



OAKWOOD LIFEWISE OFFICIALLY OPEN!



Front Row (l-r): Jack Roddy, Jan Commers, Mary Ellen Holbrook, Amanda Andrews, Chuck Moran, Jessica Manz, Traci Koenig, Allie Manz; Back Row: (l-r): Bruce Erford, Richard Kipp, Blane Fickel

A great day for biblical education! The Lifewise Academy of Oakwood Ohio is on its way in and the kids love it! The ribbon cutting for the new building took place on the same day as the Oakwood Labor Day Homecoming. Chuck Moran and Traci Koenig have been working

hard with the Paulding Exempted Character Academy board to build the structure that started earlier this year. The project had many workers from around the area along with donations that made this possible.

The new Lifewise building is right next to the elementary

school in the village. Moran stated that were having a great turnout of students there, while he is doing 14 classes. Lifewise is a life changing organization the helps young people, by the permission of their parents, learn about the Bible and salvation in Jesus Christ.

PERI CHAPTER 30 MEETING

Defiance County PERI District 1 Chapter 30 is meeting Wednesday, September 18 @ 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Summit 60 Social Center/Defiance Senior Center, 140 E. Broadway, Defi-

ance, OH. Speaker will be State Representative of District 82 Roy Klopfenstein.

HICKSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO PARTICIPATE IN 'OHIO OPEN DOORS'

The Ohio History Connection created OHIO OPEN

DOORS in 2016 to promote and inspire pride in Ohio's heritage and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Visitors can discover Ohio's amazing heritage beginning Friday, September 6,

BLISS & BULLDOGS TO PERFORM AT FLAT ROCK CREEK FALL FESTIVAL!



Local Sounds is the theme each year for the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival and this year is no different! The east and west stage will be stacked with local groups to tantalize the ears as festival goers peruse the venue for the weekend of September 20-22.

Friday night be ready for a trip back to the days of the Drive In and Sock Hops with the iconic music of The Bulldogs. They will have music to enjoy from the mid-50s to the late 60s. The Bulldogs hail from the NW Ohio & NE Indiana area and consists of members Wayne Neukom, Bernie Stone, Bob (Keyboard

Bob) Zmyslony, and Kenny Taylor.

Bliss is on the schedule to perform on Saturday night with their all female harmonies to fill the air at Flat Rock Creek Fall Fest. Let this Toledo area local band set your heart at ease with the melodies of home and community. Members are Cindy McFarland, Brenda Holdridge, M'Lissa Prottegeier, and Lorilee Ash-Green.

Make sure your calendar is marked for September 20-22 at the Paulding County Fairgrounds for Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival!

CORRECTION

In last week's West Bend News, we printed the Antwerp Village 2023 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). In the subsections, "How can I get involved?" and "Cross Connection Control Survey" it stated that the Village of Antwerp Council meetings

are the 3rd Monday of each month. This is incorrect. The Village of Antwerp Council meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall on 118 N Main St. If you want to read the report and review the contaminant charts in full, please go to www.villageofantwerp.com.

Pastor Dwayne Richardson

will be preaching at Paulding 1st Presbyterian Church at 10:15am

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On Saturday, September

14, both the Hicksville Land Office and St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Land Office, built in 1840, was the site of land sales for the area and this building is one of only a few of its age remaining. In excellent condition

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-12p
- 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
 - Cruise Inn and Fall Fest @ The Edgerton Village Hall Grounds, 10am-2pm
- September 17**
- Child/Family Resource Fair @ Little Sprouts, Paulding, 4-6p
- September 18**
- WBESC board meeting @ ESC Conf Rm, 5:30p
- September 20**
- Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival begins (runs thru 9/22)
 - Celebrate Your Plate @ Johnson Memorial Library, Hicksville, 4-4:45pm
- September 21**
- Heritage Lions @ Hessen Cassel Fall Fest
 - Food Pantry @ Cecil Comm Church, 12-3pm
- September 22**
- ATHS Vintage Truck Show @ JPHS, 9a-4p
- PAULDING COUNTY'S OWN
Add your event to the calendar
info@westbendnews.net

OBITUARIES

PAYNE, OH:
Tyler Matthew Mullins Cavanaugh, of Payne passed away Thursday, August 22, 2024. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home.

Editor's Note: This was printed in last week's West Bend News with the incorrect day of the week. We apologize for this oversight to the family.



HICKSVILLE, OHIO
Judith "Judy" Marie Driver-Blalock completed her earthly journey and entered the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on September 5, 2024. Judy was a resident at VanCrest Senior Living in Hicksville, Ohio and under the supervised care of Heartland Hospice. She was born on September 23, 1938 in Paulding, Ohio and was the oldest child of Arthur and Donna Isabelle (Coeh) Koehling. Judy married Kenneth Lee Driver on June 21, 1957 and moved from her hometown of Antwerp, Ohio to Hicksville, where together they raised their two daughters. Lee and Judy enjoyed traveling, playing cards with close friends, and racing harness horses. Most summer weekends found the Driver family loading up and heading out to various county fairs and other racing venues throughout Northwest Ohio and southern lower Michigan. In 1987, Judy lost her first husband, Lee, to a two-year battle with cancer. In 1989, Judy married her second husband, Lynn Blalock. They also shared owning and operating harness horses. Although Lynn was not a traveler, he encouraged Judy to travel whenever she wished. She joined

a travel group and took many exciting trips around the country. Judy enjoyed shopping, traveling, and jumping in her car to drive about anywhere, anytime, and get there quickly. Many will remember Judy as the owner/operator of the B-Neat Beauty Salon that she operated out of her home on Meuse Argonne Ave. in Hicksville. During her many years as a beautician, Judy developed and cultivated countless close friendships that she maintained throughout her retirement years.

Family was one of the proudest elements of Judy's life. She loved getting together for a meal, a trip, or any type of celebration. Her kind spirit will be missed by all, but also live on in all of her family and friends.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Kenneth Lee Driver in 1987, her second husband, Lynn Robert Blalock in 2020, and one granddaughter, Tami Marie Tavierne in 1988. Judy is survived by her sister, Jane (Rick) Limber of Antwerp, Ohio; two daughters, Pamela (Mike) Bailey of Hicksville, and Debra (Rich) Tavierne of Fort Wayne, Indiana; six grandchildren: Michael (Jennifer) Baileyl, Jr., Thera Bailey, Amy (Adam) Atkins, Tyler (Elizabeth) Tavierne, Kim (William) Kohl, and Jaylen Morris and eight great grandchildren: MaKeegan Bailey, Tatum Bailey, Adelyn Atkins, Abram Atkins, Kailyn Kohl, Maya Kohl, William Henry Kohl, and Elliot Brooks Tavierne along with many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends. Judy was a long time member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Hicksville, where she enjoyed the love and support of all who attended.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville, Ohio with calling hours on Monday, September 9th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church. The family will also receive guest beginning at 10:00 a.m. prior to Funeral Services. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Krill Funeral Service, 860 West Mulberry St., Bryan.

Memorial donations are

requested to St. John Lutheran Church, 812 E High St, Hicksville, OH 43526.

Condolences may be sent to

and the online register may be signed at <http://www.krillfuneralservice.com>.

FLYING HORSE FARMS HOLDS ANNUAL CAMPFIRE EVENT TO HELP FAMILIES



Flying Horse Farms (FHF), a medical specialty camp that provides transformative experiences for kids with serious illnesses and their families at no cost, is excited to announce our annual Campfire event.

Campfire will be Friday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. Throughout the night guests will explore camp while connecting with camper families to see FHF through their eyes. Additionally, during the program campers will take the stage to illustrate what a world like camp could be like. For attendees looking to dive deeper into camp's mission, the VIP portion will take place in the empty pool - spotlighting adaptations made for every kid to swim.

Come see what a world committed to kindness, compassion, and possibility - or as we call it "camp magic" - looks like in action and how FHF makes accessibility possible for every camper.

"Camp shows up with and for every family wherever they

are on their journey," Nichole E. Dunn, President and CEO of Flying Horse Farms. "This year, the camp community set out to make even more possible for every camper. Now, as we look ahead to what more we can create together, we are using camp's values to shape a better world."

By participating in Campfire, you become part of a movement to create a lasting impact and bring more kids and families to the camp at no cost. So, come "glamp casual" for a discovery tour, spotlighting the intentional adaptations and enjoy camp inspired bites from Cameron Mitchell Premier Events along the way.

The camp, located 45 minutes north of Columbus and 90 minutes south of Cleveland, provides medically, physically, and emotionally safe experiences for kids and their families. Its mission is to foster healing, growth, and thriving for children with significant health challenges.

NEW AGRICULTURE SOLUTIONS FROM CFAES ON DISPLAY AT FARM SCIENCE REVIEW

LONDON, Ohio - New drainage water management technology and the use of artificial intelligence in agriculture are among the innovative agricultural technology solutions and cutting-edge research on display at this year's Farm Science Review, presented by The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Five innovative research projects that were funded through the AgTech Innovation Hub, a multimillion-dollar collaboration between CFAES, Nationwide, and Ohio Farm Bureau, will be shown during the 62nd annual farm show, which takes place September 17-19 at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center in London, Ohio.

The Hub aims to encourage the development of new solutions that will help the agricultural ecosystem while better understanding, managing and mitigating climate risk. The five initial research projects sponsored through the Hub were recently completed.

Two of the completed Hub projects will be discussed at FSR September 17.

The first project, "Drought Risk Reduction through Automated Drainage Water Management (ADWM)" will be presented from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. by Steven Lyon,

professor of in hydrology and water resources in the CFAES School of Environment and Natural Resources, and Vinayak Shedekar, assistant professor of agricultural water management in the CFAES Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering. Scott Lukan, president of Agri Drain Corporation will also participate in the presentation of the project. The ADWM technology will also be available for demonstration.

The second project, "Artificial Intelligence for Farming: Harvesting Insights from Data and Drones" will be presented from 12:30-2:30 p.m. by Sami Khanal, an assistant professor of agricultural engineering in the CFAES Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering and Luke Waltz, a PhD candidate in the same department.

The other three completed hub projects, "Considering Climate Change: Mapping Climate Risk Perceptions," "Cell Permeable Proteins for Sustainable Agriculture," and "It Starts and Ends with Seeds - Climate and Soybean Seed Health," will be displayed during the review. Kim Winslow of CFAES and Bethany Rowles of Nationwide, who serve as AgTech Innovation Hub co-directors, will be available throughout the three-day Farm Science Review to discuss project findings and current work.

The projects and infor-

Scripture of the Week

"Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

— John 14:23

FAITH CONFESSION



Today may your faith be increased through the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ. We walk by faith and not by sight. Please say this faith confession with me:

In the name of Jesus, I am a believer. I believe God's Word. I am what the Word says I am. I have what the Word says I have. I can do what the Word says I can do. In Jesus' name, I render ineffective every negative word I have spoken, every negative thing I have thought, every word and thought that has been contrary to the truth of God's Word. From this moment forward, I will acknowl-

edge only the good things that are in me in Christ Jesus. I am saying it now: out of the good treasure of my heart, only good things will come to pass.

I am the righteousness of God, a new creature, an heir of God, and a joint-heir with Jesus. I have been delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the Kingdom of God's Dear Son. I have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb - redeemed from the curse of the Law; redeemed from sickness and disease, poverty and death.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I am more than a conqueror. He never leaves me nor forsakes me. Since the Greater One dwells within me, I can overcome every situation. The Faith of God resides within me, and through it I have the victory that overcomes the world.

I thank you, Father, that I can have all these things. I believe it in my heart. I have released it with my mouth. So be it. It will surely come to pass, in Jesus' name, Amen!

Peace & Love,
 —Pastor Dwayne

mation about the Hub will be shown in the Ohio Farm Bureau building, located at the corner of Beef Street and Friday Avenue at FSR.

Farm Science Review is a three-day agriculture trade and education show that offers landowners, farmers, and conservationists the opportunity to learn about the latest agriculture innovations and visit with over 600

exhibitors.

Hours for FSR are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. September 17-18 and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. September 19. Tickets are online, at county offices of OSU Extension, and at participating agribusinesses, and at the gate. Children ages 5 and under are admitted free.

For more information, visit fsr.osu.edu.

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IS IT 2059?

Penny For Your Thoughts
by: Nancy Whitaker

It is always interesting to look back 50 plus years ago and see what people thought the world would be like in 2024.

It was predicted that 54 years into the future, we would have: cities under the sea, automated kitchens that would cook, make coffee and serve meals, cars that would run without a driver and also cars that would hover over the skies and fly. They were not too accurate in their predictions and must have had a lot of faith in future technology to believe that we would have those new inventions. Stop and think, it was in 1964, that George Jetson and his "spacey" family came rolling into our homes via television. Of course the Jetsons had all of those things and perhaps that is why those predictions were forecast. Much to my surprise, someone has come up with predictions for the year 2059. They are outlandish and I would think they are meant to be humorous, but here is what has been predicted and may make the headlines 44 years from now: The spotted owl plague threatens Northwestern United States crops and livestock. It appears as if the writer thinks we will have an abundance of the spotted owl. They will have multiplied and no longer be an endangered species. Another headline was

that a baby was conceived naturally and scientists were absolutely stumped. Also Russian dictator Putin finally died at age 112. However, President Chelsea Clinton has banned all smoking. Also in politics, George Z. Bush says he will run for President in 2060. The postal service raises price of first class stamp to \$17.89 and reduces mail delivery to Wednesdays only. Wow. Perhaps no one will mail anything. I hope this never happens, but one headline reveals that the average weight of Americans will drop to 250 pounds. Not only that, but, an 85-year, \$75.8 billion study re-



vealed that diet and exercise is the key to weight loss. Japanese scientists have created a camera with such a fast shutter speed they now can photograph a woman with her mouth shut. (Now that isn't even funny.) Supreme Court rules any punishment of criminals will violate their civil rights. The average height of NBA players will be nine feet seven inches and they can only have five illegitimate children. A new federal law will require that all nail clippers, screwdrivers, fly swatters and rolled-up newspapers must be registered by January 2060. They will be considered weapons. The IRS will set the lowest tax rate at 75 percent. And finally, the Floridian voters are still having trouble with voting machines. Of course these predictions are humorous and beyond our imaginations, but you never know what the future is going to hold. I just wish we would get the kitchens that were predicted to cook for us 50 years ago.

What do you think the world will be like in 2059? Do you remember The Jetsons? Would you like to own a car that didn't require a driver? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

PAYNE TO HONOR 4 'ROCK STARS' AT ITS ANNUAL 'ROCK THE BLOCK' PARADE & PARTY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

When it came to selecting this year's "ROCK STARS", it didn't take long for the Event Committee to come up with

these very special individuals. They have served the Payne Community in many different ways and as one 'Star' so eloquently indicated, 'they're still up for volunteer work for Payne if needed!'

So please join with our Community as it thanks them for their service by honoring them in the grand parade on Saturday, September 14 starting at 3:30PM followed by an on-stage presentation under the tent at the American Legion beginning at 5PM.

In alphabetical order.....

Jerry Baumle.... who many affectionately referred to as their 'Gas Man' ... having served the Payne Community as the Ohio (natural) Gas Company's local representative for 26 years, retiring in December, 2022. And at the same time, Jerry worked many years alongside his brother Steve doing plumbing and HVAC work. Jerry is one of the many 'Rock Star' recipients who have worked behind the scenes throughout the years, volunteering to do plumbing, heating and cooling work for organizations such as the Friends of the Payne Branch Library, especially when the Friends group was working to establish a Branch of the Paulding Co. Carnegie Library in Payne back in the summer and fall of 1996.

Steve Bidlack.... who served the Community for 33 plus years as one of its two, USPS mail carriers, having retired in June of this year. Prior to delivering mail, Steve worked for many years at BF Goodrich Co. Throughout the years, Steve served as President of the Payne Ball Association, helping to get the batting cage and the cinder block dugouts constructed at the Payne School ballfield. He also served the Ball Association as a volunteer coach for the boys baseball and girls softball teams for a combined total of 15 years. And, he was also a volunteer coach for the girls basketball team at St. John's Catholic School. In the early days of the Payne Community Park development, Steve helped construct the Park sign and erect playground equipment.

Geoff Hyman.... was an icon in Payne's banking business for 43 years, serving the Payne Community as everyone's friendly, hometown Banker, retiring in December, 2023. During 25 of those years, Geoff also operated his income tax business, helping many with their annual income tax returns. And throughout all of these years, Geoff served the Payne Chamber of Commerce, most often as its Treasurer; served as a volunteer on the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church/Divine Mercy Endowment Committee; Festirama Treasurer, and its School Board. He was also an active member of the Church's Infant of Prague Knights of Columbus.

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and full of interesting memorabilia, it serves as the repository of Hicksville's history. St. Paul's, built in 1875, is on the National Register of Historic Places and was recently dedeed to the local Historical Society by the Ohio Episcopal Diocese.

"Ohio Open Doors shares stories of important landmarks and interesting sites right in our backyards, high-

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR OAKWOOD HOMECOMING



The parade for the annual Labor Day event was lined with kids, parents and grandparents alike. The parade was packed with people from all over the area! Fire trucks, EMS vehicles, businesses and organizations of all kinds made their way down the Main St to First St, followed up by the tractors! The weather was absolutely beautiful, if not a little chilly. Shown here is the Paulding High School band marching north across the new Oakwood Proud mural in front of the State Bank.



The highly anticipated Big Wheel contest taking place on First Street!

He also represented the Community as a member of the Paulding Co. Carnegie Library Board of Trustees; and Paulding Co. United Way. In addition, involvement as an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Paulding County and the Paulding County Chapter of the American Heart Association rounded out his service through the years to the local Community.

John Molitor.... served the Community as another of its USPS mail carriers for nearly 42 years, having just retired on August 30 of this year. John's involvement in serving the Payne Community goes back many, many years when he recalls helping his Dad at the former, Molitor Hardware back in the 1960's. He has also delivered 'meals on wheels' to many in the Community; served as a volunteer in many areas of the local Divine Mercy Catholic Church that have included cantoring, lecturing, helping distribute communion and even serving on a mission team, involved with 3 mission programs. He also has helped recently with Payne's Sesquicentennial Parade in 2022 and the American Legion Post 297's Centennial Parade in 2021. One of his most enjoyable contributions to the Community has to do with his commitment to play-

lighting the history and unique nature of some of Ohio's most treasured places," said Diana Welling, director of the Ohio History Connection's State Historic Preservation Office and State Historic Preservation Officer. Hicksville is the only location in the area that is participating in Ohio Open Doors.

For more information, visit ohiohistory.org/opendoors or hicksvillehistoricalsociety.com.

ing in the Paulding Area Support Society's 24HR Basketball Marathon Charity every year since the event's inception back in 1979!!!

The 2024 "Rock the Block" Event Committee asks that you join it in recognizing and thanking these outstanding members ('Rock Stars') of the Community for their service and dedication to the success of the Village throughout the years. The Payne Community has been enriched by their selflessness.

Submitted by: Jim Hooker

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PAULDING FFA ENJOYS OAKWOOD HOMECOMING



Pictured here are the 30 FFA members who walked in the Oakwood Labor Day parade representing the Paulding FFA Chapter!!

By: Paulding FFA Reporter, Addison Hunt

On Monday, September 2nd the Paulding FFA Chapter had 30 members walk in the Annual Oakwood Homecoming parade to represent our chapter. They had a FFA float that the Kilgore family helped

to put together and the FFA members handed out candy to the parade goers. Then there were 10 members that stayed to help with kids' games and activities as a yearly community service project. The kids could play on the bouncy houses that were at the Oak-

wood Park along with other games. Our members really enjoyed helping and celebrating Oakwood homecoming. It was such a fun and great opportunity for the FFA Chapter to support our local community and learn by the FFA motto of living to serve!

PAULDING FFA PARENT/MEMBER MEETING IS A SUCCESS!



Pictured here left to right is the Paulding FFA Officer team. Back row: Johnny Lipps and Blake Rhonhouse. Front row: Tori Schlatter, Myrriah Manz, Brooke Kilgore, Grace Goings, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Brooklyn Schlatter and Addison Hunt.

By: Paulding FFA Reporter, Addison Hunt

This past Tuesday, August 27th, the Paulding FFA Chapter held its first meeting of the 2024-2025 school year. The kickoff meeting included both FFA members and their parents, so they could learn a little more about FFA from the advisors and the officer team. At this meeting, there were over 200 members and parents in attendance along with many FFA Alumni members.

First, everyone enjoyed sausage sandwiches prepared by Alumni members. This year the officers decided to have a more non-traditional meeting to make it more hands-on and exciting. The meeting was arranged into four stations. Two of the stations consisted of officers explaining different CDE's with hands-on activities, another station went over the calendar with the advisors, and the other station was headed by the Alumni to explain to the

parents all the support they give us and how to get involved in the Alumni. They also gave parents and members an opportunity to view our new wall of fame featuring our past State and American FFA degree recipients.

This meeting provided an excellent opportunity for parents and students to better know this year's officers, advisors, and the program. Overall, the meeting was very successful and the Paulding FFA is ready for the exciting year of FFA events to begin!

PARKVIEW HEALTH RECOGNIZED AGAIN WITH NRC HEALTH EXCELLENCE IN PATIENT EXPERIENCE AWARD

Parkview Health has been once again honored by NRC Health with the 2024 Excellence in Patient Experience Award, marking the second consecutive year Parkview has been recognized among top-performing hospitals

and health systems in the nation for their excellence in delivering outstanding patient experiences across the continuum of care.

Parkview Health was selected as the No. 1 overall medium-sized hospital network by NRC Health, while Parkview Ortho Hospital was also selected as the top specialty hospital.

Recipients join an elite group of winners who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to improving the care experience, earning top care satisfaction ratings from patients and their families. Winners are annually selected based on receipt of exceptional, real-time patient feedback using Net Promoter Scores (NPS). NPS is a standardized index that measures customer satisfaction and loyalty.

The Excellence in Patient Experience Award is given to a hospital system or individual facility based on size. Parkview Health won this year's medium health system award, given to one provider with five to 24 hospitals measuring across the continuum of care.

The specialty hospital award was given to one winner out of 147 eligible facilities served by NRC Health. The award is based on scores for the "Would Recommend Facility" question in patient surveys during the time period of April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

Surveys are an important tool for Parkview's Patient Experience team, which utilizes that feedback to recognize service lines that are providing an exceptional experience for their patients, uncover challenges, or make improvements.

"This recognition is special because it comes as a direct result of the experiences that our patients have at our many Parkview facilities," said Dena Jacquay, chief administrative officer, Parkview Health. "These excellent experiences - whether at our top specialty hospitals like Parkview Ortho Hospital to our community facilities or numerous physician offices - don't happen without the dedication, skill and compassionate care of our more than 16,000 co-workers. We work every day to provide high-quality care, an excellent experience and great value to every person who trusts us as their healthcare provider of choice."

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PJHS AUGUST PAULDING PRIDE CARD WINNERS



Each month students at Paulding Junior High School (PJHS) earn Paulding Pride cards for going above and beyond what is normally expected of Paulding Junior High students. Shown in the picture are the Paulding Pride card drawing winners for the month of August. From left, the students are: Brantley Turner (Grade 6); Jezaih Seba Fuentes (Grade 8); and Brayden Keeling (Grade 7).

THIS WEEK ON PCBW: HEATHER SHERBURN (HIDN TREASURES)



Hear about one of Paulding County's new businesses, Hidn Treasures. This business is located at 1007 North Williams Street in Paulding. Not only are there more than 50 individual vendors located in this space, they also offer a U-Haul rental for all your rental hauling needs.

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vendor to distribute, collect, aggregate and analyze responses from post-visit questionnaires completed with patients via email, text or phone. Patients provide ratings for different aspects of their recent visit and also have the opportunity to add comments about their experience. In 2023, more than 277,000 patient surveys were completed by patients. A few examples are provided below:

"Not only did I receive excellent care but noticed how well the staff worked together as a team to help resolve my issues," wrote a patient at the Parkview Hospital Randallia emergency department. "They were very forthcoming and advised me step by step what would happen next. I never thought being in an ER would be an excellent experience, but the staff exceeded that."

"The care I received was empathetic and caring, top-notch," wrote a Parkview Bryan Hospital emergency department patient. "The nurse was knowledgeable and one of the BEST in pa-

tient care. It was also evident the collaboration and teamwork amongst the staff. It felt as if patient care was valued, and everyone worked together to achieve that goal."

Parkview has repeatedly been recognized as both a top health system for patients and a top employer. Parkview Regional Medical Center and Parkview Ortho Hospital were recognized on the U.S. News and World Report Best Hospital lists; while Parkview Health has been named a Most Loved Workplace in 2023 and 2024, an Inspiring Workplace, a Top Place to Work in Healthcare and a Best-in-State Employer.

"The outstanding dedication Parkview Health has shown in understanding patient needs and elevating their experience truly reflects NRC Health's mission to infuse human understanding into healthcare," stated Helen Hardy, chief customer officer at NRC Health. "This significant achievement is the result of a collective team effort. Congratulations to Parkview for this remarkable success!"

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On behalf of Paulding EMS, we want to give a special "shout out" to McDonalds for generously donating breakfast sandwiches to all of us who were working at the fire in Paulding on Sunday, September 1st. That act of kindness was appreciated by our Paulding Firefighters, Antwerp Firefighters, Payne Firefighters, Paulding EMS, Deputies and Police on scene, and our Dispatchers working at the Sheriff's Office. The extra boost of nutrition and kindness is what we all needed to keep working until the job was done. There are many benefits to living in a small community and this is certainly one of them! Thanks again, McDonalds!!

—Karen Schlatter
Paulding EMS Secretary

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

COLLAPSE OF AN EMPIRE

So, you weak unchangeable liberals have decided to vote for Kamala Harris, no matter the cost. Oh, you didn't know there would be a cost. That just shows that you don't pay attention to our government, especially today's evil communist loving Democrat party.

What has Kamala done to improve your daily life? Right, absolutely nothing. Has she done anything that changed your life? I heard you say nothing. I guess you must have been sleeping as she allowed 10-20 million illegals enter where our border once was. If you make this mistake, it could be the last one you will ever make, because this one is likely to turn into a communist nation. That's no joke. You have no idea who you are dealing with.

Just remember that it was anti-God, atheist democrats who took God away from our youth. That move was what shoved us over the hill headed for total failure. I realize many of you probably can't believe that and if you are one of them please answer this. Can you name one

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country that has been more admired and prosperous than that of our United States? Can you name any country more willing to help those in need around the world than Christian America? Can you name one without God's help?

If you were not so blind like the Bible says for the end times, you might be able to understand that Satan has his hold on you and Satan won't let go. Do you really wish to have all of our kids and future generations come under communist control, because that is exactly what will probably happen if you vote for Kamala. She has yet to say anything as to how she is going to change all of the damage she and Biden have heaped on us.

Democrats frequently say, "Don't mix religion with politics." There are two reasons they say that. The first being is because they wish to rule a nation of "stupid." Why else do you think they allowed millions of illegals, ignorant of your ways and faith?

The second reason being they are terrified of God and what a faith in God can do for people. It helps them envision both God and Satan. I'm sorry you liberals are so very blind.

If you should wish to know the truth about America, and not just what liberals want you knowing, read the book "Original Intent" by David Barton. I've had my copy almost 25 years. Mr. Barton did a super job in researching this book. He was much sought after as a speaker for his great knowledge.

Now if you don't wish to know the truth concerning America's birth and growth,

just stay in your blind little cocoon where today's Democrats want you. Keep reading, you are going to get a little bit anyway.

Our Bible, the one your Democrat party hates, was once required reading in public schools. In simple language, today's Democrat leaders just plain hate God's morality because people can think for themselves and it goes against their barbaric Atheist belief that nothing can be above them.

How many of you Democrats read the Bible, attend church and say you believe in God and vote for a Democrat. It is no wonder the Bible says many will be blind to truth and right in the "end times." America's Democrat party is the world's leader supporting immoral and anti-God anything. They are Satan's greatest warriors in his drive to be your God. You had better believe that because it happens to be true.

This isn't your Truman and Kennedy Democrat party anymore. That party is gone forever. It was stolen by communist believing Atheist who will eventually rule like those in Russia and China. In my mind I feel Obama would fit in as leader of that "hate America party."

Let's look at a few good Americans. George Washington's first act as president was to take "all of congress" to church for two hours of prayer and thanksgiving. He also said "religion and morality are indispensable supports for political prosperity."

We've had that God supported prosperity for almost 250 years. I pray we won't throw that away in our 2024 election.

Thomas Jefferson didn't believe our liberties as a nation could remain if we didn't believe that they are a gift from God. And as Dwight Eisenhower said, "We wouldn't have an American form of government or an American way of life, without God."

If you Democrats are half as smart as you think you are, why did you allow your party choice to be appointed and not elected, as has been past policy? I'll bet you allowed your anti-God, anti-free Obama to have too much control. I believe Obama is Satan's top general in destroying our free world.

I'm going to end with this: I personally believe that your smooth talking Obama is Satan's most loyal general in America. Why did Obama send his well armed "goon squad" to invade President Trump's home and have him arrested in the early morning hours on made up charges.

Why did Obama use the same dirty tactics years before to get the Illinois governor out of his hair. He had his "goon squad" back then and this was early morning in front of his kids. He spent eight years in prison on similar false charges like hung on Trump. Democrats think he is great, while I see a very evil being.

Please research before you vote. If you are a Christian it is your duty to vote. If you don't or it is wrong, it could be America's last.

Richard Mastin
Hicksville, OH

international investments can help diversify your portfolio. When you spread your investment dollars among a variety of investments, you can help reduce the impact of market volatility that might affect one type of asset particularly hard. For example, if you only owned stocks and the market went through one of its inevitable downturns, your portfolio would likely take a bigger hit than if you also owned bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit and other investments. And when you invest internationally, you're adding still another layer of diversification — because in any given year, U.S. stocks may be down while those from other regions of the world could be up. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help protect you somewhat from market movements, it can't guarantee profits or prevent all losses.

Another advantage of international investing is that it can give you more opportunities for growth. You can benefit from taking part in emerging markets that may offer significant growth potential, fueled by rising consumer spending and rapid advances in technology. Of course, you can certainly find many growth-oriented investments in the U.S., but by broadening your outlook to include the whole world, you also widen the playing field for growth possibilities.

While international investing does offer some clear benefits, it also carries some risks, including the following:

- **Currency risk** – The exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies will change constantly. When you invest internationally, this shifting rate can sometimes work in your favor, but it might also reduce your investment returns.
- **Political risk** – Foreign countries may experience political turmoil that could negatively affect their financial markets and the industries and companies in which you're investing.
- **Liquidity risk** – Some foreign markets have lower trading volumes than U.S. exchanges and may be open fewer hours. This can lead to lower liquidity, possibly making it somewhat more difficult for you to move in and out of international investments.

You'll want to weigh the benefits and risks of investing internationally before taking action. You'll also want to think carefully about the percentage of your portfolio that you might want to devote to international investments. There's no one "rule" regarding an appropriate amount because everyone's situation is different. And since it's more challenging to understand the global investment picture, you might want to consult with a financial professional. Still, it's a big world out there — and as an investor, you may want to explore it.

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PORTAGE RIVER FISHING ACCESS TO CLOSE FOR RESURFACING PROJECT

PORT CLINTON, Ohio – The Portage River Fishing Access will close for a resurfacing project Monday, Sept. 9 to Friday, Sept. 13, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. The area will reopen the following weekend.

The Portage River Fishing Access is located about 2 miles west of Port Clinton off of State Route 163. The parking lot, ramp, and access road of the Portage River Fishing Access will be resurfaced using funds from the ODNR and Ohio Department of Trans-

portation (ODOT) joint Roadway Maintenance Program. Through this cooperative agreement, ODOR provides funding, design, and construction administration services to complete roadway improvements at ODNR owned facilities.

Nearby locations to launch a boat during the resurfacing include the Mazurik Lake Erie Access (8957 N. Shore Blvd, Lakeside Marblehead, 43440) or Catawba Island State Park (4049 E. Moore's Dock Rd, Port Clinton, 43452).

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

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.

WBESC MEETING DATE SCHEDULED

The next Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the ESC Conference Room at 835 N Williams St, Paulding, OH.

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

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

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

Cecil: 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Scott: Scott Post Office

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

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

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

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

SHOULD YOU BE A GLOBAL INVESTOR?

Investment opportunities don't stop at the U.S. border. But what should you know about investing internationally?

To begin with, what is an international investment? Essentially, it's an investment in companies based outside the United States. Investors can purchase individual foreign stocks, but many people choose international mutual funds or international exchange-traded funds (ETFs), which can be traded like stocks and track a specific market index. It's also possible to invest in bonds issued by foreign governments or entities. However, investors should typically focus on diversified funds and ETFs for international exposure in their portfolios.

When you invest internationally, you can receive at least two key benefits. First,

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SWEET 16 CONTEST BY RUSTIC COMFORT PHOTOGRAPHY



Makayla Carr, Paulding High School; Jada Rau, Ayersville High School; Vivianna King Meyeku, Defiance High School; Alexa Greve, Ayersville High School; Darcy Taylor; Estie Pease, Paulding High School; and Skylah Dean, Ayersville High School. Missing is Tia Mendez, Paulding High School. Photo by Jamie Merriman, Rustic Comfort Photography, Paulding Ohio.



Miss Vivianna King Meyeku. Photo by Jamie Merriman, Rustic Comfort Photography, Paulding Ohio.

In March of this year Rustic Comfort Photography proprietor, Jamie Merriman, started taking applications for their 2nd Annual Sweet 16 Contest. Last year, they had seven girls participate, and this year there were eight. The girls are from anywhere in the tri-county area. Each girl had a session fee, but most all had either the whole or partial fee paid for by a donation from Red Angel Pizza in Paulding, OH. The girls all received a single session at various times and locations starting in April of this year. Then they had a group session that was kindly donated by "The Promise we Make" Wedding venue in Montpelier Ohio. It was the most fun time, with parents and kids alike getting to meet each other.

The rules are pretty simple

– the girl has to be 16 between December of last year, to this year. Each girl learns to fill out a small bio about themselves and turn it back in to Rustic Comfort Photography. Then on Saturday, August 17th a small party was held with a meal for the girls at the home of Merriman. There were three judges that are unknown and unannounced to the contestants prior to the contest. Each girl spent approximately 15 minutes with the judges being interviewed. "This portion of the contest is so important in my opinion," Merriman comments. "It teaches the girls life skills and interview techniques."

The judges then score each girl in categories like preparation, kindness, speaking, etc. Those scores were held until the end of the contest. Part two began on August 20th and ran on Rustic Comfort Photography Facebook page for five days where a different photo of each girl was posted every day, and it was voted on by the public, and tallied at the end of the five days. The votes were added to the interview scores and it was exciting to announce the winner and runner up on Sunday, August 25th.

Congratulations to this

year's winner — Miss Vivianna King-Mayeku from Defiance High School. She is the daughter of Katrina King. Runner Up, Miss Alexa Greve, is from Ayersville High School. The winner receives a \$400 Scholarship and a Full senior photo package with Rustic Comfort Photography, and Runner up receives a \$200 Scholarship and a partial senior package. Their scholarships will be given when they verify the college in which they enroll, or a trade school or other



Miss Alexa Greve. Photo by Jamie Merriman, Rustic Comfort Photography, Paulding Ohio.

higher learning after graduation.

Merriman stated, "I want to thank the small businesses that supported me again this year, they have been incredible — Red Angel Pizza, Fuel Good Energy, Gal Nail, Landing Strip, Charloe Sno Cone, Sandy Seibert Cakes, Downtown Roots Salon, Lavender Moon massage Therapy, Paulding Pancake House. They are the best!"

BOYS GOLF TEAMS LEARN TOURNEY SITES

The Northwest District Athletic Board of the Ohio High School Athletic Association released the 2024 high

school boys golf tournament sites the upcoming state tournament recently.

Division I sectional action will take place at Stone Ridge Golf Club in Bowling Green as well as Sycamore Springs Golf Course in Findlay.

At Bowling Green, Defiance is the lone local school where the Bulldogs will be joined by Anthony, Clay, Maumee, Perrysburg, Springfield, Sylvania Northview, Sylvania Southview, Toledo Scott, Toledo St. Francis, Toledo St. John's, Toledo Start, Toledo Waite and Toledo Whitmer.

The other Division I sectional features area teams from Celina, Lima Senior, Lima Shawnee and Wapakoneta with that trio meeting up with schools such as Ashland, Findlay, Fremont Ross, Lexington, Mansfield Madison, Norwalk, Sandusky and Tiffin Columbian.

Sectional play in Division I will be held on Wednesday, September 25, with district play at Shawnee Country Club in Lima on Friday, October 4.

Division II sectional play will take place at Moose Landing Country Club outside of Ottawa as well as Woussickett Golf Course at Sandusky.

Making the trip to Putnam County for sectional play will be Bluffton, Coldwater, Elida, Kenton, Liberty Benton, Lima Bath, Napoleon, Ottawa Glandorf, Paulding, St. Marys, Upper Sandusky and Van Wert.

No area schools will participate in the sectional at Sandusky. Both sectional tournaments are slated for Thursday, September 26, with district action on Thursday, October 3, at Maumee Bay State Park Golf Course in Oregon.

Division III is where most local schools are found with sectional action taking place at six different courses in Northwest Ohio on Thursday, September 26.

At Ironwood Golf Course in Wauseon, schools participating in the sectional include Edgerton, Evergreen, Fayette, Hilltop, Liberty Center, Maumee Valley Country Day, Montpelier, North Central, Pettisville, Stryker, Tinora, Toledo Christian and Toledo Emmanuel Christian.

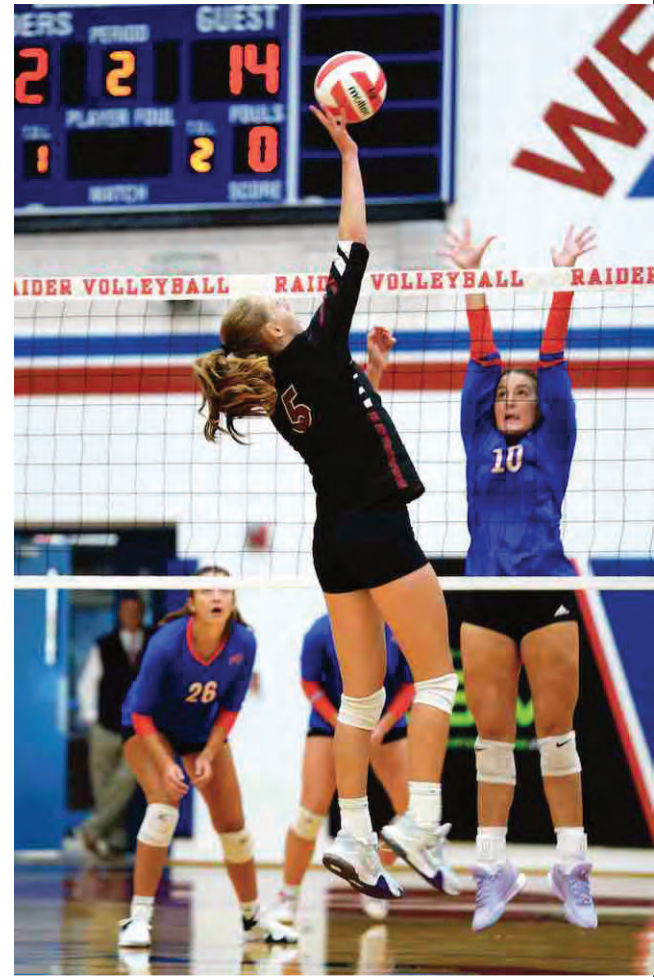
Another sectional will be held at Pike Run Golf Course outside Ottawa, featuring teams from Antwerp, Ayersville, Columbus Grove, Fairview, Fort Jennings, Hicksville, Holgate, Kalida, Leipsic, Miller City, Ottoville, Patrick Henry and Wayne Trace.

A third local sectional takes place at The Colonial Golfers Club in Harrod that includes squads from Allen East, Crestview, Delphos Jefferson, Delphos St. John's, Lincolnview, Marion Local, Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville, Parkway, St. Henry and Waynesfield Goshen.

The remaining trio of sectionals will be played at Sycamore Springs Golf Course in Findlay, Green Hills Golf Course at Clyde and Valley View Golf Course in Crestline.

District play in Division III is scheduled to be held on Thursday, October 3, at Stone Ridge Golf Course at Bowling Green.

PAULDING SQUEAKS BY RAIDERS



Raider Torree Sinn attempts to block Kayleigh Dunham shot as she taps the ball over the net to earn the point against the Raiders. Photo by Harlee Moore.

The Panthers held on to the end and took home the win in Tuesday night's volleyball match up at the Palace. The game started with Paulding taking a loss in the first but came back and took the next three. The Panthers won both VJ and varsity matches.

Varsity - Paulding over Wayne Trace 22-25, 25-15, 25-19, 28-26

Junior Varsity - Paulding over Wayne Trace 25-15, 25-

Paulding Stat Leaders: Brianna Bermejo – 26 digs, four kills; Estie Pease – 25 assists; Kayleigh Dunham – 13 kills, eight blocks; Addison Shull – 21 digs; Marley Parrett – ten aces, eight kills; Tori Schlatter – 19 digs; Grace Goyings – eight assists, one ace; Addison Pease – two aces; Addison Arend – seven kills; Lucy Breier – ten kills

PANTHERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER EAGLES



Paulding junior Blake Rhonehouse adds another touchdown to an already incredible night for the Panthers as they took down North Central in Friday night's game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Paulding defense posted its second consecutive shutout as the Panthers flew past visiting North Central 58-0 in high school football action at Keysor Field Friday night.

Colton Bashore led a strong defensive effort for the Panthers with ten tackles while Jack Woods and Jalen Manz both chipped in a quartet of stops.

Allan Griffiths and Carter Evans each chipped in a trio of tackles as well for Paulding, which limited the Eagles to 31 passing yards and a negative 75 rushing yards. Paulding, meanwhile,

racked up 294 yards of offense in all with 173 coming via the air attack as Colton Hunt completed 14 of 26 passes.

Jordan Manz had seven receptions for 63 yards with one score while Blake Rhonehouse posted five catches for 101 yards and two touchdowns. Jalen Manz added one reception for six yards and Jackson Griffiths picked up one catch for three yards.

Avery Cooper led the Panther rushing attack with 11 carries for 80 yards and two touchdowns while Jalen Manz added three attempts for 20 yards.

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9:30 AM	PAYNE PARK	WT DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT - WT STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO PLAY
11:00 AM	LEGION	LIONS DONUT SALE POKER RUN REGISTRATION
11:30 AM	LEGION	VETERAN MEMORIAL -(POKER RUN) -KICK STANDS UP CRUISE- IN BIG GUYS FIREHOUSE BBQ - 11 AM - 4 PM OR TILL GONE
11:00 AM	DOWNTOWN	KASEY MILLS & HER LEMON SHAKE UP
12:00 PM	LEGION	CANDY FUN RUN & SPRAY HOUSE
3:00 PM	SCHOOL	PARADE LINE UP
3:30 PM	SCHOOL-PARK	PARADE STARTS
4:00 PM	LEGION	JANICE ANNE & POWER TRAIN BOUNCE HOUSES JUSTIN THE CLOWN PETTING ZOO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -BRATS BLESSING, AWARDS & SPEECHES
5:00 PM	LEGION	DINNER -BY PUCKERBRUSH
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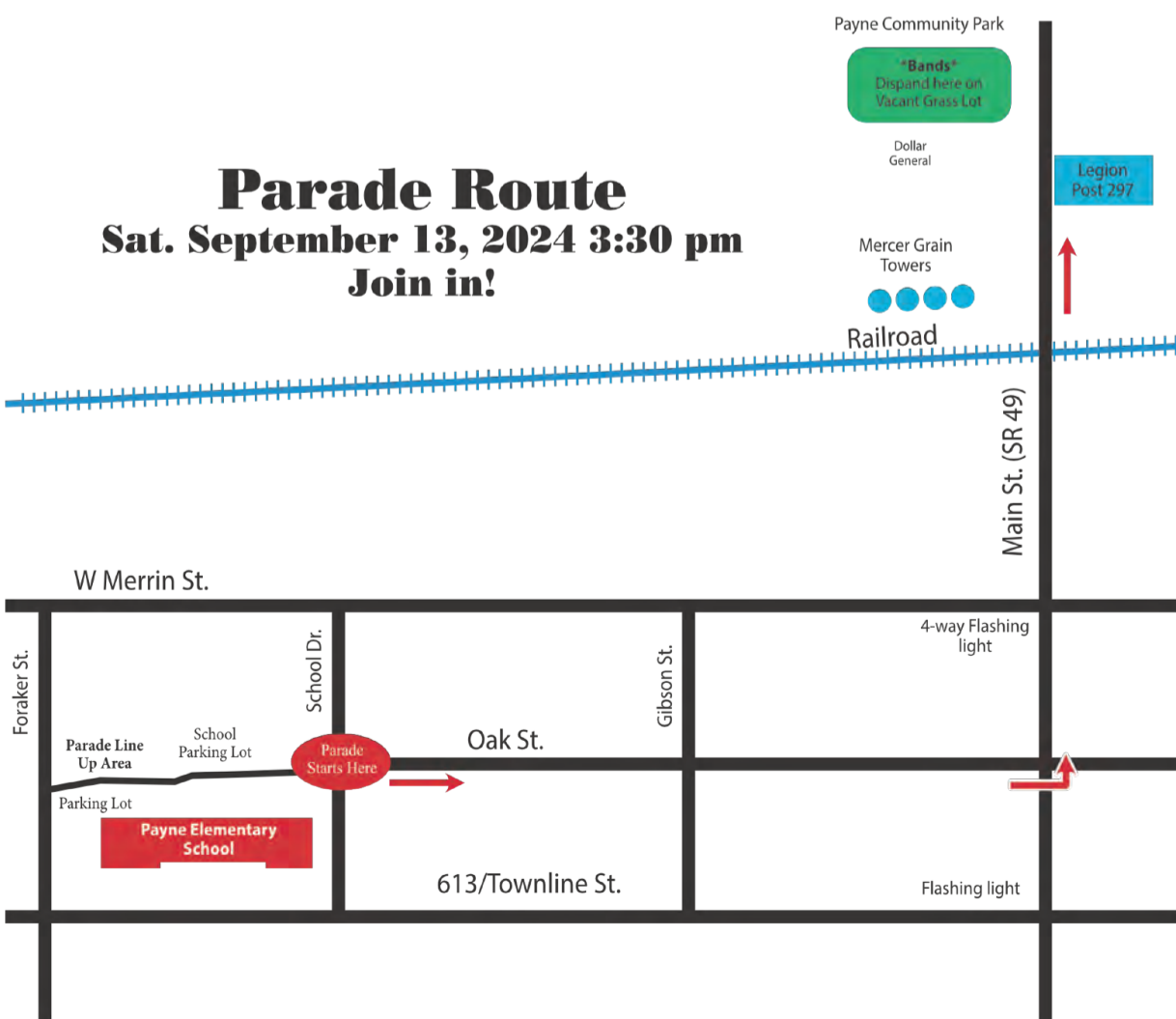
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Steve Kester won the UMP Dirt Late Model feature at Oakshade Raceway. *Charlie Orns Photo*



Jarrett Rendel picks up a victory. *Charlie Orns Photo*



Ryan Davis with the win. *Charlie Orns Photo*

By: Ron Burt

Seventeen year old Zack Wigal scored the biggest win of his career September 1st at Angell Park Speedway in the NOS Energy Drink USAC Racing National Midget championship series. It was night 1 of the 2 night Firemen's Nationals. He started the night quickest in the hot laps. He qualified 4th in qualifying. He started 3rd in the feature and took the lead on lap 5 and never looked back for his 1st USAC National win in his 14th start in the series. One time in the feature the cars went 6 wide in turn one. That's unheard of. Zack gave all the praise to his sponsor the CB Industry and the crew. They've worked all year to help develop his driving skills and helped him adjust to driving

a USAC National Midget. Last year in the tri-state he won the USAC Thunder Midget series. He's come a long way in a very short time. Finishing a close 2nd was Cannon McIntosh, and Logan Seavey made the podium for 3rd. Night number 2 at the Firemen's National back at Angell Park Speedway in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin was won by Cannon McIntosh. After getting the win McIntosh said, "Last night, we were so close." "I was running it with everything I had, and I felt like I got to (Wigal) there in traffic. He just got through a little bit better than me. But I was hungry for it tonight. Everyone I talked to before the race today, I told them I was going for it tonight, and that's what we did. In quali-

fyng, you want to be quick time but when you can qualify around the fifth or sixth spot, it's huge because you get to start on the front row, and we just went all out from there. It feels better to be back on the top step. Podiums are always great, but wins are amazing." Rounding out the podium was Daison Pursley 2nd, and Zach Wigal 3rd.

The USAC Silver Crown cars recently competed in the Ted Horn 100 at Du Quin State Fairgrounds August 31. Justin Grant swept both one mile dirt ovals in Illinois this summer. His first win this summer was in Springfield. This is only the second time someone has done this in the last 15 years. Kody Swanson was 2nd at the Ted Horn 100 and Briggs Danner was 3rd.

Oakshade Raceway finished their season point races for 2024. The track will race several more weeks for special events. It will also let Oakshade drivers visit other speedways. Unofficially earning 2024 Oakshade Raceway track championships were Carter Murday in the Late Models, Ryan Davis in the DCR Graphics Sportsman, Jarrett Rendel in the Dominator Super Stocks and Jason Deshler in the Compacts.

Steve Kester became the only four-time DIRTcar UMP Late Model feature winner of the year at Oakshade Raceway after picking up the checkers in the Season Championship night main event last Saturday. Kester, started on the pole of the 25-lap feature event and led all but one lap. Kyle Moore took advantage of a lap 14 caution and challenged Kester for the lead on the ensuing restart. The two drivers battled side by side for the lead with Moore edging out Kester at the line on lap 15. Kester edged back ahead the following lap and was able to finally get back in front of Moore. A late caution would give Moore another shot with just two laps remaining. Moore was able to hang with Kester when the green flag dropped, but Kester held on to pick up the win. Moore was 2nd, and Rusty Schlenk 3rd. Your nights other feature winners were Sportsmen Ryan Davis, Dominator Stocks Jarrett Rendel, and Sport Compacts Ryan Okuley. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out!

PANTHERS GET TRI-MATCH WIN

In a Green Meadows Conference tri-match at Auglaize Golf Course, the Paulding Panthers posted a victory over Ayersville and Edgerton in high school boys golf action.

The maroon and white totaled a 173 to nip the second place Pilot total of 179 while the Bulldogs finished third with a 226.

Tyler Goyings led Paulding with a 42 while Brandon Schroeder recorded a 43 for the Panthers. Johnny Lipps and Austen Kinder each chipped in a 44 for the maroon and white followed by Zach Barton (46) and Nick Hatcher (49).

Ayersville's Andruie Barrick took match medalist honors with a 38 and Kallen Foreman added a 45 for the Pilots. A.J. Eschbach (47), Dane Ewers (49), Logan Schroeder (51) and Graham

Schlatter (53) completed the scoring for the Defiance County squad.

Edgerton was paced by Jon Cronin with a 49, who was followed by Cole Gary (55), Ian Cronin (58) and Parker Abraham (64).

In the junior varsity portion, Wayne Trace's squad took part as the Raiders defeated the Panthers and the Pilots for the victory.

The red, white and blue posted a 173 in placing first while Paulding was second at 187 and Ayersville took third with a 213.

Tyson Gerber paced Wayne Trace with a 39 while Grayson Sutton and Ryan Parker both recorded a 44. Griffin Williamson (46), Eli Martinez (53), Hunter Peck (64) and Xylem Kashner (80) completed the Raider scoring.

Gannon Parrett led Paulding with a 45 and was followed by Xander Schwab (46), Jack Daeger (47), Cameron Williams (49) and Delaney Dachenhaus (51).

Ayersville scorers were Dillon Phipps (50), Peyton Dunn (52), Evan Wolfrum (55), Jackson Stambaugh (56), Keagon French (68), Quinton Thiel (68) and Hayden Gorrell (70).

BEARCATS RALLY TO NIP WT

Spencerville's Carder Orr converted his fourth extra point kick of the night with 53.9 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter to propel the Bearcats to a 28-27 win over Wayne Trace Friday night in non-league football action.

The visiting Bearcats led 14-7 at the end of one quarter, thanks to a 14-yard interception return by Kolten Grigsby.

Wayne Trace, though, answered with a pair of scores in the second quarter.

Cole Morehead connected with Tyler Head on a 22-yard scoring strike at the 7:07 mark of the period to bring the Raiders into a 14-14 tie.

The red, white and blue then went in front with six seconds left in the first half as Morehead found the end-zone on a 21-yard scamper for a score, putting the Raiders on top 21-14 at the intermission.

After Orr hooked up with Will Sensabaugh on a 17-yard scoring strike to knot the game at 21-21 early in the fourth quarter, Wayne Trace answered with a 51-yard pass from Morehead to Brady Miller that gave the Raiders a 27-21 advantage with 2:23 remaining.

However, Spencerville had one last drive and took advantage of it.

The Bearcats capped the possession on a five-yard plunge by Zach Looser that tied the game at 27-27 before Orr's kick split the uprights for the Spencerville win.

Morehead led the Raider offense with 70 rushing yards while throwing for 178 yards, completing 12 of 31 passes. Head hauled in five receptions for 78 yards for Wayne Trace.

Orr was 8 of 15 through the air for 143 yards for the Bearcats with Looser rumbling for 89 yards on 27 carries. Sensabaugh had four receptions for 79 yards, including a pair of touchdown receptions.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST SPEAKS AT KIWANIS CLUB MEETING



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Mike Zeedyk (Youth for Christ Clubs), as the guest speaker at the September 5, 2024, club meeting. Mike came at the invitation of Kevin Stahl (Stahl Stoller Meyer Insurance, Paulding, Ohio).

Mike spoke to the Kiwanians about the many ser-

vices provided throughout the Youth for Christ Clubs and the benefits that they have on our youth. YFC reaches young people everywhere and helps raise up lifelong followers of Jesus. YFC is kicking off Club 56 and Club 78 for the new school year. YFC offers a variety of activities during the summer and school year.

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BOMBERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER ARCHERS



Archer Junior Dominic Laker gets the tackle against the Bombers in Friday night's Antwerp vs Edon matchup. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Visiting Edon took control in the first quarter and cruised to a 55-6 win over host Antwerp Friday in non-league football action at Archer Field.

Edon scored 28 points in the first quarter and put the game away with 20 more in the second as the Bombers posted a 48-0 halftime advantage.

The Williams County squad scored its final points in the third quarter while the Archers recorded their lone points in the fourth quarter.

Ethan Thomas-Van Kirk ran for 84 yards to lead the Archer offense while Hampton Rogge completed three of four passes for 47 yards. Dayne Sholl, Zac Salas, Brayden Fuller, Tavin Sholl and Jaxon Jones all had receptions for the blue and white.

Edon recorded 11 first downs in the contest compared to six for Antwerp, with the Bombers racking up 307 total yards of offense with the Archers posting 82.

Four players picked up double digits in tackles for the Archers, led by 17 from Michael Rohrs along with 13 each by Jaxon Jones and Zac Salas. Kane Hines also finished with 11 stops for Antwerp.

Derek Hines also had three tackles for a loss for the blue and white while Kayden Winslow, Rohrs, Thomas-Van Kirk, Jones and Keegan Gray-Wycoff all picked up one.

Winslow finished with a pair of interceptions in the contest as well for Antwerp.

SUTTON LEADS WT TO WIN OVER APACHES

Wayne Trace senior Kyle Sutton shot a 32 to lead the Raiders to a 149-197 victory over Fairview in a Green Meadows Conference boys golf match at Harvest Moon Golf Course Tuesday evening.

Brody Rosswurm added a 37 for the red, white and blue with Hayden Holt and Jared Varner both recording a 40. Connor Davis and Konnor Wannemacher chipped in rounds of 44 and 48, respectively, for the Raiders.

Xavier Shininger topped the Apaches with a 45 while Anthony Singer posted a 49 and Drew Ford recorded a 51.

Other black and gold scorers were Reese Winkler (52), Karson Schooley (54) and Jonah Shininger (63).



ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On August 16, the police department was contacted about a person acting belligerent at North Garden Apartments. The officer arrived and talked with the individual until he calmed down.

On August 19, the police department was contacted by Fisher Towing and Recovery. They notified the office that they were retrieving a vehicle on W. River St.

On August 21, while on patrol an officer observed a motorcycle wreck along south Erie St. The officer assisted and the driver was cited for no motorcycle endorsement.

On August 27, a vehicle was stopped for speeding. The driver was cited for speeding and driving under suspension.

On August 30, the police received a complaint in reference to telephone harassment. The individual making the calls was contacted and told to not make calls to the individual anymore.

On August 30, a resident on Mervin St. requested her vehicle be unlocked. The officer responded and assisted with unlocking the vehicle.

On August 30, the Police department received a call in reference to a neighbor being harassed by another resident on North Main Street. The Officer responded and talked to all involved and forwarded a report to the prosecutor.

On August 31, a vehicle was pulled over for a loud exhaust. The driver was cited for the loud exhaust and driving under suspension.

On September 1, a motor vehicle accident was reported at Main Street and Antwerp Drive. An officer responded and, one of the drivers was cited for unassured cleared distance.

On September 1, a resident of South Main Street called and complained about the speakers and thought they should be removed. The officer made a report and forwarded it to the mayor.

On September 2, a resident of North Gardens Apartments called to say a neighbor was playing loud music & being noisy. Officer spoke to neighbor and asked them to keep noise down.

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

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Justin Shelton, Fort Wayne, IN; Drug paraphernalia, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; OVI/under influence, Guilty, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, Operator license suspended 8/27/24 to 8/24/25, Proof of insurance

not provided; Driving under non FRA suspension, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; No tail lights, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Nathan A. Robertson, Paulding, OH; Domestic violence; Count C dismissed per state, Costs to defendant

Harley D. Richards, Paulding, OH; Domestic violence, Guilty, 90 days jail, 78 days suspended, Defendant to pay all costs, Placed on standard probation, 20 hrs community service, No contact with victim, Evaluation at Westwood, Risk assessment, Proof of employment, Work on obtaining a valid operator's license; Criminal damage, Count B dismissed, Costs to defendant

Trey M. Hernandez, Oakwood, OH; OVI under influence, Count A dismissed, OVI/breath(low), Guilty, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, ALS terminated, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Kristin D. Richards, Defiance, OH; OVI/under influence, Guilty, 30 days jail suspended, Operator license suspended 7/7/24 to 7/7/25, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail or install IID, ALS terminated, License suspended may be reduced to 6 months with IID; Marked lanes, Count B dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Count C dismissed

Bailey L Ripke, Oakwood, OH; Physical control, Guilty, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, ALS terminated, Driving privileges valid until reinstated at the BMV, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; No tail lights, Count B dismissed

Justin Shelton, Fort Wayne, IN; seat belt; Guilty Mary A. Baughman, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Damion P. Bell, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct (2 counts); Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior Amarjijt S. Dhillon, Brampton, ON; Cross divided highway; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Walter Mansfield Jr., Antwerp, OH; Seat Belt; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Mindy Hernandez, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

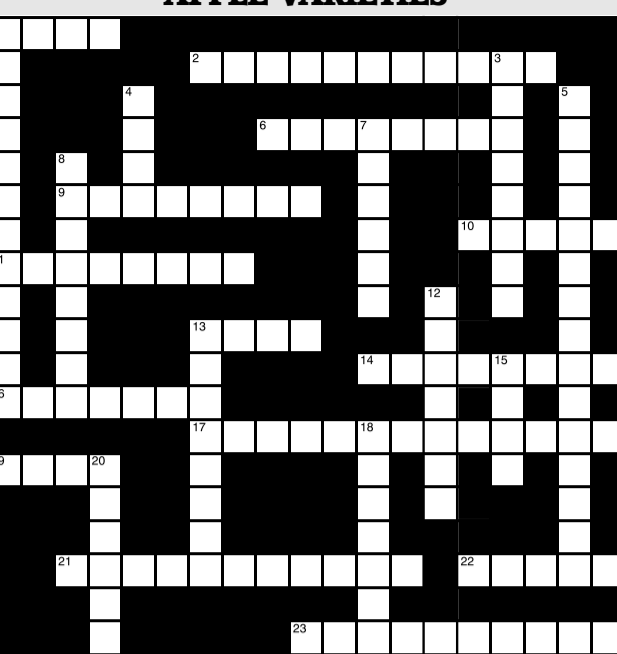
David J. Blrammuni, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jonathan A. Dotson, Arlington, TX; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Stacie M. Belcher, Cecil, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle

APPLE VARIETIES



Across

1. A firm apple, often used in baking due to its ability to hold shape.
2. A late-season apple, prized for baking due to its tartness and firm texture.
6. Known for its balanced flavor of sweet and tart.
9. A juicy apple with a tart flavor, often used in pies.
10. Sweet with a hint of citrus, and it stays fresh longer than many other varieties.
11. Great for salads, as it resists browning after being sliced.
13. A crunchy and tangy-sweet apple, originally from New Zealand.
14. A blend of Jonathan and Golden Delicious apples, sweet with a hint of tartness.
16. A tart and firm apple, often used in cider making.
17. A dark-skinned apple with a dense, crisp texture and tart flavor.
19. An early-season apple with a tart flavor, often used in applesauce.
21. Known for its tart flavor

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Down

3. A crisp apple with a tart flavor and pinkish hue.
4. A very sweet apple originating from Japan.
5. A yellow apple known for its sweet and mild flavor.
7. A cross between McIntosh and Red Delicious, known for its crisp texture.
8. A sweet apple with a honeyed flavor and low acidity.
12. An old variety known for its spicy, wine-like flavor.
13. A red apple with a tart and tangy flavor, often used in baking.
15. A sweet, crisp apple that's popular for snacking.
18. A sweet, small apple with a red color and crisp texture.
20. Known for its firm flesh and tangy flavor, good for baking.

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On September 1, 2024 at about 07:52 hours the Paulding Fire Department along with the Paulding Police Department and Paulding EMS were dispatched to 609 W. Perry Street in the Village of Paulding, Ohio for a 2 story structure fire. Al were advised that there was possibly a male barricaded inside of the residence. Upon arrival there was heavy flames and smoke coming from the residence. Firefighters used an exterior attack to knock the fire down while other crews worked on gaining entry through the barricaded entry doors. Once inside Firefighters located a male body on the ground level of the residence. The male was identified as Daniel Lee Kent age

47 who lived at the residence. Kent will be taken to Toledo for an autopsy to determine the cause of death. The fire remains under investigation by the Ohio State Fire Marshall's Office along with the Paulding Police Department. Assisting at the scene were the Antwerp Fire Department, Payne Fire Department, Paulding Police Department, Paulding EMS, Ohio State Fire Marshall's Office, Paulding County Sheriff's Office and American Electric Power Co.

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COLUMBUS, OH—Buckeye Power, Inc. was one of 16 electric cooperatives selected nationwide to receive a portion of \$7.3 billion to build additional renewable energy projects to power Ohio's 24 electric cooperatives. During a visit to Wisconsin today, President Joe Biden and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack will formally announce the 16 cooperatives selected to receive the financing through the Empowering Rural America (New ERA) program, which is part of President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act. The program received 157 letters of interest for 750 projects across the country. Buckeye Power, Inc. is honored to have its proposed projects selected.

"Buckeye Power will use the New ERA funds to deploy 36MW of renewable energy

and 80 MWH of energy storage across rural Ohio, in conjunction with closure of Cardinal Unit 3," said Pat O'Loughlin, President and CEO of Ohio's Electric Cooperatives and Buckeye Power, Inc. "We anticipate this will further lower our carbon footprint by 1.9 million tons annually and reduce power generation rates paid by our members into the future—all while supporting our commitment to provide reliable, affordable environmentally responsible electricity to cooperative members. Buckeye looks forward to working with its members to finalize the community benefit plans associated with these projects."

The funding supports Ohio's Electric Cooperatives' and Buckeye Power's mission to deploy an all-of-the-above approach to power genera-

tion. Current generation assets include coal-fired generation, natural gas, hydropower, solar, wind, and biogas from farms and landfills.

"The Inflation Reduction Act makes the largest investment in rural electrification since FDR and the New Deal in the 1930s," said John Podesta, Senior Advisor to the President for International Climate Policy. "Today's awards will bring clean, affordable, reliable power to rural Americans all across our nation."



CIVIL WAR PROGRAM FEATURING GENERAL ULYSSES S. GRANT AT ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Civil War Round Table of Northeast Indiana will host Curt Fields, portraying General Ulysses S. Grant on Monday September 9th at the Allen County Public Library downtown in Room A at 6:30 p.m.

Admission is FREE and open to the public. Curt Fields, known for his portrayal and likeness of General Grant will talk about Grant's involvement at Vicksburg and Chattanooga and his relationship with William Tecumseh Sherman.

Whether you are a Civil War enthusiast or just interested in being entertained, Curt captures not only Grant's personality but transcends a moment in time. He makes the past live again. One of most realistic authentic presenter's you may ever see.

KNIGHTS SWEEP PAST ARCHERS

In a non-league volleyball battle, host Crestview cruised to a sweep of visiting Antwerp with the Knights winning all five sets played on the

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2025 SCHOLARS IN AGING PROGRAM



Applications are now open for the 2024-25 Ohio Scholars in Aging program are now open, and the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA), in conjunction with the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education (OAGE), encourages interested students to sign up for this unique opportunity.

For more than a decade, ODA and OAGE have teamed up to offer the Ohio Scholars in Aging program for undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in an accredited Ohio educational institution. Participants will learn about aging-related policymaking, establish professional contacts, and gain career knowledge and skills in the field of aging by completing an internship or a community project, attending ODA and OAGE events, and making a presentation for state leaders on aging.

Participating students who complete all program requirements will each earn a stipend of \$2,000, and there is no direct cost to students for participating.

"The Scholars in Aging program is a tremendous way to open a pathway for the

next generation of problem-solvers in the field of aging," said ODA Director Ursel J. McElroy. "Ohio's population of older adults continues to grow at a faster rate than any other age group, and the state will need tomorrow's leaders and policymakers to have a passion for meaningful work in aging. Ohioans everywhere will benefit from fresh ideas they will bring forward in the future."

Ten students will be selected for this year's program, which is free and open to emerging professionals in a variety of careers. These can include students of nutrition and allied health sciences, city and regional planning, gerontology, social work, or other relevant focus areas.

Applications are due by Friday, Nov. 8, 2024.

Apply now!

"We are excited to welcome this year's cohort of Scholars," said Jennifer M. Kinney, PhD., OAGE president and professor of sociology and gerontology at Miami University. "While in the program, they will learn about Ohio's rich aging network. After the program, we hope they will stay in Ohio and join other alumni Schol-

ars working with and on behalf of Ohio's aging population."

Of the students who participated in the Scholars in Aging program in 2024, 90% said the program influenced their career decision to pursue working with older adults in some way. All of last year's cohort are continuing to further their education in fields that relate to aging or are now employed in the aging network. Additionally, all participants reported they were "very satisfied" with their experience and would recommend the program to others.

Each participant must invest a time commitment of at least 45 hours to their project. In addition, participants must attend two full days of in-person learning sessions, two partial days of virtual learning sessions, attend an all-day experience at their local Area Agency on Aging (AAA), and participate in a poster presentation session at the OAGE Conference in March 2025 at Bowling Green State University.

For more information, including the scheduled dates for the 2025 sessions, visit www.aging.ohio.gov/scholarsinaging.

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evening.

The Lady Knights rolled to a 25-9, 25-14 and 25-17 win in the varsity match while Crestview posted a 25-22, 28-26 victory in the junior varsity match.

Caroline Rohrs picked up twenty digs for the Archers, who fall to 2-5 on the season, while Briley Bagley recorded fourteen digs and one kill.

Emery Jones chipped in five digs for Antwerp with Maddy Peters posting six digs, one kill and one block with

Amelia Graham totaling six digs, five kills and one ace. Faith Clem added three digs and two kills for the Lady Archers and Alexis Otto picked up two kills as well.

Haydyn Lengacher also finished with two digs, one kill, one block and one ace.

Kaci Gregory recorded two aces for Crestview with Adeilyn Figley totaling nineteen kills while Kennedy Crier added fifteen. Lillie Best chipped in six slams for the Lady Knights and Emily Lichte dished out thirty-seven assists.

Ellie Kline picked up sixteen digs to top the Van Wert County squad with Haley McCoy recording three blocks. Best and Figley also had two blocks apiece for the Lady Knights.

Crestview's varsity and junior varsity teams are now 2-2 overall on the season.

WARRIORS USE EARLY LEAD TO POST WIN

Woodlan scored 15 first-quarter points and the Warriors never looked back in recording a 34-20 week two victory over Central Noble in high school football action.

The Warriors led 15-0 at the end of one quarter and took a 21-6 advantage into the midway point of the contest.

Woodlan put the game away in the third quarter with two more scores, expanding the margin to 34-6, before Central Noble picked up a pair of scores in the final period to set the final at 34-20. The Cougars, who ran 61

plays compared to Woodlan's 47, fall to 0-2 on the season while the Warriors are now 1-1 this year.

Brody Morgan finished 21 of 29 through the air for Central Noble, throwing for 239 yards and one touchdown. Conner Fish topped the Cougars with six receptions for 72 yards with Porter Kleeberg and Elias Antunez each hauling in four catches.

Woodlan was paced by Shaiden Snyder, who rumbled for 191 yards on seven carries and two touchdowns.

Drew Fleek added 75 yards on 13 carries for the Warriors while quarterback Ty Loudon was just two of three passing for 21 yards. Carter Fleek had both receptions for Woodlan.

Topping the Warrior defense was Emmerson Spieth, who totaled a dozen tackles, while Eli Funk recorded ten and Drew Fleek posted eight.

LADY PANTHERS ROLL OVER WILDCATS

In a varsity only matchup of former Northwest Conference rivals, the Paulding Lady Panthers coasted to a straight-set victory over Delphos Jefferson Thursday evening at the 'Jungle.'

The maroon and white took the opening set 25-15 and never looked back from there, rolling to a 25-9 win in game two. Paulding then closed out the match by posting a 25-18 victory over Delphos Jefferson in the third set.

Tori Schlatter posted a team high twenty-two digs to

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A young boy was well liked by his peers, and his parents thought he had real talent. Turned out he like to cook. His brother became sick, which required the full attention of his mother, so he took over the task of cooking for his family. She would tell him the basic outline of what ingredients to use, but he would use his imagination.

He became quite proficient at cooking and everyone seem to like his food. He cooked the white variety of pork, chicken, seafood. He took home again high school and it became embarrassing because he could cook much better than the teacher. Seemed this boy was on his way to becoming a Master chef. But something got in the way.

He joined the army and found out he was exceptional there where he rose to the highest rank possible, a five-star general. You know I him as the commander of the allied troops in Europe in World War II. After the war he became president of Columbia University and then president of the United States, Dwight David Eisenhower.

My dad was keenly interested in politics, even though his church believed at that time that you shouldn't vote. When he passed we found a framed picture of Eisenhower

in The upstairs Hall. Eisenhower was the developer of the interstate highway system. He believed that in case of War we needed to get to either coast quickly. When I first drove we would go to Pokagon on Indiana 427, then just a few years later on I-69.

I would like to wax political about that era of time. I believe the first time I voted was the election of 1960. At that time we felt there was corruption in the election. Illinois was a swing state and we believed that Kennedy won because Chicago voted dead people. This was during the mayor daily era when he ruled Chicago. It would take considerable effort to keep the voting rolls and good order.

Then in 1964 Nixon finally won the presidency, and in 68 he won a second term. I have always wondered if he didn't get a bad deal by being forced to resign. I'm not sure what Watergate was all about, but in all of the newscasts all you heard was Watergate until you were overcome by it. I felt the judge acted against the law, when he ordered Nixon to turn in his tapes.

According to article 5 of The Constitution, you are not required to provide evidence that might incriminate you. Watching judge Judy, the defendant is not required to provide any evidence. The the evidence is the sole responsibility of the prosecution, and they have the burden of proof. In other words in our country you are innocent until proven guilty.

I guess many things that happen that appear to change history. I know of at least one president that has done some terrible things and was allowed to remain in office, which seemingly no repercussions. I guess I have always felt sorry for Dick and Pat.

lead the way for the maroon and white with Addison Shull chipping in a dozen digs.

Grace Goyings dished out eight assists for the Lady Panthers with Libby Breier picking up eight digs and Lucy Breier totaled eight kills.

Schlatter also finished with six slams for Paulding while Goyings totaled four aces and Marley Parrett had six kills.

Brianna Bermejo topped the Lady Panthers with nine kills and Estie Pease dished out nine assists. Kayleigh

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Dunham finished with seven blocks to aid the maroon and white cause while Goyings totaled four aces.

Addison Arend also had a pair of assists for the Panthers.

BASSETT RECORDS FOUR INTERCEPTIONS IN ACES WIN

Parker Bassett hauled in four interceptions in leading the Hicksville Aces to a 22-6 victory over visiting Swanton Friday night in non-league high school football action in Defiance County.

The Aces held a slim 8-6 lead at the end of one quarter before adding eight second quarter points and six fourth quarter points to wrap up the victory.

Cross Zeedyk rumbled for 139 yards on the ground and scored twice to top the Hicksville offensive attack.

Brant Langham added 32 rushing yards to go along with six receptions for 58 yards to aid the Hicksville attack while scoring one touchdown. Langham also ran in a pair of two-point conversions for the Aces.

Garrett Turnbull completed 17 of 30 passes to lead the Hicksville offense, throwing for 203 yards with one touchdown pass and one interception.

Bronson Graber totaled 11 tackles for the Aces defense with Zeedyk picking up seven while Langham, Bassett and Deacon Bell finished with five apiece.

ANTWERP XC TEAM COMPETES AT COLUMBUS GROVE

Saturday, August 31, the Antwerp Archer Cross Country teams competed at the Columbus Grove Invitational.

The Varsity Boys started off the day strong and placed 12th out of 26 schools. They were led by Kamren Johnson with a 32nd place finish. He was followed by the pack of Gage Barker, Tucker Doster, Bryce-ton Barker, Aiden Hook, Isaac Buhner, Camden Herber, and Levi Shelton.

The Varsity Girls ran next and placed 8th out of 26 schools. The Lady Archers were led by Leigha Doster who finished 31st. She was followed closely by Reese Durbin, Gabby Snyder, Alia Clem, Emily Laker, Raelynne Zuber, Annaliese Zijlstra, and Elle Clem.

Junior high ran next and the Lady Archers ran very well with all of them running either season bests or all time

personal bests! They placed 13th out of 50 schools. They were led by Gianna Laker, who was followed closely by Annabelle Mowery, Brooklyn Lawson, Charlotte Hook, Heidi Rice, and Aleta Sorrell.

Rounding out the day were the junior high boys. They both ran personal bests with Marshall Rice leading the way, followed closely by Krayston Eicher.

GAULT PUSHES CADETS OVER ARCHERS

In a tight non-league boys golf match, a 39 from Austin Gault propelled the Hilltop Cadets to a 169-170 win over Antwerp Tuesday night at Patriot Hills Golf Club.

Gault's 39 nipped Antwerp's Braylen Moreno, who carded a 40, for medalist honors in the match.

Jordan Schaffner added a 42 for the Cadets with Lakota Siegel chipping in a 43 and Peyton Stocklin carded a 45.

The Archers got identical scores in their two through four slots with Zaine McMichael posting a 42 followed by Draven Baumert at 43 and Dylan Hahn with a 45. Griffin Kosch and Drew Eaken also totaled scores of 54 apiece for Antwerp.

LADY ARCHERS TAKE THIRD

WOODBURN – Patrick Henry shot a 178 to win a tri-match over Defiance and Antwerp in girls golf action at Pond-A-River Golf Course Tuesday night.

The Lady Patriots defeated the Bulldogs by six strokes as Defiance took second with a 184. Antwerp was third with a 224.

Madison Schmidt had a 53 to lead the way for the Lady Archers while Ava Coney chipped in a 56 and Kara Pierce posted a 57.

Other scorers for Antwerp included Lyla Clem (58), Miley Jewell (62), Sara Farr (63) and Maylynn Carnahan (68).

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: LADY BULLDOGS SLAM BRAVES

New Haven Girls Varsity Volleyball beat Blackhawk Christian in a 3-2 match up on Thursday, September 5th.

New Haven game stats: Kills – A. Webb/A. Koepke, 12ea; I. Medina, 10

Assists – S. Smith, 40
 Digs – P. Wittingham, 24
 Blocks – A. Webb/A. An-nika, 2ea

Aces – A. Low, 4
 Box Scores:
 25-16NH, 21-25BHC, 25-22NH, 23-25BHC, 19-17NH

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2024 STEAM ON THE QUAD

STEAM on the Quad will return to The Ohio State University at Lima for its eighth year from 1:00-4:00 p.m., Sunday, September 29, 2024.

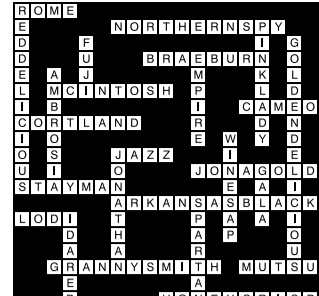
STEAM on the Quad is aimed at kids in grades K-8 and built to improve their knowledge and interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Humanities, and Math through hands-on activity. A variety of activities will be hosted by the 4-H programs of Putnam, Hardin, Allen, Hancock, Lucas, Auglaize and Logan counties; the Ohio State Lima departments of education, earth sciences, English and theatre; and a variety of student clubs, community businesses and organizations. Among the 30 stations, an Ohio State alumna will bring some special guests from the Johnny Appleseed Metroparks for "Goodness Snakes," and event sponsor Charles River Lab will be back with a tentful of activities. Several food trucks are also expected on the grounds.

STEAM on the Quad is free and open to the public. Register online at go.osu.edu/STEAM24.

STEAM on the Quad is a collaboration between Ohio State Lima and the OSU Extension offices in the surrounding areas. The event is presented with support from Charles River Lab.

RICHARD SPIETH COMPLETES TRINE UNIVERSITY DEGREE

ANGOLA, IN, 9/4/2024 – Richard Spieth of Antwerp completed requirements for a degree from Trine University at the end of the Summer 2024



Crossword solution from page 9

term. Spieth earned a degree in Manufacturing Technology at Trine.

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To apply for this position applicants will need to submit the following:

Applications can be picked up at the Hicksville Police Department. You can drop off or mail a Resume to the Hicksville Police Department.

Applicants will have till the end of the business day on September 30, 2024, to submit completed Application or Resume to the Hicksville Police Department, 510 W. High Street, Hicksville, Ohio 43526.

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PC REPUBLICANS GEARED UP FOR ELECTION



The 2024 Republican Headquarters on Perry St next to Past Time Cafe.

The Republicans met on Thursday, September 5 at their temporary headquarters next to Past Time Cafe! The event was filled with numerous people from around the county getting ready for the Lincoln-Reagan Banquet. The Thursday evening banquet has tickets available from Laurie Lucas, Republican Chair. The featured speaker is from the Ohio Press Network, the renowned, Jack Windsor.

Laurie Lucas ordered the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer by Stan Harmon. Jan Coomers gave the secretary's report and read the minutes about the last meeting.

Barry Rupp gave the treasurer's report and mentioned there were deposits and more

bills.

Laurie Lucas discussed the new slate cards. People like them. The Defiance County Republican Party asked that Paulding County's not be similar to theirs, so it was re-designed by West Bend Printing. Lisa McClure hosted Bernie Moreno at the family farm. Senator Jim Jordan spoke at the Paulding Putnam Electric Coop event that took place a couple weeks ago. Ben Shapiro will be in Putnam County at the Knights of Columbus Hall outside of Ottawa, on October 10. Tickets are available at www.putnam-gop.org

The Grand Opening for the Paulding County Republican headquarters is Sunday, September 8; 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The banquet is still needing veteran sponsors at amounts of \$100, \$250, and \$500 are requested.

The headquarters hours are Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m., Thursdays 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m., Fridays 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mike Weible, Paulding County Commissioner, said the OSU Extension building is all being refreshed, and should be ready soon. New TVs, projector and sound system will be coming soon. Dr. Kuhn retired so the county has a couple deputies who are going to be the Coroner in training. Ed Bohn announced his replacement when he retires at the

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964 CELEBRATE 60th REUNION



The Paulding High School Class of 1964 held its 60-year reunion at the Paulding Pancake House on August 24, 2024, followed by a gathering at the home of Ann Thomas Pease. Attending were:

First Row: Darris Albert, Mary Ann Snodgrass Foltz, Ann Thomas Pease, Linda

Miller Schultz

Second Row: Bernadine Gonzales Rodriquez, Maryln Tempel, Joan Minck McBride, Jeannine Minck Miller, Bill Luce, Karan Choate Cox, Karen Witmer Vance, Gretchen Herbst Noneman, Rubey Venglarcik Johnston, Tom Ringley, Andy Warner,

Gary Minck

Third Row: Cara Hyman Strahley, Jill Hoover Baedke (hidden), Kaye Lamond Minck, Marilyn Schaadt Kunesh, Floyd Guffey, Ron Schmidt, Sue Riggenbach Wannemacher

Absent from photo: Mary Ann Price

end of the year. It will be Aaron Timm. A solar field will be put in for the county electricity consumption and there is a 0% USDA loan funding the project. The Senior Center is asking for increasing their half-mil tax to a 1 mil on the ballot. There is a .25 percent reduction in the PCMRDD. Mike also stated there are quite a few levies on the ballot this year.

State Rep. Roy Klopfenstein talked about issue one and why it must be rejected. It will change Ohio votes because of a forced gerrymandering. He also said that getting slate cards out there will be good because we need good Ohio Supreme Court judges.

Stan Harmon gave a report on what is going on with the Board of Elections and how the training is proceeding for this next election

A Republican Board member is needed to be a Central Committee member to eventually replace Dave Cline. Stan said that poll workers are always needed.

The meeting adjourned following a discussion on the Sunday open house.

UPCOMING DEFIANCE COUNTY LIBRARY CLOSURE

All Defiance Public Library System locations, including Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, and Johnson Memorial (Hicksville) libraries, will be closed Wednesday, September 11, for a staff in-service.

S.R. 930 TO CLOSE FOR RAILROAD CROSSING CONSTRUCTION

INDOT announces the closure of State Road 930/Coliseum Blvd in Fort Wayne for railroad construction.

Starting on or after September 11, Norfolk Southern will be working on their grade crossing between Hatfield Rd and Investment Dr. Work is expected to last for approximately eight days. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

During the closure, drivers should use the approved detour of I-69 and U.S. 27/Lima Rd, or seek an alternate route.

INDOT encourages drivers to consider safety for all by slowing down, using extra caution and driving distraction-free when traveling in and around all work zones.

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BUILD YOUR FUTURE



Pictured are (l-r) Jessica Stechsulte, PCED Administrative Assistant; and Tim Cospsey, PCED Executive Director

Paulding - The Van Wert County Economic Development office will be hosting a "Build your Future" event on September 18th, 2024 at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds. All Paulding County schools are invited to attend this year's event. This event will be divided into two sessions - a morning session + afternoon session.

Here's a recap of the event:

Vantage students in Carpentry, Construction, Electricity, Industrial Mechanics, & Welding, along with local business partners & sponsors, provide local freshman & sophomore hands on activities related to the Industrial field. The students work their way through multiple booths featuring different activities where they can weld, frame a wall, use a skid loader, etc.

The event will bring freshman & sophomore students from all three Paulding County high schools to learn about, meet and discuss fu-

ture opportunities with area businesses.

"This event is an opportunity for students to become familiarized with local business and what they do, gain awareness of various careers, get leads on summer employment and much more. We understand that each student is in a different place with job and future education decisions. Our hope with this event is to meet students where they are in that decision process and help provide them with numerous options to consider for their future." stated Economic Development, Administrative Assistant, Jessica Stechsulte.

The event will run 1st session: 9:00-11:00 a.m. 2nd session: 12:00-2:00 p.m. Each school will then bus their students to the event on the hour for forty-five minutes.

Students will be provided with all safety PPE materials needed upon arrival.

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HICKSVILLE ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Tony Slattery was the speaker at the September 2 Hicksville Rotary Club luncheon meeting, introduced by the day's Program Chairper-

son, Kirk Collins. Slattery is a member of the Hicksville Trail Association Board and he talked about the development of the Hicksville Nature Trail, located on Casebeer Miller Road, just south of Haver Drive. Developed on Village land, the trail currently is a 1.5 mile loop, with plans to increase the length of the trail in the coming years.

Having recently received their 501c3 nonprofit status, the Board (Slattery, Dick Altman, Taylor Klepper, and Jennifer Doctor) is excited about funding opportunities and is working toward developing a true nature and educational center.

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