blockberger, Saulivan Cano, Zoey Chaney, Enola Clifford, Emma Feeney, Brandon Lambert, Wyatt Leatherman, Sophia Leidigh, Forrest Logan, Kennedy Manz, Bentlee Moore, Johan Noyola-Herrera, Renata Quevedo-Jacome, Josh Schlatter, Brielle Schlatter, Maxwell West

**Mrs. Hohlbein 4A:** Hunter Booth, Chloe Branham, Luke Collard, Tatum Duchenev, Ryliegh Girod, Bailey Heath, Eli Klein, Mackenzie Lee, Molli Malosh, Drasin Plotts, Aden Porter, Barrett Rau, River Stahl, Easton Stork, Jon Vannier, Kallen Walters

**Mrs. Bockrath 4B:** Jericho Beatty, Coltyn Blake, Addy Clemens, Aliah Fenter, Kash Foor, Jade Fraley, Maverick Jewell, Jaxson King, Maddie Lee, Alex Manz, Harmony Miler, Hudson Miller, Ben Oxley, Mallerie Rohda, Samuel Stahl, Ella Taylor, Evan Thomas, Zach Workman

**Mrs. Thornell (3A):** Alexandria Dunlap, Garrett Holt, Isaiah Hopkins, Owen Hostettler, Harper Knapp, Gwynn Krendl, Leota Lambert, Calla Manz, Xavi Noyola-Herrera, Remi Plotts, Emiliano Rivas, Asher Rohrer, Daniel Schlatter, Lilly Spangler, Owen Steffes, Haven Wagner, Henley Wagner, Briar Witchey

**Mrs. Schroeder (3B):** Zevy Adkins, Autumn Bosworth, Lee Bradford, Lucia Burkhart, Marshall Fife, Lillian Grunden, Josh Hanenkratt, Carly Manz, Kasha Manz, Quintin Manz, Cameron Manz, Caleb McClure, Frank Morris, Rylie Poyce, Elena Schlatter, Jordan Shepherd, Aspyn Shirck, Evan Taylor, Kiersten Thomas

**Mrs. March (2A):** Rylan Beau, Axl Breckler, Natalie Collard, Hudson Brown, Amara Herman Dix, Leo Krabbert, Avery Kisor, Garret Lambert, Macklen Osting, Teagen Krendl, Braelynn Long, Bentlee Pack, Carson Parker, McKinley Sherry, Zane Posey Grant, Aiden Thomas, Cora Thomas, Wyatt Zeedyk, Amaryllis Villalon

**Mrs. Carter (2B):** Zack Adkins, Evan Blockberger, Izabella Carlisle, Hayden Chaney, Bre'Elle Cooper, Dante Corral, Emma Elkins, Coal Etter, Emerson Gamble, Clifford (CJ) Jordan, Colton Lambert, Aviana Landwehr, Hadley Mohr, Mila Rios, Gael Rivas Moreno, Grace Snyder, Jakob Stahl, Titus Tenwalde, Jazmine Tuttle, Landon Vorlicky

**Mrs. Arend 1A:** Oliver Havert, Gabe Kisor, Sabrina Lane, Jeremy Schlatter, Slade Schlegel, Cohen Sherry, Ivan Stewart, Eric Thomas, Myrah Troyer, Norah Vanclave, Paisley Varner, Savannah Wagner, Emerson Wolford, Landon Zeedyk

**Miss Estle 1B:** Virgil Corral, Tobias Daenens, Barrett Damman, Carson Fraley, Corbin Girrod, Jaxson Knapp, Preston Lambert, Sadie Manz, Savannah Manz, Colten Rau, Allie Stork, Scarlett Vannier, Iris Villalon, Karter Walters

**Ms. Counterman 1C:** Kae-son Alvarado, Wyatt Bassler, Aurora Luginbill, Regina Martinez, Ethan Mason, Montana May, Jamison Mullins, Gemma Myers, Jimmie Pumphrey, Dominic Richards,

Dallas Schlatter, Bentley Scott, Christopher Thacker-Moore

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## OFF STAGE PRODUCTIONS TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR FALL COMEDY/MYSTERY

Off Stage Productions will



be holding auditions for "As Long as We Both Shall Live", a 2-act comedic murder mystery written by Sean Grennan, on Tuesday Sept 3rd and Wednesday Sept 4th. Auditions will be held at Vantage Career Center, 818 N Franklin Street in Van Wert at 7:00 PM both evenings. Performance dates will be Oct. 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 & 27. Scripts are available to preview prior to auditions, message us or call 419-605-2634 for details. No prior acting experience is required to audition. If coming to auditions, enter at door #7. Director Dan Bulau is looking to cast 2 women and 3 men for this show.

Synopsis: Quirky genius Addison Ashe has finally met a man who can keep up with her -- the wealthy and charming Jamie Wilcox. But marrying Jamie means wrangling with his disapproving mother, as well as her favorite over-the-top wedding planner, Raul. When Raul is poisoned at the rehearsal dinner, tensions between the clever bride and her mother-in-law to be go from heated to full-on inferno when Mrs. Wilcox points to Addison as the killer. Can Addison solve the case before sashaying down the aisle, or is she in for a honeymoon behind bars?

For more information or to request a copy of a script to read prior to auditions (if available), please call 419-605-2634 or message us on Facebook

## READ ALONG WITH DPLS TO CELEBRATE SMOKEY BEAR'S 80th BIRTHDAY

Smokey Bear—an orphaned cub whose survival story inspired a nation to prevent wildfires—celebrates his 80th birthday this year, and Defiance Public Library System will mark the occasion with a special reading challenge for children in September.

The Smokey Bear Reading Challenge, geared to children from birth to sixth grade, will take place Sept. 3-30 at Defiance Public and Sherwood Branch libraries. The challenge is designed to be a fun and easy way to engage children in reading about wildfire prevention, forests, and natural resource careers, while also exploring

their local environment.

Participants can visit either library beginning Sept. 3 to pick up their challenge materials and take the Smokey Bear pledge. To complete the challenge, kids will read three or more books focused on wildfire prevention or the environment and earn four badges by completing challenge activities. All children who complete the challenge will receive a certificate and a small prize.

For more information about the challenge, contact the libraries at 419-782-1456.

## PARKVIEW HEALTH NURSE RESIDENCY PROGRAM EARNS FOUR-YEAR RE-ACCREDITATION

Parkview Health's nurse residency program was recently granted a four-year re-accreditation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) Practice Transition Accreditation Program (PTAP).

PTAP sets the standard for residency programs that focus on transitioning new registered nurses and advanced practice nurses into their settings and roles. The ANCC is a subsidiary of the American Nursing Association, the nation's largest advocacy group representing more than five million nurses.

Parkview is one of only three hospital systems and the only one in northern Indiana with an accredited PTAP program, according to the ANCC database.

"Being re-accredited through PTAP shows that Parkview continues to follow industry best practices when it comes to educating and transitioning new nurses into professional roles," said Johnathan Liechty, director, Nursing Professional Development, Parkview Health. "Supporting new nurses as they start at Parkview allows them to get up to speed and provide excellent care as quickly as possible while also building strong connections with their co-workers. Nursing is a career of lifelong

learning and our residency program sets the foundation for their journey."

Parkview's nurse residency program first launched in 2015 and received its first PTAP accreditation in 2020. Since its start, more than 2,300 newly graduated nurses have participated as residents at Parkview.

When hired at Parkview, newly graduated nurses enter in the residency program, which runs throughout their first year of employment. New nurses start with two weeks of classroom training at the Parkview Education Center before moving to train with preceptors in their assigned care areas, where they practice and demonstrate skill-based competencies. Resident nurses also attend monthly seminars on covering advanced nursing topics.

About 300-400 nurses are within their first year at any given time, making the nurse residency program Parkview's biggest residency program.

Internal education programs are part of Parkview's continuing strategy to recruit and retain the best workforce in healthcare. Parkview's first-year voluntary turnover rate for nurses remains 6% below the national average, while overall nurse voluntary turnover is 4% below benchmark.

Parkview has maintained its annual net hiring gain even amid high national competition for nurses.

"Nurses are the backbone of care at our hospitals and physician offices and our residency program helps ensure they can start contributing as quickly as possible after completing their degree," said Juli Johnson, chief nursing and patient services executive, Parkview Health. "By educating, engaging and empowering our nurses, they are better adjusted, skilled and competent in their roles. That translates to high quality, effective and safe care to patients."

To learn more about nursing careers at Parkview, visit [parkview.com/careers](http://parkview.com/careers).

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Library. The Food Stand in the park will be open with all the favorites. Also following the parade will be a Big Wheel Race, Inflatables and Kids' Activities, and 9 Square. Growth Fitness, a new business on First Street, will have an Open House until 2:00 p.m. Free Bingo will start at 12:30 p.m.

with cash prizes and \$100 jackpot game at 3:00 p.m.

Pictures for the Landmark Search can be picked up at the Library and must be turned in to the Food Stand by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 2nd. 50/50 Raffle Tickets will be available from from any Library Board member with that drawing held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday.

## The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

**New Schedule For Large Villages**

- 1st Weekend- Paulding, Fair Grounds
- 2nd Weekend- Grover Hill, VFW
- 3rd Weekend- Payne, (Paved lot east of Homier's)
- 4th Weekend- Antwerp, (13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

**New Schedule For Smaller Villages**

- 3rd Wednesday of each month
- Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)
- Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)
- Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)
- Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)

**For Questions Call: 419-399-3630 or Visit: [www.pauldingcountywmea.com](http://www.pauldingcountywmea.com)**



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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**WE ARE NOT FINISHED - WE WILL APPEAL!**

Dear Divine Mercy Parishioners and Friends,  
We want to share with you the current status concerning the churches of Saint Mary (Antwerp) and Saint John the Baptist (Payne).

Antwerp recap: In December 2022, Bishop Thomas of the Diocese of Toledo issued a decree to close the church of

Saint Mary, and the last Mass was held on October 30, 2022. In 2023 we filed recourse to the Dicastery in Rome, and when we did not receive a response, it was a presumed negative. We then appealed to the Signatura and hired a Roman lawyer. On July 16, 2024 we received a letter from the Dicastery stating the Bishop made no errors in the decree. Because of this ruling, we will continue our appeal to the Supreme Tribunal in Rome.

Payne recap: In October 2023, Bishop Thomas issued a decree that would, in effect, close the church of Saint John the Baptist. In February of 2024, the Dicastery in Rome suspended the effects of the Bishop's decree for Payne while they studied our case. In a letter dated June 3, 2024, the Dicastery, in response to our recourse, ruled that the Bishop made no errors in the decree and the closing was allowed to proceed. At Mass on August 10, 2024, Father Ammanniti made an announcement to this effect.

We, the Faithful of Divine Mercy, oppose these decisions. We believe in the importance of keeping a Catholic church presence in each of our communities, and we have some of the finest individuals (parishioners, canon lawyers at the St. Joseph Foundation, and a Roman advocate) working on our behalf for the next phase of these appeals.

**WE ARE NOT FINISHED - WE WILL APPEAL!**

Please be reminded of our weekly prayer meetings to keep our churches open. A Tuesday prayer meeting is held at 3:00 pm in the Payne church. Everyone is welcome.

Sincerely,  
—The Board of Directors for Faithful of Divine Mercy an Ohio 501c3 nonprofit corporation.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Answer to Robert Hesse. Apparently YOU don't fact check! In 2020 the Dow ended at 26,890; July 2024 it was at 40,954! That is quite an increase.

John Kelly was Trump's Chief of Staff - He reported Trump calling the fallen soldiers in France "suckers and losers" said they didn't do anything for him. He didn't want wounded veterans in a parade he was planning. Didn't look good for him. This from a guy who avoided the draft by saying he had bone spurs - JOKE!

Trump has NOT changed since being shot! Same hateful, cruel, name calling, jerk he always has been.

Women have the right to choose what she does with HER body. Any decisions made should be between her and her doctor. Project 2025 calls for nationwide abortion ban, makes it illegal to ship contraceptives across state lines, does away with vitro fertilization, and eliminates the Affordable Care Act.

Trump is on tape addressing the Heritage Foundation - His name is in Project 2025 over 100 times. His former staff members are the ones behind this. The name has been changed to Agenda 47!!

Trump was called several times, begging for him to call for help on Jan. 6. He and his family sat watching it on television. The rioters weren't true Americans or they would NOT have attacked and caused the deaths of 5 people.

Trump addressed an evangelical group and told them "you won't have to worry about voting again, I'll take care of it" meaning he plans on becoming our dictator if elected! No voting again!

You and the MAGA cult need to get your heads out of the sand and stop watching FOX news - which isn't news, it's their opinion and they are there only for entertainment Murdock says! Start watching REAL news and true news.

FACT CHECK before spreading more fake crap that is dividing our nation. He lies whenever he talks.

Our nation has always been great! If not, why does everyone want to come here?!

—Judi Grubb, Van Wert, OH

**SOCIAL SECURITY EXPANDS COMPASSIONATE ALLOWANCES LIST**

Martin O'Malley, Commissioner of Social Security, today announced nine new Compassionate Allowances (CAL) conditions and revisions to two existing CAL conditions: Bainbridge-Ropers Syndrome, Costello Syndrome, Adult Heart Transplant Wait List - Status Levels 1-4, Child Heart Transplant Wait List - Status Levels 1A/1B (revised existing condition), Histiocytic Malignancies, Histiocytosis Syndromes (revised existing condition), Neonatal Marfan Syndrome, PACS1 Syndrome, Plasmablastic Lymphoma, Renal Medullary Carcinoma, and Snijders Blok-Campeau Syndrome.

The Compassionate Allowances program quickly identifies claims where the applicant's medical condition or disease clearly meets Social Security's statutory standard for disability. Due to the severe nature of many of these conditions, these claims are often allowed based on medical confirmation of the diagnosis alone. To date, more than one million people with severe disabilities have been approved through this accelerated, policy-compliant disability process, which now includes a total of 287 conditions.

When a person applies for disability benefits, Social Security must obtain medical records in order to make an accurate determination. The agency incorporates leading technology to identify potential CAL conditions and make quick decisions. Social Security's Health IT brings the speed and efficiency of electronic medical records to the disability determination process. Through electronic records transmission, Social Security is able to quickly obtain a claimant's medical information, review it, and make a determination faster than ever before.

To learn more about Social Security's Health IT program, please visit [www.ssa.gov/hit](http://www.ssa.gov/hit).

People may apply online for disability benefits by visiting [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

**HOW TO BE A 'SEASONAL' INVESTOR**

As we transition from summer to autumn, change is all around us — leaves are taking on new colors, temperatures are dropping, and the days are getting shorter. But you can also experience different seasons in various aspects of your life — including when you invest. What are the seasons of an investor's life? And how should you respond to them?

The first such season may happen when you are in your 20s and just starting out in the working world. At this stage in your life, it's especially important to prioritize your financial goals. At the top of your mind may be a short-term goal, such as saving for a down payment on a house. To help achieve this goal, you'd generally want to save in "cash" accounts and invest in fixed-income vehicles that offer preservation of principal. At the same time, you don't want to disregard a longer-term goal — in particular, saving for retirement. While you may not be able to afford to put much away, every amount helps. And you'll want to invest for growth.

Now, as the seasons of your life progress, let's consider your early middle years. At this point, you've moved past the down payment on your home and you're well into paying a mortgage regularly. And you might even have retired your student loans. But now, you may have another major goal — helping build resources for your children's college education or other post-secondary training. For this objective, you could consider several options, one of which is a 529 education savings plan, which can provide federally tax-free earnings and withdrawals if the money is used for qualified educational expenses. But you're also moving closer to retirement, so, if you can afford it, you may want to increase your contributions to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

As the seasons continue to move on, and you find yourself in your later middle years, your financial situation may have changed significantly. Now, your children may be out of school, your earnings

may have grown to their highest level, and you might even have paid off your mortgage. Given these factors, you may now be able to devote more of your resources toward your retirement by ramping up your IRA and 401(k) contributions even further, and possibly also considering other investment vehicles. And you may want to inject more balance into your portfolio, possibly lowering its overall risk level somewhat, especially in the years immediately preceding your retirement.

Once you move into your retirement season, you may need to continue, and possibly accelerate, the movement toward a more balanced portfolio — one that provides you with more income-producing opportunities. Some investments provide current income, while others provide it in the future, but all of them can contribute to your ability to enjoy your retirement lifestyle. However, you still need some growth-oriented investments to help keep you ahead of inflation. Plus, it's a good idea to keep at least a year's worth of living expenses in cash and another few years' worth in short-term, fixed-income investments. By doing so, you can help avoid having to sell assets in a down market.

The seasons of your life may come and go more quickly than you realize — but you can be prepared for them by making the appropriate investment moves.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC*

**READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

**OHIO LOCATIONS**

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

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

**Cecil:** 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House

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

**Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carryout, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General (Clinton St), Junction Dollar General, Senior Center, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Marathon Main Stop, Rite Aid, Defiance Public Library

**Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept, H&W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)

**Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library, Dollar General

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

**Ney:** Marathon  
**Oakwood:** Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Cooper Library, Landing Strip

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

**Payne:** Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library  
**Sherwood:** Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank, Sherwood Library

**Scott:** Scott Post Office

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

**INDIANA LOCATIONS**

**Fort Wayne:** Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living

**Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales

**Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank

**Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub  
**Milan Center:** Milan Center Feed & Grain

**Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General

**New Haven:** ACPL Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Chamber of Commerce (Old City Hall), Richard's

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

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# ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS VISIT PAULDING SALT CAVE



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool & Daycare recently visited the salt caves at Keepsake Beads by EAW & Boutique & Salt Cave. Owner, Elicia Wobler, graciously showed the children around and explained the process to the fascinated listeners!

Shown here in the Salt caves clockwise from the front are: Joziah Ward, Ariyah Lockwood, Everett Wilhelm, Johanna Federighi, Jazlynn Ward, Garrett Wilhelm, JaNaya Ward, Levi Lockwood, Savannah Coil, Jaylani Ward, and Wyatt Wilhelm.

## LOCAL LIONS TO HOLD EYEGLASS SORT



The Heritage Lions in Hoagland delivered over 5,000 pairs of eyeglasses, collected from over 60 locations in Allen County, to Kevin McDermit, President of the Arcola Lions Club. The Arcola Lions will hold an "eyeglass sort" on September 17 at their firehouse. All Lions and Friends are welcome to come and help. They will start at 7 pm.

The used eyeglasses are sorted into bins for male/female, children, sunglasses, and reading glasses. Here is the journey of recycled eyeglasses in Lions Clubs all over the world:

1. Lions Clubs collect used eyeglasses at various community locations. They are brought to a local Lions Club for sorting.

2. The glasses are shipped to the nearest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where trained volunteers sort, clean and determine the prescription strengths of the glasses.

3. Volunteers at the recycling center carefully package the prepared glasses and store them until they are required for eyeglass-dispensing mission trips. Glasses that are not suitable for reuse are recycled for scrap, with the earnings benefiting local Lions projects.

4. At the mission site, eye care professionals and trained Lions volunteers perform vision screenings and dispense the appropriate recycled glasses, free of charge, to children and adults in need.

People in third world countries have very limited access to eyeglasses. The World Health Organization estimates that the eyesight of one-fourth of the world's population can be improved through the use of corrective lenses. In developing countries, an eye exam costs as

much as one month's wages, and a single doctor may serve a community of hundreds of thousands of people. When they receive these glasses from the Lions, their lives are changed forever.

Please consider placing your unneeded eyeglasses, sunglasses, reading glasses and hearing aids/batteries in any of the hundreds of collection boxes located throughout northern Indiana, in libraries, funeral homes, nursing homes and optometrist offices. Help the Lions help the less fortunate to see clearly, perhaps for the first time in their lives.

The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome and encourage everyone who wishes to help their local community and the world to contact a Heritage Lion or the Lions Club in your area. You can find contact information for all Lions Clubs at lionsclubinternational.org.

## WT PLACES THIRD AT CELINA

Archbold carded a 362 and Minster recorded a 404 to take the top two spots in the Celina Girls Golf Invitational Friday at Celina Lynx Golf Club.

Wayne Trace finished in third place with a 418 while Defiance took fourth at 326 and Versailles was fifth with a 427.

Leading the way for the Lady Raiders was Ella Crosby with a 92 while Tori Young chipped in a 103 and Reagan McGarvey posted a 107. Ryann Jay (116) and Olivia Baughman (138) completed the list of red, white and blue golfers.

Ava Hesselschardt posted an 80 to pace Defiance followed by Kenley Manriquez (106), Kaylee Harsha (116) and Lilly Whiteford (124).

Other teams in the field included St. Marys (441), St. Henry (442), Coldwater (479), Lima Shawnee (481), Celina (488), Parkway (501), Wapakoneta (502) and Lincolnview (512).

## SUTTON, RAIDERS WIN GMC MATCH

Wayne Trace senior claimed medalist honors and the Raider team took first in the first of two Green Meadows Conference matches Tuesday at Pond-A-River Golf Course.

Sutton carded a 38 to lead the red, white and blue as Wayne Trace claimed first place as a team with a score of 158, one stroke better than second place Tinora.

Paulding and Ayersville tied for third in the team standings with a 178 each while Antwerp was sixth at 179 and Fairview finished sixth at 180. Hicksville (181) and Edgerton (229) completed the list of schools.

Other scores for Wayne Trace were Tyson Gerber (39), Brody Rosswurm (39), Connor Davis (42), Grayson Sutton (45) and Konnor Wannemacher (48).

Paulding was led by Bran-

# JACKSON WAGNER COMPLETES EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



Jackson Wagner of Hicksville recently earned his Eagle Scout with a project involving Christ's Cupboard. Jackson started his scouting journey as a cub scout with Pack 28. Dawn Ish was his den leader throughout his cub scout ranks. He was a Tiger, Wolf, and Bear cub then he was a Webelo and crossed over earning his Arrow of Light award and crossed over to Boy Scouts, Troop 216 of Hicksville. His first year as a Scout was 2018. This is when his Trail to Eagle officially began. Scoutmasters that have helped him along the way have been Greg Brown, Randy Post, Tony Wilhelm, Randy Miller, Kyle Wonderly, and Dawn Ish. All of these leaders have been involved since his cub days to present day. Greg Brown is the official Troop Scoutmaster for Hicksville Troop 216. Jackson is also part of the Hicksville Venture Crew, 6216. Jackson is also a member of the Order of the Arrow Brotherhood through Scouting.

Throughout his scouting journey he has learned many things. He has gone on many camping and outdoor adven-

tures, participated in many pinewood derbies, completed countless community service hours, and earned many Eagle Scout merit badges and regular merit badges. He has learned fire safety, knife safety, first aid, knot tying, rifle safety, and so much more.

Jackson has been Camp Staff at Camp Lakota in Defiance. His favorite area to serve at Lakota is the 40 foot climbing wall.

His Eagle project was titled, Scout's Hands-on Food Bank Upgrade. He worked closely with Reverend Robert Knapp of Christ Cupboard Ministries in Hicksville. To complete the project, Jackson, with help from his fellow scouts and family, painted the building front of Christ's Cupboard including the windows and door. He also hung new street numbers, planted some flower pots and hand crafted a wooden sign to hang from the awning to show that the building is Christ's Cupboard.

The Christ's Cupboard location has some history to Hicksville, originally being a restaurant, Yoder's. The sign that Jackson crafted was hung on the building's original

bracket. He had sanded the bracket down and refinished it to be able to use it to keep it a part of the building's history.

Jackson had spent a few months organizing, planning, purchasing, and working through this project. He had never used a hand held wood router before this project. He received some router training from his great-great-Uncle Donnie Shaffer and Pa, Jim Breining. He had scouts and family help him prep the building and complete the work. His scouts friends who helped included: leaders Greg Brown, Dawn Ish, and Kyle Wonderly. Scout helpers were Noah Harmon, Logun Ish, Aiden Scott Campbell, and Preston Ferrier.

Jackson plans to continue to stay active with Boy Scouts of America as an adult leader. He is the son of David Wagner II, and Staci Wagner; his sister is Alli Jo and brother Noah. He is a Senior with Hicksville High school and Four County this year. He will graduate in May of 2025. He is in the Computer Networking and Cybersecurity program at Four County and loves it!

## RAIDERS LEAD AREA BY TAKING SECOND

Twenty-six high school boys golf teams took part in the Kalida Invitational at Moose Landing Country Club on Wednesday with Wayne Trace leading local finishers by taking second place overall.

Ottawa Hills won the tournament with a 308 while the Raiders recorded a 316 to finish as runner-ups.

Pettisville (322), Kalida (323) and Van Wert (333) completed the top five schools in the tournament. Completing the top ten schools in the tournament were Berea Midpark (334), Miller City (336),

Liberty Benton (337), Lima Shawnee (338) and Ottawa Glandorf (338).

Other immediate area schools included Bryan (12th, 339), Delphos St. John's (15th, 351), Defiance (16th, 355), Ottoville (17th, 364), Tinora (19th, 376), Ayersville (21st, 384), Paulding (22nd, 385) and Delphos Jefferson (24th, 432).

Individually, Kyle Sutton of Wayne Trace led the Raiders with a 73 and Brody Rosswurm chipped in a 78. Jared Varner totaled an 81 for the red, white and blue followed by Connor Davis (84) and Konnor Wannemacher (97).

For the Panthers, Brandon Schroeder posted a 91 and Austen Kinder carded a 94. Johnny Lipps (100), Nick Hatcher (100) and Nico Stahl (102) completed the maroon and white lineup.

## KNIGHTS POST WIN OVER LANCERS, PANTHERS

Crestview recorded a tri-match victory over both Lincolnview and Paulding in boys golf action at Hickory Sticks

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# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY GRANT



**Congratulations to St. John Lutheran Church Food Pantry in Defiance for the recent \$1,000 grant from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This grant money will be used for restocking the pantry. Pictured above are (l-r) Melvina Smith - Defiance Moose Lodge Volunteer and Rita Bergman - Food Pantry Manager.**

Golf Course south of Van Wert Monday night.

Matthew Dealey posted a 35 and Ayden Hyatt added a 43 to lead the Knights, who totaled a 171 for the match. Logan Schlemmer chipped in a 46 followed by Evan Hart (47), Keenan Smith (49) and Kash Lichtensteiger (50).

Lincolnview took second with a 178 as the Lancers received a 39 from Chayse Overholt while Bosten Bailey and Seth Brant chipped in a 46 apiece. Lucas Grubb finished with a 47 with Bennett Kill recording a 51 and Grant Zielke carded a 52.

Paulding, which totaled a 182, was led by Nico Stahl with a 44 and Nick Hatcher finished with a 45. Austen Kinder posted a 46 for the Panthers followed by Brandon Schroeder and Johnny Lipps each with a 47. Max Stork also recorded a 50 for the maroon and white.

## SUTTON CLAIMS MEDALIST FOR WT

Host Van Wert captured a 161-169 victory over Wayne Trace in boys golf play at Willow Bend Country Club in Van Wert Monday.

Wayne Trace's Kyle Sutton was the match medalist with a 36 while Hayden Dowler and Keaton Foster scored 38 and 39, respectively, for the Cougars.

Griff McCracken added a 40 for Van Wert followed by Carter Wright (44), Trevor Halker (45) and Brock Stoller (46).

Other scorers for the red, white and blue were Tyson Gerber (42), Connor Davis (44), Grayson Sutton (47) and Konnor Wannemacher (48).

## NEW RESEARCH REVEALS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACTS OF CAREGIVERS IN NORTH CENTRAL AND NORTHEAST US

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Groundbreaking research conducted by a multi-state team, including Shoshannah Inwood, associate professor at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), has unveiled the caregiving experiences of households in the North Central and Northeast regions of the U.S.

The preliminary findings,

released as two regionally focused "Research Snapshots," offer insights into caregiver demographics, the financial and personal impacts of caregiving, and the types of support that caregivers seek.

"Our caregiving survey was designed to understand caregiving across the life course, including children, adults, and elderly," said Inwood, who researches community, food, and economic development in the CFAES School of Environment and Natural Resources (SENR).

The research team found that caregiving is a common experience, with about eight in 10 respondents in the two regions having provided care to children and/or adults. In addition, for almost half of the respondents, caregiving has affected their mental and/or emotional health.

Over the summer, the team is continuing to analyze the data to better understand differences in caregiving and its impacts on caregivers across urban, suburban, rural areas, and among respondents working in the agricultural sector.

The Research Snapshots were developed as a complement to two recently published, open-access regional datasets that resulted from the surveys, titled "NCR-Stat: Caregiving" and "NER-Stat: Caregiving." The datasets were designed to be accessible to researchers and organizations working on caregiving issues, Inwood

said.

The snapshots, created by Inwood and Florence Becot, Nationwide Insurance Early Career Professor in Agricultural Safety and Health at Penn State University and an SENR alumnae, were published by the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development and the Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development, respectively.

Key takeaways from the research:

- Caregiving is a common experience: Almost four in five respondents (79%) have provided care to children and/or adults at some point in the past. Almost half of the sample (49%) have provided care in the last 12 months.

- Caregiving is often a family affair: Individuals caring for children were most often the parent of that child (60%), followed by their grandparent (20%), and their aunt/uncle (15%). Those caring for adults were most often the child of that adult (38%), followed by their spouse/partner (24%), and their parent (16%).

- Health care needs of children and adults being cared for: The health care needs of children and adults are noticeably different. Only one-third (34%) of children cared for had a health condition, compared to 83% of adults.

- Time and financial resources needed for caregiving: Caring for children requires more time than caring for adults. Over two-thirds of respondents caring for children or adults paid for some care.

- Intersection between caregiving and household finances: Caregiving responsibilities often intersect with household needs and can impact the household's finances. Respondents shared that caregiving affected their ability to perform their household responsibilities (46%) and their ability to perform paid work (43%).

- Varying impacts of caregiving on caregivers' health and well-being: Caregiving is more likely to affect the caregivers' mental and/or emotional health (48%) and social life (41%) than it was to impact physical health (30%).

- Policies and programs to support caregivers: Respondents identified a variety of policies and programs that would better support their roles as caregivers.

"These findings provide valuable insights into the ex-

# PEVS 2024-2025 NEW TEACHERS



**Paulding Exempted Village Schools welcomes its new faculty for the 2024-25 school year. Pictured above are (l-r): Corey Davis - JH Intervention Specialist; Jen Huber - HS English; Emily Vargo - Paulding Elementary Intervention Specialist; Opal Thomas - Paulding Elementary Intervention Specialist; Stephanie Counterman, Oakwood Elementary 1st Grade; Megan Wellman - Oakwood Elementary Guidance Counselor; Katie Keller - Oakwood Elementary Intervention Specialist; Cole Mortemore - 7th Grade Math; Olivia Mengerink - JH Intervention Specialist; and Mary Cate Panico - HS Science.**

# WBESC NEW STAFF FOR 2024-2025



**The Western Buckeye ESC recently held its staff back-to-school breakfast and orientation meeting for new employees. Pictured are the employees that were able to attend the new staff orientation meeting: Front Row (L-R): Kirsten Hauter, Physical Therapy Assistant; Mary Smith, Paraprofessional; Donna Geyer, Aide; Jill Jackson, Aide; Kendra Spieth, Aide; Suzanne Zartman, Aide; Tyler Hines, Intervention Specialist. Back Row (L-R): Faith Meraz, Special Education Consultant; Claire McClure, Intervention Specialist; Tammy Nouza, Intervention Specialist; Ed Stuart, CTE Instructor; Tamara Castle, Aide; Tametha Kosch, ESL Tutor; Danielle Yoder, Intervention Specialist; Rachel Wiechart, Paraprofessional; Maddy Prindle, Intervention Specialist.**

periences of caregivers and the impacts of caregiving on their lives, which can inform the development of policies and programs to better support caregivers," Inwood said.

Childcare is a definite national agricultural policy issue, Inwood said, and she has worked tirelessly to get it added into the 2024 Farm Bill. She has given testimony before Congress and has worked with various committees to have childcare recognized as the important issue that it is.

The 2023 survey is part of a larger effort to facilitate in-

terdisciplinary collaboration across states, among researchers and Extension. The survey was collaboratively developed by researchers from the NCR-CRD, The Ohio State

University, the National Farm Medicine Center, Penn State, AARP, University of Minnesota, Purdue University, University of Rhode Island, and South Dakota State University.

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# THE LEFT TURN



#77 Swanson set's track record and win. Doran Binks Racing Photo



#57 Kyle Larson wins 3rd Knoxville National. Action Photos Ohio



Matt Westfall gets hometown victory. Campbell Photos

**By: Ron Burt**  
**Football Scoreboard**  
 Starting Friday at 9:30PM and 11PM the Ohio Sports Blitz Facebook page will be giving local area football scores live. If you miss the broadcast, you can replay it anytime. This year we will be giving scores from over 20 Ohio high school football conferences, the state top 10 football teams and scores from the national top 10. If you're a die-hard high school football fan this is the scoreboard you want, as your team battles to get in the playoffs. Bookmark the Ohio Sports Blitz now so you won't miss your team's scores. [www.facebook.com/ohiosportsblitz/](http://www.facebook.com/ohiosportsblitz/)

**Larson Gets the Repeat**  
 The 63rd Knoxville Nationals are now in the record books for sprint car fans,

drivers, owners and teams. 2024 didn't disappoint. Three countries represented and 4 nights of great racing. Championship Saturday was dominated by "Yung Money" Kyle Larson, he led all 50 laps. He won the pole and the \$2,000.00 for his effort and then the feature that put \$190,000.00 in his pocket. This doesn't count the totals for other weekly wins leading up to Saturdays feature win. This was Larson's 3rd Knoxville Nationals win and his second in a row. Finishing behind the victor was 2nd Gio Scelzi, 3rd Corey Day, 4th Carson Macedo, and 5th Anthony Macri. The top 4 finishers are California drivers and Macri is from Pennsylvania. Sheldon Haudenschild, from Wooster, OH one of our area fan favorites finished 9th

and was the only Ohio driver to start the 24 car feature.

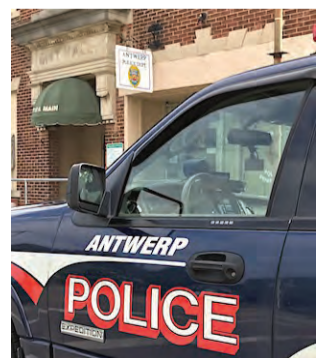
### Westfall Wins at Home

One of the hottest drivers in USAC Sprints and Midgets, is Matt Westfall. The Ohio native is busy with full racing schedules and it's rare he gets home to race. Last week he was able to race at Waynesfield Raceway Park with the B.O.S.S. Sprint Series and he thrilled the hometown fans with a big charge to grab the win. Shawn Westerfeld took 2nd and Rylan Gray 3rd. The IMCA Ohio RaceSaver Sprint series made their second stop of the season at Waynesfield Saturday night and brought with them a strong field, which in turn presented an exciting main event. At the checkers, it was Rod Henning picking up the victory!

Sprint Car fans are in for a treat at Waynesfield, August 24th. The legendary Nickles Brothers Sprint car has been on display throughout the summer in Knoxville at the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame and Museum, but it has been brought back home. The team is frantically working to get an engine installed so it can be the pace car at the Nickles Bros. Memorial at Waynesfield Raceway Park, with the legend, Jac Haudenschild behind the wheel!

### Swanson Set's Track Record

Last Saturday night Silver Crown driver Kody Swanson's night went from good to excellent. At historic Jennerstown Speedway, he set an automatic new track record to win the pole for the first USAC Silver Crown race ever held at Jennerstown Speedway. Driving the Mission Foods No. 77, the seven-time series champion led all 100 laps of the feature to extend his record for the driver with the most USAC Silver Crown victories in history to 44. Swanson lapped through sixth place, taking the checkered flag a whopping 3.907 seconds before Dakoda Armstrong, the runner-up, did the same. It was Swanson's fourth win of the year, and it extended both Swanson and Doran Binks Racing's lead in the point standings. Following Swanson, Armstrong, and Seavey at the checkered were Taylor Ferns in fourth and Bobby Santos III in fifth. C.J. Leary, Justin Grant, Nathan Byrd, Kyle Steffens and Trey Osborne rounded out the top 10. It was the 15th different track where Swanson has won a USAC Silver Crown race, another record.



### ANTWERP POLICE REPORT

On August 2nd, a resident of Leinard Mobile Home Park reported someone had loosened the lug nuts on her vehicle.

On August 3rd, a resident reported being scammed on Facebook messenger. A report was prepared and the individ-

ual was informed that he should block individual involved.

On August 3rd A resident North Garden Apartment reported her cousin was knocking at her door and she was not supposed to be there.

On August 4th It was reported that individuals were arguing near North Garden Apartments. Officer responded and warned everyone involved with disorderly conduct.

On August 5th A resident of North Garden Apartments reported neighbor was playing music too loud. Officer responded and spoke to both parties.

On August 5th A resident of Main St called and asked for assistance in retrieving his car back from soon to be ex-girlfriend.

On August 5th A resident of Main St reported that he had been involved in a domestic dispute the day before and that he had video proof. Officer requested that he give written statement and provide video to police department.

On August 5th Loud music was reported by a resident of North Garden Apartment. Officer responded and spoke to resident about turning it downtown

On August 5th A report came in about vehicle parked illegally and over time limit on S. Main St. By the time the officer responded the vehicle was gone.

On August 7th Motor vehicle accident was reported near the intersection of Canal and Erie Drive. One driver was cited for assured clear distance and the second driver was cited for no driver license.

On August 7th A report came in in reference to someone taking a truck and trailer around the park. The case was investigated and the two suspects were located.

On August 8th While on patrol an officer noticed a 10 year old girl driving a golf cart on the roadway. Officer stopped vehicle and had the 21 year old passenger, who had a driver license, drive it home

On August 9th Officers assisted Antwerp EMS

On August 9th Officers were notified of a warrant for a resident of the village. The individual was located, arrested and then transported to Vagabond Village and transferred to Defiance

On August 9th An employee of the Manor House that there was a black dog in front of the business. Officer contacted the owner of the dog was contracted who retrieved the dog.

On August 10th A resident called and requested an officer assist in dealing with her teenage son, who was being unruly

On August 10th A resident called and complained about the downtown speakers and requested that they be turned off

On August 11th A resident of Shaffer Rd reported someone moved the road closed sign and stated she does not want people driving through her yard. Officer responded and went and put the sign back

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

# LIBRARY UP FOR DISCUSSION IN ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING



The Village Council met on August 14 in another heated council meeting starting with the visitors who asked for the library, that village tax payers pay, to be maintained adequately, including snow removal, as stated in the contract.

In an emergency vote, the Village Council approved cheaper electric rates. The council also approved a restricted zone for marijuana after Councilman Steiner asked if there could even be another dispensary if one was already going in at the Depot. Administrator Davis stated "no" because a one mile radius is required by state law. Administrator Davis gave an update on the water plant and water tower. Councilman Franks asked about Shaffer Road repair. That was denied again and the state is trying to get more Federal grants.

The ongoing issue of denying a councilman the right to attend committee meetings

was back on the list again with both sides giving their reasons for or against - including one of the visitors. Solicitor Cam Stanley was not present for this council meeting. Chief Clemens asked if there could be an executive session for the purpose of personnel. After the executive session, Councilman Steiner asked about the hiring of a Building Inspector was going since this is an open vacancy for about 2 years now.

If you would like to watch the Antwerp Village Council meetings, use the QR code below to take you to West Bend News YouTube channel.



### PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

#### Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

**David E. Keister**, Erie, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Maggie E. Groh**, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Elizabeth A. Pollock**, Van Wert, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; Maintain general good behavior

**Aaron S. McMillan**, Scott, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice

**Cheryl E. Good**, Paulding, OH; Traffic devise/signs; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Erica A. Hall**, Paulding, OH; Confinement of dog; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Jeremy S. Harris**, Defiance, OH; Criminal damage; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; 30 days jail suspended; Placed on standard probation; Complete 20hrs community service; Maintain general good behavior

**Anna M. Conley**, Antwerp, OH; Failure to control, Guilty, Proof of insurance not provided; Operating motor vehicle with no insurance, Count B dismissed

**Tracy N. Clark**, Fort Wayne, IN; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice;

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**Ahmed Q. Khuder**, Canton, MI; Child restraint; Count B dismissed  
**Oo July**, Hartford, CT; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Robert C. Baker III**, Port Orange, FL; Failure to yield private drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jacob A. Tracy**, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Elia Savyimana**, Wyoming, MI; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Walter S. Crowls**, Convoy, OH; Stop sign; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Maxwell N. Stork**, Oakwood, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Melanie Blair**, Antwerp, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**REDUCING CROP COSTS**

With lower crop prices, many farmers are struggling to make ends meet. Corn is around \$3.50 a bushel and soybean \$10/bushel, down from a high of \$7 for Corn and \$15

to \$17 for soybeans/bushel. Brazil crop production continues to drive crop prices lower as they expand acreage into the Amazon forest. To survive, farmers will need to cut costs. Here are tips on cutting crop production costs.

Reduce tillage. The equipment costs, fuel, and maintenance have gone up with inflation from 25%-81%, depending on the tillage operation since 2010. As a comparison of 2010 to 2023 prices: Chisel Plow \$14 now versus 2023 in \$20, a rise of 42%. Disk Tandem (\$13, \$17, +31%), Field Cultivate (\$11, \$17, +55%), Plow (\$17, \$24, +41%), Soil Finishing tool (\$11, \$20, 81%), Sub soil (\$18, \$27, +50%). Farmers who eliminate at least one tillage pass or go to no-till can save money. Gary Schnitkey, Illinois University Economist reports in the last two years, the profit per farm on going to no-till over just one pass tillage was \$26 to \$48. When prices were much higher, the conventional one pass system had a higher profit the first two years, around \$39-\$47 per acre, but 4 years had almost no price increase, and the last two years (lower prices, higher costs) the advantage went to

no-till. Eliminating one tillage pass may save \$11-\$27/acre.

Tillage is not the only way to save costs. Reducing fertilizer costs, especially on phosphorus, potassium and even nitrogen may reduce costs by up \$120 per acre. This only applies if you have adequate fertility. It almost always pays to lime your fields to correct pH because this increase nutrient availability. If applying manure or using legume or clover cover crops, apply the proper credits to reduce your N costs. Planting cover crops may seem like an added cost, but increases your soil organic matter levels, keeps soil and nutrients in place, and may reduce your fertilizer cost.

Planting early maturing crops (corn and soybeans) can save drying costs and may even result in premiums, especially for early harvested corn. One way to save drying costs is to harvest corn and soybeans at a lower moisture by letting it field dry. That depends on the weather and the year, but drying costs are expensive and you have to weigh that against possible late harvest losses.

Pest management is another big cost item on farms. Reducing fungicides and insecticides to using them only when needed can increase profits. Cover crops, especially rye, helps reduce problem weeds like marestail, Palmer Amaranth, and water hemp plus other weeds like foxtail, thistle and rag weeds.

Soil testing is not an expense to cut out unless you have multiple years of data that is consistent. Use your soil tests to set realistic yield goals so that you are not applying excess fertilizer. Sometimes, farmers can look at alternative crops like hay or wheat. Other options are growing specialty crops that generate premiums. Ultra-high protein Non-GMO soybeans, high oleic soybeans and growing soybeans for seed beans, generally generate more profit. Corn is harder to get premiums except for Non-GMO and organic production, however; some livestock producers may be willing to pay premiums for high protein and high-test weight corn if you can document animals get to market faster.

Other options for reducing costs include trying to negotiate lower rent costs, going to a shared rent, or 50-50 lease to get the land owner more involved in the crop expense side. If the landowner is willing to invest in improved drainage like tile and waterways, that can improve crop yields. Sometimes it just pays not to farm everything, especially low producing areas that drown out, or have animal damage along woods, ditches etc. where crops have a history of not producing. These areas can be signed up as filter strips or non-farmed areas for wildlife. Government payments may be possible for keeping land out of production for these purposes.

Some other quick tips. Consolidate seed purchases with several farmers to maximize crop discounts, sell unused machinery, share machinery with some other farmers, and possibly use drones more often to scout and apply inputs like seed, fungicides, herbicides etc. Drones reduce soil compaction and are becoming an economical way to apply crop inputs and to scout. Take advantage of any local on-farm research to obtain the best crop seed for your soils. Finally, some experts advocate reducing soybean inoculants (savings of \$1.50) per acre on fields with a history of soybeans, but inoculants can pay big dividends (2-5 bushel) if the Rhizobium bacteria are lacking. Sharpen your pencil and get farm budgets ready for next year.

—James J. Hoorman  
 Hoorman Soil Health Services

The West Bend News  
**Sudoku Puzzle**

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

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Case No. 20243009  
 IN THE MATTER OF: JA'VAREYON KINNIE  
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To: SAM BUCHANAN  
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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**PURDUE FORT WAYNE TO HOST SEPT. 21 GALA CELEBRATING MULTILINGUAL POPULATIONS**



Mary Encabo Bischoff, Teaching English as a New Language program director, is pictured here during a TENL presentation in February

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — With over 70 languages spoken in northeast Indiana and a proud history of serving as a resettlement destination for countless families, this region stands as a positive example of cultural and linguistic diversity throughout the Midwest. At the heart of this vibrant community are more than 7,000 multilingual learners enrolled in area schools, guided by dedicated educators.

To pay tribute to the efforts of these educators and the families who benefit from their efforts, the Teaching English as a New Language program and the Three Rivers Language Center in the School of Education at Purdue University Fort Wayne will host a gala on Sept. 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union.

The inaugural Multilingual Northeast Indiana Gala will shine a spotlight on the impact educators make in the lives of their students, and how that fosters the growth of northeast Indiana.

“Working with our TENL alumni, we are excited to bring to life an event that celebrates teachers and raises awareness of the ways we serve linguistically and culturally diverse populations in our region,” said Mary Encabo Bischoff, Teaching English as a New Language program director. “The gala is one of the many ways we strive to put in practice what we say we value and believe in as a community of scholars and practitioners.”

Highlights of the evening include exciting food options from caterers representing immigrant-owned businesses; lively performances from local artists; tales of inspirations from teachers, immigrants, and refugees; family-friendly trivia; and more.

Those interested in attending can click here for specific information about tickets and available discounts.

The gala also coincides with Welcoming Week, an international observance where organizations and communities bring together neighbors of all backgrounds to build strong connections and affirm the importance of welcoming and inclusive places in achieving collective prosperity.

Contact Encabo Bischoff at mary.encabo@pfw.edu or 260-481-6748 to learn more.



**ACPL'S JEFFREY R. KRULL GALLERY DEBUTS NEW EXHIBIT "ABSTRACT ART IN INDIANA"**

The Allen County Public Library's (ACPL) Jeffrey R. Krull Gallery will feature “Past to Present: Abstract Art in Northern Indiana”, featuring abstract art from local artists in partnership with the University of Saint Francis.

“Our state shares a rich heritage of visual artists ranging from the Victorian painter, William Merritt Chase to the abstract sculptor, David Smith, to the conceptual artist, Vija Celmins,” said exhibit curator and USF Gallery Director Justin Johnson. “Throughout the state, there are regional focuses that include ceramics, plein-air

painting, glass and so many other art forms and practices. Each artist brings their own aesthetic and materials to the rich and diverse tradition of Abstraction - linking themselves both to the present and the past.”

According to Johnson, Northeast Indiana has had a steady movement toward Abstract Art since the 1940s and the exhibit includes works from not only influential Fort Wayne Art School instructors, but also emerging and established artists from Northeast Indiana including Hannah Burnworth, Austin Cartwright, Sara Nordling, Erin Patton-McFarren, and Michael Poorman.

Past to Present: Abstract Art in Northern Indiana; From: August 10 - September 28, 2024 during normal library operating hours at the Allen County Public Library (900 Library Plaza), Main Library Jeffrey R. Krull Gallery

The exhibit is free and open to the public.

The exhibit opened with a community reception on Saturday, August 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. The event is also free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.acpl.lib.in.us/krull-gallery.

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

8/19 - Exercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Cornhole @ 10:30 a.m.; Diamond Art w/Mike & Barbara @ 12:00 p.m.; Bridge Club @ 12:30 p.m.

8/20 - Euchre @ 9:45 a.m.; Caregiver Support Group @ 10:00 a.m.; Food Distribution, Fairgrounds @ 12:00-2:00 p.m.

8/21 - Rummy @ 9:00 a.m.; Bingo w/The Gardens of Paulding @ 10:00 a.m.; Witt's Workout @ 10:00 a.m.; Grocery Shopping @ 1:00 p.m.

8/22 - Bus Trip to Schedel Arboretum & Gardens @ 9:00 a.m.; Euchre @ 9:45 a.m.; Exercise @ 10:00 a.m.

8/23 - SENIOR CENTER ON THE ROAD (Oakwood); Drumming @ 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.; Bingo sponsored by The Antwerp Manor; Witt's Workout @ 12:00 p.m.

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING MENU**

8/19 - Pork cutlet w/gravy, sweet potato casserole, corn pears, WW bread, peanut butter no bake cookie

8/20 - Cheeseburger w/lettuce, tomato, & onion, broccoli salad, pineapple, goldfish crackers

8/21 - Liver & onions (alt: swiss steak), mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit cocktail, WW bread

8/22 - Shredded beef sandwich, coleslaw, 3 bean salad, cinnamon apples, fruit snacks

8/23 - Meatloaf, cheesy au gratin potatoes, green beans, applesauce, dinner roll, cherry pie

**ANTWERP MANOR ASSISTED LIVING ACTIVITIES**

8/19 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Rummy @ 10:30 a.m.; Birthday/Bingo Party @ 1:30 p.m.; Bible stories @ 2:15 p.m.

8/20 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; UNO @ 10:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Nails by Tailor @ 3:00 p.m.; Library services

8/21 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Dominoes @ 10:30 a.m.; Bingo Bucks Store @ 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.; Bingo @

1:15 p.m.; Euchre @ 2:30 p.m. 8/22 - What's For Dessert @ 9:00 a.m.; Bingo @ 10:30 a.m.; Beauticians @ 12:00 p.m.; Movie & popcorn @ 1:30 p.m.

8/23 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Bingo @ 10:30 a.m.; Euchre @ 1:30 p.m.; Movie Time @ 3:00 p.m.

8/24 - LRC @ 10:30 a.m.; UNO @ 12:30 p.m.; Puzzle Table @ 2:30 p.m.

8/25 - Catholic Communion; Sittercise @ 11:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Service w/ Bryce & Chad @ 4:00 p.m.

**TID-BITS IN THE BEE- ARGUS, ANTWERP 1914-2001 PART 7**

5-13-1970 - Flags flying at half mast at Defiance College in memory of the Kent State deaths.

5-27-1970 - New headline: Antwerp Bee Argus 10 cents per copy; The Paulding County Eagle, Every Paulding County home to receive a copy of this issue.

6-10-1970 - And the fury continues in the Council of the Village of Antwerp! Read the article ...

6-30-1970 - Listed: 8 foot x 36 foot house trailer for sale 2 bedrooms (one with bunk beds) 1957 Clark, Completely furnished ... Small?

8-19-1970 - "Let's Light Up Antwerp" campaign taking shape. Light poles being erected at the Antwerp Athletic Complex. FYI: Season ended with 1 win and 6 losses.

9-9-1970 - High school marching band performed Tuesday evening, 60 members.

9-16-1970 - Ford's are out for 1971!! Torino (station wagon), Thunderbird, Pinto, Mustang, LTD

9-30-1970 - Bee Argus now prints an average of 1,400 issues per week.

11-18-1970 - State (OH) resolution putting a stop on consolidation of schools in Paulding County.

1-20-1971 - Al's Bestmart: T-bone \$1.19/b; Pillsbury Biscuits 10 cents; Borden Ice Cream 99 cents/gallon; Borden's Cottage Cheese 33 cents/lb.; Idaho Baking Potatoes 69 cents/10 lbs.

5-12-1971 - First class mail stamp up to 8 cents.

5-19-1971 - Students want dress code changed. Boys for longer hair and girls to wear dress jeans and dress slacks.

7-7-1971 - Presbyterian church founded in Antwerp on 7/11/1871. Nice article on church history printed.

Eisenhower Silver Dollar on sale of uncirculated and proof pieces.

9-1-1971 - FINALLY! School districts set after many years, 3 high schools in county.

9-22-1971 - Antwerp Exchange Bank to begin computer service. Account holders have been given an account number. School board modifies dress code when 15 parents and 14 students were at the board meeting.

11-17-1971 - Larry Wolford, Cecil, OH to receive a kidney from his sister.

12-1-1971 - The Antwerp Fly, Vol 1, #11, 8-22-1895, Printed page 1 of 4 in this issue. Copy says L.M. Cillis, former editor of the Argus.

1-5-1972 - New mayor, John Mundy, emphatically states the end of speed traps. For over 3 years under police chief Herman Foster with connivance of former mayor

Joseph Lichty and former president of council and chairman of safety commissioner Gerry Snyder, the unsuspecting drivers were cited. Al's Food Market: Eggs 45 cents/doz; 1 lb bacon 69 cents; Bunny bread 3/79 cents; Shortening 3 lbs/83 cents

3-15-1972 - Church attendance at 43 as people with colds and flu (Forder's Bridge News) Avg. is 90

3-29-1972 - Kings Island to have Grand Opening May 27th. Admission is \$6.00 Under 3 y.o. free

5-17-1972 - Elvis to be at Coliseum June 12. Show is at 8:30 p.m. with tickets \$5 - \$7.50 and \$10

6-21-1972 - Village Council trying to install restrooms in City Hall and take part of the Otto Ehrhart museum.

6-28-1972 - Paulding County average income is \$9,222. State average is \$10,313. 1970 census has 19,329 residents in county.

8-9-1972 - Centennial year for the county fair from August 25-31.

9-6-1972 - Cathy Carr (parents Dr./M Thomas Carr of Antwerp) won 2 gold medals at the Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany.

9-13-1972 - Bee Argus subscription up to \$4.00/yr for Paulding, Defiance, and Van Wert Counties in Ohio and Allen County, IN All other places is \$5.00/yr. Display advertising rate is 98 cents/column for national news and political ads. 85 cents per column for local advertisers.

10-25-1972 - 1 full inch of snow on October 18th. 1st time in many years that a measurable amount fell in October.

12-20-1972 - Several short stories by S.K. Temple appear in this issue. She is managing editor of this paper and most of the stories are copyrighted by her, Sandra Kay Temple.

A new year - 1973 and beyond ...

Antwerp Equity Exchange Co. listed market prices for many years and I have a few to drop on you:

Jan 1968 - Red Wheat, 1.35; Yellow Com, 1.49; White Oats, .77; Soybeans, 1.04;

June 1971 - Red Wheat, 1.49; Yellow Com, 1.40; White Oats, .72; Soybeans, 3.04;

June 1973 - Red Wheat, 1.44; Yellow Com, 2.35; White Oats, .96; Soybeans, 11.20;

Aug 1974 - Red Wheat, 3.95; Yellow Com, 3.41; White Oats, 1.65; Soybeans, 6.93;

Jan 1975 - Red Wheat, 3.94; Yellow Com, 6.34; White Oats, 1.70; Soybeans, 3.13

Prices posted on page 1 each issue. Many articles on farm crops from planting to harvesting were published weekly and ASC along with other organizations related to

farming by many writers appeared. Have noticed over the years (1920's to now) a majority of obituaries will list the men as having been farmers.

8-29-1973 - Photo I.D. Driver's licenses new in 1974.

10-10-1973 - Police chief Herman Foster resigns. Richard Dunderman new chief and 2 part time officers.

11-14-1973 - Price per weekly Bee Argus raised from 10 cents to 15 cents as listed at top of page 1.

12-26-1973 - Very heavy snowfall 14 inches last week and some roads barely passable now a week later. Heaviest recorded since 1918 in January. America facing energy shortage - Short on beef and having gasless Sundays (stations closed). Just wondering? How about toilet paper as we had in the 2020's? LOL

2-27-1974 - Seslar Oil sold to C&Y Oil in Payne. Texaco bought Indian Oil in the 1930's which Seslar started distributing some 67 years ago.

3-20-1974 - Hike in Defiance College tuition and fees of \$100. Now will be \$2,350/year.

4-10-1974 - 4 tornadoes strike Paulding County. Many pictures in this issue showing damage and the route of the storms.

7-31-1974 - Antwerp Exchange Bank and Union State Bank in Payne named official participating banks for the new State Lottery.

8-7-1974 - Lottery tickets go on sale as of Tuesday, 8-13-74.

8-14-1974 - John McCabe (former Antwerp resident), Jackson, Michigan seeking Democratic nomination for President in 1976. McCabe unsuccessful in past for Governor of Michigan. President Richard Nixon to resign after June 17th Watergate break in, etc., etc., etc.

10-9-1974 - Prisoner Jeff Doyle #137551 at the Marion Correctional facility is requesting "pen pals". This was in the Letter to the Editor column. (Am sure his request was in multiple papers throughout the State and wonder if anyone responded to him. Just thinking ...)

2-26-1975 - Ohio is now 172 years old.

3-26-1975 - Torado hit.

5-21-1975 - 4.2 inches of rain in 1 hour fell starting about 4:00 a.m. Flooding of homes and the school closed. Senior class of 67 pupils to graduate.

7-9-1975 - Speed limit: 55 miles per hour now law. Started in 1974 as a fuel conservation measure and now Gov. Rhodes signed it into law. Not sure of gas prices right now but this writer remembers the "gas war" in 1969-70 with 24-25 cents/gallon not uncommon)

8-6-1975 - "Right on red" ruling implemented. Again, a way of saving fuel in cars!

8-20-1975 - Weatherhead Company in Antwerp 25 anniversary.

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11-19-1975 - No formal announcement found in paper but subscription is now \$5.00/yr to the Bee Argus in local counties and \$6.00 elsewhere.

12-17-1975 - On December 28, a first class stamp going to 13 cents

3-3-1976 - Whose portrait will be on the new \$2.00 bill being issued in April? Thomas Jefferson, the 3rd President and on his birthday, 4-13. Phased out in 1966 and now issued as part of the nation's bicentennial.

4-14-1976 1976 - Chevrolet Chevette Coupe: \$2,943 with \$294 down payment.

4-28-1976 - Cutie for the day! Take any number. Add 9. Multiply the answer by 2. Subtract 4.

Divide the answer by 2. Subtract the number originally thought of. Your answer will be 7!

5-12-1976 - Outbreak of measles in Paulding County. 20 cases so far per Health Department officials.

8-11-1976 - Vantage Joint Vocational School to open to 500 students. \$4.1 million structure located in Van Wert County and for many local juniors and seniors from surrounding schools.

8-25-1976 - Bee Argus is 30 pages this issue! 15 of them dedicated to the County fair and all its programs.

9-22-1976 - Jaycees to publish the bicentennial history of Antwerp and are asking for any/all data you might provide.

—Submitted by Carol B.

## AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS



When I was a lad we had great actors and actresses. Movies were a big thing. I never went to movies until I began dating the girl that is now my wife.

It's hard to imagine if you see a young person today, they did not see 9/11. In fact they do not remember any of the things that happened in our lifetime. Perhaps they have heard the names Marilyn Monroe, Janet Leigh, or Grace Kelly. In our day every boy or girl had his favorite movie star. Movie Stars were a big part of everyday life. I would like to tell you about a couple that became everyone's sweetheart.

Mary Frances was a tomboy. She preferred the name Franny because she thought it sounded like a tomboy. As long as she could remember she wanted to be a gym teacher. Her older brother Billy was a star athlete. He excelled in every sport, and Franny joined in all the games, and she became quite good at sports. This was her entire life and she was destined to be a gym teacher.

One day Mary did something that was quite uncharacteristic for her, she signed up for a beauty contest. Now she had no intention of winning, or even participating in the contest. To every entrance they gave away a free blouse, a beautiful scarf and a free lunch. She had to have that blouse and scarf.

When her folks ask her where she got the blouse, she told them she had entered the beauty contest, but she didn't plan on competing. Franny had just turned 16, but she was a tomboy. She didn't even wear lipstick. Her folks told her if she signed her name she would

have to play the game, so she was stuck. Mary's only swimsuit had a hole which would need to be patched. She borrowed a pair of high heels from her best friend but they were two sizes to big. She could hardly walk.

Mary confided to an offi-

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cial she didn't want to win. But she clomped on stage. The girls before her had tap danced, played a harp, and recited a passage from Little Women. Mary carried a record player and she was going to pantimime a song. She paused for a second and looked at the audience, and asked in a low voice, "Can I take off my shoes?" The audience went crazy. She won the title Miss Burbank in spite of herself.

The little girl, the one that wanted above all else to be a gym teacher, came out of the shadow and received a call from MGM studios. Mary Frances Reynolds, Debbie Reynolds. On June 10th, 1955, there was one of the biggest weddings of all time. Two heart throbs, Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher. Their union produced two children Carrie Fisher and

Todd Fisher. Eddie married Elizabeth Taylor, and Debbie married two more times.

The saddest thing was the death of her daughter Carrie from using drugs. Carrie died at age 59, and Debbie died the next day. Debbie's faith stood out even though there was tumult her life.

She and Elizabeth Taylor became best friends in later life. After she passed there was a fight over the money from her estate. There always is.

Debbie made the following statement. "Faith helps you overcome other people's shortcomings. You must love them as they are. If you love too much of any relationship you will be disappointed. If you ask nothing you'll never be disappointed." I'll have to check if her movie, "Singin' In the Rain," with Grace Kelly and the Bing Crosby is in the library.

—James Neuhouser

### PATROL INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH ON STATE ROUTE 795

The Bowling Green Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal traffic crash that occurred on State Route 795 at Glenwood Road in Perrysburg Township. The crash occurred on August 15, 2024 at approximately 12:09 P.M.

42-year-old Lisa Carlin of Millbury was operating a 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan eastbound on State Route 795. 20-year-old Jackson D. Dusseau of Maumee was operating a 2014 International

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*Sudoku solution from page 9*

commercial tractor/trailer outfit eastbound on State Route 795 and was stopped at the red traffic light at Glenwood Road. Ms. Carlin failed to maintain an assured clear distance ahead and struck the rear of the commercial trailer. The front seat passenger of the International truck was 31-year-old Justin P. Jeko of Toledo.

Mr. Dusseau and Mr. Jeko were transported to Mercy Health-St. Charles Hospital for minor injuries. Ms. Carlin was transported to Mercy Health-St. Vincent Medical Center where she was pronounced deceased.

All three individuals involved were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash. The crash is still under investigation at this time.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted at the scene by Perrysburg Township Police Department, Perrysburg Township Fire and EMS, Rossford Police Department, Rossford Fire, ODOT, Wright Tire and Auto and Pat and Son Towing.

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# ANTWERP OPENS WELLNESS CENTER AT OPEN HOUSE



Pictured above at the Wellness & Recreation Center Ribbon Cutting at Antwerp Local School on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 are (l-r) HS principal Jesse Arnold, Ryan & Luke w/Garmann Miller (the engineers of the project), School Board Representative Bob Herber, Center administrator Andrew Messman, School Treasurer Kristine Stuart, Athletic director Drew Altimus, and ALS Superintendent Dr. Martin Miller.



Antwerp faculty, school board, and community members gathered prior to Open House for the 2024-25 school year to celebrate the official opening of the Wellness & Recreation Center. This building has had many delays due to COVID and other prob-

lems, but has finally come to fruition. It will be able to house the wrestling team for their practices and will be the indoor conditioning center for spring sports when there is inclement weather for practice out of doors.

The Center features the

boundary lines for a half court basketball court, two pickle ball courts, and a volleyball court. There is enough astroturf pieces to cover the floor for soccer or other activities as well. One of the unique features of the Wellness Center is the Lu Interactive Playground. It's a new level of Physical Education class — kids will be able to shoot baskets to the screen, kick in a soccer goal or smash a brick wall with the kick balls. It's a state of the art system that will be an asset to the school and center.

Dr. Miller said a few words to the attendees before the ribbon cutting and announced that the building was fully paid for by one of the grants awarded to the school during

# TEACHERS OF LIFEWISE TALK TO KIWANIS



Pictured (L to R): Amanda Andrews, Lisa Laukhuf, Katrina Groces, Tony Gonzales, Will Manz, and Jessica Manz

The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Lisa Laukhuf, Tony Gonzales, Jessica Manz, Katrina Groce, Will Manz, and Amanda An-

draws (Teachers, LifeWise) as the guest speakers at the August 15, 2024, club meeting. They all came at the invitation of Traci Koenig (Director, LifeWise Wayne

Trace, Paulding Exempted and Antwerp). The teachers spoke to the Kiwanians about LifeWise and the impact that they have seen in the students.

the COVID years for schools to adapt to the changing times.

The Wellness and Recreation Center will not only be utilized by the students and staff of Antwerp Local Schools but will also be available to the community to use. For more details about that please contact the superintendent's office.

## SUMMER CRISIS PROGRAM

The Ohio Department of Development and Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission continues to offer assistance to help Ohio's families stay cool during the hot summer months.

Now through Sept. 30, income-eligible Ohioans can receive assistance in paying their electric bill, purchasing an air conditioner or fan, or making repairs to their central air conditioning unit through the Ohio Department of Development's Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program.

The Summer Crisis Program assists low-income households or those that have a disconnection notice, have been shut off, are trying to establish new service on their electric bill, require air conditioning, or those with an elderly household member (60 years or older) who can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for their health. Qualifying medical conditions can

include lung disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, asthma, and others.

Ohioans enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP) program who meet the above criteria may also be eligible for assistance towards their default PIPP payment, first PIPP payment, central air conditioning repairs, or may receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan.

To qualify for assistance, Ohioans must have a gross income at or below 175 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a family of up to seven members, and 60 percent of the State Median Income for a family of eight or more members. For a family of four, the annual income must be at or below \$54,600.

To apply for the program, clients are required to schedule an appointment. Appointments can be scheduled by calling Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission's 24-hour appointment hotline at 419-219-4641 or visit our website at www.nocac.org.

Clients need to bring copies of the following documents to their appointment:

- Copies of their most recent energy bills.
- A list of all household members and proof of income for the last 30 days or 12 months for each member.
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members.

• Proof of disability (if applicable).

• Physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health (if there isn't a household member over the age of 60).

The Ohio Department of Development empowers communities to succeed by investing in Ohio's people, places, and businesses. Learn more about our work at development.ohio.gov. To be connected to your local Energy Assistance Provider visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov or call (800) 282-0880.

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