



## PROCLAMATION FOR "PURPLE HEART VILLAGE" SIGNED BY MAYOR DUSLAK



Pictured from the front row Jamie Clemens, Karissa Long, Kelly Tumblin back row Greg Hill, Josh Duslak, Tammy Aufrance, and John Daeger.

Oakwood Mayor, Mr. Josh Duslak, recently signed a proclamation which made the Village of Oakwood a "Purple Heart Village." This action makes Oakwood the 76th town in the State of Ohio to be proclaimed a Purple Heart Village on the National Military Order of the Purple Heart

Trail. The purpose of the National Purple Heart Trail is to create a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

The Paulding County Purple Heart Trail project is being coordinated by Jon Lichty who is the Paulding County Veterans Services Officer, and a Life Member of VFW Post 587. Oakwood's addition is the 7th entity in Paulding County to be placed on the Purple Heart Trail.

## PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL CARDIOPULMONARY DEPARTMENT UPGRADES

Recently at Paulding County Hospital we upgraded our Cardiopulmonary Department equipment and software. This upgrade was possible due to Paulding County Hospital Foundation, the foundation matched up to \$25,000 in donations towards the software. The Paulding Eagles matched 100% of Paulding County Hospital Founda-

tion's match & donated \$25,000. The complete software upgrade came in at \$51,125.00.

The software purchased was Scottcare VersaCare Cardiopulmonary monitoring system. VersaCare allows the Cardiopulmonary Department at Paulding County Hospital to monitor Patient's heart rhythm and heart rate while exercising during Cardiac Rehabilitation. Additionally, we are able to measure a patient's oxygen levels for Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

Paulding County Hospital Foundation donations received directly benefit the PCH and the entire community. PCHF is able to promote high quality healthcare, close to home because of the generous support of our members and donors. Thank you to all that have donated to Paulding County Hospital Foundation.

If you would like to learn more about supporting Paulding County Hospital Foundation, please contact Estee Blair at [exec.dir@pauldingcounty-hospitalfoundation.org](mailto:exec.dir@pauldingcounty-hospitalfoundation.org).

## A PLACE TO LAND TO PERFORM AT FLAT ROCK CREEK FALL FESTIVAL



A Place to Land family music group will perform at Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival on Saturday September 21st 9:00-10:00 a.m. and 11:00-12:00 p.m. on the west stage.

Home Place Program will take place on Friday, September 20th at 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, September 21 at 2:00pm; Sunday, September 23 at 11:30 a.m.

Brian and Rebecca play a unique combination of songs, that can be described as a hopeful vision of the future with an eye on the past.

From their home base in the woods of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, they can be found playing to thousands of visitors who visit every year.

**REVIEWS**  
"A Place to Land are two of the most wonderful, gracious, and talented people and entertainers I've met. They've played several times at my restaurant, and we always look forward to the next time we see them. They expertly cover songs from an increasingly disappearing generation and culture of music, and it's just so comforting to see two people keep it alive with such pas-

sion. Highly recommend for any event."

— Josh Winkler, The INN, Paradise, MI)

Brian and Rebecca are a musical duo who play a unique combination of songs that can be described as a hopeful vision of the future with an eye on the past. They are based in the woods of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and often perform on the deck of the Brewery, entertaining thousands of visitors who travel to Tahquamenon Falls every year.

Here's a quote from Josh Winkler, The INN, Paradise, MI about their performances: "A Place to Land are two of the most wonderful, gracious, and talented people and entertainers I've met. They've played several times at my restaurant, and we always look forward to the next time we see them. They expertly cover songs from an increasingly disappearing generation and culture of music, and it's just so comforting to see two people keep it alive with such passion. Highly recommend for any event."

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## Community Calendar

### MON & WED

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

### Aug 31- Sep 2

- Oakwood Homecoming! See schedule of events here!

### August 31

- Oakwood Fireman's Breakfast @ FD, 7-10am

### September 3

- Smokey Bear's Birthday celebration @ Defiance & Sherwood Library (thru 9/30)

### 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 9

- Jeanne Calvert @ Defiance Library, 6pm

### September 10

- Alzheimer's Education Series @ Defiance Library, 3pm

### 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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## OAKWOOD HOMECOMING LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

CHECK IT OUT! The Homecoming continues to evolve with the times! Remember Bingo? It was stopped due to state regulations, but it's back!!! And free! There is a big weekend planned so check out the schedule below. A big thank (Continued on Page 3)

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**OBITUARIES**



**PARKVIEW HEALTH AND ORTHO NORTHEAST BREAK GROUND ON NEW AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER AND MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING**

Parkview Health and Ortho NorthEast (ONE) broke ground on a new orthopedic ambulatory surgery center (ASC) and medical office building in Warsaw on Tuesday, Aug. 20.

The new facilities will be located on C.R. 200 N, just north of Parkview Kosciusko Hospital (PKH). Construction on the 14,750-square-foot ASC, Parkview Kosciusko SurgeryONE, is tentatively scheduled to be completed by October 2025, along with a Parkview Physicians Group clinic and ONE clinic next door.

"ONE and Parkview share a lasting commitment to delivering exceptional orthopedic care," said ONE President Dr. Chris Johnson. "We look forward to bringing that level of care to the Warsaw community, with fellowship-trained, sub specialized surgeons."

Parkview Kosciusko SurgeryONE will offer a broad range of outpatient orthopedic surgeries, including total joint replacements, sports medicine procedures like ACL reconstruction, and surgeries for the spine, hand, and upper extremities.

"With state-of-the-art equipment, patients can now benefit from less invasive surgery and quicker recovery times," said Dr. Alan McGee, president, Parkview Health Orthopedics. "We're excited to continue expanding the range of care options offered to residents in Kosciusko County."

The new facilities are Parkview's latest investment in Kosciusko County. After recently completing an expansion that doubled the size of the former Parkview Warsaw, the new Parkview Kosciusko Hospital opened to the public in January 2024. Parkview opened a new occupational health and shared employer clinic on Mariners Drive in November 2023.

"More and more residents in Kosciusko County are selecting Parkview as their preferred healthcare provider, and we're committed to meeting that growing demand," said Scott Gabriel, market president, Parkview Health Northwest. "The opening of our new surgery center, along with new physician and orthopedic offices, will enhance our ability to serve the community and provide high-quality care close to home."

The ceremony included a welcome address, comments from physician leaders, and a blessing before the board of trustee members, staff and special guests broke ground at the site.

**CHILD/FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR AT LITTLE SPROUTS DAYCARE**

On Tuesday, September 17th, 2024 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Little Sprouts, 210 Dooley Dr., Paulding, OH there will be a child/family resource fair.

Learn what resources Paulding County offers children birth - 18 along with their families.

Network with other organizations in the community.

For more information contact Denise at [dkinder@pauldingdd.org](mailto:dkinder@pauldingdd.org)

**SUNDAY MORNING ANTWERP COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE**

A special community-wide worship service with Brad North from South Scipio Church delivering the message will take place on Sunday, September 15 at 10am at the Antwerp Global Methodist Church.

Joining churches include Antwerp Global Methodist Church, First United Presbyterian Church of Antwerp, Antwerp Community Church, Riverside Christian Church and South Scipio Church. If your church wants to participate, have them reach out.

A special offering will be taken for LifeWise Academy - Antwerp and the Good News Club. An opportunity to give offerings for your home church will also be provided.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER**

The Paulding County Library will be closed on Monday September 2nd; to observe Labor Day, all locations will open on September 3 normal hours. The library is getting ready for fall activities so be sure to watch for upcoming events. Check out the library for any homework needs, we have available for check out hot spots-mobile internet devices. September is Library Card Sign up month. Get your free library card today and start enjoying what your library has to offer. Watch for the library out at the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival September 20-22. Stop by the tent and see what we have to offer or just to say Hello.

**MAIN BRANCH:**

The Main section is having the Black Swamp Bookworms meeting on Tuesday, September 10th at 5:30 p.m. The group is reading "Sisters of Fortune" by Anna Lee Huber. This is a fascinating story about life on the Titanic. You may call the Main Library at 419-399-2032 to reserve your copy. New book club members are always welcome. Adult Cookbook Club will meet on Monday, September 16 at 5:30 p.m. Bring a prepared dish to share, a copy of your recipe and enjoy a delicious buffet. This month's theme is "Bountiful Harvest" Call 419-399-2032 for details. If you are looking for a new recipe to try, explore our huge selection of cookbooks. The Frugal Hanger will present her monthly program on Tuesday, September 24th at 1:00 p.m. This month the subject of "Reusing/Repurposing". Learn lots of helpful hints for getting the most of what you have while reducing waste. Who doesn't want to do that? Join Carla for some useful information and a yummy treat. Teen Cookbook Club will meet on Monday, September 30th at 4:00 p.m. All supplies are fur-

nished, call the library for this month's theme. Send your teen and you may end up with some help in the kitchen. Join us for Coffee Talk every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Our motto is "Talk, Listen, Eat, Make Friends" Don't forget to check out the latest books available while you are here. Vicki, Jamy and Kelly are here to assist you. Adult crafting will be meeting every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. Something different and creative every week. It's just plain fun! Please join us. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Postponed from July and August (due to unforeseen circumstances), our crafting group is collecting unwanted Christmas items for an exchange all month. Bring your items in to donate and take someone else's unwanted items home. We will be collecting items during the first two weeks of the month and distributing them to their new homes during the last two weeks. For more details call the library. If you need something or need to reduce your stash, now's the time.

The Children's room is getting ready to start Storytimes beginning September 11 at 11:00 a.m. with a "Special Guest, Ohio State Representative Roy Klopfenstein". Storytimes will continue every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. We had a wonderful attendance for Summer Reading with so many great readers. Stop in and sign up for the monthly prize basket, drawing to be held August 31.

**ANTWERP BRANCH**

The Antwerp Branch wants to thank everyone for helping make the Summer Reading program a blast. ABL will be having their regularly scheduled book clubs and some fun fall programming for the adults. Please call or stop in to sign up today. Book Club is September 9 at 6:00 p.m., "The Reckoning" by John Grisham is this month's selection. Cookbook Club meets September 16 at 5:45 p.m. Selections are out on display now. "Dot painting" is back with Carol, September 12th choose from 2:00 or 5:00 p.m. Space is limited you must sign up. Bread Class-Artisan Bread with Stef, September 26th at 5:30 p.m.

**GROVER HILL BRANCH:**

The Grover Hill Branch will begin September 3 signing up to win the monthly drawing. The drawing will take place on September 30th. Monday morning Munchkin club will be September 9th featuring "My Magical Choices" and on the 23rd with "A Tail of 2 Dogs" Storytime is for kids 6 and under and feature a story, activity and craft. Grover Hill branch library turns 4 on September 11, to celebrate Senior Bingo returns for a Go Blue Tailgating party edition which includes game day snacks starting at 1:00 p.m. with spirited team games to follow. Monday, September 23rd, Carol Blodgett and her lessons in Dot Art, there are two sessions at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Teen and Adult patrons can call Grover Hill Branch Library to sign up. All materials and supplies provided. Wednesday, September 25th the GHBL Book Club will meet at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the crime novel "True Blue" by David Baldacci. Readers will be pulled into this quest for justice amidst betrayal and conspiracy. Multiple copies in various formats will be available for check out. Tuesday, September 26th, OSU Extension educator Sarah Noggle. The program is

**Scripture of the Week**

"When I thought, "My foot slips," your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up. When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul."

— Pslam 94:18-19

about putting your garden to bed. The program will also be available in two sessions; 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**OAKWOOD BRANCH**

The Oakwood Branch has an exciting line-up for the month. Labor Day Cool Off: September 2, cool off in the library after the parade. Good Morning Book Club: September 3 at 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., join fellow book lovers for a morning discussion. Storytime: September 4 at 11:00 a.m., perfect for the little ones. Fall Bingo for Kids: September 7 at 11:00 a.m., kids enjoy a fun game of bingo, with an adult present. Facebook Trivia: September 9, test your trivia skills, online winner announced September 10. Senior Bingo Luncheon: September 12 at 11:30 a.m., a fun social event for seniors with bingo and lunch. Quilt Block of the Month Class: September 24, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., learn and create a quilt block, fabric requirements available at the library. Dot Art with Carol: September 26 at 2:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. Get creative with dot art, call to reserve your spot. Check out the Panther fall sport window mural and count how many Bobcats you can find for a chance for prize drawing.

**PAYNE BRANCH**

The Payne Branch will be

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mances at the Marquette Farmers Market, they can also be seen at the Goatlocker Saloon, Upper Hand Brewery, Lake Superior Brewery, By George Brewery, and Cove Bar. They play traditional acoustic instruments and blend the poetic words of John Prine with the classic songs of the Carter family. Their repertoire also includes folk songs from Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie, as well as songs from Johnny Cash and Merle Haggard.

During the winter, they are busy with the H.O.M.E Place (History of Music Program) sharing their love of music at schools and senior centers.

The H.O.M.E. PLACE experience lasts for one hour

hosting a Scarecrow Block Craft Class for Adults on Wednesday, September 18th at 2:00 p.m. All materials will be provided. Please call to sign up for the class. Storytime is every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. Come join us for a story and a craft. Kids are welcome to come and play "I Spy", each month is a new challenge. Book, Bites and Coffee starting on Wednesday, September 25th at 1:00 p.m. There is no assigned reading, just bring yourself and be ready to talk about a book you've been reading or listen to others share and sip some coffee. Popcorn Fridays are back! Check out three movies or more and the popcorn is on us.

Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will meet Monday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. at Main. Buy the Book volunteers have been busy sorting through many new boxes of donations. We have, once again, temporarily stopped accepting donations until we can catch up on our shelving. Stop in soon and see what's new! Regular bookstore hours this summer are Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to Noon and Wednesdays 3:30-6:30. Private browsing is available by appointment by calling 419-399-2032. Check us out!

and is divided into three sections.

The first section consists of a 15-minute performance featuring a mix of current and historical Folk, Country, Bluegrass, and Americana songs that showcase the various genres of music using acoustic instruments.

The second section allows the audience to participate for 30 minutes by playing one of the many acoustic instruments provided by H.O.M.E. PLACE. These instruments include guitars, mandolin, banjo, violin, cigar box guitars, cajon, maracas, shakers, and bones.

In the final section, the audience can quietly examine the instruments and engage in conversations with the musicians about their experiences.



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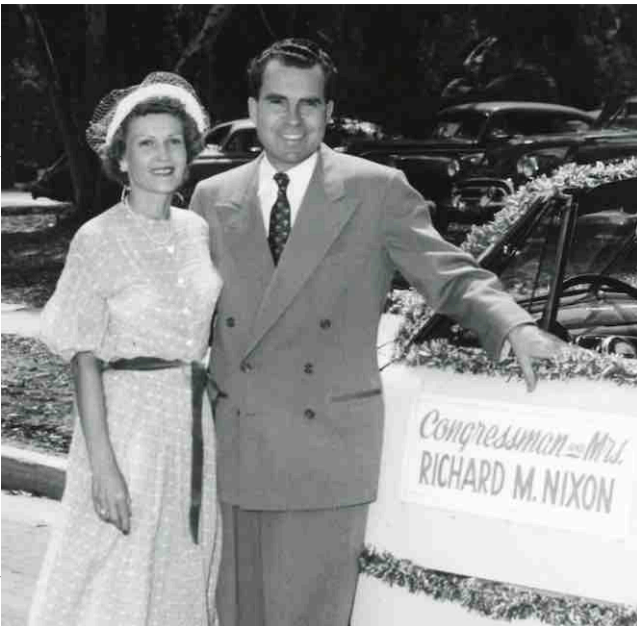
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# PAT AND DICK



I'd like to talk about a couple presidents that I remember. At my age I've lived through quite a few administrations.

Sometimes things happen, and you think the details will come out, but they never do. There are a couple of things that I still wonder about. One is the assassination of John Kennedy. Did Lee Harvey Oswald act alone? Why was he shot by Jack Ruby? Was a foreign country involved? We thought Congress would give us some answers but they never did.

There is another political happening that I still wonder about. I still have some questions, I don't mean for them to be controversial, but I will eventually bring them up. I do hate to write about politics because you always make half of the audience upset at you.

Pretty Thelma Cathleen Ryan would need a chauffeur to take her to her date. She had made a date with a handsome young man from college, but he lived 50 miles away and she had no way to get there. Her friend Dick volunteered to take her. Dick was always available, he always volunteered when she needed something. Dick would gladly escort her, he simply enjoyed being with her. Actually they were together a great deal, but they

were just friends.

Dick and Thelma got the leading roles in the community play, "Dark Tower." It was then that Dick began to realize that for him this was more than a friendship. One night taking her home from the play, he told her he was going to marry her. She told her roommate and they both laughed. Dick was coming on too strong but he was her friend.

She did not want to settle down. She enjoyed her unencumbered lifestyle. One night he asked her out and she told him she could not go, she was teaching now and she had to grade papers. Guess who came over and helped her grade papers and make sure she was prepared for the next day. This continued for 2 1/2 years, until one day Dick presented her with a vase of flowers with a ring hidden in the flowers. But now she was ready to say yes.

You probably have guessed by now this couple was Richard and Pat Nixon. For some reason I have had sympathy for this couple, and still wonder if what he supposedly did was that much worse than many other presidents have done since him. I'd like to talk about this at a later date so perhaps in the future I'll try to explain my feelings in depth.

—James Neuhouser

## ANTWERP MANOR ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

8/26 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Rummy @ 10:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Bible Stories @ 2:15 p.m.; Penny Pitch @ 2:45 p.m.  
 8/27 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; UNO @ 10:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Pizza Toss @ 2:45 p.m.  
 8/28 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Dominoes @ 10:30 p.m.; Bingo @ 1:15 p.m.; Eu-

chre @ 2:30 p.m.  
 8/29 - What's for Dessert? @ 9:00 a.m.; Bingo @ 10:30 a.m.; Beauticians @ 12:00 p.m.; Movie & popcorn @ 1:30 p.m.  
 8/30 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Bingo @ 10:30 a.m.; Euchre @ 1:30 p.m.; Movie Time @ 3:00 p.m.  
 8/31 - Dominoes @ 10:30 a.m.; Bingo Party @ 1:15 p.m.; Puzzle Table @ 2:30 p.m.  
 9/1 - Catholic Commu-

nion; Sittercise @ 11:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Service w/Bryce & Chad @ 4:00 p.m.

## PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING MENU

8/26 - Roasted chicken, rice pilaf, stewed tomatoes, capri blend vegetables, tropical fruit, WW bread  
 8/27 - Beef goulash, wax beans, banana, apple juice, garlic bread  
 8/28 - Tuna salad w/lettuce & tomatoes, cheesy potato soup, fresh melon, pudding, dinner roll, crackers  
 8/29 - Smoke Sausage sandwich, oven browned potatoes, california blend, apricots, yogurt  
 8/30 - Pork roast, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, grape juice, dinner roll, cookie

## PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

8/26 - 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.  
 8/27 - Euchre @ 9:45 a.m.; Penny Pitch w/The Meadows of Kalida @ 12:30 p.m.  
 8/28 - Bring a Friend Day!; Rummy @ 9:00 a.m.; Pancake Bar @ 9:30 a.m.; Witt's Workout @ 10:00 a.m.; Farmer's Market @ 12:00 p.m.; Bingo w/Buckeye Hearing @ 12:00 p.m.; Grocery Shopping @ 1:00 p.m.  
 8/29 - Euchre @ 9:45 a.m.; Exercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Canvas Painting w/Kari @ 12:30 p.m.; Evening meal & The Price is Right @ 5:00 p.m.  
 8/30 - Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.

## MVNU PARTNERS WITH LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is pleased to announce a new partnership with Licking Heights Local Schools to make higher education accessible for all current employees and their families.

"MVNU is excited to offer partnerships to school districts both local and throughout the state," said Ross Carter, MVNU's P-12 Education Partnership Coordinator. "We offer unique opportunities for districts to tailor professional development for

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you to all who plan and work to make the weekend events possible, and to the Gleaners for sponsoring the Quarter Auction and funding this newsletter for several years. A huge thank you also to the State Bank employees for staffing the Food Stand on Monday! Come out and support your community and make some memories!

**SATURDAY AUGUST 31st**  
 7:00 am. - 10:00 a.m. Firemen's Breakfast At the Fire Station  
 9:00 a.m. - Golf Outing @ Auglaize Country Club  
 11:00 a.m. - Tractor Pull @ east end of town

their staff, specific to the needs of their districts."

The MVNU Business Partner Scholarship is available to all Licking Heights employees — including certified, classified and exempt — and their immediate families. The \$500 per semester scholarship helps students complete an undergraduate or graduate education degree of their choice from MVNU's fully online School of Graduate and Professional Studies (GPS).

GPS students may earn an associate, bachelor's or master's degree from MVNU Online. The pathway will allow Licking Heights employees to earn anything from a bachelor's degree to an Ohio teaching license to a master's in education.

"I am looking forward to working with Licking Heights to offer continuous improvement opportunities to both their staff and faculty through our workshops, scholarships, and creating a potential pipeline to provide future teachers to the district," said Carter. "These MVNU programs present a great opportunity for Licking Heights to stand out in a very competitive education marketplace. Our GPS program provides a pathway for a variety of degrees in education as well as teacher licensure. By providing a partner scholarship to Licking Heights employees and their immediate family members, we are opening doors to help fill vacancies in the classroom with qualified teachers. We are thrilled to partner with Licking Heights in this endeavor and look forward to a great relationship with the district."

"Investing in the education and professional development of our staff is a top priority of our district's human resources and administrative team," said Jocelyn Cosgrave, Director of Human Resources at Licking Heights. "This includes providing accessible, affordable pathways to achieving the degrees, licenses or certifications necessary for employees to achieve their goals and to support our students. We are thrilled to partner with MVNU and offer valuable scholarships and educational opportunities to not just our staff, but their families as well. We thank MVNU for their generosity."

To learn more about MVNU Online and available degrees, visit mvnu.edu/gps.

3:30 p.m. - OSU Game on the Big Screen & Tailgate @ Landing Strip  
 8:00 Band "Kodebreakers" on First Street

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1st

7:00-11:00 a.m. - Legion Breakfast @ Legion Hall  
 9:00 Health Walk starting @ Cooper Community Library  
 10:00 a.m. - Church in the Park  
 1:00 p.m. - Tractor Drive @ east end of town  
 2:00 p.m. - Cemetery Walk @ Sherman Cemetery  
 5:00 p.m. - Quarter Auction @ the school; doors open @ 4:15 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m. - Deal or No

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## MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Frank Myers was born February 26, 1894 in Paulding. The son of Frederick born April 23, 1838 in Germany and Caroline Theresa (Hohenberger) born March 30, 1853 in Defiance, Ohio. Frederick was a Civil War Veteran serving with Company L. 4th Ohio Cavalry. This couple was married January 23, 1877 in Defiance, Ohio.

By 1900, this couple along with children, Frederick Jacob, born February 18, 1880, Ella Mary born July 18, 1884, Emma A. born December 30, 1886, Rosa T. born in 1889, Lewis Henry born August 27, 1892 and Frank. They were living in Jackson Township, Paulding County. A daughter, Margaret born January 9, 1878, had married and moved out of the home, Frank was a student in school. In 1901, a daughter, Ila was born.

By 1910, Frank was a laborer working on the family farm. I believe he had quit school. On September 19, 1916, in Paulding, Frederick passed away, he was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance. On June 5, 1917, Frank went to Jackson North Precinct and registered for the World War One draft. He was listed as 5'7", brown hair, blue eyes, light complexion and a self-employed farmer and single. Franks brother, Lewis, also registered for the draft. He was not selected.

On July 22, 1918, Frank enlisted in the National Army

out of Paulding. He served in the 5th Company, 2nd Training Depot, 158th Depot Brigade. On January 17, 1918, Frank married a gal named Theresa Estella Brown, born April 12, 1898. She is the daughter of Daniel and Lucy Brown from Auglaize Township. He served with the 158th until August 8, 1918 then transferred to Company K. 335th Infantry. He served until October 17, 1918. He then transferred to serve with Company B. 320th Infantry. Attaining the rank of private, serving in the Muese-Argonne sector. Wounded in Action severely November 1, 1918. He served until May of 1919, during the occupation of Germany. Frank was honorable discharged, June 3, 1919.

On January 4, 1919, a son, Frank Richard Myers was born in Jackson Township. By 1920, Frank, Theresa and little Frank, were still living in Jackson Township. In January of 1923, Frank developed pneumonia. On January 10, 1923, Frank passed away. He was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance in Lot 182, Block 33, Grave 1. Theresa remarried a fella named Richard Klein, July 16, 1927 in Paulding. Richard Klein passed away in 1960 and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance.

On September 10, 1944 in Van Wert, Frank's mother, Caroline passed away. She was buried with Frederick in Defiance. Frank's wife Theresa, passed away June 3, 1947 in Auglaize Township and was buried with Frank in Riverside Cemetery in Defiance. Son Frank Richard Myers, registered for the World War Two draft. October 16, 1940.

Listed as 5'6", 145 pounds, dark complexion, black hair, brown eyes. He served in the Navy in Hawaii, 1945-1946. I remember him, a very nice guy, who served as a Jackson Township Trustee, serving with my mother. I knew him as Rich, passed away August 4, 1993. I also know his son, he also served as Jackson Township Trustee, he is a great guy too. Must run in the family.

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## UPCOMING PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE FOR RALSTON AVENUE ROUNDABOUTS PROJECT



### ODOT Project: DEF-SR15-15.28 (PID 120036)

Requests for interpretation services or reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting can be submitted to the contact below prior to August 30, 2024.

The city of Defiance, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), would like to invite you to an open house to receive your input on the proposed project to construct single-lane roundabouts at the intersections of Ralston Avenue/Anthony Wayne Boulevard and Ralston Avenue/Latchaw Drive. Additional improvements include constructing sidewalks along Ralston Avenue.

The intersections of Ralston Avenue/Anthony Wayne Boulevard and Ralston Avenue/Latchaw Drive have demonstrated congestion and safety issues. From 2016-2018 the roadway experienced 35 crashes, and the crash rate exceeds the statewide average for similar roadways. Sidewalks exist within sections of the project area, but gaps are present in multiple locations. Two single-lane roundabouts and sidewalks are being proposed to address safety and connectivity issues. We are seeking public feedback on the roundabout layouts prior to finalizing the design and moving into construction.

Permanent and temporary

(just for construction) right-of-way will likely be needed for the project. If right-of-way acquisition is necessary, a real estate representative will contact you directly at a later date to discuss the acquisition process and your rights under that process.

More information on maintaining traffic during construction will be provided as project development advances. Environmental studies are currently underway; however, no ecological impacts are anticipated. Some utility impacts are expected. The project is tentatively scheduled to begin construction in the summer of 2026 and will last approximately 6 months.

Diehl Park, which has an entrance on Ralston Avenue, is expected to be impacted during the construction of this project. Diehl Park is a 39.77-acre park consisting of baseball fields, shelter houses and a playground. Diehl Park is a recognized recreational property and is protected from adverse impacts associated with federal-aid transportation projects. The city of Defiance and ODOT District 1 consulted with the city's parks department regarding project impacts and measures to minimize harm and received concurrence that the project will not adversely affect the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualify the property for protection.

ODOT and the city of Defiance are seeking public input regarding the proposed project and its impacts. To ensure the proposed project is viable and successful, we are asking all those interested to attend and participate in this public open house. We hope you can join us at the following date and time:

September 17, 2024 at ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital, Meeting Room (1200 Ralston Ave, Defiance, OH 43512) from 5:30 - 7:30 PM

As this is an open house meeting, you're welcome to stop by whenever is convenient for you between 5:30 - 7:30 pm to view project exhibits, chat with project team members, and submit comments at your leisure. No for-

mal presentation will be given.

Project information and materials are available online. If you cannot attend the open house in person, all exhibits shown at the open house will be available on the project website immediately following the open house by visiting the website: [www.defiance-oh.civillspace.io/en/projects/ralston-avenue-roundabouts](http://www.defiance-oh.civillspace.io/en/projects/ralston-avenue-roundabouts)

Comments can be submitted through the project website, mail, email, and by phone to the project manager at the following contact information:

Melinda K. Sprow, 419-784-2249, 631 Perry Street, Defiance, OH 43512. Email: [mspro@cityofdefiance.com](mailto:mspro@cityofdefiance.com)

Comments are welcome at any time; however, those submitted by October 17, 2024, will be documented in the public input summary report, and will include responses to all comments submitted during the public comment period. Public participation in this project is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

## FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

### Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Matt Teders, assigned to Madison County, received a call about several barn owlets that fell from a nest. With help from the Ohio Wildlife Center, the owlets were rehabilitated and relocated to a foster nest. The following week, Officer Teders received a call about another barn owl falling from the same nest, which was located on the side of a commercial building. The staff at the Ohio Wildlife Center determined this owl could be returned to the original nest. The London Fire Department and the building's maintenance staff helped Officer Teders install a ledge below the nest to prevent additional owlets from falling. Officer Teders attached a trail camera to the ledge to monitor the nest's activity. Volunteers with the Ohio Wildlife Center returned the owl to the nest.

State Wildlife Officer Austin Levering, assigned to Knox County, noticed two white-tailed deer carcasses hanging in a barn during the 2023-24 deer hunting season. He learned that neither deer was appropriately game checked, and the hunter who harvested those deer had not checked another deer. The individual was issued three summonses for failing to game check and attach a valid confirmation code to a harvested deer, and one summons for skinning or removing a deer's head or cape before completing the game check process. The person paid \$510 in fines and court costs in Licking County Municipal Court.

### Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

While on patrol, State Wildlife Officer Matt D. Smith, assigned to Huron County, was flagged down to assist a young angler. Officer Smith noticed the angler had caught a carp on a crankbait, but the lure's other end was embedded in the angler. Officer Smith carefully removed the hooks using pliers and advised the person on proper care for the wound. The angler was appreciative of the im-

promptu treatment and returned to fishing.

During the 2023-24 white-tailed deer archery hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Nathan Cass, assigned to Crawford County, was contacted by a landowner regarding trail camera theft. Officer Cass responded to the property and located evidence of a recently harvested deer. The property owner advised that no hunters had permission to hunt or retrieve deer on the property. Officer Cass found a field dressing site and a trail camera nearby that held pictures of trespassers. Officer Cass investigated further and discovered the identity of the trespassers. Two hunters were issued a summons for hunting without permission and found guilty in Crawford County Municipal Court. They paid \$285 in fines and court costs and were sentenced to one year of probation.

### Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officers Tom Frank, assigned to Mahoning County, Zach Hillman, assigned to Summit County, and Dan Shroyer, assigned at-large in northeast Ohio, attended a youth fishing derby at Lake Milton hosted by the Cleveland Chapter of Muskies Inc. The officers cooked walleye and venison tacos for participants using the Wild Ohio Harvest Community mobile kitchen. Several young anglers had their catches filleted and cooked to order.

State Wildlife Officer Randy White, assigned to Lorain County, observed an individual rabbit hunting on local railroad tracks posted with no trespassing signs. Officer White had received complaints about hunters in the past from the railroad company. Officer White contacted the hunter and issued a summons for hunting without permission. The suspect was convicted in Oberlin Municipal Court, the individual's second hunting without permission offense, and paid more than \$350 in fines.

### Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

In June, State Wildlife Officer Jeff Berry, assigned to Muskingum County, noticed off-road activity at Tri-Valley Wildlife Area and conducted surveillance. Officer Berry contacted two individuals who drove into an area restricted to vehicles. Each was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle in a non-designated area. Both pleaded guilty in Muskingum County Court and were given the option to serve 10 days in jail or

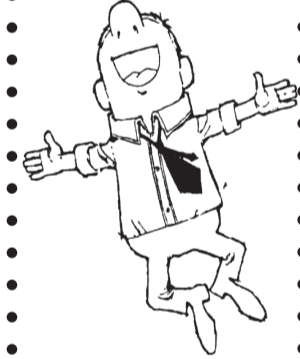
complete 200 hours of community service. Both chose to complete community service.

### Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Mathew Bourne, assigned to Clark County, and State Wildlife Officer Jasmine Grossnickle, assigned to Miami County, followed up on an unresolved white-tailed deer case from the 2022-23 deer hunting season. An individual was found to have harvested two antlered deer in one season. The suspect had used another person's information to purchase a hunting license and deer permit before game checking one of the deer. One deer was seized as evidence and forfeited to the Ohio Division of Wildlife. The suspect pleaded guilty to two charges in Miami County Municipal Court, paid \$323 in fines and court costs, and was ordered to pay \$3,934.71 in restitution to the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

State Wildlife Officers Alex Almeter, assigned to Greene County, Isaiah Gifford, assigned to Clinton County, and Jacob Losekamp, assigned to Hamilton County, along with Supervisor David Warner, assisted with Free Range Day on Saturday, Aug. 17 at Spring Valley Wildlife Area Shooting Range. The range welcomed 330 visitors during Free Range Day, which is offered in conjunction with the National Shooting Sports Foundation Inc.'s National Shooting Sports Month. Ohio Division of Wildlife public shooting ranges provide comfortable, safe places to hone skills with rifles, shotguns, handguns, and archery equipment.

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

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

**HURRICANE**

You may not remember 2017 the way Sandy and I do. That was the year four hurricanes hit America. We had a winter home in Venice, FL and often wondered how they would track. In our 14 years there our park with 148 homes was never hit. We sold our home two years ago and five weeks later our park was hit by the

same monster that hit Ft. Myers. Ten percent of our park was totaled and most of the remaining received major damage. A Canadian friend called and said every home on her side of the street lost their roofs. Many lost car ports and sheds.

As you know, or at least should, hurricanes require time to grow and materialize. All of them that hit our east or Gulf Coast get started off the coast of Africa. The one I'm concerned about now is manmade and has great potential for a affecting every corner of our country.

The idea for this satanic beast came from communist ACLU in the 1930's. It is their "Humanist Manifesto". They said America is too large and strong to take military. We need to change people's thinking. We first change higher education so they can then change what and how younger generations are taught. Their pledge was to remove God and morals.

This man-made hell was introduced in Harvard Law School in the late 1800's. They taught it more appropriate to rule by feelings than law. That is today's liberal norm. Who needs the law? They make their own...one for liberals, another for conservatives, another for Christians and another for anyone speaking against them.

This man-made hurricane increased in intensity in 1947 when our Democrat seated liberal Supreme Court, at the communist ACLU's request, declared Separation of Church and State. Two of those justices were strict Atheists with Justice Black being KKK member who hated God.

It then escalated into a major storm in 1954 when a high up Kennedy "Snuck" a small statement undetected deep into a huge military spending bill that censored pastors. I'll bet most of you didn't know Kennedy's could fight so dirty. How do you think they got to be so rich? Look into Papa.

I view major Democrats as dirty anti-God fighters who live only for their power and rich living. If they care for us average Americans, Why do they discharge so many Christian military officers and make life a 'living hell' for the average enlisted person?

Thanks to Democrats, school prayer is a felony and pornography protected speech. We advanced into a category two hurricane with Democrats anti-God abortion. Today they fight for all they are worth (which isn't much) to keep abortion. Democrats have taught you it is proper to have sex with multiple people. You see, they hate God and His moral teaching, which means they don't care about you.

Democrats advanced up into a category three by stealing our freedoms, our education system, the true meaning of marriage and destroying our constitution.

Eight years under the anti-God, anti-moral Obama-Biden duo advanced us into a category five hurricane, a life and death situation. They praised our enemies and spit on our major friends. Sounds like a chapter from Satan's playbook. Obama talks the talk but doesn't walk the walk while Biden does nothing, thus his nickname "Do Nothing Biden."

Why was our whole world at peace when Trump was president and turned into chaos when Biden-Harris took over?

Satan couldn't stand Trump-Pence. He put his evil human generals and ultra liberal media puppets in with out & out crooks and came up with a stolen election that gave us two anti-God, anti-moral somethings called Biden-Harris.

If you have the faintest notion that Biden-Harris were bad for America just forget it. It's time to get over them and wake up. You ain't seen anything yet. I believe the eye of my hurricane is Obama and his two puppets, Harris and Walz. People don't come much more radical than these two. They have no respect for anyone.

I can't tell you who to vote for, just that it is your duty to vote. Many don't because they just don't care enough. If that is you, you deserve all these two evils have in store for America. He wrecked his state and she did all she could to destroy free America. They want complete Democrat domination.

If Christians don't vote, America and the world will die. Four years ago 25-30 million Christians didn't vote and look at what happened. I don't believe you can say that the last four years under Democrat domination has improved your life one bit. VOTE!

—Richard Mastin, Hicksville, OH

**RETIREES MUST IDENTIFY AND MANAGE INCOME SOURCES**

During your working years, you know where your income is coming from because you're working. But once you retire, you'll have to identify your income sources, know how much you can expect from them and know how to manage them to help support a retirement that could last two or three decades.

So, where will your retirement income come from? And what decisions will you need to make about these income sources?

Consider the following:

- Retirement accounts – If you've regularly contributed to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, you likely have accumulated substantial amounts of money in these accounts — but during your retirement, you'll need to start tapping into them. In fact, once you turn 73, you're required to start taking withdrawals from some of your retirement accounts, with the amount determined by your age and account balance. You could take out more than these amounts (technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs) but you can't take less without incurring penalties. Many people take out 4% of their balance each year, and this guideline may be reasonable, but everyone's situation is different. So, you'll need to weigh various factors including

your age, health and other sources of income before deciding on an appropriate withdrawal rate.

- Social Security – You can start collecting Social Security at age 62, but your payments will be much higher if you wait until your full retirement age, which will be between 66 and 67. And your benefits will reach the maximum amount if you wait until 70 before collecting. So, your decision on when to take your benefits will depend on whether you can afford to wait, and for how long. In making this choice, you'll also need to consider your health and your family history of longevity. And if you're married, you may want to factor in spousal benefits when deciding when you should collect Social Security. A spouse can receive either their own benefit, based on their work record, or up to 50% of their spouse's benefit, whichever is greater. So, if one spouse has a much higher benefit, it may make sense for that spouse to delay taking Social Security as long as possible so that both spouses can receive bigger payments.
- Earned income – Even if you have retired from one career, it doesn't mean you

can never receive any earned income again. If you have specific skills that can translate to part-time work or a consulting arrangement, you might want to consider reentering the work force in this way. With the added income, you might be able to afford delaying Social Security, and you would still be eligible to contribute to an IRA.

• Supplemental lifetime income – There aren't many guarantees in the financial and investment worlds — but one of them is the income from a fixed annuity, which can be structured to provide you with a lifetime income stream. Annuities aren't for everyone, however, and they do involve penalties for early withdrawals and lack of protection from inflation.

By learning all you can about your potential retirement income sources, and by understanding how to manage this income to your best advantage, you can help yourself achieve a comfortable — and more rewarding — retirement.

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*Edward Jones, Member SIPC*

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**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  
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# RAIDERS PLACE FIRST IN INVITE



The Wayne Trace boys golf team won the Wayne Trace Boys Golf Invitational Thursday evening at Pleasant Valley Golf Course. The Raiders shot a 149 to get past second place Miller City's 155. Pictured are (L-R) Head Coach Chris Rosswurf, Konnor Wannemacher, Tyson Gerber, Jared Varner, Brody Rosswurf, Kyle Sutton and Conner Davis.

Sophomore Brody Rosswurf totaled a 35 to capture medalist honors and lead the Wayne Trace Raiders to the championship of the Wayne Trace Boys Golf Invitational Thursday at Pleasant Valley Golf Course outside of Payne.

The Raiders finished with a team score of 149 to defeat second place Miller City's 155 with Lincolnview (172) and Crestview (175) finishing third and fourth, respectively. Ottoville took fifth at 179 followed by Paulding (180), Fort

Jennings (182) and Antwerp (183).

Kyle Sutton and Connor Davis also had scores of 36 for the Raiders with Konnor Wannemacher wrapping up the red, white and blue scorers with a 42. Jared Varner added

a 45 for Wayne Trace and Tyson Gerber chipped in a 46.

Miller City picked up a 38 each from Will Otto and Jesse Lammers with Andrew Weis carding a 39. Jude Otto totaled a 40 while Gavin Vennekotter and Brayden Niese posted a 44 apiece.

Lincolnview was paced by Holden Price at a 39 followed by Bennett Kill (44), Seth Brant (44), Bosten Bailey (45), Chayse Overholt (46) and Lucas Grubb (52).

Crestview golfers included Logan Schlemmer (42), Mathew Dealey (43), Ayden Hyitt (44), Keenan Smith (46), Evan Hart (53) and Jacob Schumm (56).

Evan Altenburger paced Ottoville with a 41 and Blake Kortokrax posted a 43. Zach Hohlbein (47), J.J. Hoersten (48) and Logan Rittenhouse (51) also scored for the Big Green.

For Paulding, Brandon Schroeder and Johnny Lipps each carded a 44 and Nick Hatcher chipped in a 45. Nico Stahl (47), Tyler Goyings (48) and Max Stork (48) completed the Panther list of players.

Ryan Aldrich and Dylan Tumlinson topped Fort Jennings with a 44 apiece while Braden Knippen and Adam Hoersten both shot a 47 for the Musketeers. Garrett Hark (61) and Kamren Browning (67) were the other orange and black players.

Antwerp golfers included Braylen Moreno (38), Griffin Kosch (47), Draven Baumert (48), Dylan Hahn (50), Zaine McMichael (52) and Drew Eaken (53).

## WARRIORS TAKE EIGHTH AT FREMONT INVITE

Angola shot a 408 and nipped second place Leo by three strokes as the Lady Hornets captured the Fremont Girls Golf Invitational at Lake James Golf Club recently.

Northrop finished third with a 424 while Fairfield placed fourth at 435 and Fremont was fifth with a 439. Woodlan picked up eighth place after shooting a 498.

Paige Wylie paced the Lady Warriors with a 117 while Olivia Robinson and Sophia Kever posted a 123 each. Saige Lipscomb totaled a 135 for Woodlan and Wylie (139).

## WILDCATS SWEEP PAST ARCHERS

The Kalida Wildcats picked up a three-game sweep of host Antwerp in regular season volleyball action at the home of the Archers Monday evening.

The visitors from Putnam County posted a 25-17 victory in the first set before Kalida captured game two 25-20. The Wildcats then closed out the match with a 25-16 decision in the third set.

Amelia Graham finished with seven kills, seven digs, three aces and one block for the Lady Archers with Maddy Peters posting nine digs, three aces, two kills and fifteen assists.

Caroline Rohrs picked up seventeen digs while chipping in two aces and a kill and Haydyn Lengacher finished with three digs, one kill and one ace.

Emery Jones aided the Antwerp cause with six digs and one ace while Briley Bagley totaled seven digs. Alexis Otto and Faith Clem both had one block as well for the Lady Archers and Clem picked up two kills.

# VOLUNTEER WORK MAINTAINS ANTWERP LIBRARY BUILDING



This past week volunteers flooded the Antwerp County Carnegie Library to perform some regular maintenance on the building. Pictured above is volunteer Dan Fowler using a power washer to clean the solarcrete exterior of the building.

Other projects that were completed with volunteerism for the library include landscaping upgrades - new mulch, new plants and flowers to be planted and spray-

ing for spiders and other insects.

Other volunteers who helped with this library maintenance includes Sue Fowler, Chris Banks, Dan Bowers, Jared Hogans, Fred LanghamStephanie and Dave McCullough, and Bryce and Angel Steiner.

There are a few more projects that need to be done for the library. If you are interested in volunteering, please ask at the front desk at the library.

Antwerp did pick up wins in both the junior varsity and freshman matches.

The Lady Archers recorded a 25-12, 18-25 and 25-8 victory in the junior varsity contest after Antwerp posted a 25-14, 25-12 win in the freshman match.

## ACES WIN GMC TRI-MATCH

A trio of Green Meadows Confrance boys golf teams met up at Pond-A-River Golf Course outside of Woodburn on Tuesday where Hicksville recorded a tri-match victory over Antwerp and Paulding.

The Aces totaled a 157 to nip the second place Panthers, who recorded a 160. Antwerp took third in the match with a 169.

Parker Bassett captured match medalist honors for the Aces with a 35 while teammate Luke Eicher chipped in a 38. Kalton Adams and Charlie Karacson rounded out the Hicksville scorers with a 40 and 44, respectively.

Tyler Goyings led the way for the maroon and white in posting a 37 with Nico Stahl adding a 40 and Nick Hatcher recorded a 41. Brandon Schroeder also had a 42 for the Panthers.

Antwerp picked up a 37 from Braylen Moreno while Draven Baumert, Griffin

Kosch and Drew Eaken all totaled 44's for the Archers.

## RAIDERS PICK UP GMC WIN

Tori Young shot a 45 to lead the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders to a 192-213 victory over Tinora at Harvest Moon Golf Course outside of Defiance Tuesday evening.

Ryann Jay added a 46 for the red, white and blue with Ella Crosby chipping in a 50 and Olivia Baughman posted a 51. Reagan McGarvey and Audrey Dougal added scores of 55 and 72, respectively, for Wayne Trace.

Tinora was led by Adelaida Gill with a 45 and Danica Rath chipped in a 54. Marisa Raimonde, Rose Billing and Autumn Henry scored a 57 each for the green and white while Summer Moser finished with a 72.

Natalie Timbrook had a 51 to lead Fairview, which did not post a team score but did have three individuals. Camryn Whitaker chipped in a 65 for the black and gold and Abri Elson totaled a 66.

## RAIDERS DEFEAT LCC

Lexi Moore posted a dozen kills with Harper Myers adding 11 to lead the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders to a straight set win over Lima

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# DEFIANCE COUNTY FAIR WINDS DOWN FOR 2024!



**The Shinners Family (Matt, Nash, Shelly, Malcolm, and Makayla) from Paulding enjoying the Defiance County Fair!**

From 4-H judging and showing to Royalty crowning and faceprinting. 2024 Defiance County Fair had it all including a midway full of rides for the kids and tasty food samplings for all. Justin the

Clown was there again this year, providing fair goers with animal balloon creations.

Saturday kicked off with the crowning of the Defiance County Jr. Fair royalty. Then all the activities hit the ground

Central Catholic Tuesday night in Allen County.

The red, white and blue took the opening set 25-14 before following that up with back-to-back victories of 25-18 and 25-17 to complete the sweep.

Torree Sinn and Amber Stoller chipped in seven slams and five kills, respectively, with Addison Stoller and Kendall Denning both picking up two kills. Natalie Stoller had the other Raider kill on the evening.

Amber Stoller dished out 16 assists and Lorie Sinn totaled 14 helpers for Wayne Trace with Caroline Winans aiding the cause with five assists. Ava Stoller, Moore, Natalie Stoller and Torree Sinn also posted one assist apiece for the red, white and blue.

Amber Stoller also topped the squad in aces with three and Myers picked up a pair of aces. Lorie Sinn, Moore, Denning and Winans all had one as well for the red, white and blue.

In blocks, Moore recorded five with Denning and Myers both getting three. Amber Stoller and Torree Sinn also recorded one apiece for the Lady Raiders.

Wayne Trace's junior varsity was victorious, defeating the Thunderbirds 25-11 and 25-21.

## OG KNOCKS OFF WT

The Ottawa Glandorf Titans boys golf team slipped past Wayne Trace 154-167 in non-league action at Pike Run Golf Course outside of Ottawa.

The Titans were led by Grant Leopold and Tyler Heckman, who tied for medalist honors with a 37 each. Ottawa Glandorf was aided by a 39 from Davis Maag and a 41 by Ty Verhoff.

Pacing the Raiders were Brody Rosswurm and Kyle Sutton, who each finished with a 40, with Tyson Gerber aiding the Wayne Trace cause with a 43.

Other red, white and blue scorers were Jared Varner (44), Connor Davis (46) and Konnor Wannemacher (47).

## WARRIORS WIN OPENING TWO MATCHES

The Woodlan Lady Warriors posted a pair of wins to open the high school volleyball season with victories over Churubusco and New Haven.

In the season opener, Woodlan posted a straight set win over the Eagles by scores of 25-15, 25-21 and 25-12.

Alyssa Anderson totaled 24 kills and three blocks to lead the Lady Warriors with Alix Jacquay picking up 18 digs while Alyssa Harvey dished out 26 assists.

McKenna Smith also posted seven aces for Woodlan.

The Warriors followed that up with a five-set victory over New Haven.

New Haven took the opening set 25-22 before Woodlan rebounded to capture the second set 25-23 and take the third set 25-8. After the Bulldogs won game four 27-25, Woodlan answered in the decisive fifth set to post a 15-9 victory.

Anderson picked up 24 kills to lead Woodlan with Smith adding a dozen and Makaila Gruber chipped in ten. Smith posted seven aces while Harvey and Gruber finished with four aces apiece for Woodlan.

Anderson and Victoria Crozier totaled three and two blocks, respectively, for the Lady Warriors while Harvey and Crozier dished out 26 and 21 assists, in that order.

running with Jr. Fair musings and all sorts of entertainment to enjoy. Sunday continued the same momentum with the Xtreme Cheer Challenge — Antwerp Archers brought home a 1st place trophy!

Monday featured the Parade of Bands for area high school marching bands followed by FV Young Farmers Pig Catch. Harness racing opened their first night on Tuesday. Wednesday was Veterans & Senior Citizens day with many activities for this age group.

Thursday was Kids Day with loads of activities for the youngsters. The week rounded out with a demolition derby Sr. Fair entries merchants and Ag Hall entries a flea market and truck pulls.

Another Fair year are in the books and schools are beginning their year!

Jacquay also ended the night with 18 digs for Woodlan.

Sophia Smith had 37 assists to lead New Haven and Ava Low picked up 23 digs. Annika Koepke picked up 11 blocks to pace the Lady Bulldogs and Low served six aces. Koepke topped New Haven with 14 kills and Isabelle Medina added seven slams.

## BLACKBIRDS OUTLAST PANTHERS FOR WIN

In a five-set battle, the Pettisville Blackbirds outlasted visiting Paulding as the Fulton County squad recorded the victory with a 15-13 win in the decisive fifth set.

After the teams traded victories of 25-21 in the first two sets, the host Blackbirds captured a 25-19 game three win before the Panthers took the fourth set 25-20 to set up the winner take all fifth set.

Estie Pease and Addison Shull dished out 37 and 10 assists for the Lady Panthers with Kayleigh Dunham and Marley Parrett recording eight slams apiece.

Brianna Bermejo chipped in seven kills with Addison Arend recording three for the maroon and white. Dunham finished with six blocks while Tori Schlatter posted five aces and ten kills. Addison Pease also aided the Paulding cause with three aces.

Schlatter and Bermejo also picked up 33 and 20 digs, respectively, for Paulding and Lucy Breier totaled a dozen each of kills and blocks. Shull finished the night with 19 digs as well for the Lady Panthers.

The Lady Panther junior varsity was victorious in straight sets by scores of 25-21 and 25-18 while the maroon and white freshman squad also claimed a straight set win of 25-15 and 25-19.

# STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING SERIOUS INJURY CRASH ON US 30 IN VAN WERT COUNTY

The Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a two vehicle, serious injury crash that occurred early morning, August 23, 2024 on US 30 at Mendon Road in Van Wert County.

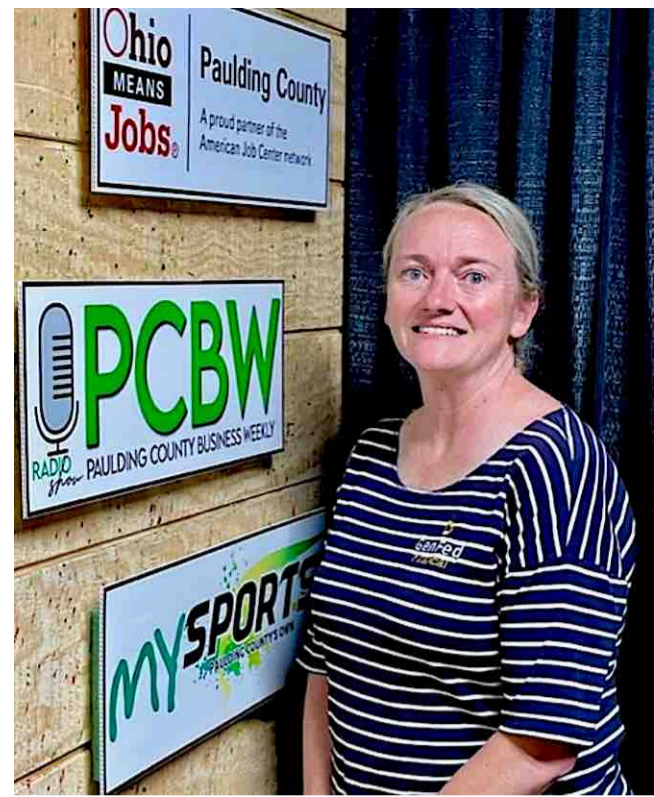
At approximately 0306 Hrs. a Ford Explorer police cruiser, operated by a Van Wert Police Officer, was responding to an incident and was traveling northbound on Mendon Road at US Route 30. As the Ford Explorer crossed the westbound lanes of US 30 it was struck by a westbound 2011 Chevrolet Express van, driven by a single male occupant. After the collision the vehicles continued off the roadway.

The driver of the Ford Explorer was transported to Ohio Health-Van Wert for non life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Chevrolet Express van was flown from the scene to Parkview Regional Medical Center with serious injuries.

The Van Wert Post was assisted on scene by the Van Wert County Sheriff's Office, Van Wert Fire Department, Samaritan Medical Transport, Hague's Towing & Repair, and Jim Schmidt Towing.

The westbound lanes of US 30 were temporarily closed but have since reopened. The traffic crash remains under investigation.

# THIS WEEK ON PCBW: HEATHER MATUSIAK, GENFED CREDIT UNION



This week on the Paulding County Business Weekly podcast we have Heather Matusiak, Branch Manager of the Antwerp, Bryan, and Shelbyville, IN GenFed Credit Unions. Heather shares how Paulding County's only in-county credit union is member-owned, allowing a slightly different look at financial support and business. Listen in to hear how GenFed is working hard to get their name out into

the community and grow #pauldingcountystrong Thank you to OhioMeansJobs for sponsoring this program. You can tune in on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or online at [www.my1027.org/paulding-county-business-weekly/](http://www.my1027.org/paulding-county-business-weekly/). Paulding County Business Weekly is also available on many podcast platforms including Apple, Google & Spotify. #pauldingcountystrong

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# THE LEFT TURN



12-year-old Roman Brown wins at Oakshade. *Charlie Orns Photo*

By: **Ron Burt**

I rarely use the word great. You can't get any better than great. This is the only way to describe the late great Dirt Late Model driver, Scott Bloomquist. He passed away last Friday morning in an air-



Justin Grant wins the Bettenhausen 100. *Photo Credit: Christopher Pederson*

plane crash on his family farm in Mooresburg, TN. The FAA said he crashed his small vintage plane into a barn beside the grass runway. Scott was 60 and still active in racing. That was his love and passion, and he also had a love for flying. Scott didn't have a pilot's license. He still built his own race cars, while others bought manufactured frames and chassis. He was old school and one of a kind. He pulled no punches and let his feelings known.

Bloomquist's first race was at Corona Raceway in Corona, California, in 1980. He won several races and the track championship in 1982. In 1983, he moved to Mooresburg to help his father on the farm and began competing in larger purse races closer to home. In the 1980's he became a local star at Kingsport Speedway, and in 1988 surprised the racing world by winning the prestigious Eldora Speedway's World 100. He won this major race 3 more times. Other major wins include, 2004 World of Outlaws Late Model Series champion, 2009, 2010, 2016 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series champion, 1994, 1995, 1998, 2000 Hav-A-Tampa Dirt Late Model Series champion, 1995, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2013, 2017, 2018 Eldora Speedway Dirt Late Model Dream winner, 1988, 1990, 2001, 2014 Eldora Speedway World 100

winner, 1992, 1994, 1996, 2014 Blue-Gray 100 winner, and in 2002 was inducted into the National Dirt Late Model Hall of Fame.

There will be two celebrations of life for the racing icon. Eldora Speedway, Rossburg, Ohio, track where the 60-year-old Bloomquist had some of his greatest successes including an unprecedented eight \$100,000 Dream victories and



Dakota Armstrong gets the victory at St Louis. *Christopher Pederson Photo*

four World 100 triumphs, will host its service on Sept. 7 ahead of the World 100 racing program. Volunteer Speedway in Bulls Gap, Tenn., Bloomquist's de facto home track, will host a service at 7 p.m. Sept. 12.

Scott Dean Bloomquist is survived by his daughter, Ariel, and his parents, Ron and Georgie Bloomquist. A complete obituary will appear when more details are finalized. Arrangements are by Houser-Millard Funeral Directors of Jefferson City, Mo., operated by Bloomquist's friend and racer Reid Millard. Online condolences may be left at millardfamilychapels.com.

The USAC Silver Crown series had two big events last week. Dakota Armstrong won August 16th at World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison, IL. The following day at the Illinois State Fairgrounds Speedway, Justin Grant won the prestigious 61st running of the Bettenhausen 100 on the famed Springfield Mile. Next up for the Silver Crown Series will be August 31st, Du Quoin IL, State Fairgrounds.

Your 3 feature winners Friday, August 16th at Attica Raceway Park were 410 Sprint feature Zeth Sabo, Late Model

Kyle Moore, and 305 Sprint Bryan Sebetto

Saturday Oakshade Raceway was able to dodge the rain that canceled some area racing programs. Rusty Smith picked up his 3rd Oakshade feature win of the season in the UMP Late Model Class. After multiple lead changes in the final four laps 12 year old Roman Brown won his first Sportsman feature. Imagine a middle school youngster racing 23 grown men 90-100 MPH for 25 laps! Jeff Foks Jr. won the Dominator Stock feature.

Monday, August 19th at Fremont Speedway the 305 Sprints were the headliners during the Sandusky County Fair. DJ Foos won the feature, with Craig Mintz, Dustin Stroup, and Kasey Jdrzejek rounding out the top 4. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron Out! (Ohio Sports Blitz on Facebook)

## OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING'S 10 MILLION STEPS CAMPAIGN RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER

The 10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls campaign, held annually by the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) is returning for September 2024, and ODA is asking community partners to host local walking groups and events to raise awareness of older adult falls.

"We celebrate Falls Prevention Awareness Month every September, and we are excited to bring back our 10 Million Steps campaign as the centerpiece of that celebration in 2024," said ODA Director Ursel J. McElroy. "This year, you can support the older adults in your life by walking just one mile to help us raise awareness of falls prevention. We hope you will join us as we work toward our goal of educating every Ohioan on how to minimize their risk of falling."

Register to host a walking event or group here.

10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls is an annual campaign to encourage Ohioans of all ages to walk at least one mile during the month of September.

In 2024, the campaign vastly exceeded its goals as it saw Ohioans from across the state log more than 58 million steps, a total of more than 23,000 miles. That total is equivalent to more than 21 trips around Ohio's perimeter or 46 round trip drives between Cleveland and Cincinnati. All told, 41 walking groups and 10,294 participants contributed to the 2024 totals.

Besides providing Ohioans with an opportunity for exercise, 10 Million Steps events encourage the community to learn about other things they can do and local resources available to help prevent falls. Regular exercise is one of many things people can do to lower their risk of falling.

Organizations of all varieties can host walking groups or events: companies, senior centers, local health departments, local governments, hospitals and health systems, doctor's offices, community action organizations, schools, churches, service organizations, and even individuals.

Walking events are held at a specific time and location for individuals to gather and walk together. A walking group can consist of two or more individuals walking together or separately on one or more occasions.

Individuals, groups, and organizations interested in hosting a walking event or group can find planning guides and register their event at the 10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls webpage, [www.aging.ohio.gov/10millionsteps](http://www.aging.ohio.gov/10millionsteps). Events and groups that are open to the public will be listed on the webpage beginning in late August.

Approximately one in three Ohioans age 65 or older will fall this year. STEADY U Ohio is a falls prevention initiative, led by the Ohio Department of Aging and supported by Ohio government and state business partners, to coordinate and strengthen falls prevention activities around the state. Falls prevention tips and resources are available at [www.steady.ohio.gov](http://www.steady.ohio.gov)

## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

### Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

**Kevin D. Johnson**, Grand Rapids, MI; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Kyle J. Schwartz**, Paulding, OH; Endanger child; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs waived

**Stephanie C. Georgopoulos**, Westfield, IN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Iraj Z. Obryant**, Beachwood, OH; Driving/texting; Case dismissed with prejudice at defendant's cost

**Blake L. McGarvey**, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Harvey D. Hyman**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Melanie Bair**, Antwerp, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Aaron S. McMillan**, Scott, OH; Theft; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; 180 days jail, 150 suspended; Complete 20 jail days on EMMA = 140 days; No contact with Dollar General; Complete online course; Write a letter of apology; Restitution \$525.25

**Andrew D. Plumley**, Portland, IN; Improper handling firearm; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; 10 days jail, suspended; Specification of complaint dismissed; Firearm and ammo may be released to S.P. if qualifying adult

**Larry Peoples Jr.**, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Kati A. Stahl**, Continental, OH; Reckless behavior; Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Failure to control, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Amanda L. Roberts**, Paulding, OH; Physical control; Pled no contest, found guilty; Proof of insurance not provided; 30 days jail, 1 day suspended; ALS vacated; Completed 40 hours of community service

**Katelynn L. Phillips**, Bryan, OH; Unpaid fees; Count B dismissed

**David M. Fisher**, Antwerp, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Lillian G. VanCleve**,

# LITTLE PORTAGE H2OHIO WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT COMPLETE



Todd Winke (L) and Dick Lano (R), landowners adjacent to Little Portage Wildlife Area, have new H2Ohio funded subsurface tile systems put into their acreage that now drains into the Little Portage wetland.

As part of Governor Mike DeWine's H2Ohio initiative, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has completed a new wetland restoration project at Little Portage Wildlife Area in Ottawa County. The project will improve water quality while benefitting the surrounding communities and revitalizing the area's ecosystem.

The restoration project replaced subsurface field tile drainage to redirect water from more than 400 acres of farmland to the wildlife area wetlands for filtration before flowing into the Little Portage River.

"This wetland restoration will continue to protect and preserve both the Little Portage River and the Little Portage Wildlife Area," said Governor Mike DeWine. "Taking these steps is necessary to help ensure that Ohio's waterways are free from excess nutrient runoff that causes water quality issues and protect our many beautiful natural areas for future generations."

This project will improve the overall water quality of Lake Erie as well. The Little Portage River flows directly into the lake and the wetlands will filter any excess sediments, nutrients, or pollutants that can contribute to harmful algal blooms.

"It is of the utmost importance that we protect our rivers," said ODNR Director Mary Mertz. "If the water quality is improved for the Little Portage River, it will only make Lake Erie a safer water source for both Ohioans and the ecosystems surrounding it."

The Little Portage Project is one of more than 100 H2Ohio water quality projects that have been completed in the state. There are approximately 80 additional projects currently underway.

In addition to improved water quality, this restoration project provides more habitat for wetland-dependent wildlife like waterfowl, wading birds, reptiles, and amphibians. Bald eagles thrive in the area around Little Portage. Ottawa County has the most eagle nests in Ohio, and this H2Ohio project will enhance their habitat.

Little Portage Wildlife Area encompasses 357 acres and lies 6 miles west of Port Clinton. It is bounded on the west by the Little Portage River and on the north by the Portage River. The area boasts a diverse and delicate ecosystem, primarily river marsh, and is popular among waterfowl hunters.

H2Ohio is Governor DeWine's statewide water quality initiative designed to address complex issues impacting Ohio's waters. Launched in 2019, H2Ohio uses a comprehensive approach guided by science and data to reduce algal blooms, stop pollution, and improve access to clean drinking water by supporting best farming practices, road salt runoff reduction, litter cleanup, dam removal, land conservation, and water infrastructure revitalization. For more information visit [h2.ohio.gov](http://h2.ohio.gov).

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

In 2024, join ODNR as we celebrate 75 years of protecting Ohio's natural resources and providing outstanding and award-winning recreational opportunities.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at [ohiodnr.gov](http://ohiodnr.gov).

Paulding, OH; Failure to control, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; No temporary permit, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Tonya L. Meyer**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Olivia Mendez**, Paulding, OH; Improper backing; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Chase R. Bussing**, Napoleon, OH; Falsification, Count A dismissed per state; Obstructing justice, Count C

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LEARN MORE ABOUT PURDUE FORT WAYNE'S NEW MASTODON BONES DISPLAY ON TUESDAY



(From left to right) Garth Dallman and Mike Thom of Research Casting International out of Trenton, Ontario, drew many curious onlookers Aug. 12-13 as they worked on the glass case that now frames Purdue University Fort Wayne history, and that of the continent, in a brand-new light.

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — After a week of teasers, Purdue University Fort Wayne is just about ready to officially share on Tuesday all the details about its new display case at Walb Student Union. It contains PFW's famous mastodon skeleton that's been in need of a permanent home on campus for more than a half-century. It's been 56 years since the bones were discovered, 55 since the student body adopted the mastodon as the university's mascot, and eight years since they were last displayed out in the open at Kettler Hall.

In addition to releasing at 7:45 a.m. a package of communications pieces describing this fascinating journey all the

way to its impressive conclusion, two faculty members who have helped keep the project alive for quite some time are also stopping by the glass case between 10 and 11 a.m. to answer questions and share their reflections now that the dust has settled. Scott Bergeson, an assistant professor of biology who is one of the two caretakers of the bones since 2016, and James Farlow, an emeritus professor of geology and adjunct professor of biology who has been involved with project since the mid-1980s, are both scheduled to visit the display, which is located just before the International Ballroom and near the student union's new Herd Hideaway.

dismissed per state Wesley C. Bok, Defiance, OH; Kit skip on private property; Count A dismissed without prejudice Michael J. Miller, Antwerp, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Rene Lanzas Polanco, Indianapolis, IN; No operator license; Guilty; Proof of insurance provided Esther J. Cass, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case

was waived by defendant Larry C. Wesche, Napoleon, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant PARKVIEW COMMUNITY CONNECT RECEIVES ACCREDITATION PLUS+ CERTIFICATION FROM EPIC CONNECT Parkview Health's Community Connect program has been accredited for the

second consecutive year while also earning the greater Accreditation Plus+ status from Epic Connect.

Community Connect is an online system that facilitates a single story of patient care between Parkview and other independent, non-Parkview providers and healthcare service organizations. This allows outside providers access to medical information maintained by Parkview as well as take advantage of tools and services provided within the Epic software. Parkview has utilized Epic as its electronic health record system since 2012.

"Parkview provides a wide range of medical services to our communities, but if patients choose to receive care with a Community Connect partner, Parkview keeps them connected to their health information," said David Winn, vice president of Parkview Community Connect. "By sharing access and information with regional and statewide providers, Parkview ensures that our patients can build a single, comprehensive story of care and that their physicians are equipped with all the information they need to provide the highest quality care."

Parkview is one of 102 providers globally to host a Community Connect program via Epic. Of those, only six programs have reached the Accreditation Plus+ level that Parkview earned.

To achieve Accreditation Plus+ status, Parkview had to demonstrate that its program meets Epic's highest standards of activity and compliance; provides stable and high-performing access with reportable response times and analytics; demonstrates increased provider efficiency; facilitates high adoption and use of the MyChart patient portal; and accesses and uses data by Community Connect customers while maintaining appropriate segregation and privacy of information between users.

Parkview Community Connect has supported more than 400 providers since 2012, including hospitals such as Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola, Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur and Hillsdale Hospital in Hillsdale, Mich.; specialty providers such as Viking Psychiatry and the Breast Diagnostics Center; and charitable/low-cost providers including the Matthew 25 Health and Care clinic, St. Martin's Healthcare and Alliance Health Centers.

Ohio-based Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers was a Community Connect member before choosing to affiliate with Parkview in fall 2023, joining as Parkview Bryan Hospital, Parkview Montpelier Hospital and Parkview Archbold outpatient center. Their participation in the program created an easier transition for their facilities, providers and co-workers when they joined Parkview.

"Healthcare technology is a rapidly advancing and evolving field, but here at Parkview we work hard to not just keep pace with technology but study and forecast where we're heading next," said Ron Double, chief information officer, Parkview Health. "Our Information Services team pushes to en-

sure we are utilizing our tools to their maximum effect, which increases efficiency, improves care and reduces cost. We're proud to once again reach and exceed Epic's highest standards and earn their prestigious Plus+ designation."

Epic's Community Connect accreditation is the latest of several major achievements for Parkview's Information Services team. Parkview has been recognized as a Most Wired system by the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives for 10 consecutive years; received the highest Stage 7 certification from the International Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society for its implementation and use of technology; and became one of only seven health systems globally to earn Magna Cum Laude status on the Epic Honor Roll for effective use of its health records platform. Chief Information Officer Ron Double was named a Becker's Chief Information Officer to Know in both 2023 and 2024 and was selected as a Tech Exec of the Year by the Indianapolis Business Journal in fall 2023 for his leadership at Parkview.

DEFIANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 8/19/24

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 19, 2024, in the Defiance County Commissioners' Conference Room. President Kern called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioner Dana Phipps; Commissioner Mick Pocratsky; County Administrator, Sherry Carnahan; and Clerk, Liz Stuart.

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

The Commissioners met with Senior Services Director Nick Wichman to discuss hiring for the Senior Center. He also discussed the upcoming Community Fall Festival that will be taking place on Tuesday, September 17 and is open to the public of all ages. There will be a live band at this event, and pre-sale tickets will include dinner from Jacob's Meats.

The Commissioners met with Economic Development Executive Director Erika Willitzer for a monthly update. They discussed setting up tours of various businesses in the County and the status of various solar projects in the County. The Economic Development office is working on planning events for 2025.

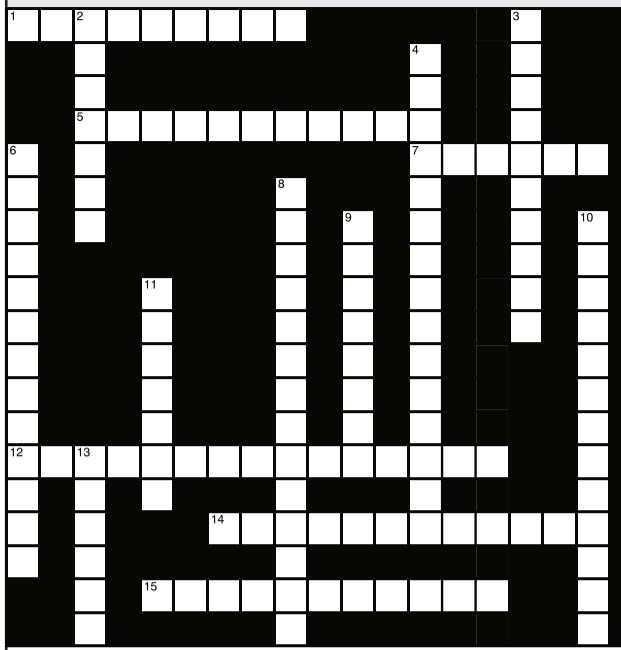
The Commissioners opened bids for the Fairgrounds Electrical Upgrades project. Bids were submitted by Laibe Electric of Perrysburg; Transtar Electric, Security, & Tech of Toledo; and Regent Electric of Toledo.

SECRETARY LAROSE HIGHLIGHTS NATIONAL POLL WORKER RECRUITMENT DAY

COLUMBUS — Established by the United States Election Assistance Commission in 2020, August 1 marks the fourth annual National Poll Worker Recruitment Day. In partnership with Ohio's 88 county boards of elections and stakeholders across Ohio, Secretary of State Frank LaRose is reminding voters of the important role of poll workers in delivering secure and accessible elections and urging them to consider signing up for November.

"Every election, more than 30,000 poll workers from across the state volunteer their time to work the polls and help their neighbors cast a ballot," said Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose. "Secure and accessible elections are only possible because of the patriotic efforts of these dedicated volunteers. I encourage every Ohioan to consider signing up to be a poll worker and help spread the word to their friends and

WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle HISTORY OF LABOR DAY



ACROSS

- 1. The month in which Labor Day is celebrated in the U.S.
5. The location of the first Labor Day parade in 1882.
7. International Workers' Day, sometimes confused with or related to Labor Day.
12. The U.S. President who signed Labor Day into law.
14. Labor Day reflects the broader movement for social and economic reforms.
15. Organizations that played a pivotal role in the establishment of Labor Day.

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- 2. A common way families and communities celebrate Labor Day together.
3. A core principle of Labor Day, emphasizing unity among workers.
4. An 1886 event that underscored labor unrest, and the need for workers' rights.
6. The central theme of the Labor Day holiday.
8. Traditionally delivered by labor leaders on Labor Day.
9. A popular Labor Day activity symbolizing the end of summer.
10. The collective organization of working people advocating for their rights.
11. A traditional way to celebrate Labor Day, showcasing workers' contributions.
13. The first U.S. state to make Labor Day an official public holiday in 1887.

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neighbors about this critical role in supporting democracy." In the leadup to the 2024 presidential election, the Ohio Secretary of State's office has undertaken several initiatives that provide the tools and resources needed to support county board of election poll worker recruitment efforts. In addition to a general poll worker recruitment toolkit, tailored resources for businesses, young Ohioans, military veterans, and more

can be found at VoteOhio.gov/DefendDemocracy. Ohioans looking to serve as a poll worker may sign up at https://pollworkertracker.ohiosos.gov/signup. A list of frequently asked questions and answers about signing up to be a poll worker can be found https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/elections/toolkit/pollworker/mini/heroes/pollworkerfaq.pdf.

LEGAL NOTICE The Paulding County Engineer is accepting Letters of Interest to obtain professional design consultant services in Paulding County. The consultant must be ODOT prequalified Bicycle Facilities & Enhancement Design, Non-complex Roadway Design, Limited Right of Way Plan Development, Complex Right of Way Plan Development, Subsurface Utility Location Services, and Regulated Materials Review. Requests for the Programmatic Consultant Selection Process can be made to the Paulding County Engineer's Office, located at 801 W. Wayne St., Paulding, Ohio. All Letters of Interest shall include information that is outlined in the Programmatic Consultant Selection Process. Letters of Interest will be accepted for this project until 3:30 on September 27, 2024.

LEGAL NOTICE CY 2025 OFFICE OF THE PAULDING COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION Pursuant to Section 5747.51 (J) of the Revised Code, the following is the list of subdivisions entitled to participate in the allocation of the Undivided Local Government Fund for the year 2025. Table with columns: SUBDIVISION, Amount, Percentage. Includes rows for Antwerp Village, Broughton Village, Cecil Village, Grover Hill Village, Haviland Village, Latty Village, Melrose Village, Oakwood Village, Paulding Village, Payne Village, Scott Village, TOTAL VILLAGES, and various Townships.

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# DEATRICK SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Susan Deatrick (Head of Youth Services, Paulding County Carnegie Library) as the guest speaker at the August 22, 2024, club meeting. Susan came at the in-

itation of Corey Walker (Director, Paulding County Carnegie Library). Susan spoke to the Kiwanians about the library system, their programs, the different library branches, and upcoming events they are involved with.

# OHIO STATE DROUGHT RAPID RESPONSE TEAM PROVIDES RESOURCES FOR FARMERS AMID WORSENING WEATHER CONDITIONS



From brittle, brown lawns and cracked soils to dry ponds and crops, the signs are clear: A large portion of Ohio is again officially in a drought. Parts of central, southeast, and southern Ohio are grappling with drought conditions that are wreaking havoc on local agriculture. The recent stretch of hot temperatures combined with scant rainfall has resulted in at least 63% of the state considered abnormally dry or worse, including 24% con-

sidered severe drought and 12% in extreme drought, according to the Aug. 22 update from the U.S. Drought Monitor. This prolonged dry spell has left pastures parched and forage availability critically low, forcing some farmers to confront a dire shortage of hay, said Garth Ruff, an Ohio State University Extension field specialist in beef cattle and livestock marketing. "Farmers are facing mounting challenges as they struggle to sustain their live-

stock," Ruff said. "In areas where ponds, creeks, or springs have dried up, farmers are now hauling water daily, adding both cost and labor to their already strained operations. "The deteriorating pasture conditions are pushing livestock growers to consider supplemental nutrition for their herds as they head into fall. Without significant rainfall, many may have to resort to early marketing of beef calves or, in the driest areas, culling animals to manage the dwindling resources."

Amid growing concern among farmers and producers statewide about what drought can mean for their crops and livestock, The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) has activated its Drought Rapid Response Team, which convenes weekly to monitor conditions and provide farmers, producers, gardeners, turfgrass managers, and others with information on how to manage a drought.

"Despite heavy rainfall across western and parts of northeastern Ohio, southern and southeastern counties have largely missed the most beneficial rains over the last 90 days," said Aaron Wilson, state climatologist of Ohio and OSU Extension's field specialist in agriculture weather and climate. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of CFAES.

"Combined with periods of hot temperatures, the soil has lost a tremendous amount of water due to evaporation, which has affected pasture conditions; lowered creeks, ponds, and private wells; and impacted grain fill across this portion of the state," Wilson said.

And the situation is likely to get worse, he said. "The next seven days show that most of the state will not receive any rainfall over this period, while the six- to 14-day outlooks from the Climate Prediction Center show temperatures are likely to be above normal with near- to below-normal precipitation," Wilson said. "With temperatures rising into the 90s this weekend, drought conditions are likely to persist or worsen across the state."

The team updates its Drought Conditions and Resources webpage to provide resources for Ohio's farmers, said Chris Zoller, OSU Extension interim assistant director, agriculture and natural resources.

He said the Drought Rapid Response Team was activated because OSU Extension was hearing from educators and specialists statewide about concerns farmers and producers were expressing about increasing drought conditions.

The team was activated last spring due to significant May precipitation deficits, and in 2019 for extreme flooding impacts on agriculture. The team assesses rapidly changing weather conditions; surveys ground impacts on agriculture, water, and soil; and ensures effective public communication and education to help clients respond.

"The Drought Rapid Response Team is part of fulfilling CFAES' and OSU Extension's land-grant mission

through mobilizing people and resources to address issues of concern to crop and livestock producers in Ohio that are impacted by the drought," Zoller said. "We're here to serve Ohio by providing the best research-based information they need to make informed decisions as they deal with drought considerations."

"We're also coordinating and collaborating with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, as well as providing state and federal elected officials up-to-date information on what we're finding and recommending."

The drought webpage also provides links to numerous CFAES resources and newsletters, including information specific to agronomic crops, dairy, farm management, fruits, livestock, poultry, vegetables, wine grapes, and turfgrass. The information is especially timely and significant, considering that the rapidly expanding drought conditions are negatively impacting farmers and producers.

As it stands now, 43% of Ohio corn crop conditions are considered fair to very poor, while 44% of Ohio soybean crop conditions are considered fair to very poor, according to the Aug. 19 crop progress report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service's Ohio Field Office. And more than half, 66% of pastures and ranges are considered fair to very poor, the report said.

As drought conditions persist, livestock producers are facing critical challenges in managing their herds. Jason Hartschuh, an OSU Extension field specialist in dairy management and precision livestock, said some farmers are concerned about forage availability and potential toxicity issues affecting cattle.

"When crops like corn and sorghum experience drought conditions, nitrates can accumulate in the plant," Hartschuh said. "Due to drought stress hindering active growth, plants fail to utilize these nitrates for protein synthesis, leading to potentially toxic levels."

Hartschuh explained that some producers normally use pastures to feed their livestock all summer, but this year, because of drought, they've had to feed their livestock hay. And without getting a second cutting on their hay crops, these folks might run out of hay this winter. "This scarcity could lead to increased production costs, as farmers may have to purchase feed instead," he said.

Many grain crop farmers are also feeling the heat.

"Drought stress during grain fill in corn and soybean means shortened grain-fill periods," said Stephanie Karhoff, OSU Extension field specialist in agronomic systems. "This leads to lower seed weights and yields, as well as premature maturity. Drought-stressed corn might also suffer from increased lodging issues."

"Lower corn yields also mean soil-residual nitrogen will be higher due to reduced nitrogen uptake."

Karhoff suggested that farmers consider planting overwintering cover crops such as cereal rye after fall harvest to retain this nitro-

gen. However, she cautioned that continued dry conditions might render this strategy unfeasible if soil moisture remains insufficient for cover crop establishment.

And some vegetable and specialty crop farmers have also been negatively impacted, said Logan Minter, OSU Extension field specialist in specialty crops production systems.

"The hot and dry conditions this summer, following a mild winter, have exasperated and compounded issues in many vegetable and specialty crops with increased insect pest pressure," he said.

For up-to-date drought resources, visit [go.osu.edu/ohiodrought](http://go.osu.edu/ohiodrought).

# SECRETARY LAROSE COMPLETES NEXT PHASE OF VOTER REGISTRATION INTEGRITY INITIATIVE AHEAD OF NOVEMBER ELECTION

(Columbus) – Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose announced that Ohio's 88 county boards of elections have completed the 2024 annual list maintenance process, removing 154,995 inactive and out-of-date registrations from the state's voter rolls.

This action represents the next phase of a thorough audit of the statewide voter registration database, which is conducted in compliance with longstanding state and federal law.

"Every Ohioan, regardless of their political views, should care about accurate voter rolls," said LaRose. "Diligent list maintenance helps prevent voter fraud and ensures the voice of the voters is heard on Election Day. Ohio's process has been carried out by Republicans and Democratic Secretaries of State for decades, and I'm proud of the work our bipartisan elections officials do to ensure it's easy to vote and hard to cheat in the Buckeye State."

According to Ohio's county boards of elections, each of the registrations

on the 2024 Registration Readiness List that are eligible for removal have been identified as either:

1) Voters who filled out a National Change of Address (NCOA) form indicating that they have permanently moved and are therefore no longer eligible to vote at their former address, or

2) Inactive registrations previously flagged for removal but not yet removed from a county's voter registration system.

Additionally, the Secretary of State's office checks the records to confirm that a voter, for at least four consecutive years, has neither (1) participated in any kind of voter-initiated activity from the registered address nor (2) updated or confirmed their voter registration or (3) responded to mailed notices. The inactive registrations are then made available on the Secretary of State's website for final public review, giving registrants a final opportunity to restore the registration to active status before boards are directed to remove it from the database.

Secretary LaRose has taken unprecedented steps to ensure the accuracy of Ohio's voter registration records, including the creation of a new tool designed by the Secretary of State's Office of Data Analytics and Archives to help election officials better identify and remedy discrepancies in their voter rolls. LaRose also ordered the removal of non-citizens from the voter registration database and expanded the office's investigative efforts to prevent non-citizens from participating in Ohio's elections.

As a reminder, Ohioans have the opportunity to easily complete or update their voter registration at any time prior to the October 7, 2024 deadline by visiting Ohio's Online Voter Registration System. Verify your registration status at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov).

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**ML Parkview Pups: Parkview Pup Piper gets head scratches at Parkview Regional Medical Center. The Parkview Pups program, launched in fall 2023, brings certified therapy dogs to facilities to visit with co-workers.**

FORT WAYNE, IND. – Aug. 22, 2024 – Parkview Health has been recertified as a Most Loved Workplace®, backed by the research and analysis of Best Practice Institute (BPI). According to BPI, Most Loved Workplace validation provides the most comprehensive look at workplace sentiment for organizations today.

Parkview regularly solicits feedback from its co-workers about their job satisfaction, loyalty and engagement. In 2023, Parkview launched its first company-wide culture survey to continue gathering insight and better support co-workers with the tools needed to succeed in their daily activities, growth and development.

Parkview implemented a quarterly lifestyle benefit program in 2023 to reimburse co-workers for purchases of their choosing and introduced a 100% match for co-workers who use their stipend on childcare expenses; launched a volunteer time off program; offered flexible work options for select departments; launched a co-worker hotline as a one-stop call to access resources; and provided numerous opportunities to receive free admission to community events or win tickets to events such as Fort Wayne TinCaps games.

Parkview Health was recognized as a Most Loved Workplace by both the Best

This year, Parkview was also recognized as a top performer among Most Loved companies for its commitment in five additional categories: Diversity, career advancement, parents and caregivers, volunteering and young professionals.

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Practices and Newsweek in 2023 and was also named a Best-in-State Employer by Forbes. So far in 2024, Parkview was selected as one of Becker's Hospital Review's Top Places to Work in Healthcare, named an Inspiring Workplace by the Inspiring Workplaces Group, selected as a finalist in the Greater Fort Wayne Inc. Business Excellence Awards, and had three hospitals selected to the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's Best Places to Work list.

"I started Most Loved Workplaces out of inspiration from my community of people who consciously place love for their employees at the center of their business model," said Louis Carter, founder and CEO of BPI and a social/organizational psychologist, thought leader, entrepreneur and author. Carter's book, "In Great Company: How to Spark Peak Performance by Creating an Emotionally Connected Workplace," identifies the specific areas needed to become a highly respected, reputable organization where people love to work with each other – a Most Loved Workplace. "Parkview Health is definitely in great company with other certified Most Loved Workplaces®. I commend them for not only creating a positive workplace culture, but also for seeking this certification to see how their efforts are making an impact."

To learn more about BPI, visit bestpracticeinstitute.org. To view Parkview's certification page, visit mostlovedworkplace.com/companies/parkview-health/.

**REDUCING FARM STRESS**

Agriculture is going through a lot of farm stress lately with lower crop prices and high input prices. Several farmers recently commented how stressful they were about buying new equipment or farmland and how to pay for that with today's prices? Sometimes it helps to know that you are not the only one going through it. Here are some tips for reducing farm stress so that you have a clear mind for making important farm decisions.

Sometimes we all make

"How do I feel now?" Tell yourself you can get through it. You have come through rough times before. You can do it again. Source: Paulding County Ohio OSU Extension website.

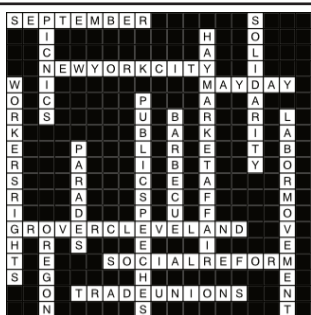
Here is some information from North Dakota and Kansas State University: A helpful step in managing stresses in farming is to consider the "tools" or "strategies" that are available for dealing with particular stresses. Here is a list of useful coping "tools" for managing individual, family or farming stresses. Stress may be reduced by preparing yourself both physically, mentally, and even emotionally/spiritually.

Physically, start with a medical checkup. Eat a healthful breakfast and drink 4-8 glasses of water daily. Eat more fruits, vegetables and healthful snacks and exercise at least 20 minutes daily (walk, swim, ride a bike, etc.). Get at least 7-8 hours of restful sleep and practice deep or slow breathing. Get a neck or back massage. Abstain from alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.

Mentally: Talk to a friend. Take 10 minutes and reflect on your blessings daily. Listen to relaxing music or spend 30 minutes doing something with your hands (draw, carve, etc.). Do a hobby or find something that makes you laugh. Spend 10 minutes to plan your day and priorities. Take regular 5-10-minute breaks in your day to relax and recharge.

Emotionally: Visit with a counselor or spiritual leader or reach out to someone for support or help. Play with a child or grandchild. Volunteer to help with a cause important to you. Go out for a meal with a friend or family. Reflect on and forgive yourself for mistakes. Pray or meditate. Do random acts of kindness. Express "thank you" to someone daily (send a note, etc.). Write down three things you are grateful for daily. Go for a walk or drive and enjoy the natural world around you.

Here are some tips to cope



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with stress in the work place: Focus on factors you can control in your work. Take time for lunch and a "work break" daily. Plan your next day at the end of the work day and set priorities ahead of time. Try to be flexible with time and tasks as things come up. Set boundaries and do not over-commit yourself. Say "no" more often. Do not let the farm operation intrude on all other aspects of life. Talk to other farmers about their strategies for coping with similar issues. Seek feedback on your farm operation and ways to grow or improve. Schedule time away from work to relax and then take the time to do that. Sometimes stress spills over with others you work with, so minimize and resolve those conflicts.

Often, financial stress is the cause for farm stress. Assess your family and farm finances and needs. Create a family and farm budget and live within your means. Learn new strategies to stretch your family finances and organize your records monthly. Take a seminar to learn more about financial management. Let go of what you cannot control. Sometimes you may have to down size to get through a rough time. Ask for expert help and to find ways to reduce your financial stress. OSU Extension, Farm Bureau, Local SWCD's, NRCS and other farm experts (lawyers, accountants, lenders) can help you make good decisions to reduce financial stress.

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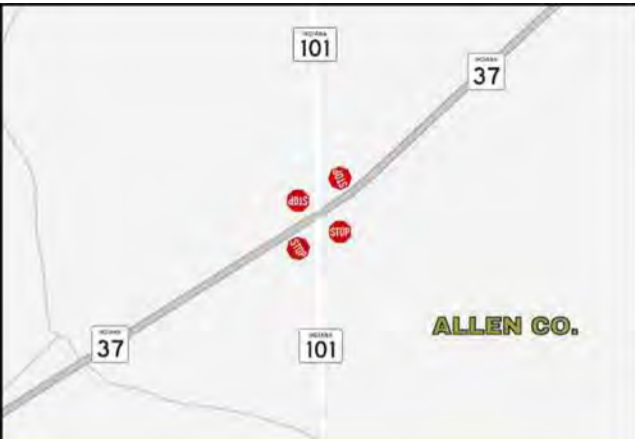
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The intersection changes are scheduled to take place on or after August 28.

INDOT encourages drivers to use caution in the area while work is done to implement the changes. Drivers should also use caution after the changes are made as motorists work to adjust to the new traffic pattern.

### OAKWOOD TOWNHALL MEETING DISCUSSED AT PAULDING COUNTY MAYOR MEETING

The Paulding County Mayors Association participated in their third quarter meeting this week.

Following general business the Mayors heard from sales representative Connie Thompson, with Jack's Amish Country Konection outdoor playground equipment and furniture. These pieces built out of 98% recycled milk jug polyurethane and are made durable for municipal park use and to handle weather change.

In old business the group reviewed information about the Paulding County community recycle day. The number of tires and gallons of paint that were turned in for recycle far exceeded expectation. Discussion followed in regard to future county-wide and local recycling events.

Discussing new business,

Oakwood Mayor Josh Duslak shared information about a recent townhall event hosted in the village. The meeting was scheduled to let residents hear directly from elected officials about issues in the village including rising water treatment and infrastructure expenses and residential blight. It was shared that the many residents in attendance were thankful to hear from elected officials directly and could ask questions, and not receive second hand information or through social media opinion.

There was conversation in regard to the village solicitors hired around the county. There continues to be a shortage of attorneys in the area. There are still a couple villages looking to fill open positions created when attorney Harvey Hyman was assigned as the county Probate/Juvenile Judge.

Economic development Director Tim Copey shared Land Bank Committee updates in villages around the county. Frustration was shared that with the Ohio Department of Development has not yet confirmed the applications made for the residential and commercial blight program in March.

In open roundtable discussion the mayors discussed:

- Information for the upcoming second annual Entrepreneur Showcase. Students 18 and under can set up their business table on Saturday morning, September 21 at the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival.

## PHS CLASS OF 1949 REUNION



Pictures left to right are: Ben Manz, Paulding; Kenneth Woodring, Winfield, KS; Patsy Wortman McGinnis, Perrysburg, OH; Carl Thompson, Fairview Hts., IL; Robert Whirrett, Noblesville, IN.

Paulding High School Class of 1949 held their 75th anniversary reunion on Saturday June 29th, 2024 at The Pancake House, 18187 US 24 Cecil, OH. Five graduates were present, along with several family members and

spouses.

Classmates heard from but not attending included Jerry Dangler, Palm Harbor, FL.; Marilyn Dotter Fetter, Sabetha, KS; Mildred Guin-grich Green, Peoria, AZ; Julianne Mink Smith, Defiance, OH; Alvin Manz, Defiance, OH; and Bill Snodgrass, Paulding, OH.

The 76th anniversary reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 28th, 2025, 12:00 noon at this same location.

## WINNER, WINNER! BRAMES WINS ANTWERP ROTARY E-BIKE RAFFLE



Pictured L-R Vanice, Mark Greenwood, Bill Brames.

tival. Students will be judged by an Ohio Small Business Development representative, a Paulding Chamber of Commerce member for prizes. Mayors were asked to share the information in their villages.

• Revisited the thought of a multi-village or county collaboration administrator for income tax collection. Some villages use the RITA system, some use the CCA system. Discussion followed as to how collaboration might happen.

• Village Christmas lights were talked about. Mayors shared information on leasing, buying or inheriting lights from other villages and what they believed best and most economical options were.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 13 at 6pm in the PC Economic Development office.

### AUTHOR OF 'DEFIANCE COUNTY MURDERS' TO VISIT DPL

Author Jeanne Calvert of Oakwood will visit Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., on Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. to discuss her new book, Defiance County Murders, as well as some of the most intriguing cases she has encountered during her research.

Calvert has written several other books, including Oakwood Memories, Oakwood Homecoming: The First One Hundred Years, A Paulding

Congratulations to Vanice Brames, the winner of this year's Rotary E-Bike raffle. The drawing was held August 10, at Day in the Park. Rotary has been selling tickets over the last several months for the Avention Pace 500 E-bike, as a fundraiser for continued improvements at Antwerp Community Park (Antwerp Ball Association).

The Antwerp Rotary continues to move forward with a new basketball court at this location and has included within the continuation of this effort to install some playground equipment and swings. Rotary is in the final stages of grant funding approval from the State, and once funding is in place construction activities will begin.

Journal: 1870 -1950, and Paulding County Murders. She taught biology and physics at Wayne Trace High School and retired from the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne.

Books will be available at the event for purchase and signing. The program is free and open to all adults and will take place in the library's Nellie Gary Reading Room. No registration is needed.

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