

HOLLY BEACH SPLASH PAD TO BE OPENED!



The Holly Beach Splash pad will soon officially become operational. Final Approvals will open the door for a soft launch in the days to come. Community members are excited for this much anticipated day.

There will be an official opening day ceremony in May of 2025, however the splash pad will remain open through the end of September. We ap-

preciate all the community support and patients throughout this highly detailed and complex project. We thank all of the community members that volunteered their time, resources, and funds to this cause. The Kobee family is thrilled that Holly's memory lives on through bringing cheer to Antwerp's youth. We are approaching the finish line!

SMITTY'S OUTFITTERS LOOKING FOR FLAT ROCK-MAUMEE CLEAN UP VOLUNTEERS

Smitty's Outfitters in Payne, OH are still looking for volunteers for the next two clean up days for the Maumee River and Flat Rock Creek! Smitty's supplies everything you need to help with these projects - boats included! Use the QR code below to sign up to volunteer.

Wanna help with the #H2Ohio River project, but can't make it to our scheduled floats? No Problem! Send a message to Smitty's Outfitters when you can volunteer and your float will be free - all you need to do is bring back a H2Ohio onion bag of river trash.

If you don't want to get in a boat to help, you don't have to! You can walk the trails of the Black Swamp Nature Center for the Flat Rock Creek or along Cecil Bridge, Forders Bridge and Riverside Park for the Maumee River.

There is also some finishing work that still needs done

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2024 CORN MAZE OPENS IN PAULDING COUNTY



OAKWOOD - A staple Paulding County venue for outdoor activities held a kick-off event here to introduce their fall line-up on Saturday. Paulding County Economic Development hosted a ribbon cutting for Auglaize Canoe & Kayak, on the Weller Farm, to unveil their two new corn mazes and many other events and opportunities for the 2024 fall season. The big attraction is the nine-acre corn maze.

This year the maze will be patterned for the logo of "Limitless" in Paulding.

Liz Weller, Auglaize Canoe and Kayak business owner, shared how the collaboration came about, "Our family loves everything about Limitless and we are so excited to design our corn maze in their honor. As you follow the path around the maze you will learn several facts about Limitless, reveal-

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HOMEcoming DONUTS

The Woodburn Lions will have their famous Donuts on Friday, September 20, before and during the Woodlan Homecoming Parade in Woodburn. They will be set up at the Clocktower parking lot from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

PC CARNEGIE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING DATE SET

The Board of Trustees of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will meet in regular session at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024. This will be held in the conference room of the Library in Paulding, Ohio.

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Community Calendar MON & WED

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

September 17

- Child/Family Resource Fair @ Little Sprouts, Paulding, 4-6p
- PC Library Board Meeting @ PC Library Conf Rm, 5:30p

September 18

- WBESC board meeting @ ESC Conf Rm, 5:30p
- Living Free Handling Losses & Grief @ Cecil Community Church, 6-7:30pm

September 20

- Celebrate Your Plate @ Johnson Memorial Library, Hicksville, 4-4:45pm
- Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival! Check out the ad on page 7!

September 21

- Heritage Lions @ Hessen Cassel Fall Fest
- Food Pantry @ Cecil Comm Church, 12-3pm

September 22

- ATHS Vintage Truck Show @ JPHS, 9a-4p

September 24

- Woodburn Lions Donuts @ Harlan Farmers Market, 5-8p
- JPHS General Meeting @ museum, 6:30pm

September 26

- Paulding Area Chamber Banquet @ Grant's, 5:30pm

September 28

- Maumee River clean up @ Riverside Park to Porters & Porters to Cecil Bridge

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OBITUARIES

MT. CALVARY CELEBRATES 85 YEARS!

Scripture of the Week

“Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.”

— 1 Peter 3:8

SHERWOOD, OH:

Delmar T. Miller, 94, of Sherwood, Ohio passed away Monday, September 9, 2024 at Mercy Health-Defiance. Arr by DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 202 W. RIVER STREET, ANTWERP, OHIO.



DEFIANCE, OH:

Terry L. Hasch, age 78, passed away on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at Glenn Park in Defiance, OH.

Terry was born on September 30, 1945 in Defiance, OH to the late Harold and Nova (Johnston) Hasch. On January 6, 1973 he married Elaine M. Taner who preceded him in death in 2006. Terry was a life-long farmer.

Terry will be sadly missed by his daughter, Merri E. Hasch, Defiance, OH; brother, Rex Hasch, Cecil, OH; family friend, Scott Strable, Cecil, OH; nephew, Chad Hasch, Defiance, OH; brother-in-law, Mark Taner, Paulding, OH.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at Den Herder Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Jackson Township, OH.

Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. on Monday, September 16, 2024 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation from 10:00 A.M. until time of services on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made in Terry's memory to CHP Hospice.

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

ANNUAL FALL MEN'S CONFERENCE IN DEFIANCE

The Kinsmen of the Cross Men's Ministry will be hosting their Annual Fall Men's Conference on Saturday, October 5th, 2024 at Faith Baptist Church, 14102 State Route 111, Defiance, Ohio (43512). The conference will run from 9am until 4pm; sign in will be from 8:30am until 9 am, with coffee and donuts provided. A lunch will be provided as well as welcome gift bags for each attendee.

The Kinsmen of the Cross mission is to promote a Biblical Understanding of God's design for men and their responsibilities to God; themselves; their families; their church; community and their workplace. This conference will focus on why the Word of God is sufficient to guide men to live productive and successful lives in their families, their churches and in their world. As with past conferences the speakers will be engaging and challenging on a "man to man" level. Attendees at past conferences have left challenged, blessed and re-ener-



Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Antwerp, Ohio is celebrating 85 years in the community. The church was founded in 1939 under the leadership of Rev. W.H. Werling. The population of Antwerp then was 1000 and the community was an "old canal and river town" on the Maumee River.

Christmas Eve morning in 1939, the first service was held in the "chapel in the air" on the second floor of the Starr Theater in downtown Antwerp. (Where the More Than Boutique is currently located). Present that Christmas Eve: Mr. and Mrs. Merton Bell, Sr. and family, Mrs. Golda Peffley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schoenike and family, Mrs. A. Bruner and Abbie, and Minnie Smith. The congregation later met in a storefront now known as H20, also near Ray Friend's Furniture, and the

Lewis Smith home on South Main. When it rained, buckets had to be placed in strategic locations at some of these sites.

Property and a "Quonset" building were purchased on the corner of Madison and Woodcox Streets in 1951, where the current Antwerp Branch of the Pauling County Carnegie Library is located. The little chapel was prepared and dedicated as Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church.

Land was purchased in 1964 for a new church site west of Antwerp. The present building located at 3497 Co Rd 424 was dedicated on September 10, 1967.

Among the pastors that have guided the church: Rev. Otto W. Tolke, Rev. H.C. Meister, Rev. E.A.H. Jacobs, Rev. Christian Schmidt, Rev. Kenneth Mueller, Rev. Lanny Zup, first full-time pastor

Rev. Harold Bode, Rev. Harvey Mozalak, Rev. John Chovan, Rev. Dale Young, Rev. Derek Evans and Rev. Tim Zechiel. Rev. Mark Peters was installed two years ago and now serves Mt. Calvary and Zion Lutheran, Bull Rapids as a joint minister.

The congregation is celebrating with a service and Holy Communion on September 29, 2024 at 10:15 a.m. Following will be a catered lunch on the lawn.

The community is welcome to attend both with registration for the meal needed by calling 419.258.6505. Thanks to Thrivent Financial for underwriting costs for the event.

Members have been celebrating all year by performing acts of service in the church and the community; a small gesture of response to God's grace and provision for 85 years.

gized and engaged in their faith. Pastors are encouraged to bring a group of men from their church.

There will be worship music; four speaking sessions; and the popular panel discussion with questions and answers will have extended time. Additionally the well-loved drawings for prizes will be included throughout the event. The featured speakers will be Pastor Sean Ingram from First Baptist Church in Stryker, Ohio; Anthony Sutphen from Faith Baptist Defiance, Ohio; Pastor Pete Flores from New Jerusalem Church, Defiance, Ohio; and Pastor Solomon Okang from Dupont Church of the Brethren, Dupont, Ohio. Pastor Tim Martin of First Baptist Church of Styker, Ohio will lead the praise team.

For more information phone 616-813-5946 or go to www.kinsmenofthecross.com where you can also register for the conference.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING MENU

- 9/16 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, broccoli, tossed salad, grape juice, garlic bread
- 9/17 - Ham & Swiss on rye, vegetable soup, potato salad, peaches, cookie, crackers
- 9/18 - Taco salad, casse-

- role, corn chips, grapes & pineapple, broccoli salad
- 9/19 - BBQ pork burger, seasoned potatoes, mixed vegetables, blushing pears, apple granola bar
- 9/20 - Hot chicken sandwich, macaroni salad, coleslaw, ambrosia, apple juice

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

- 9/16 - 10:00 a.m. Exercise; 10:30 a.m. Cornhole; 12:00 p.m. Diamond Art w/Mike & Barbara; 12:30 p.m. Bridge Club
- 9/17 - 9:45 a.m. Euchre; 10:00 a.m. Caregiver Support Group
- 9/18 - 9:00 a.m. Rummy; 10:00 a.m. Witts Workout; 10:30 a.m. Bingo w/Gardens of Paulding; 12:30 p.m. Farmer's Market; 1:00 p.m. Grocery Shopping
- 9/19 - Digital Navigation; 9:45 a.m. Euchre; 10:00 a.m. Exercise
- 9/20 - 8:30 a.m. Biscuits & Gravy @ Fall Festival; 10:00 a.m. Bible Study; Flatrock Creek Fall Festival

ANTWERP MANOR ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

- 9/16 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Rummy @ 10:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Bible Stories @ 2:15 p.m.
- 9/17 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; UNO @ 10:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Library Service
- 9/18 - Nails by Taylor @ 8:30 a.m.; Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Dominoes @ 10:30 a.m.;

- Bingo Bucks Store, 11:30a-12:45p; Bingo @ 1:15 p.m.
- 9/19 - What's For Dessert? @ 9:00 a.m.; Bingo @ 10:30 a.m.; Beauticians @ 12:00 p.m.; Movie & popcorn @ 1:30 p.m.
- 9/20 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Bingo @ 10:30 a.m.; Euchre @ 1:30 p.m.; Movie Time @ 3:00 p.m.
- 9/21 - Dominoes @ 10:30 a.m.; Scrapbook Club @ 1:15 p.m.; Puzzle Table @ 2:30 p.m.
- 9/22 - Catholic Communion; Sittercise @ 11:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Service w/ Bryce & Chad @ 4:00 p.m.

BUSY AGENDA FOR PAULDING COUNTY LAND BANK

PAULDING - The Paulding County Land Reutilization Committee held their monthly meeting at the Paulding County Commissioners office on September 11 and opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

Matt Wagner, with the county EPA consulting firm Tetra Tech was asked to first give updates on brownfield projects around the county. Wagner was very happy to announce that the former Liberty Fuel gas station property, located at 504 E. River Street in Antwerp, has received the final approval and clean bill of health. Tetra Tech has applied to the State of Ohio for the "No Further Action" letter for the property.

The former Grizzley Brake factory property, located at 710 W. Caroline Street in Paulding, has had the entire perimeter fence repaired and

CAST YOUR CARES UPON THE LORD



As God's elect, we often find ourselves trying to be everything for everybody, and perhaps we can pull it off for a while but after some time we find that the weight of everyone else's burdens is too heavy for us to carry. We may even come to realize that excessive emotional and spiritual weight can lead to physical illnesses such as hypertension, kidney failure, anxiety, and depression to name a few. Trying to be everything for everybody as noble as it may be, tends to "err on the side of ego and idolatry. In some circles, the acronym for EGO is EASING GOD OUT. And Idolatry is anything that you place ahead of God. More often than not the things that we put

ahead of God tend to be worry, fear, people, and doubt, this too is a form of idolatry. I know how it is when you are anointed and God has blessed you with seemingly unlimited supernatural strength or mania LOL! Either one, out of context can give you a false sense of pleasure, but the scriptural truth is that God's strength is made perfect in our weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10.) We have to be certain that God is the author of our faith. Unless God is in it, it will not stand. Deriving from (Psalms 127:1) God specifically asks us in (Matthew 11:29-30) to take His yolk upon us. why? Because we are not designed or equipped to carry the load. That's why Jesus died on the cross for you and me. Believe it or not, we are fragile creatures. Jesus Christ has already done the heavy work, carried the load, and won the battle. Therefore, the battle is not ours it's the Lords. (2 Chronicles 20:15) so I pray that this be your season to learn from Jesus and condition yourself to take His yolk upon you and cast your cares upon the Lord because He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7). May God bless you and keep you in perfect peace and love...

—Pastor Dwayne Richardson

foliage has been mowed back about 40 feet within the fence perimeter. This allows the discussion to move forward with the current site owner, Cummins, and the county land bank committee for further remediation. There was no update in regard to the former Stokely factory site across the road from Grizzley.

The Land Bank has acquired the empty Patriot Rail mill building, located in Antwerp at 103 Cleveland Street. This will allow the building to be removed in the brownfield remediation program. The Paulding Village owned Winkle building, located at 105 N. Main Street in Paulding is scheduled to have asbestos remediation.

All brownfield and residential/commercial site remediation projects are on hold until the Ohio Department of Development issues approvals in regard to the applications submitted in late 2023 and early 2024. The hope is that news will be shared by the end of September so projects can begin to move forward.

The committee was given a brief update by Estee Blair about the 37 projects she has held up as she also waits on approvals from the Ohio Department of Development.

The discussion then turned to current owned properties and what the future plan for them might be. There will be signage put on the former theatre lot to indicate an

intent to sell. There are four residential properties located in Scott, Ohio. At this time the committee agreed to hold on to them as they determine if grant funding might be available through the Welcome Home Ohio grant for help in making these available for future growth in the community.

There are four additional properties around the county waiting on various pieces of legal legislation or approvals for them to move forward with remediation. The committee did go into executive session to discuss the potential purchase of another property with no action taken following. The committee will meet again on October 9 in the commissioner chambers.

Pastor Dwayne Richardson

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

Sept 8th, 15th 22nd and 29th

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along the stretch from SR613 to CR87. This date is set for Sunday September 22. Send a message to Smitty's Outfitters

on Facebook if you are interested in helping with that.

Smitty's Outfitters is by appointment only, please call or message to schedule your trip

HERITAGE LIONS VISITED HOAGLAND FIRE/EMS



Pictured above are (l-r): Doug Yoder, Dale Rosene, Natalie Pierce, and Tony Bradtmueller.

The Hoagland Fire/EMS made a very interesting 45-minute presentation to the Heritage Lions Tuesday night meeting. They brought two battery-powered extrication tools to show: a spreader and a "jaws of life" cutter, used in getting people out of crashed cars. Volunteers Dale Rosene and Tony Bradtmueller explained how they use the extrication tools for auto accidents and fires. They also brought a compressed air tank that provides 45 minutes of breathable air and is worn when entering burning buildings. Volunteer Natalie Pierce demonstrated its use by strapping the air pack to her back. The department might bring several of these tanks to battle a fire. The department practiced using the tanks by wearing them while playing dodgeball. Volunteer Doug Yoder talked about the special radio he brought that uses encryption for communicating with all the other fire departments in Allen County.

There was a thorough discussion of how the Hoagland

Fire/EMS gets their funding, on their future needs, and on the future of volunteer fire and EMS in the county. It is getting harder to find enough volunteers. Applicants must be 18 years old and pass a written test, a physical, and a psychological exam. EMS training is also becoming almost mandatory now since many of their runs involve physical injuries. The department makes well over 150 runs each year. They are often assisted by surrounding fire/EMS departments such as Poe and Monroeville.

The Heritage Lions encourage the community to enthusiastically support your Hoagland Fire/EMS. These volunteers have dedicated their lives to protect our lives. The Heritage Lions recently donated \$750 to the Hoagland fire/EMS. Contribute what you can during their fundraisers. Our community is stronger and safer because of their selfless dedication. The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion.

PAULDING COUNTY B.A.C. RECEIVES HELPFUL DATA

PAULDING - The two-star awarded Paulding County Business Advisory Council (BAC) Committee participated in their third quarter meeting this week. The meeting was moved to the Junior Leadership Building on the county fairground campus as remediation continues at the OSU Extension building.

Nineteen business leaders and educators introduced themselves and met to discuss continued growth of the council and how it can benefit school, student and business relationships in the future.

The highlight of the meeting was the introduction of data from the county-wide

YouScience results. Over the past two years county students, at all three county schools, have participated in the YouScience aptitude assessment modules. YouScience modules are developed to help students understand what employment sector they most commonly align with, versus what they think they want to do after school. The contrast is eye opening for many students and their teachers. The data was shared for 16 different business sectors including education, manufacturing, agriculture finance, and more. YouScience is funded through Vantage Career Center for all of their 13 participating schools.

"We were continually told by educational services groups that are ahead of us in these assessments, that the number one interest by students will be in education. Every student is familiar and aware of teachers and most think that is what they want to be. When the data came out it was spot on. 319 of the 711 students who completed the modules noted their interest in education. Only 99 students actually had aptitude for education. There was more than a 3-1 ratio of students who do not have an aptitude for teaching "think" they should be in education. It proves that students relate to what they are exposed to. We have to make a concerted effort with our Paulding County students to introduce and expose them to other business sectors before they make college major choices or choose a business industry path that may not suit them at all," explained Paulding County Economic Director Tim Copey. "Introducing students to a variety of employment sectors available right out of high school, or after college, will help guide to them choices that benefit them down the road earlier and with less expense. That is our goal."

The county schools all shared updates of innovative opportunities they are providing in their respective schools. Vantage Career Center also shared exciting new and updated information about school student and adult programming. It was also reported that during the 2023-24 school year a whopping 1853 credentials were issued. That was up 34% from the previous year. It was also shared that career center enrollment was up another 56 students this school year.

The important item of the meeting was that the new state required 2024-25 school year BAC template is due to Columbus before September 30. Schools and businesses are asked to submit any business-student activities that promote collaboration. All of the collective results will be submitted for review and graded in the two-to-four-star categories at the state level. Paulding County went from no rating in 2022-23 to a two-star rating last year. The hope is to maintain the two-star or improve again this school year.

The group will convene for their fourth quarter meeting December 11.

SOYBEAN MURDER MYSTERY

Solving murder mysteries is a popular game but when it affects your crops, it is serious business! Soybean yields have been stagnating for years. Some farmers get great yields (70-90 bushel/acre),

but many farmers average 50-65 bushel/acre. Soybean yields may be 20-30 bushel below optimum, even with good genetics. With depressed crop prices, good soybean yields are essential to making a profit and staying in business.

The Allen County SWCD (Decatur, Indiana) held a field day two weeks ago. A local farmer (Nate) approached me after I gave a presentation on how a lack of plant available nutrients increases crop disease. Nate, a trained agronomist, says he noticed a "soybean mystery disease" starting in 2014. It occurs around August 1-10th almost every year but is worse some years.

Symptoms: Usually, low areas or compacted areas show up first but also hill tops. It starts on lower leaves which turn pale, yellow, then brown and fall off. Usually, bean pods start aborting from the bottom third of the plant. Often, Manganese (Mn) deficiency signs characterized by dark green veins with yellow leaves occurs. Some leaves have yellow and brown halos that look like septoria leaf spot on steroids. In severe cases, the top soybean leaves thin out. It looks like a Charlie Brown Xmas tree. Small top leaves, aborted blossoms, and aborted pods signal Calcium (Ca) deficiency. Another odd characteristic: On the top trifoliolate leaves, the middle leaf stands almost perpendicular to the sun. (Almost looks like a middle finger sticking up.) Severely impacted plants are at least 6 to 8 inches, even a foot shorter than healthier plants nearby. Plants start maturing 2-3 weeks early.

Nate sent several samples to Purdue University in 2018 and got variable explanations. Symptoms mirrored charcoal stem rot, sudden death, soybean cyst nematode, and septoria. Purdue could not ID the exact disease but widespread yield losses could be documented, they might get a grant (\$250-\$500K) to study it.

We toured several soybean fields. In some fields, the damage was relatively minor. A few yellow leaves on the bottom but a tell-tale sign was upright leaf on the soybean trifoliolate. I noticed many soybean plants with stems with no leaves and no pods. Almost like deer nipping the top leaves off, except it was too wide spread for deer damage (Ca deficiency, aborted blossoms, no leaves). On healthy soybean plants, leaves can sometimes be almost the size of your palm of your hand. On infected plants, leaf size is very small.

Another observation: Nate is seeing similar symptoms in trees and bushes in the fence row. Fence row trees, shrubs, and weeds had pale, yellow leaves, and have somewhat similar characteristics: small falling leaves, septoria looking spots, Mn and Ca deficiency.

Here is my educated guess but I could be wrong. Glyphosate (Roundup) is the most widely used chemical in the world. Almost a 1# of glyphosate/acre is applied on almost all our crops. Glyphosate is a major chelator, tying up Ca, Mn, and many other nutrients. Yellow and pale leaves (chlorosis) is a sign of Iron (Fe) and Magnesium (Mg) deficiency. Iron (Fe) activates the enzyme that

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY OHIO



By: Mark Holtsberry

Orville Henry McCormick: This fellow was born in October of 1889 in Cecil, Ohio. The son of George William McCormick born June 2, 1866 in Middleton, Columbiana County, Ohio, and Rosella (Hetrick) born October 27, 1868 in Paulding County. She was the daughter of David and Mary (Skiver) Hetrick. This couple was married in 1887. George and Rosella had a daughter, Georgianna, born March 13, 1888 in Emerald Township.

Sometime before 1897, George and Rosella divorced. They both remarried in 1897. George married Caroline King and Rosella married Mark Calvin Rose. By 1900, Orville and Georgianna were living in Emerald. They were step-children living with their mother and Mr. Rose. Mr. Rose was a farmer and the children were in school.

By 1910, Orville, 21 years old at the time, moved to Norton, Summit County, Ohio. He became a carpenter. He was living with his step-uncle, Amerion L. Rose, who was also a carpenter, and his fam-

ily. Strange twist, Amerion married Rosella's sister, Edna E. Hetrick in 1902. They too, later divorced.

On June 21, 1916, Orville joined the Ohio National Guard out of Toledo. This was during the border war with Mexico. Orville was living at 1769 Summit Street in Toledo. He served with Battery I, 135th Field Artillery, Ohio National Guard. He was promoted to mechanic August 1, 1917. He was called again to serve in World War One. His orders came through to board the ship, U.S.S. Vermont March 12, 1918 and set sail for Brest, France. On March 26, 1919, He saw action in the Defensive Sector in France. On March 26, 1919, Orville was promoted to Chief Mechanic of Artillery. Orville was Honorably Discharged April 11, 1919 at Camp Sherman, Ohio.

Orville moved back to Cecil in 1919. Orville moved to eastern Ohio to become a construction foreman. He worked with his uncles in the trade. He worked until 1923 when his health turned bad.

On July 24, 1923, Orville was admitted to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dayton. He was suffering from acute pulmonary issues. He was discharged June 22, 1924. Not sure why he was discharged.

By 1926 he was living in Hamilton, Ohio. Poor health had reduced him to have minimal work. He moved back to Paulding, where his mother began caring for him. Orville had become an invalid. He passed away from tuberculosis on May 1, 1927. His mother, Rosella, passed away in 1943. His father, George passed away in 1945.

... Until Then

makes chlorophyll, Mg is the central element in chlorophyll. Glyphosate also ties up Cobalt (Co) and Nickel (Ni). Both Co and Ni are needed by soybean plants to make nodules to fix nitrogen for the plant to make proteins. When nutrients are lacking, insect and diseases attack stressed plants and yields decline.

In GMO or roundup ready (glyphosate tolerant) crops, glyphosate is a major chelator, tying up key nutrients. Glyphosate increases drought stress and plant stress. If weather conditions are great, the symptoms are relatively mild and yield may not be affected much. However, when plants are stressed due to compaction, heat, dry weather; the plant becomes severely deficient in many micro-nutrients. Stressed plants become targets for increased insect and a slew of diseases.

Tips: Try to reduce

glyphosate applications especially after soybeans bloom (R1). Do not tank mix Mn with glyphosate because it gets tied up. It should be applied separately, if possible, perhaps with a drone. If you plan to plant soybeans back to soybeans, try planting a cover crop to increase microbial activity and reduce diseases. Scout fields now to look for the damage described above before the crop totally matures.

With the widespread use of Enlist soybeans, fields are almost completely weed free, but is it possible we are paying a price by using too much glyphosate??? Glyphosate is persistent and slowly broken down in soil and in plants. If someone has a better explanation, give me call or consult your agronomist, Extension specialist, for more information.

—James J. Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Services

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PC WORKSHOP SPEAK TO KIWANIS



Pictured above are TJ McClain, Megan Sierra, and Thomas Arend.

The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Megan Sierra, TJ McClain, and Thomas Arend (P.C. Workshop by Limitless) as the guest speaker at the September 12, 2024, club meeting. The group came at the invitation of Natosha

Mendoza (Financial Center Manager, First Financial Bank). They spoke to the Kiwanians about many of the different things that make up the P.C. Workshop and Limitless. They also discussed their workshops and their plans for upcoming movies.

RECEIVER APPOINTED OVER COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



Hospital Closure Set for August 31, 2024

Hicksville, OH - August 30, 2024 - The Defiance County, Ohio, Court of Common Pleas (the "Court"), has appointed Gibbins Advisors (Ohio), LLC, acting through its manager Ronald Winters, as receiver (the "Receiver") over Community Memorial Hospital ("CMH") operated by the Mark Milford Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District (the "District").

The receivership was commenced upon the complaint and motion of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System ("OPERS") seeking to recover funds of current or former employees that allegedly were not paid to OPERS.

The Court's order appointing the Receiver authorized the Receiver to discontinue CMH's business operations. Following appointment of the Receiver, CMH's existing management recommended that CMH be closed in light of the status of existing business operations, including CMH's significant financial challenges going back to at least 2016, the lack of any viable partner for an immediate transaction to sell CMH as a going concern, and CMH's inability to obtain consent from the Ohio State Tax Commissioner, as required under Ohio law, to enter into bankruptcy. The Receiver has accepted this recommendation and determined that CMH will formally close effective August 31, 2024.

The Receiver's decision to

close CMH formalizes the existing business reality. While the last day of patient care was May 19, 2024, there was no party with authority to formally end CMH's business operations due to the en masse resignation of CMH's Board of Governors last spring.

Closure of CMH will also result in liquidation of its assets in order to provide repayment to creditors. The Receiver will also determine CMH's obligations for retention of patient medical records and take appropriate steps to comply with them.

Patients seeking information about medical records or other patient-related matters can obtain more information by e-mailing the Receiver at CMHpatient@gibbinsadvisors.com.

Creditors, vendors, and other parties seeking information can contact the Receiver by e-mailing CMHcreditor@gibbinsadvisors.com.

FLUORINE-FREE FIREFIGHTING FOAM TO REPLACE THE TOXIC AFFF - IS IT A SAFER SOLUTION FOR OUR HEALTH?

Like most Americans across the country, Ohioans are exposed to the toxic per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) chemicals through their drinking water. One of the primary sources of contamination with PFAS of ground and surface water in Ohio and across the country is a class-B type of firefighting foam, the aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF).

The Environmental Protection Agency, scientists, and environmental protection organizations have been vocal about the health and environmental hazards PFAS poses for years. The main concerns about PFAS are that they are highly persistent once they leak into the environment and do not break down.

According to researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, PFAS is present in the blood of more than 90% of Americans. Unsurprisingly, numerous medical studies demonstrated that the rates of cancer diagnosis are higher among firefighters compared to the general population, leading to cancer being the main cause of firefighter death.

Working with AFFF has finally been recognized to be an occupational hazard. The Department of Defense (DOD), the biggest AFFF "consumer" on its military sites, said it would stop using it by October 2024. Some states, including Ohio, implemented laws to regulate the use of AFFF and recommend switching to fluorine-free firefighting foam.

What about AFFF in Ohio?

The most recent PFAS sampling in public water systems, completed in August 2021 by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, showed that several water systems serving hundreds of civilians had PFOS and PFOA exceeding the most recent four ppt MCL set by the EPA.

Legal provisions concerning AFFF in Ohio came into effect in June 2022. Bill 158 prohibits using AFFF for training and testing and recommends using fluorine-free foam for such activities. If another legal requirement overrides this prohibition, the facility must have appropriate disposal technology to prevent the release of AFFF into the environment.

Besides regulations concerning AFFF use, in January 2023, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the State Fire Marshal's Office started a statewide AFFF Takeback program. While takeback programs have been implemented in other states, the Ohio government is using an innovative PFAS Annihilating Technology developed by Battelle, an applied science and technology nonprofit company, for the first time. This is a significant development, as tons of AFFF will be safely disposed of. At the same time, fire departments are still in the dark about the replacement foam possibilities.

It is also important to mention that the military has several installations across Ohio, with significant PFAS contamination resulting from AFFF use. Testing and cleanup activities are ongoing on such military installations, although the DOD still operates with the old 70 ppt maximum contamination level.

The issue with fluorine-free foam alternatives

Fluorine-free foams are also class-B foams, but they do not contain PFAS. While many fluorine-free foams are on the market, most do not fulfill the military requirements and standards set by the DOD regarding efficiency. In January 2023, the DOD released its new military requirements for PFAS-free firefighting foams.

A study published by the

PJHS RAISE FUNDS FOR PAULDING VETERANS MEMORIAL



This year Paulding Junior High School will be collecting money to help construct the Veterans' Memorial that will be located in Paulding, Ohio. On Monday, September 9th

members of the Paulding VFW presented to all PJHS students the importance of honoring our veterans, what the veterans' memorial is going to look like, and how

the students of PJHS can help with this project. Shown in the picture are two members of the Paulding VFW with a collection of PJHS students that attended the assembly.

WT GROVER HILL SEPTEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary School has announced its September Students of the Month. Pictured above are (front, l-r): Amelia

Bollenbacher, Gracelynn Shelton, Sadie Noffsinger, Brinley Voll, William Peters, Levi Laukhuf, Bowen Sinn, and Aubree Dias; (back, l-r):

Emily McClure, Austin Stoller, Beckett Jay, Makenna Miller, Aleyah Stoller, Jayde Sinn and Paisley Greear.

American Chemical Society in May 2023 highlights the need for further investigation of fluorine-free foam formulations to understand their environmental impact and toxicological characteristics. The researchers are especially concerned about hydrocarbon surfactants and other nonfluorinated surfactants commonly found in fluorine-free foam formulations. Another medical study demonstrates that long-term exposure to hydrocarbon surfactants leads to hypotension, mental deterioration, respiratory failure, acute kidney injury, arrhythmia, and neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

While testing of fluorine-free firefighting products is ongoing, the process is even more difficult, as it is often not enlisted exactly what chemicals a product contains. Addressing the problem of the inappropriate disclosure of the ingredients, the nonprofit organization Clean Production Action offers an eco-label certification program called "Green Screen Certified Standard for Firefighting Foams" that ensures that the foams tested are free of thousands of chemicals of concern, including PFAS.

AFFF needs to be phased out as it endangers the life of thousands of firefighters and of citizens who consume toxic drinking water. Policies are slowly changing in this regard, and efforts are being made to eliminate the possibility of substituting one hazardous chemical with another. Still, awareness of the issue and lobbying for healthier

policies are critical, as large manufacturers may influence policymaking in vicious ways, as we have seen in the case of PFAS.

About the author

Jonathan Sharp is a Chief Financial Officer at Environmental Litigation Group, P.C., a law firm headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama. The firm assists civilian and military firefighters affected by exposure to toxic chemicals, especially PFAS. Sharp is responsible for case evaluation, financial analysis, and assets management at the firm.

SECOND QUARTER PROPELS BOMBERS OVER ACES

EDON - A big second quarter proved to be the difference Friday night in Edon as the host Bombers broke open a close game in cruising to a 48-8 win over visiting Hicksville.

The Williams County squad held a slim 7-0 lead at the end of one period but the second quarter belonged to the Bombers.

Edon put up 35 points in the stanza, scoring a trio of rushing touchdowns while adding two through the air,

to extend the margin to 42-0 at the midway point of the contest.

Hicksville found its way on the scoreboard in the third quarter on a Cross Zeedyk five yard touchdown run to close the gap to 42-8 at the end of three periods.

Edon then wrapped up the scoring with a lone touchdown in the final quarter.

The Bombers racked up 424 yards of total offense, including 301 through the air, while Hicksville picked up 93 yards on the night.

Kyler Sapp led the way for Edon with 87 rushing yards on 11 carries while throwing for 227 yards, completing 21 of 28 passes.

Max Radabaugh had eight receptions for 82 yards while Eli Dickmann (60 yards) and Kendol Brigle (48 yards) each finished with four catches.

Garrett Turnbull finished two of six passing for 24 yards for the Aces with Brant Langham and Zeedyk hauling in receptions. Zeedyk topped the Hicksville ground game with 30 yards (11 carries) and Owen Stuckey had 24 yards on three attempts.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

By nature, I'm typically a little curious. In my spare time, I decided to check some facts about cannabis (marijuana) in Michigan, specifically, the town of Camden. Recreational use was legalized in the state December 6, 2018 with the first dispensary opening on December 1, 2019.

I have been through Camden a few times. It is located

43.6 miles from Antwerp via OH49N. The town has 4 marijuana dispensaries, 1 gas station, a Dollar General, a hardware store, and 1 restaurant.

According to the US Census Bureau, the population in 2010 was 512, the estimated current population is 516, and the poverty rate is 27.04%.

Am I to believe Brian Davis and Verano Holdings Corporation, that a dispensary will "contribute to local economy in the form of job creation, economic development, and revenue for years to come?"

(FYI, As of September 8, 2024 at 7:22 p.m., George Archos, CEO of Verano Holdings has a net worth of 58.1 million dollars with a total compensation of \$1,871,923 in 2023.)

—Carolyn Laukhuf, Antwerp OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I do not want to even attempt an argument with the writer of the Letter to the Editor published on September 9th in the West Bend News. I don't argue with people who spew hate in the name of Christianity. Jesus says love your neighbor. Take care of each other. I see nothing in Scripture that says Jesus approves of political power, we should want the power of Jesus in our lives. Not politics. Not hate. You, sir, might consider being a little more careful of where you point your finger when looking for a representative of Satan. The demons inspire hate.

My comments are these: I am a Christian. A Jesus follower. I own and read a Bible. I also believe what it says. I attend church regularly. I am a

Democrat, and I plan to vote. Everyone should vote. It is not only our right, but also our duty.

Jesus tells me to love everyone. I seem to struggle with that. Your letter, sir, increases that struggle.

—Susan Paulus, Paulding OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
 Imagine calling your pharmacy to renew two prescriptions and being told that the pharmacy cannot afford to renew your prescription that is not generic! Are you wondering why Paulding County lost two local pharmacies in the last month?

The pharmacist at my NEW local pharmacy informed me that because of Medicare mandated pricing it was only allowed to charge the Medicare amount. This resulted in a shortfall of payment for the pharmacy of over \$100! Obviously, the pharmacy could not afford to absorb this loss. I was told to contact one of the major retailers in the area who COULD afford to prescribe the medication because they buy in such large bulk orders, they can purchase the drugs significantly cheaper.

So, you think, why don't I just buy my drugs at these larger retailers? Or as has often been the case in recent years, why don't I just do mail order prescriptions?

In the first example, this requires driving further miles to pick up my prescription. It also means that my money is being spent outside of our county, reducing the income for Paulding County. Of course, there is no tax on drugs, but what about anything else that I decide to buy while I am in that store? Doesn't that help increase their income and perhaps affect their willingness to sell drugs under their cost?

In the first example and second example, there is an even bigger concern. What happens when you have an illness or injury and need to purchase a drug immediately? If all of our local pharmacies go out of business, how far will I have to drive to get that important drug, when I am already sick or hurting?

After further conversation with this pharmacist about renewing prescriptions, two things were evident. If you are purchasing generic drugs, it is no problem. If you need a regular drug with Medicare drug negotiated pricing, the local pharmacies are losing money.

So, when you hear about negotiated prices so that we can purchase drugs cheaper, ask yourself, who is paying for that cost. After this phone call, I began to wonder. It is more likely that drug companies are NOT losing money, but our local pharmacies ARE.

It was suggested that this is a real concern for all small, independent pharmacies. Small businesses are being squeezed out. I will be contacting my congressional representatives to inform them of my concerns. Check it out for yourself and decide what action you want to take!

Sincerely,
 —Jane A. Gray Latty, OH

CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 8/19/24

Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting – August 19, 2024
 Call to Order:
 The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.
 Attendance:
 Present were Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Hileman, Superintendent Walls, and Council Members Graber, Gentz, Gerig, Sarrazine, and Watts.
 Chief's Report:
 The Chief was not present for this meeting.
 Superintendent's Report:
 Superintendent Walls reported the following:
 • The High School lift station project has been completed. -Water testing at Ashler Pointe has been finalized
 • Water Testing at Maumee Meadow is scheduled
 Mayor's Report:
 Mayor Kelsey provided updates as follows:
 • Discussions were held regarding the budget, including the potential hiring of a new police officer and utility worker.
 • Initiation and process of a growth study was reviewed
 Clerk-Treasurer's Report:
 • The minutes from the August 5, 2024 meeting were presented. Council Member Sarrazine moved to approve the minutes as presented, with Council Member Gerig providing a second. The motion carried unanimously.
 • The warrants were presented. Council Member Gerig moved to approve payment of the warrants, seconded by Council Member Graber. The motion was unanimously approved.
 • Clerk-Treasurer Hileman proposed a discussion on a potential salary increase for the Clerk-Treasurer position.
 Council Members' Report – No reports.
 Audience:
 • Representatives from Woodburn Main Street discussed the Allen County Bicentennial Monument.
 • Herb Anderson updated the Council on the New Allen Alliance's Executive position, noting a second draft of the job description will be available in November.
 • Lindsay Hammond, a candidate for County Council, attended to observe the meeting and engage with the community.
 Adjournment:
 Council Member Sarrazine moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Graber. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. with unanimous approval.
 For previously approved minutes and recent community news, please visit cityof-woodburn.org
 All Board of Works and City Council meetings are live-streamed at youtube.com/CityofWoodburnIN

KNOW THE RISKS OF INVESTING — AND NOT INVESTING

Investing involves risk — and so does not investing. You should know how both these types of risk can affect your ability to reach your financial goals.

Let's start with the risks associated with investing. There's not a single investment risk because different types of investments carry different types of risk. Here's a look at three investment categories and some of the risks connected with them:

- Stocks – When you invest in stocks or stock-based mutual funds, you will incur the risk that the value of your investments may decline. Stock prices can fall for any number of reasons – lower-than-expected earnings, a change in management, change in consumer tastes, and so on. Although the historical trend for stocks has been positive, there will always be periods when prices are down. One way to help defend against this volatility is to hold stocks for the long term, rather than constantly buying and selling, and to own a mix of stocks from different industries and even different countries.

- Bonds – When market interest rates rise, the value of your bonds can decline because investors won't pay full price for them when they can get the newer ones that offer higher rates. Another type of risk associated with bonds is credit risk, which essentially describes the risk that the bond issuer may default, potentially disrupting your flow of interest payments. However, you can help mitigate this risk by purchasing investment-grade bonds that receive the highest credit ratings from independent rating agencies.

- Certificates of deposit (CDs) – Although CDs are generally considered safe because their principal is guaranteed, they do carry reinvestment risk — the risk that you won't be able to reinvest the proceeds of a maturing CD at the same interest rate. To help protect against this risk, you could own CDs of varying maturities. When market rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term CDs paying higher interest,

and when market rates rise, you can reinvest the money from your maturing shorter-term CDs into the new, higher-paying ones.

Now, let's turn to a completely different type of risk — the risk of not investing. And this risk is easy to understand: If you don't invest, or if you consistently invest only in the most conservative vehicles, your money may not grow enough to allow you to reach your important long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Of course, this doesn't mean you should never own conservative investments, including CDs and some types of bonds. When you're saving for a short-term goal, such as a down payment on a house, a wedding or a long vacation, you want the money to be there when you need it, so an investment that offers protection of principal may be appropriate, even if it doesn't provide much in the way of growth.

For those long-term goals, though, you may need to build an investment portfolio that contains growth potential and that reflects your personal risk tolerance and time horizon. Over time, your risk tolerance may change. As you get closer to retirement, you may want to take a somewhat more conservative approach — but you'll always need some elements of growth.

When you invest, risk can't be eliminated, but it can be managed. Keeping this in mind, consider a long-term investment strategy that allows for risk but also offers the possibility of reward.

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Edward Jones, Member SIPC

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Family Dollar, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Village Hardware, Small Town Bliss
Bryan: Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
Cecil: 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House

Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
Defiance: Newman's Marathon Carryout, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General (Clinton St), Junction Dollar General, Senior Center, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Marathon Main Stop, Rite Aid, Defiance Public Library
Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept, H&W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library, Dollar General
Hicksville: Sailors, Vancrest, Shell Station, Citgo, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices, Johnson Memorial Library, Red Angel Pizza, McDonalds,
Ney: Marathon
Oakwood: Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Cooper Library, Landing Strip
Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa Do It Best, Bargain Bin, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros, Courthouse, VFW Post 587, PC Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, PCH, Kwik Mart, PC Carnegie Library

Payne: Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library
Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank, Sherwood Library
Scott: Scott Post Office
Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Orchard Tree

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living
Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank
Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain
Monroeville: Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General

New Haven: ACPL Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Chamber of Commerce (Old City Hall), Richard's
Woodburn: Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop, ACPL Library, Willies Cafe II

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PAULDING 8TH GRADERS WINS ARCHBOLD SPIKETACULAR



The Paulding eighth grade volleyball team captured the Archbold Spiketacular Invitational on Saturday, September 7, with victories over North Central, Fairview and Archbold.

With the victories, Paulding remains unbeaten on the season.

Members of the squad include Brynlee Mangette, Makenna Adams, Karli Breedlove, Baylor Kilgore,

Kristen Rader, Luci Martinez, Cora Agler, Elliette Roughton, Kinlee Sherry, Madison Clark, Kori Carlisle and Kendyl Sunday. Coach of the squad is Todd Harmon.

PANTHERS MOVE TO 3-0 WITH WIN



A great interception by #2 turned the tables on the Delphos team. Paulding took possession back to score in the next pursuit to the goal! More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - The Paulding Panthers moved to 3-0 on the season with a 27-2 win over visiting Delphos Jefferson Friday night in non-league football action at Keysor Field.

The two points by the Wildcats were the first points of the season against the Panthers, who have outscored opponents 119-2 this season.

Paulding racked up 143 yards on the ground, led by 111 rushing yards from Avery Cooper, while totaling 182 yards in the passing attack.

Quarterback Colten Hunt completed 10 of 22 passes for

182 yards with Blake Rhonehouse picking up five receptions for 116 yards.

Kane Jones added four catches for 34 yards as well for Paulding.

The Panther defense was led by Jack Woods, who racked up eight tackles in all with two tackles for a loss.

Jalen Manz added six stops with a trio of tackles for a loss while Jones and Rhonehouse recorded five tackles apiece.

Carter Evans chipped in four tackles with Luke Beckman and Curt Langsdorf picking up three tackles each.

MORENO LEADS ARCHERS TO TRI-MATCH WIN

BRYAN - Antwerp, Edgerton and Fairview hooked up in a Green Meadows Conference boys golf tri-match Tuesday at Suburban Golf Course north of Bryan with the Archers posting a first-place finish as a team.

The blue and white recorded a 184 to just slip past second place Fairview, which totaled a 186. Edgerton finished third with a 253.

The Archers' Braylen

Moreno captured medalist honors in the match with a 38 while Draven Baumert added a 45 for Antwerp and Dylan Hahn chipped in a 48. Zaine McMichael (53), Griffin Kosch (57) and Drew Eaken (64) completed the Archer players.

Fairview was paced by Xavier Shininger with a 44 while Jonah Shininger recorded a 46. Rounding out the Apache scorers were Drew Ford (48), Anthony Singer (48), Reese Winkler (52) and Owen Speiser (53).

Jon Cronin led Edgerton with a 58 followed by Ian Cronin (60), Parker Abraham (67) and Cole Gary (68).

CC DISTRICT MEETS SET

High school cross country teams in the area learned of their district assignments recently as the Northwest District Athletic Board of the Ohio High School Athletic Association released the potential paths for each school.

In Division III action at Columbus Grove, Paulding and Wayne Trace will be joined by 24 other schools in trying to advance from the home of the Bulldogs.

Boys squads joining the Panthers and Raiders will be Allen East, Bluffton, Cold-

water, Columbus Grove, Cory Rawson, Crestview, Delphos St. John's, Kalida, Leipsic, Lima Central Catholic, Lima Perry, Lincolnview, Marion Local, Miller City, Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville, Ottoville, Pandora Gilboa, Parkway, Spencerville, St. Henry, Upper Scioto Valley and Waynesfield Goshen.

The top six teams and 24 individual spots will advance to the regional in Tiffin.

Those same schools, less Leipsic but add Swanton, will battle on the girls side for one of seven district team berths or 28 individual spots that move on to Tiffin.

Antwerp will run in the Division III meet to be held at Leaders Farms outside of Napoleon.

Twenty-three schools in all will take part in the district meet on both the boys and girls squads.

Joining the Archers are squads from Archbold, Ayersville, Cardinal Stritch, Edgerton, Edon, Evergreen, Fairview, Fayette, Hicksville, Hilltop, Holgate, Liberty Center, Maumee Valley Country Day, Montpelier, North Central, Northwood, Ottawa Hills, Patrick Henry, Pettisville, Stryker, Tinora and Toledo Christian.

Advancing out the district will be the top six teams and the top 24 individuals where they will move on to the Tiffin regional.

Cross country district meets will take place on Saturday, October 19.

LADY ARCHERS TOP DELPHOS JEFFERSON, PETERS EARNS 1,000TH ASSIST



Archer Senior Maddy Peters sets the ball making her 1,000th Career Assist! Photo by Harlee Moore

This was a varsity only match. Congratulations to senior, Maddy Peters, on earning her 1,000th assist!

Varsity:
25-12, 25-15, 25-16
Overall: 3-6; GMC: 0-1
Stats of the Game:
Amelia Graham: 19/20 serving, 3 aces, 1 kill, 9 digs
Maddy Peters: 14/14 serving, 4 aces, 5 kills, 24 assists, 10 digs

Alexis Otto: 7 kills, 4 digs
Caroline Rohrs: 16/17 serving, 5 aces, 18 digs
Briley Bagley: 6/7 serving, 6 kills, 9 digs
Faith Clem: 6 kills, 1 block
Emery Jones: 6/7 serving, 3 digs
Haydyn Lengacher: 4/7 serving, 1 ace, 8 kills, 1 block, 3 digs
Clara Rohrs: 2/2 serving, 3 digs

ARCHERS PULL AWAY FOR WIN OVER CADETS



Archer Tavin Sholl gets in to receive the throw. Photo by Harlee Moore.

ANTWERP - Host Antwerp picked up its second win in three games as the Archers broke open a close game at halftime to pull away and post a 33-6 victory over Hilltop Friday night in Archer Field.

The blue and white led 7-0 at the intermission after a one-yard touchdown plunge by Derek Hines in the second quarter.

Antwerp then broke the game open in the third quarter with three touchdowns, a pair coming via the passing attack, as the Archers expanded the margin to 25-6 entering the final stanza.

Tavin Sholl then wrapped up the scoring with a 14-yard touchdown scamper in the fourth quarter to set the final

at 33-6.

Hines finished the night 9 of 17 passing for 87 yards with two touchdown passes while adding 37 rushing yards on a dozen carries.

Zac Salas led the Antwerp ground attack with 13 rushes for 113 yards, including an 80-yard scamper for a score in the second quarter.

Sholl topped the Archer receivers with four receptions for 25 yards.

Scott Bowers rumbled for 98 yards on 25 carries to lead Hilltop and quarterback Cameron Shimp completed 14 of 23 passes for 239 yards.

Cameron Schlosser picked up nine receptions for 121 yards with Brock Kesler recording four catches for 113 yards to aid the Hilltop cause.

WARRIORS DROP RIVALRY MATCHUP TO PATRIOTS



Woodlan's #6 is handed the ball and gains several yards for the Warriors in Friday's game at Woodlan home field. More pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODBURN - For the sixth consecutive meeting, the Heritage Patriots took home a victory over rival Woodlan as the visitors from Monroeville recorded a 28-6 win Friday night outside of Woodburn in ACAC football action.

Nasir Martin scored twice to lead the Patriots to the victory as Heritage improved to 3-0 on the season with the victory. Heritage has outscored its three opponents this season 95-13, including victories over Belmont and

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Fairfield in the opening two weeks.

In the rivalry matchup, this is the sixth straight victory for Heritage. The Patriots defeated Woodlan 26-0 last season in regular season play before recording a 25-0 win in the playoff opener.

Heritage also defeated Woodlan in 2022 (32-14), 2021 (37-13) and 2020 (26-19).

Ty Loudon completed a 64-yard pass to Shaiden Snyder for the lone Warrior touchdown.

Jake Ley paced Woodlan's ground game with 39 rushing yards on nine carries while

Drew Fleek added 31 yards on eight attempts.

The Warriors finished the night with 136 yards of total offense in the contest.

Woodlan's defense was paced by Carter Fleek with 13 tackles while Drew Fleek, Eli Funk and Ashtin Jacquay all had eight tackles.

Emerson Spieth picked up five stops as well for the Warriors with Snyder totaling four tackles.

Drew Fleek had the lone sack for Woodlan and added a trio of tackles for a loss.

Spieth and Drew Fleek each picked up a fumble recovery for the Warriors.

Also running for the Warriors were Collin Klepper (63rd, 18:49.20), Eli Washler (71st, 19:04.80), Cooper McDaniel (84th, 19:21.30), Cruz Lipscomb (98th, 19:40.10), Xander Doerr (106th, 19:54.90), Gavin Bargo (139th, 20:42.40), Brady Schurg (183rd, 23:34.00), Ayden Detrick (186th, 23:57.50) and Robert Kimpel (207th, 27:26.00).

Antwerp finishers included Bryceton Barker (120th, 20:14.30), Gage Barker (127th, 20:23.90), Aiden Hook (135th, 20:39.10), Isaac Buhner (149th, 21:11.30), Tucker Doster (158th, 21:37.10), Camden Herber (178th, 23:01.10) and Levi Shelton (204th, 26:44.30).

in 21:03.

Antwerp took first place on the girls side with 18 points with Wayne Trace second at 39 and Edgerton third with 65.

The Lady Archers' Gabby Snyder finished first in 23:46 while Leigha Doster (second), Raelynne Zuber (fourth), Alia Clem (fifth) and Emily Laker (sixth) completed the Antwerp scorers.

Jenna Kipfer paced Wayne Trace by taking third in 24:16 while Edgerton's Kyli Hazelton topped the Williams County squad with a time of 25:59 to take tenth.

In the junior high race, Edgerton's Breck Hesselshardt won the boys portion while Antwerp's Gianna Laker took first in the girls side.

Wayne Trace's Wyatt Head and Antwerp's Marshall Rice placed second and third on the boys side with the Lady Raiders' Lauren Kipfer taking second and the Archers' Brooklyn Lawson finishing fourth on the girls side.

CC BANKS PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS: SWEENEY TODD, THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET



CCBanks Productions is presenting *Sweeney Todd* October 4, 6, 11, and 12 at Studio 211, 211 S. Main Street, Antwerp, OH. For more information about how to attend this show, visit CC Banks Productions Facebook page. Tal-

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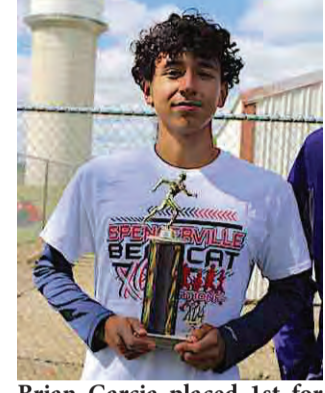
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WAYNE TRACE ART STUDENTS COMPETE IN BLACK SWAMP ARTS FESTIVAL



Congratulations go out to Wayne Trace seniors Aiden Lee and Bella Knowles who competed in the Black Swamp Arts Festival's Chalk Walk this past weekend in Bowling

Green. Aiden and Bella's Mardi Gras-themed design won them the "Best Use of Media" award in this annual contest sponsored by the BG Rotary.



Brian Garcia placed 1st for the HS boys division. Photo by Melissa Amstutz

NEW HAVEN RUNNERS COMPETE AT BEARCAT INVITATIONAL

New Haven Boys competed at the Spencerville Bearcat Invitational on Saturday, September 7th.

The high school boys placed 2nd out of 11 teams. Individual finishes are the following:

- Bryan Garcia 1st 5:18 10:50 (5:32) 16:37 (5:47)
- Ian Amstutz 17th 5:38 11:43 (6:05) 18:22 (6:39) PB
- Tristan Williams 19th 5:35 11:42 (6:07) 18:25 (6:43)
- Jonathan Baxter 21st 5:43 11:49 (6:06) 18:37 (6:48) SB
- Evan Reader 23rd 5:42 11:53 (6:11) 18:39 (6:46)
- Antoine Jefferson 51st 6:11 12:46 (6:35) 20:08 (7:22)
- Aiden Eisenacher 60th 6:18 13:04 (6:46) 20:35 (7:31)
- Austin Noble 62nd 6:21 13:14 (6:53) 20:44 (7:30) SB
- Ben Baker 64th 6:31 13:22 (6:51) 20:51 (7:29) SB
- Denym Lee 74th 6:43 14:10 (7:27) 21:48 (7:38)
- SB = Season Best
- PB = Personal Best

RAIDER BOYS, ARCHER GIRLS WIN TRI-MEET

ANTWERP - In a Green Meadows Conference cross country tri-meet at Antwerp Tuesday night, the Wayne Trace boys and the Antwerp girls posted wins in a meet that also included Edgerton.

The Archers' Cam Johnson took first individually with a time of 17:40 for the Antwerp boys with five straight Raiders crossing the finish line after that point.

Wayne Trace's Eli Teece, Aiden Lee, Jaxon Cooke,errick Johnson and Seth Rosswurm finished second through the sixth with Gage Barker placing seventh for the Archers.

The Raiders took first as a team with 20 points with Antwerp second at 41 and Edgerton took third with 68.

Caden Apt led the Bulldogs by taking eighth place

ARCHERS, WARRIORS RUN AT MARION



Katy Niles and Layla Hodson of Woodlan finished 4th and 29th respectively at the Marion Cross Country Invitational on September 7th.

MARION - Antwerp and Woodlan's cross country teams each made the long trip to Marion, Indiana, Saturday for the Marion Invitational held by Indiana Wesleyan University.

The Warrior girls posted a sixth-place finish while the Archers took eighth and Woodlan's boys recorded a 12th place finish with Antwerp taking 22nd.

Katy Niles led the Lady Warriors with a fourth-place finish individually in a time of 19:44.80 with Antwerp's Leigha Doster taking 16th in 21:45.90.

Layla Hodson (29th, 22:49.00), Lenae Lothamer (40th, 23:14.60), Brooklyn

Hetrick (65th, 24:41.20), Viv Cook (66th, 24:43.40), Bethany Lockridge (70th, 24:56.40), Jordyn Kline (80th, 25:42.90) and Alexis Smith (94th, 27:14.60) completed the list of Woodlan finishers.

Other Antwerp runners were Gabriella Snyder (42nd, 23:27.20), Emily Laker (43rd, 23:29.50), Alia Clem (55th, 23:58.40), Raelynne Zuber (57th, 24:01.30), Anneliese Zijlstra (75th, 25:21.20) and Elle Clem (94th, 27:02.40).

On the boys side, Jerry Troyer topped Woodlan by crossing the finish line in 17:29.70 to place 17th overall.

Antwerp was led by Kamren Johnson, who was 27th with a time of 17:41.70.

ACES OUTLAST ARCHERS FOR WIN

HICKSVILLE - The Hicksville Lady Aces won a pair of close sets and then pulled away in the fourth to wrap up a Green Meadows Conference victory over Antwerp in high school volleyball action Tuesday evening.

Hicksville took the opening set by a narrow 28-26 margin before Antwerp evened the match with a 25-15 victory in the second set. After the Lady Aces held on for a 25-23 win over the blue and white in game three, the Defiance County squad pulled away in the fourth set to wrap up the match win with a 25-15 victory.

Topping the blue and white were Amelia Graham, who

picked up 29 digs, three aces and a dozen kills, along with Madison Peters, who totaled three aces, three kills, 18 digs and dished out 35 assists.

Briley Bagley chipped in 18 digs, ten kills and an ace for Antwerp while Haydyn Lengacher recorded six digs and five kills. Caroline Rohrs also added 36 digs and an ace for the blue and white with Emery Jones picking up ten digs.

Alexis Otto recorded eight kills and four digs to aid the Antwerp cause with Faith Clem chipping in seven kills and one dig.

Antwerp's junior varsity picked up a straight set win over the Aces, defeating Hicksville by scores of 25-6 and 25-20. In the freshman

match, the Lady Aces recorded a pair of narrow wins with victories of 25-23 and 28-26.

McKenna Baird dished out 29 assists to go along with 21 digs and two aces for Hicksville while Taylor Slatery posted 14 kills and seven digs. Elise Baldwin chipped in 30 digs, nine kills, five assists and three blocks for the Lady Aces and Evy McAlexander picked up 24 digs.

Lydia Van Scoder recorded five kills and nine digs as well for Hicksville, which received 17 digs, three kills and two aces from Kennedy Adams. Josie Smith and Hannah Ridgeway totaled ten and three digs, respectively, for Hicksville and Mika Inkrott had seven slams.

2024 Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival

Friday, September 20th: 10am-8pm
Saturday, September 21st: 9am-8pm
Sunday, September 22nd: 9am-4pm



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MUSIC SCHEDULE

Friday September 20th

- 10:15 am - 6Men (East Stage)
- 10:30 - Awesome Darlings (West Stage)
- 1pm - The Martins (West Stage)
- 2pm - Dead Pickers Society (East Stage)
- 3pm - The Martins (West Stage)
- 4pm - Dead Pickers Society (East Stage)
- 5:30-7pm - Baryl Basher (West Stage)
- 7pm - Bulldogs (East stage)

Saturday September 21st

- 9am - A Place to Land (West Stage)
- 10am - Men In Black (East Stage)
- 11am - A Place to Land (East Stage)
- 12pm - Men In Black (West Stage)
- 1pm - Crossing Jordan (West Stage)
- 2pm - The Martins (East Stage)
- 3pm - Crossing Jordan (West Stage)
- 4pm - The Martins (East Stage)
- 5-6pm - Sonny Berry (West Stage)
- 7pm - The Sounds of Bliss (East Stage)



Sunday

Church Service - 10am

- 10:30am - Awesome Darlings (West Stage)
- 11pm - Crossing Jordan (East Stage)
- 12:30pm - Graber Family (West Stage)
- 1pm - Crossing Jordan (West Stage)



OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS

Every day at 7AM Paulding County Fire Fighters Assoc. Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Friday

- 10am - Opening Ceremony
- 4pm - String Instrument Demo & lesson
- 5pm - Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
- 6pm - Tri-State Super Field pull.
- Doubletree Tractors over 5000 lbs, Round 2
- Tri-State Super Field, Doubletree Tractors up to 5000 lbs

Saturday

- 9am - Antique Tractor Pull
- 12pm - PowderPuff + Kids Tractor Pull
- 2pm - String Instrument Demo & Lesson

Sunday

- 9am - Truck Show (Historical Society)
- 11:30am - String instrument Demo & Lesson
- 12pm - Horse Pull (Grandstand)

Not Responsible for injuries, theft, or damages All events subject to change.

KLOPFENSTEIN, DANIELS INTRODUCE LEGISLATION PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM INACCURATELY LABELED PRODUCTS



Representatives Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) and Jack Daniels (New Franklin) introduce legislation to regulate imitation meat and egg products.

COLUMBUS - House Bill 661, legislation that regulates imitation meat and egg products, has been introduced by State Representative Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) and State Representative Jack Daniels (R-New Franklin). With meat and egg alternatives on the rise, the bill will ensure that corporations within the imitation meat and egg products industry clearly define the difference between an agricultural food animal product and manufactured protein food products. "Addressing this false perception that the manufactured protein products have begun to create in the agricultural industry will ensure that

Ohioans can safely purchase agricultural food animal products without having to decipher a label," said Klopfenstein. The measure will also prevent school boards from purchasing misbranded meat and egg products and alternatives to protect students. "This bill will not only protect farmers from losing business to lab-grown, manufactured products, but it will also help customers not be misled by false advertising," Daniels said. The proposed bill is similar to legislation that passed with bipartisan support in Iowa. House Bill 661 awaits committee assignment.

YEARS AGO IN PAULDING COUNTY



September 1949: The Fort Brown Roller Rink offers Saturday afternoon skating for school-age kids. The rink, which opened in 1935, was said to be the largest in northwest Ohio.

By: JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL MUSEUM 40 Years Ago

From the *Paulding Progress* of Sept. 12, 1984: More than 1,200 students are enrolled in Wayne Trace schools for 1984-85. A big increase was reported in kindergarten students - 63 at Payne and 57 at Grover Hill. Members of the United Cement, Lime, Gypsum and Allied Workers Division of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers are on strike at the General Portland cement plant. A groundbreaking ceremony is held for an addition to Oakwood Elementary School. Paulding Rescue Squad 711 celebrates 10 years of service with an open house during National Emergency Week.

Over 1,200 dinners were served at the 1984 Festirama sponsored by St. John the Baptist Catholic Church of Payne. The 25th annual Tipton Community Reunion will be held Sunday at the former Blue Creek Grange Hall. From the *Paulding Progress* of Sept. 19, 1984: Paulding County Farm Bureau elects officers for 1984-85. Paul Ludwig is president, Gary Derck vice president and Gary Benschneider secretary-treasurer. Burl Barnes of Paulding has earned the senator award from the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation for his outstanding work in membership campaigns and leadership abilities as an organization director for Defiance, Van Wert, Paulding and Putnam counties. The Paulding Theatre will

have a special showing of "Purple Rain," starring Prince in his first motion picture, at matinee Saturdays and Sunday. Local restaurants offering specials include The Rusty Nail, Puckerbrush Inn, Cashman's Club 111, Vagabond Village and Lou Mar's Family Restaurant. Home Saving and Loan is offering 11.2 percent interest on a one-year certificate of deposit with a yield of 11.9 percent.

75 Years Ago

From the *Paulding Democrat* of Sept. 15, 1949: Marcelene Malcuit, a junior at Payne High School, was selected from among the 34 entries at the Seventh Annual Beauty Contest as the 1949 Paulding County Queen at the Paulding County Fair. Gov. Frank Lausche presided at the coronation ceremonies. Paulding's Fly and Mosquito Control Committee decided that as a precautionary measure, the school grounds, sewers and city dump should be given a third spraying of DDT. The entire village was given two complete sprayings during the summer.

From the *Oakwood News* of Sept. 15, 1949: Janet Rickner is crowned the first Oakwood Homecoming Queen. Her attendants were Mary Pratt and Barbara Johnson. More than 4,000 persons attended the three-day homecoming.

Parents! Bring your kiddies to Fort Brown Rink Saturday afternoon for 2-1/2 hours skating. School ages 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades preferred. Price 25 cents each.

From the *Paulding County Republican* of Sept. 15, 1949: A new office building and sales room of the Stoller Seed House and Elevator is nearing completion at 225 W. Perry St. in Paulding.

A new club "The Better Homes and Garden Club" organized recently in Paulding. The purpose of the club is for beautifying the homes and lawns in the new addition. Fifteen members elected officers Catherine Sontchi, president; Sallie Knight, vice president and secretary; and Mable Sessler, reporter-treasurer.

125 Years Ago

From the *Paulding County Republican* of Sept. 14, 1899: The Pomona Grange fair will be held at Fairview Grange near Worstville in the latter part of this month. The Hedges flouring mills did a rushing business Thursday. They have as fine a set of stone burrs as can be found anywhere in the county. Prowant's sorghum mill started up last week. Rev. Mrs. Minnie Hall has been appointed pastor of the liberal U.B. church at Hedges.

Josiah Lambert of Charloe brought a bill of corn of his own raising that we think is a record breaker. The stalks measured nearly 15 feet from the roots to the tip end of the tassel, and the blades measured over 6 inches wide. Mr. Lambert is 83 years old.

The annual reunion of the Paulding County Ex-Soldiers' Association was held at the fair ground. The invitation to the meeting included all ex-soldiers who have served in the army of the United States at any time, and with the gray haired old veterans of the war for the Union mingled the young and vigorous volunteers in the Spanish War. The old time regulation army dinner - pork and beans - was served with the luxuries and

COOPER FARMS WELCOMES LEGISLATIVE GROUP



Last week, Cooper Farms welcomed a group of area legislators on a tour of various Cooper Farms locations, such as a sow farm, a hog grow out

farm and a turkey breeder farm. The group was also joined by Dr. Christopher Winslow from The Ohio State University as keynote speaker

for the event. Dr. Winslow shared his knowledge on water quality and how nutrients are managed responsibly as a valuable resource.

dainties of the season. After dinner there was music by the Paulding band and the Payne drum corps.

From the Paulding Democrat of Sept. 14, 1899:

Grand was the 28th annual fair of the Paulding County Agricultural Society. The attendance on Thursday and Friday was unusually large. Family tickets were sold for one dollar, which entitled a family to admission the whole week and this, no doubt, caused a larger turn-out than when each person was required to pay 25 cents. The exhibits in Floral Hall were grand and needed only to be seen to be appreciated. Some of the latest fruits that we have ever seen were on exhibition. Our home merchants made a number of splendid displays, among which were the following: Sidle Bros.' display of furniture - they held the attention of the people by music on the Graphophone; R.L. Gipe, display of dry goods; A.R. Bruner, pianos; F.T. Wichman, boots and shoes; Mrs. Nora Loy, millinery; G.W. Donart, furniture; F.M. Bashore, hardware; M. Finan, hardware and sewing machines. A. Bybee had a fine display of buggies and harness under a tent.

From the Paulding Democrat of Sept. 14, 1899:

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

CROSBY PUSHES WT TO GMC WIN

WOODBURN - Five Green Meadows Conference girls golf squads hooked up in a match at Pond-A-River Golf Club outside of Antwerp Monday night with Wayne Trace capturing the victory over Antwerp, Edgerton, Fairview and Tinora. The Lady Raiders shot a 182 to easily record the victory, getting past second place Tinora's 209 and third place Antwerp's 221. Edgerton and Fairview had only individual players take part in the match. Wayne Trace's Ella Crosby led the way for the red, white and blue, taking medalist honors with a 43 on the day, while teammates Ryann Jay and Reagan McGarvey both finished with a 45. Olivia Baughman also had a 49 for the Lady Raiders followed by Tori Young (55) and Isabelle O'Shaughnessy (65).

Tinora took second with a 209 as Adelaida Gill totaled a 44 and Marisa Raimonde finished with a 53. Other scorers for the green and white were Rose Billing (55), Summer Moser (57), Autumn Henry (58) and Danica Rath (60). Madison Schmidt and Lyla

PILOTS CRUISE TO WIN OVER PANTHERS

PAULDING - Ayersville went on the road in Green Meadows Conference volleyball action Tuesday night where the Lady Pilots cruised to a four-set win over host Paulding at the 'Jungle'.

It was the host Panthers who took the opening set, posting a 25-23 victory, but the Pilots answered with consecutive victories of 25-16, 25-17 and 25-16 to wrap up the evening. Kayleigh Dunham finished with eight kills and nine blocks overall while Marley Parrett added five aces and three kills for the Lady Panthers.

MCGARVEY LEADS RAIDERS TO WIN

DEFIANCE - Five schools made the trip to Harvest Moon Golf Course near Defiance Tuesday night with the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders bringing home a victory. The red, white and blue totaled a 186 to win the match over Patrick Henry, who finished second at 202. Bryan was third with a 211 while Tinora took fourth with a 213. Fairview also competed but did not field a full squad.

Junior Reagan McGarvey led the way for Wayne Trace with a 43 in also claiming match medalist honors. Ryann Jay added a 46 for the Lady Raiders followed by Olivia Baughman (48), Tori Young (49), Ella Crosby (51) and Audrey Dougal (65).

Kasey Nelson led the Lady Patriots with a 44 and Taylor Schwaber posted a 49. Haylee Haas (53), Maya Lirot (56), Elisana Wyandt (57) and Ava Carrizales (63) were the other Patrick Henry players. Bryan was paced by Kanzie Blevins with a 49 while Josey Arnold and Claire Struble recorded rounds of 52 and 53, respectively. Eden Alyanakian (57), Zoey Gillett (62) and Ana McCoy-Martinez (64) were the other Golden Bear players.

Adelaida Gill and Marisa Raimonde both shot a 51 to lead Tinora followed by Danica Rath (53), Autumn Henry (58), Rose Billing (60) and Summer Moser (62).

Fairview had only three players take part in the match with Natalie Timbrook totaling a 47 while Camryn Whitaker added a 55. Abri Elson also had a 72 for the Lady Apaches.

PANTHERS TOP INDIANS AT IRONWOOD GC

On Monday, September 9th, the Paulding Golf program teed off at Ironwood Golf Course against the Wauseon Indians. In varsity play, Wauseon took the top spot at 168 and Paulding held at 177. Players' scores: Paulding - Nico Stahl 45; Nick Hatcher 48; Brandon Schroeder 43; Johnny Lipps 42; Max Stork 51; Austen Kinder 47. Wauseon - MyKale Schneider 41; Ethan Schnitky 40; Jack Alstaetter 44; Maddox Schneider 43; Gavin Fisher 46.

In JV play, Paulding took that top spot at 192 and Wauseon followed close behind at 206. Players' scores: Paulding - Tyler Goyings 44; Zach Barton 48; Gannon Parrett 52; Xander Schwab 51; Cameron Williams 49. Wauseon - Cayden Ruffer 47; Alyas Molina 52; Dominic Valvano 47; Reed Moser 60.

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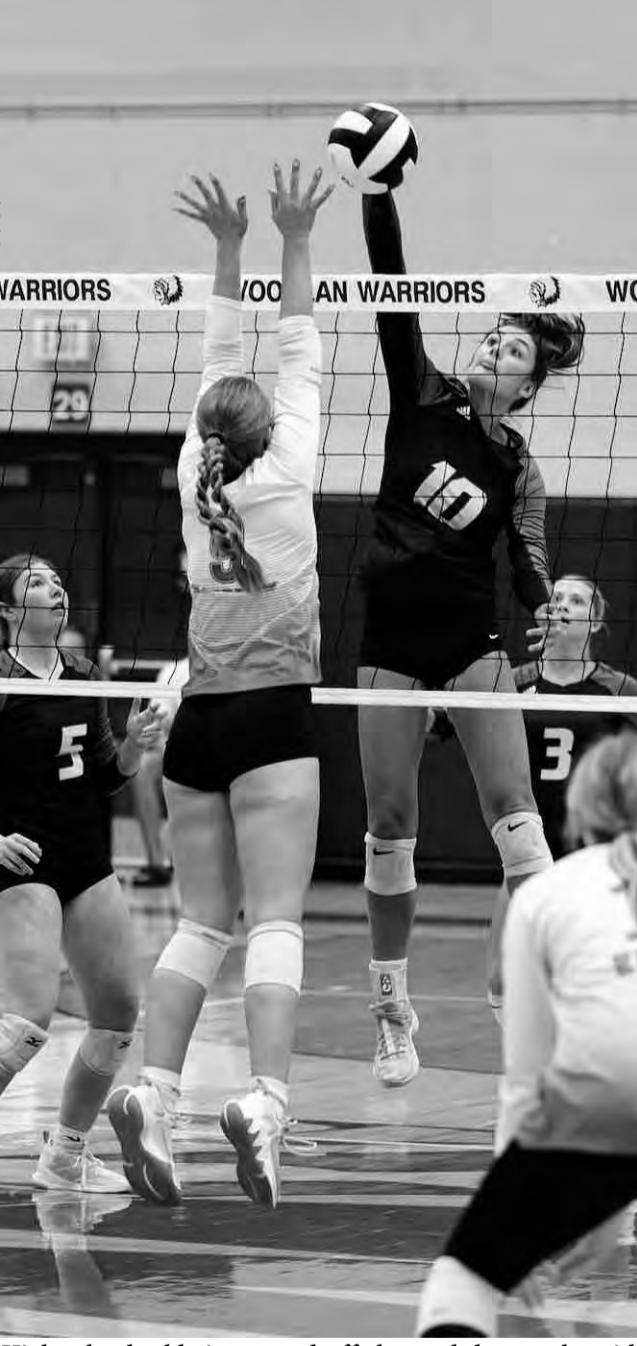
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LADY PIRATES OVERTAKE RAIDERS



Wayne Trace played host at a top of the week volleyball match up with Bluffton Lady Pirates. Pictured above Wayne Trace's Careen Winans and Torree Sinn attempts to block the shot, unfortunately, the Bluffton team came out on top in three sets: 20-25, 20-25, 19-25. More photos at www.westbendnews.net

LADY WARRIORS BATTLE KNIGHTS



High school athletics started off the week last week with Woodlan girls volleyball hosting Bishop Luers Lady Knights. The Lady Warriors dominated their home court using it to pull out a three set win to add the win to their season record: 25-17, 25-22, 25-12. Pictured above is Woodlan junior Alyssa Anderson slams the ball back to Bishop Luers Taylor Alber and scores for the Warriors! More pictures at westbendnews.net

WARRIORS ROLL OVER BRAVES

WOODBURN - Host Woodlan improved to 7-0 on the season as the Lady Warriors cruised to a sweep of visiting Blackhawk Christian in non-league volleyball action last week.

Woodlan took the opening set 25-20 before following that up with a 25-22 win in the second set. The Lady Warriors then wrapped up the night by defeating the Braves 25-11 in game three.

Alyssa Anderson recorded 13 kills to lead the way for Woodlan with Makaila Gruber posting 11 slams and Katy Bottoms chipped in six.

Makenna Smith topped Woodlan with seven aces in the match with McKenna Smith and Gruber both recording three aces.

Anderson also had a pair of blocks for the Lady Warriors while Jade Lichty picked up 15 digs and Makenna Smith added ten. Alix Jacquay chipped in eight digs as well for Woodlan with McKenna Smith posting seven while Alyssa Harvey and Gruber each recorded four.

Victoria Crozier topped Woodlan by dishing out 17 assists and Harvey added 11 for the Lady Warriors.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Nathaniel T Wells, Payne, Oh; Disorderly conduct; J-Guilty; defendant to pay all fines and costs; maintain general good behavior

Joshua K Johnson; Paulding, Oh; RR Crossing; Guilty; case waived by defendant

Cody A Fitch, Paulding, Driving/Texting - Guilty. Case waived by defendant.

Avery A Rice; Paulding, OH; Seat belt; Guilty; case waived by defendant

Kaydence A Beachy; Fort Wayne, IN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Alex N Aguilar; Delphos, OH; No OL; J-Guilty

Timothy D Schroeder; Monroeville, IN: Driving/Texting; Guilty; Case waived by defendant

Timothy D Schroeder, Monroeville, IN, Texting/Driving, Guilty. Case waived by Defendant.

Scott M Knauff; Perrysburg, OH; Driving/Texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Luke K Stiver; Antwerp, OH; DUS-NON FRA; A-Dismiss; Count A Dismissed; Turn Signals; J-Guilty; Proof of insurance provided

Carl W Walters II; Coverdale, OH; Disorderly Conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; maintain general good behavior; previously ordered license forfeiture is vacated

Faiz A Mousa; Dearborn, MI; Fail Control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Scott E Kirkland Jr; Paulding, OH; OVI/Under Influence; Guilty; Proof of insurance not provided; standard probation; evaluation at Westwood; secure a valid driver's license; Risk Assessment; OVI/Breath(low); Dismissed; Count B dismissed; No Motorcycle license; Dismissed; Count C dismissed; Fail Control; Dismissed; Count D dismissed; OVI/Under Influence; Guilty; Standard probation; evaluation with Westwood; secure a valid license; 30 hours of community service; risk assessment; Open Container;

Dismiss; count B dismissed
Ali Alkanaani, Dearborn Heights, MI; Cross Divided Hwy; J-Guilty;

Min K Kang, Indianapolis, IN, Failed to Yield to Emergency Vehicle, Guilty. Case waived by defendant.

Zachory V Mies, Van Wert, OH; Disorderly Conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; maintain general good behavior; Assault; Dismissed; Count dismissed

Nicholas Sholl, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; No contest; defendant to pay all fines and costs; maintain general good behavior

Erika A Fish, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; No Contest; defendant to pay all fines and costs; maintain general good behavior

Austin J Crawley, Indianapolis, IN; DUS/Non FRA; Guilty; Driving/Texting; Dismissed; Count B dismissed; Seat Belt; dismissed; Count D dismissed

Dustin L Carlisle, Grover Hill, OH; Seat Belt/Drive; Guilty; case was waived by defendant

Eli N Cramer, Continental, OH; Paraphernalia; guilty; defendant to pay all fine and costs; maintain general good behavior; all contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Possession; Guilty; defendant to pay all fine a and costs; maintain general good behavior; all contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/Under Influence; guilty; may attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; proof of insurance provided; standard probation; secure valid driver's license; 20 hours community service; risk assessment; all contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use; No tail lights; guilty

Damian M Wood, Montpelier, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; defendant to pay all fines and costs; placed on standard probation; no contact with victim; complete 25 hours community service; maintain general good behavior

Dennis W Wann, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; No contest; defendant o pay all fines and costs; maintain general good behavior

Danielle R Dempsey, Van Wert, OH; disorderly conduct; J-No contest; defendant to pay all fines and costs; maintain general good behavior; warrant and warrant block recalled

Alyssa R McMillan, Haviland, OH; DUS/OL for; J-Guilty; Left of Center; J-Guilty

Gina R Brown, Paulding, OH; Driving/Texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cynthia L Morningstar, Defiance, OH; Marked Lanes; guilty; case was waived by defendant

Edwin R Pedroza, Fort Wayne, IN; Stop sign; guilty; case was waived by defendant

Maggie E Groh, Grover Hill, OH; Fail control; Case was waived by defendant

Ha Tin, Fort Wayne, IN; Child restraint; guilty; case was waived by defendant

Ravikkanthan Arumugam, Markham, ON; Driving/Texting; Guilty; case was waived by defendant

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Paulding County prosecuting attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (10) persons on

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

Thursday, September 12, 2024
MOWERY, EVERETT DARREL, OAKWOOD, OH 45873; 11/23/1981; Domestic Violence F4

STOCKMAN, MARK WALTER, LITCHFIELD, MI 49252; 11/22/1981; Failure to Register F2

ROSALEZ, TYRONE JAMESON, FORT WAYNE, IN 46808, 3/2/1973, \$2923.13(A)(3), Having Weapons While Under Disability F3; Inducing Panic M1; Aggravated Menacing M1

LOPEZ, REBECCA D., Orem, UT, 12/13/1996; Theft F5, \$2913.02(A)(1): Theft F5.

BELL, PATRICK A, HICKSVILLE, OH 43526; 10/23/1967; Trespass in a Habitation when a Person is Present or Likely to be Present F4; Burglary F2; Menacing M4; Disorderly Conduct M1; Missing M4

CLEM, ELISHA, Antwerp, Ohio 2/29/2004; Vandalism, F-5.

FOUST, CARTER, Harlan, IN 46743, 6/29/2004; Vandalism, F-5.

Schroeder, Brady Michael, Lima, Ohio 45805, 9/12/1990; Opening Burning or Open Dumping of Solid Waste, UF; Operate Solid Waste Facility without a license, UF; violation of Construction and Demolition debris laws, UM.

Schroeder Roofing, LLC, c/o Chase Clark, Statutory Agent, Columbus Grove, Ohio; Opening Burning or Open Dumping of Solid Waste, UF; Operate Solid Waste Facility without a license, UF; violation of Construction and Demolition debris laws, UM.

Blue Chip Construction, c/o Brady M. Schroeder, Lima, Ohio; Opening Burning or Open Dumping of Solid Waste, UF; Operate Solid Waste Facility without a license, UF; violation of Construction and Demolition debris laws, UM

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE BID NOTICE

The Village of Hicksville is accepting sealed bids on leasing approximately 19.25 acres of farmland in the Industrial Park for a period of three years, beginning on December 1, 2024. Bids can be dropped off or mailed to the Clerk's office at 111 South Main St., Hicksville, OH 43526, with "Farm Lease" written on the envelope. Deadline for bids is 11:00 a.m. October 29, 2024, with the opening of bids taking place at that time in Council Chambers. The Village of Hicksville reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Cory Wann
Administrator
Village of Hicksville

PUBLIC NOTICE

Village of Paulding
Village Hall
116 S. Main Street
Paulding, OH 45879

The Village of Paulding will be having an OPEN HOUSE to explain and/or answer questions regarding the Electrical Aggregation Program that will be placed on the November Ballot.

This meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, September 24th from 5:00-6:00 pm.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

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Pictured is the Auglaize Canoe & Kayak 2024 corn maze ribbon cutting at Weller Farms. Owners Liz, Doug and Bonnie Weller and staff are joined by the Limitless Store staff and members of PC Workshop. This year's corn maze is dedicated to the Limitless Store and is in the shape of their logo. A second smaller, more child interactive maze is dedicated to Jurassic Park and dinosaurs.

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ing three of their positive motivations.

In addition to the large corn maze, new this year is a smaller "Jurassic" themed maze that allows for younger family members to also participate in the fun. There will be upcoming announcements on a trick-or-treat event hosted inside the maze, helicopter candy drop and also an evening flashlight event.

If corn mazes aren't your thing, guests can walk through the four-acre pumpkin patch and pick your own pumpkin, or simply choose one of the already picked pumpkins. They are available in a variety of shapes, sizes and colors. Also available is a wagon ride around the farm with a spectacular fall view along the river the beautiful Auglaize River. The family owned 1947 Allis Chalmers tractor will pull a wagon full of guests on a guided tour of straw bales complete with "celebrity themed" scarecrows. The ride continues through a skeleton themed movie reenactment with a fan favorite celebrity participant at the end to complete the ride.

In addition, there are many other opportunities for guests of all ages to participate or view. Fall wouldn't be complete without fresh-pressed apple cider, which the Weller family makes on site with their antique cider press, and has full gallon or half gallon options available for purchase. There is putt-putt golf, a youth barrel train ride, a playground including a child size cabin,

bounce house, a campfire to enjoy sitting near the river by the fire or cooking smores, ample fall picture setting opportunities for fall themed senior or family pictures, selfies, beautiful fall nature in general, and much more. In addition to the cider, the farm also produces honey. The canoe and kayak livery options continue to be open and available. A variety of participating food trucks will be on site on weekends.

The Weller Farm, owned by Doug & Bonnie Weller, started hosting the Canoe & Kayak venue in 2013. As business and attendance picked up, additional opportunities were added and offered. In 2021 the pumpkin patch and corn mazes were added. The Wellers continue to listen to feedback from guests and strive to improve. The input helps with growth through new business options each year. The farm is now the largest importer of guests to Paulding County. In 2023 the facility hosted more than 10,000 customers. Business is well on pace to exceed that number in 2024.

Paulding County Economic Development Director Tim Copsey noted, "The Auglaize Canoe and Kayak business, located on the Weller Farm, just continues to improvise and adjust to customer requests and demand. It is just astounding to drive over the Auglaize River and see the amount of boaters in the water, knowing all the other activities on the farm are busy too. The corn maze just adds to the interest and pulls

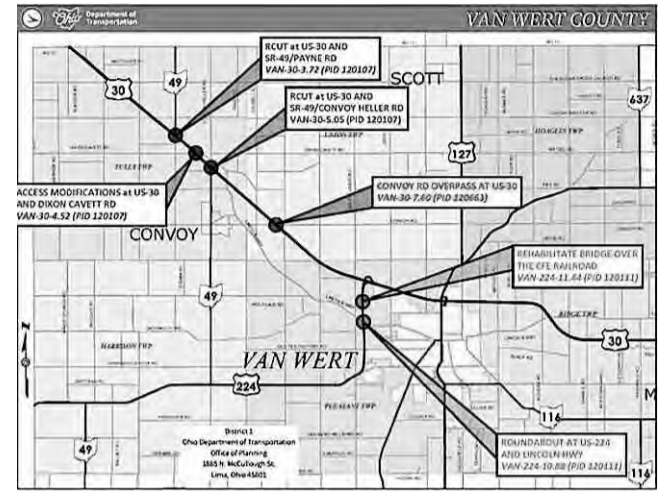
attendance from all over the region."

Come out and see everything the farm has to offer for a quick visit or spend the day. Whether you live in the city, and yearn to feel a little bit of the natural outdoors, or live in the country and experience this atmosphere all the time, Weller Farm offers a new experience for you. The farm, located at 24821 Road 207 just off the Putnam/Paulding County line road, is open 9a-5p on Saturdays and noon-5p on Sunday, through October 31.

There is also opportunity

to schedule weekday and evening events by appointment. The farm has hosted school field trips, youth groups and family reunions, but there is always room to discuss options for any other group opportunities for interested guests. For admission pricing or more detailed information, call 419-594-3456, visit the website www.auglaizecanoe.com or check their social media on Facebook or Instagram. This year there are \$1 off admission price coupons available at the Limitless store or PC Workshop in Paulding.

ODOT TO HOST PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THREE UPCOMING PROJECTS IN VAN WERT COUNTY



LIMA, Ohio (Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024) - The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) invites the public to a meeting to discuss three upcoming projects that will improve safety along the U.S. 30 and U.S. 224 corridors in northwest Van Wert County.

Meeting details:

- Date: Monday, Sept. 30, 2024
- Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Location: Convoy Community Building, 643 North Main St., Convoy

The meeting will begin with a short presentation followed by an open house during which the project teams and exhibits will be available.

All meeting materials will be available on the project websites after the meeting.

Requests for interpretation service or reasonable accommodation may be submitted through the project website, mail, email, and by phone to the appropriate project manager listed below.

Project details:

In 2022, ODOT finalized a comprehensive Feasibility

Study to improve safety on the U.S. 30 corridor. Between 2016-2022, the corridor had eight intersection related fatal crashes. Based on the study's recommendations, three projects are moving forward with funding from the Ohio Highway Safety Improvement Program. The details for each are below:

Project 1: U.S. 30/State Route 49 Restricted Crossing U-turns

Location U.S. 30/State Route 49/Payne Road/Convoy Heller Road

Project ID: 120107

Project details:

- Convert two intersections to a restricted crossing U-turn (RCUT) design.
 - U.S. 30 and SR 49/Payne Road
 - U.S. 30 and S.R. 49/Convoy-Heller Road
- Modify access at the intersection of U.S. 30 and Dixon-Cavett Road.
- Construction begin: 2027

Project website: www.transportation.ohio.gov/projects/projects/120107

Project manager: Logan

WAYNE TRACE ART TECH STUDENTS CREATING PRODUCT FOR STEAM STORE



Students in Wayne Trace's Art Technology program have been busy again this fall creating products for their STEAM Store which debuted this past weekend at Mercer Landmark's AGrow Expo. Look for even more artwork created using their CNC machine, laser

cutters and engravers, UV printers and other machines to be featured at Homecoming on October 4 when the Wayne Trace STEAM Store and center has an Open House from 5:00-7:00 p.m. More details will be coming soon!

RAIDERS COAST TO WIN OVER RAMS

DEFIANCE - Wayne Trace senior Kyle Sutton and sophomore Brody Rosswurm both shot a 38 to lead the Raiders to a 162-184 win over Tinora in boys golf action at Harvest Moon Golf Course Monday evening.

Konnor Wannemacher and Jared Varner each carded a 43 to aid the Raider cause while Conner Davis and Tyson Gerber totaled rounds of 47 and 48, respectively.

Kaiden Massengale and Ryder Backhaus both finished with a 44 for the Rams while Logan Stein chipped in a 47 and Parker Hancock totaled a 49. Grant Lymanstall and Grayson DeLarber each picked up a 51 for the Rams.

In junior varsity golf action at Pleasant Valley Golf Course, the Raider squad defeated county rival Antwerp 182-207.

Eli Martinez topped the Wayne Trace effort with a 43 and Grayson Sutton chipped in a 45. Other red, white and blue scorers were Hayden Holt (46), Griffin Williamson (48), Ryan Parker (49) and Hunter Peck (59).

Dylan Hahn totaled a 46 for the Archers followed by Case Trabel (52), Drew Eaken (54), Lucas Sproles (55) and Noah Bradbury (59).

KNIGHTS CRUISE TO WIN OVER WT

CONVOY - Crestview scored in every quarter and the Knights cruised to a 37-16 win over Wayne Trace Friday night in non-league high school football action.

It was the Knights who struck first, scoring on their first possession for a 7-0 lead on a seven-yard Bryson Penix run.

Crestview made it 10-0 on a 34-yard Hayden Perrot field goal and that is the way it stood after one quarter.

Wayne Trace closed to within 10-8, getting a 20-yard touchdown pass from Jack Schoenauer to Tyler Head as well as a safety.

However, the Knights found the endzone with under a minute on the clock in the first half as Penix connected with Isaiah Barton on a 43-yard touchdown pass for a 17-8 lead.

The Van Wert County squad extended the lead to 23-8 in the third quarter on a one-yard Penix plunge before Wayne Trace cut into the deficit.

The Raiders cut the deficit to 23-16 as Schoenauer hooked up with Brady Miller

on a 15-yard scoring strike.

However, Crestview put the game away with a pair of fourth quarter scores to set the final at 37-16.

Penix finished the night 14 of 20 passing for 225 yards while adding 89 rushing yards on ten carries. Schoenauer was six of ten through the air for Wayne Trace, throwing for 79 yards. Lance Whitman picked up 45 yards on eight carries for the Raiders.

Miller topped the Raider receivers with four receptions for 54 yards with Barton hauling in five catches for 88 yards.

ARCHERS FALL IN STRAIGHT SETS TO BULLDOGS

ANTWERP - Edgerton made the trip from Williams County to Antwerp Thursday for a Green Meadows Conference volleyball match that saw the Lady Bulldogs roll to a straight-set victory over the Archers.

Edgerton won the first two sets by identical 25-16 margins before the Williams County squad closed out the match with a 25-15 third set victory.

Caroline Rohrs picked up a dozen digs and Briley Bagley recorded ten digs and three kills to aid the Lady Archer cause.

Amelia Graham totaled 25 digs, five kills and two aces for Antwerp with Maddy Peters posting 20 assists, seven digs and three kills.

Alexis Otto chipped in four kills, two blocks and five digs and Briley Bagley totaled ten digs and three slams for Antwerp as the Archers fall to 2-6 overall and 0-1 in the GMC.

Emery Jones also picked up five digs for Antwerp and Haydyn Lengacher finished with five slams.

The Lady Archer freshman squad defeated the Bulldogs 25-20 and 25-19 while the Antwerp junior varsity team was victorious by scores of 25-13 and 25-20.

WILDCATS COAST TO WIN OVER PANTHERS

MILLER CITY - Paulding hit the road Thursday night for a non-league battle at Miller City where the host Wildcats recorded a straight set win over the Lady Panthers.

The Putnam County squad won the opener of the match 25-21 and followed that up with an identical 25-21 win in game two. Miller City then cruised to a 25-15 decision in game three to complete the sweep.

SEPTEMBER ONLINE EQUIPMENT AUCTION

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SEMI TRUCKS: 2007 International 8600, 2012 International ProStar

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Estie Pease dished out 19 assists and two aces for the Lady Panthers while Tori Schlatter chipped in 16 digs and six kills. Kayleigh Dunham recorded six kills and eight blocks for Paulding with Addison Shull and Brianna Bermejo chipping in 16 and 15 digs, respectively.

Marley Parrett also had four kills for the Lady Panthers and Lucy Breier totaled six slams.

Paulding's junior varsity was victorious over the Wildcats, defeating Miller City 25-14 and 25-23. However, the Putnam County squad captured the freshman contest with victories of 25-21 and 25-14.

KNIGHTS TOO MUCH FOR RAIDERS

CONVOY – In a battle of neighboring rivals, the Crestview Lady Knights coasted to a three-set win over Wayne Trace in non-league girls volleyball action last week.

The host Knights won the opening set 25-18 before posting an identical 25-18 victory in game two. Crestview then closed out the match by rolling to a 25-15 win in the third set.

Adelyn Figley totaled 19 kills to lead the way for Crestview, which improves to 3-2 on the season. Emily Lichtle added 35 assists and two aces and Josie Kulwicki chipped in a trio of aces.

Ellie Kline picked up a dozen digs for the Lady Knights and Kulwicki recorded for Crestview. Kennedy Crider and Haley McCoy finished with seven and four slams, respectively.

Careen Winans had a trio of aces for the Lady Raiders while Lexi Moore totaled six kills with Kendall Denning, Torree Sinn and Harper Myers having three each. Careen Winans added four slams for Wayne Trace, which drops to 2-3.

Addison Stoller and Amber Stoller dished out four assists apiece for the Lady Raiders and Caroline Winans picked up a dozen digs. Myers chipped in nine digs for Wayne Trace with Lorie Sinn totaling five and the duo of Karsyn Troth and Careen Winans finished with a trio of digs apiece.

Wayne Trace's junior varsity picked up a straight set win over the Knights, defeating Crestview by scores of 25-21 and 25-22.

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\$15 per hour minimum wage. Everyone wants more money but there is no more money. Every time wages go up, the price of goods eventually go up the same amount and you haven't gained anything. They only double the price of hamburgers for us and we didn't get a raise. Most of us lose because it takes a long time for wages to catch up.

When I was a youngun', I saw the first wrist watch, a Timex, on sale for 20 bucks at Milan Center Store. I saved my pennies... I told you I was a prosperous farmer... and I bought it.

That same watch adjusted to inflation would be \$400 today, and I would buy one if I could. It kept lousy time. When we were in school, we studied horror stories of inflation in Germany where it took a wheelborrow of money to buy a loaf of bread. Inflation is no friend.

Around 1968 we bought our house for \$16,000, now they estimate it to be worth around \$200,000. Actually the insurance company made us inshore it for \$320,000. Not sure what that's all about. It's not worth a penny more than it was then. My a house only inflated 12.5 times, not as much as candy bars.

It just seems like more. I remember the price of farm land going up and it seemed like you're getting so much more. We need to get a handle on inflation or I think you can see where it's going to go. This morning on the radio they're saying that Russia and Iraq won't take our dollar, and we should buy gold.

Today they are giving millions to small cities to clean up their air, and the government is shutting down. My most vivid memory when I was young, a first class stamp cost 3 cents, and a postcard a penny. My wife tells me yesterday stamps are 67¢, and only God knows what a postcard costs. From 3¢ to 67¢ would be an increase of 22.33 times or 2,223%, just slightly over the average of 2,000%. In a mere 35 years, a 3 cent stamp will cost \$17.89. you won't mind it because you'll be making \$200 an hour. But then money will be exchanged electronically, so you won't have to carry a wheelbarrow full of money to buy a loafbread. Things were so much simpler then. I think I'll send someone

a postcard for old time's sake, if I can dig up the money.

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATES FATAL CRASH IN FULTON COUNTY

York Township, Fulton County – The Toledo Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal traffic crash that occurred on September 9, 2024, at around 1:30 p.m. at the intersection of County Road 10 and County Road D in York Township, Fulton County.

Mallory M. Creque, age 23, of Riga, Michigan, was driving a 2013 Chevrolet Equinox southbound on County Road 10 when she failed to yield the right of way from the stop sign and pulled into the path of John A. Schofield, age 55, of Swanton, Ohio, who was driving westbound on County Road D. Mr. Schofield was driving a 2009 Yamaha motorcycle when he laid down his motorcycle in an attempt to avoid Ms. Creque's vehicle. Mr. Schofield was unsuccessful and struck the driver's side of the Chevrolet Equinox.

Mr. Schofield was taken by Delta Fire and EMS to the University of Toledo Medical Center where he succumbed from his injuries. Mr. Schofield was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

Alcohol and drugs do not appear to be a factor in the crash, and the crash remains under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Delta Fire and EMS, K&K Collision, and Don's Automotive.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorist to ensure intersections are clear before proceeding through them, and to never driver distracted.

ROAD REPAIRS & HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSED AT 9/9/24 DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

Stuart.

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

The Commissioners met with Warren Schlatter, Engineer and Landfill Director, for a monthly update. He reported that Gerken Paving has recently paved several roads including Clemmer and Openlander and will soon be paving sections of The Bend and Farmer Mark. He reported that Ward Construction is working on the Banner School Road connection and should be completing the project in the coming weeks. For the landfill, Mr. Schlatter reported that they are on track to possibly have their second best year in 2024 after a record breaking 2023. He reported that they will be holding tours of the landfill for several local school districts in October.

The Board met with Economic Development Executive Director Erika Willitzer, Justin Kuhn, and Taylor Klepper for a discussion about housing development. This discussion took place in executive session to discuss confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance (ORC 121.22 (G) (8)).

SECRETARY LAROSE ASKS ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE HUNDREDS OF ELECTION FRAUD CASES

(Columbus) – Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose announced today that his office's Election Integrity Unit has sent evidence of more than 600 election law violations to the Ohio Attorney General's office.

Ohio law empowers the Secretary of State to "investigate the administration of election laws, frauds, and irregularities in elections in any county, and report violations of election laws to the attorney general or prosecuting attorney, or both, for prosecution." The Secretary of State's office has referred hundreds of these matters to county prosecutors since Secretary LaRose took office in 2019.

"Unfortunately, many of these referrals have not been pursued by law enforcement,

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sometimes by choice and other times due to limited prosecutorial capacity," said Secretary LaRose. "State law gives the attorney general the authority to take up these referrals if the prosecuting attorney doesn't prosecute the violations within a reasonable time. The only way to maintain Ohio's high standard of election integrity is to enforce the law whenever it's broken."

During the first five years of Secretary LaRose's administration, his office referred 633 individuals to law enforcement for apparently voting multiple times in the same state or two different states, election fraud involving deceased individuals, as well as registration and voting violations by noncitizens. Of those referred, 621 have not been charged by their respective county prosecutor.

"We respect prosecutorial discretion, and we don't necessarily expect all 633 referrals to lead to criminal charges, but only 12 out of 633 shows a second set of eyes might be needed here to determine whether prosecution of these crimes is justified," wrote Hun Yi, Director of Investigations for the Secretary of State's Public Integrity Division, in a letter to Attorney General Dave Yost. "Accordingly, county prosecutors have had more than 'a reasonable time' to prosecute the violations and apparently have chosen not to do so. We hereby respectfully request that you use your authority under Ohio Revised Code Section 109.95 to review these cases, utilizing your own discretion, and prosecute the violations as you see appropriate."

The referral includes a breakdown of the violations by election year and violation type, as well as relevant documentation provided by the boards of elections and other elections jurisdictions substantiating the violations.



INFLATION

By: James Neuhouser

As I sit at my desk on a cool morning in early September, I think about many things. One of these things is always the weather because it dipped down to 50° last night. My granddaughter and I have a celebration in the spring every time it hits 10 degrees warmer. 70° is probably our biggest party. We should have a 50° party going down, but I don't think we'll celebrate going down, especially the first time it hits 0°.

This morning I heard Glenn Beck say that Woodrow Wilson was such a terrible president and I always wondered what he was talking about. I sat down to write something about that but decided to write about inflation. Next time we'll check out

president Wilson.

I told you before that when I was in grade school a 12 oz Pepsi cost a nickel and a Hershey bar, also cost a nickel. The glass bottle was a 2¢ deposit but you simply drank the Pepsi and gave the bottle back, solved that problem. Some years back a 12 oz can of Pepsi was a dollar and a Hershey bar about the same. That would have been a 20 times inflation, or 2,000%.

I remember taking wheat to market and it sold for \$2.25 a bushel. That was around 1956. Today 9/2/24, the price of wheat is \$5.32 a bushel up five cents from yesterday. This would be about 2.3 times higher, or 230%. The farmers are getting a real snow job. If farm prices have risen the average of 20 times, you're \$4 box of cereal would be costing \$40. I think my dad had a lot better farming prices in his day.

Seems like in the last 3 years prices have taken off like a rocket. It started with McDonald's workers wanting a

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HELP WANTED

The Hicksville Police Department is accepting applications or resumes for one (1) Full Time Police Officer.

The applicant selected for the position must be able to work all shifts, holidays, and weekends as well as completing trainings as required.

The minimum qualifications for Position of Lieutenant & or Patrol Officer

- Certified as a Police Officer in the State of Ohio
- Have a High School Diploma or GED
- 21 years of age
- Possess a Valid State of Ohio driver's license
- Pass a Criminal Background check
- Clear physical and drug screen

The acceptable candidate will have the ability to:

- Maintain effective working relationships with other Village of Hicksville employees, representatives or other agencies and organizations and members of the community.
- Adhere to department professional and ethical standards of conduct.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both verbally and in writing.
- Operate department issued equipment and gear, vehicles, standard office equipment, radios, computers, firearms, and any other specialized equipment

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.

Questions about this position can be directed to Chief Mark Denning during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

PAULDING COUNTY REPUBLICAN BANQUET PACKED TO HEAR WINDSOR



Paulding County Republican Women are pictured above with Keynote speaker of the evening, Jack Windsor (3rd from left).

The Republican Banquet was filled on Thursday, September 12 at the OSU Extension. Dinner started with the boy scout color guard bringing the flags forward, the pledge, then followed by the prayer by Stan Harmon. Dinner followed the invocation with a delicious meal by Grant's Catering of Antwerp. The people were excited to hear from the main speaker, but before that guests were filled with honor as they presented all of the Veterans for their sacrifice for all of us.

Republican chair Laurie Lucas opened the meeting with introducing Representative Roy Klopfenstein who then discussed the local officials running for office and several new candidates for office including: Sarah Harpel for Clerk of Courts; Sarah Shuherk Candidate for

County Recorder; and Scott Strahley for County Engineer.

Roy Klopfenstein then introduced Robert Sprague, Treasure of State. The discussed the problem with so much foreign money funding state issues to sway the elections for out of state interests. Sprague spoke as Treasurer to reelect Donald Trump. He also mentioned the ongoing troubles occurring in Springfield, OH.

State Rep Jim Hoops spoke on the aspects of why it's important to vote on the ballot for the Republican Slate. State Rep Angie King spoke up about being from Paulding - born raised and graduated. She talked about her willingness and freedom to run and the importance of protecting our liberties.

Senator Rob McColley stated that he has three representatives in his district

which should make him president of the Senate next year. McColley also spoke on Issue 1 and how it's so important that it is voted down for both parties. Issue one will put an unlimited budget to force gerrymandering against the will of the people in an anti-democratic way.

Judge Dan Hawkins Supreme Court Justice spoke about keeping the state supreme court conservative through the voting process. Sheriff Jason Landers spoke next. He had just returned from Columbus. He recently highlighted crimes that are happening, and one was just outside of Cecil where a group of legal migrants had quickly and systematically disassembled the ATM machine and stole the cash contents. The deputy responded and was there within 6 minutes of the alarm being triggered but the theft had al-

ready taken place and the criminals had fled. The crime was caught on camera and astounded Landers by their precision and speed.

Headline speaker, Jack Windsor, followed Sprague. His topic was about the United States and Ohio have been captured by dark money. The will of the people has been completely removed. He gave the example that every primary vote was thrown out with Harris being automatically placed in as the candidate when Biden's numbers were looking bad.

There is time to make change but it is hard, especially after seeing how the small blue islands in Ohio can still dictate how the rural areas will abide by their rules.

The videos are available on the West Bend News Youtube channel.

AMUSEMENT RIDE INCIDENT IN RURAL PAULDING COUNTY

Jackson Township, OH; September 6, 2024 - Paulding Fire and EMS were dispatched at 1:50 p.m. to 14260 SR 613 in rural Paulding County for three injured people. An amusement-type ride fell while being constructed for an event at Mercer Landmark. The equipment is owned and was being erected by A & S Party Rental.

One man was airlifted to a Fort Wayne hospital, while two other men were transported by ground units to local hospitals. All three patients treated are adult males.

Emergency personnel assisting at the scene were from Paulding Fire & EMS, Grover Hill EMS and the Paulding County Sheriff's Office.

No other information is available at this time.

ANNUAL VINTAGE TRUCK SHOW ROLLS INTO PAULDING ON SEPT. 22



PAULDING - The Paulding County History Museum will host its 23rd ATHS Vintage Truck Show, featuring antique, classic and special interest vehicles, on Sunday, Sept. 22, during the annual Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival.

Hours are 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., rain or shine.

The show is held on the museum grounds at 600 Fairground Drive in Paulding, located across from the fairgrounds and the fall festival. The truck show has free admission and free parking.

There's no entry fee for exhibitors. Optional pre-registration is available online by visiting kausertrucking.com. Bring your truck and enjoy the day. All ages will enjoy seeing trucks of all types, eras, makes and models.

In 2023, nearly 120 vehicles were on display, traveling to Paulding from across Ohio and Indiana. The oldest vehicle was a truck built in 1912.

Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the museum's dining room for a free-will donation. The menu includes sandwiches, sides and a variety of pies.

Admission is free, but donations are welcome and appreciated. All proceeds benefit the museum.

John Henry Kauser and Mike Kauser are organizing this American Truck Historical Society (ATHS) truck show. For additional information, call 419-399-5462 or 419-399-4856 or visit kausertrucking.org.

Watch for more details on the museum's Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum.

OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT VISITS HICKSVILLE



Picture above (l-r): Middle School Principal: Tony Tear Superintendent: Keith Countryman K-12 Assistant Principal: Angie Smith OSBA President: Sally Green Elementary Principal: Kirsten Coffman HS Principal: Aaron Hylander.

Ohio School Boards Association President, Sally Green, recently visited Hicksville Schools, spending the day touring classrooms and learning more about the Hicksville Initiative. Now in its 11th year, the initiative is built on the belief that fostering a strong sense of community, academic excellence, and character development is key to shaping

the school's culture. During her visit, Green engaged with students and staff, observing firsthand the innovative teaching methods and supportive environment cultivated through the initiative. "This visit has been one of the highlights of my travels this year. It was truly an amazing visit," Green said.

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