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PAULDING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATION



Submitted By: Kim Sutton

The Paulding United Methodist Church is celebrating not one, but two, major church anniversaries. The first Methodist Episcopal wooden church was built in Paulding in 1874, 150 years ago! The current brick Paulding United Methodist Church was dedicated in 1899, 125 years ago! To commemorate these two important milestones an An-

niversary - Homecoming Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 29th starting at 10:30 a.m. A carry-in potluck luncheon will be held after services in the church basement. Some of the previous Pastors will be in attendance to share about their time spent with the church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Our desire
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PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT SYSTEM NOW AVAILABLE TO PAULDING COUNTY RESIDENTS!

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AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN HICKSVILLE

American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive on Thursday, October 3, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The blood drive will be First Church of Christ, 118 N. Main St, Hicksville, OH.

TRUNK OR TREAT/CAR SHOW IN OCTOBER

Everyone in the Community is invited to join us and share in a fun, safe and sane Halloween alternative.

This is where we decorate our cars (and some of us even dress up in costumes) and give away FREE candy and prizes from the trunks of our cars.

We will be showing off our classic cars and also having a garage sale.

Come out for an afternoon filled with games, food, fun, fellowship and more.

It will be October 5, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Rock Church 20763 SR 637, Oakwood, OH.

Bring your "little ones" (Ages 150 and under please) to Trick or Treat in a safe and fun environment with our church family!

GREEN DAY IN PAULDING COUNTY



5th Graders in Paulding County will participate in the Annual GREEN Day, or Growing Resources in Education Exploration in Nature, Event. Children will learn from experts who have been invited to present to students on the topics of Water Quality, Soil Health, Forestry, and Wildlife. Wildlife officers from ODNR will also be part of the event to work with kids on archery and gun safety skills, and fishing pole casting.

Another new addition this year is the augmented reality sandbox. It allows users to create topography models by shaping real sand, which is then augmented in real time by an elevation color map, to-

pographic contour lines, and simulated water. The system teaches geographic, geologic, and hydrologic concepts. The day will be a fun, interactive, learning experience. Participants are given a t-shirt and lunch is also provided thanks to our generous community sponsors.

Studies have shown that getting kids outside and connected to nature is important for their growth and development. It is also important for the conservation and protection of natural resources. This event supports both concepts. "We look forward to getting kids outside for this unique

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

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
- Free Family Film @ Bible Fellowship Church, 7pm

September 29

- Bluegrass Praise Band @ Cecil Comm Church, 6pm

October 2-3

- The Fall Rummage Fundraiser @ The NH UMC, 9am-3pm

October 5

- Woodburn Lions Donuts @ Hardware lot, 7-11am
- Fall Men's Conference @ Faith Baptist Church, Defiance, 9a-4p

October 8

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

October 12

- Pull 4 a Cure Garden Tractor Pull @ Farmer, OH, 12Noon



Add your event to the calendar info@westbendnews.net

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Maumee River
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 River Side Park to Forders - 4.5 miles
 Porters to Cecil Bridge - 3.7 miles

Flat Rock
 Date: Oct. 19th / Rainedate: Oct. 20th
 CR 87 to Blackswamp Nature Center (2.8 Miles)

H2Ohio Smitty's Outfitters

OBITUARIES



Sterland Ja (JL) Gibson - Born May 31, 1945, passed away August 24, 2024. His employment history included Trident Corporation in Hicksville, Ohio, General Motors Corporation in Defiance, Ohio, Dana Corporation (formerly Weatherhead) in Antwerp, Ohio and he retired from Precision Metal Products in Holland, Michigan.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara A Gibson of Lawrenceburg, TN, one daughter Lori J Durre of Hicksville, Ohio, one son, Bradley S Gibson of Auburn, IN. Two granddaughters, two great-grandsons, and two great-granddaughters. Two brothers, Roland Gibson of Antwerp, Ohio, Tim Gibson (Kim) of Hicksville, OH, three sisters, Belinda Dunbar of Fort Wayne, IN, Betsy Rice of Cecil, OH and Claralyn McClain of Napoleon, OH. Several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral service will be September 28th at 11:00 a.m. at Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Paulding, Ohio.



DEFIANCE, OH: **Alexander W. Fodor**, entered into rest on August 27, 2024. He was born January 15, 1939.

Services were August 31, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Schaffer Funeral Home with Evangelist Donald McKenzie and Pastor Bobby Branham officiating. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery.

MONTPELIER, OH: **Stacy Lyn (Keeler) Barber**, born March 10, 1960, of Montpelier, formally of Paulding, passed away peaceful at Defiance Inpatient Hospice on Thursday, September 19, 2024. Arrangements by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W River St. Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

PAYNE ROCKED THE BLOCK LAST SATURDAY!



It's the 20th class Reunion for the Wayne Trace Class of 2024 at the Payne Rock the block in the parade, entertaining the crowds downtown!

Payne Mayor, Lora Lyons thought the event was very well received by the community, "We had an amazing day!

Very fun filled and joyous. Saw a lot of new faces which was exciting to see and we are very thankful for the fellow-

ship we had. It think it says something with the church services is just as well as the rock band the night before."

NEW HEIGHTS ED. GROUP SELECTED AS MOST OUTSTANDING LITERACY PROMOTION & SUPPORT NPO - MIDWEST BY GLOBAL BUSINESS INSIGHTS AWARDS

New Heights Educational Group has been selected as Most Outstanding Literacy Promotion & Support NPO - Midwest USA by the Global Business Insights Awards.

The 2024 Global Business Insight (GBI) Awards celebrates business leadership, innovation in finance, and success in the investment and sector space across all seven continents of the world.

Pamela Clark, NHEG Founder and Director, said, "We are honored to be recognized as a top literacy program in the Midwest. We celebrated our 18th year as an organization, and awards such as this from GBI demonstrates the success we've had during this time, as well as the impact we've made on communities across the world."

The 2024 Global Business Insight Awards are a celebration of business leadership, innovation and sector success across the globe. Nominated through a legitimately independent process, each of the winners is carefully selected by the corporate community, raising the kudos of these annual awards. Business leaders are recognized across a full spectrum of sectors, from Financial Services and Technology to Construction and Healthcare and then judged in a range of categories.

These annual awards are an exact illustration of the very best this essential and competitive industry has to offer. By concentrating on individuals, teams and organizations from a wealth of disciplines, from CEOs to young

entrepreneurs, large corporations to sole traders, best procurement to best innovation and everything in between, the GBI Awards endeavor to identify and celebrate those who fall within the Business Insight umbrella, whilst not

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is to glorify God in our celebration. Please join us in praising the Lord for all that He has done and is going to do in the future for the Paulding United Methodist Church.

Here's a little history taken from the archives: The Village of Paulding was laid out in 1850 and the first house was built in 1851. That same year the Methodist North Ohio Conference appropriated ninety dollars [\$90] for the Paulding Mission. Joseph Shaw was appointed preacher and he organized the Paulding Society.

Some services were held in the school and others in the old court house. Paulding grew slowly at first as it was still virtual wilderness. Wild animals roamed the streets at night. Sidewalks, if built, were of wood. Streets were only passable in good weather. It was not easy to find good trails or roads leading into and out of town because of the swamps.

The Methodists were the first to build a church in Paulding. They constructed a frame building on land owned by the school board, at the present site of Paulding High School. The Paulding Democrat newspaper published on July 23, 1874 states: "The work of the new Methodist Church, of this place, is progressing rapidly toward a final completion. It is a great improvement to the town in a worldly as well as a moral and spiritual point of view."

Same paper, Paulding Democrat, published on August 27, 1874 states: "The new Methodist Episcopal Church of Paulding, Ohio, will be dedicated, September 7, 1874, by Rev. A. Harmount, of Lima, Ohio, and Rev. F. Marriott, of Fostoria, Ohio. A cordial welcome is extended to all to attend."

Then in 1883, the school board decided to build a new brick school building on North Water Street, so it was necessary for the Methodists to move. They paid three hundred fifty dollars [\$350] to William F. Straw and Martha L. Straw for lot 93 on North Williams Street. The church was moved there in 1883. The

forgetting the advisors who helped to get them there.

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A new school was dedicated in 1884 and stood until it was demolished in the late 1980's.

The church ceased to be on a circuit but was made a station in 1887. The Rev. William Philpott became the full-time pastor, with a congregation of on hundred twenty-five [125] members. The congregation continued to grow to approximately 300 members. It also grew in enthusiasm. It was decided to build a larger, brick church. So, the frame building was moved one block north and one block west to a location on Cherry Street. Services were held there during the construction of a new church.

Ground was broken in February 1898, when S.L. Roberts was pastor, and the cornerstone laid on June 24 of that year. The building committee that was directly in charge of the work consisted of Judge W.H. Snook, chairman, the Common Pleas Judge. James Lynn, Secretary, who later became the leading road contractor of the county; A.R. Geyer, Treasurer, and was President of the Farmers Banking Company. Bricks were made in the Cribbs Brickyard. The architect was Mr. Hale of Defiance. Mr. W.B. Berry, contractor of Paulding, was superintendent of the construction. Important papers were placed in the cornerstone.

The first parsonage stood a block west of the church, later site of the Earl Peeper home on Cherry Street. Then on January 31, 1908 the trustees Gilbert Barnes, S.T. Price, C.H. Cunningham, James Barnes, S.G. Aldred, N.R. Webster, J.P. Crain, James Lynn, and W.H. Mustard bought lot number 100, which adjoins the church lot on the south, from Eleanor and Charles Baughman. Paying for the lot proved to be very difficult, but finally in 1910 the final payment was made and they received a quit claim deed. The frame house on the lot was torn down and a brick house was built matching the general architecture of the church. Rev. Stockstill was pastor at the time and he moved into the parsonage before it was completed. In 1965 the former Gertrude Price

Scripture of the Week

"As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him."

— Pslam 18:30

ABUNDANT LIFE



If this resonates with you, then, perhaps you should consider entering through the front door. Through the accepting and loving arms of the gatekeeper. Who will put his seal of approval on you via the Holy Spirit and allow you to come in and out, and find good pasture with peace, and life more abundant. If you are sick and tired of the thief consistently stealing and destroying all that you have, and constantly trying to kill you. Will you consider giving your life to Jesus Christ? Perhaps it's time to surrender. If this is you, please say these words aloud.

FATHER JESUS, I AM A SINNER.

PLEASE FORGIVE MY SINS AND HELP ME REPENT.

I BELIEVE YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD.

I BELIEVE YOU WERE CRUCIFIED FOR MY SINS.

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I INVITE YOU INTO MY LIFE AS MY LORD AND SAVIOR.

IN THE MIGHTY NAME OF JESUS. THANK YOU, LORD. AMEN!

If you said these words, you have been saved from the curse of the law and the power of sin and death! You now have life and life more abundantly. Hallelujah! Glory to God!

Call me Pastor Dwayne @ (419)796-8718 and I will baptize you this week.

Peace and love,
—Pastor Dwayne

Most people desire a life full of worldly pleasures, so they toil and strive to compete or devise schemes and strategies to obtain this elusive rarity known as the "good life." Some make it, others die trying, while a small few achieve it. After this great achievement, they often discover it's nothing like they imagined.

Amid all the financial gain and worldly accomplishments, something's missing. The peace and happiness they imagined would be there, is nowhere to be found. It's as if something (a thief) stole their dreams and left them with a nightmare. Scripture tells us in (John 10:10 nkjv) that "the thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have more abundantly." The I refers to the "I AM" Jesus Christ. The "gatekeeper." "The Door." In verse (9) He says "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."

home on Williams Street south of the parsonage was purchased. Within two years this house was torn down and the lot was stoned to make a parking lot. The parsonage was remodeled in 1966 by enclosing the back porch and using part of an existing room to make a downstairs bathroom. Because the parsonage was very difficult to heat, and the wiring was in poor condition it was torn down during the 1980's while Rev. Larry Hopkins was the minister. At that time a lot had been donated on Kay Nora Street and a new parsonage was built. With the old parsonage being torn down the parking area was enlarged and it was blacktopped in 1990.

The above information was

taken from the histories kept by Mable Thomas, Marilyn Shrider Ladd and Sandra Wann.

Pastor Dwayne Richardson

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

Sept 8th, 15th 22nd and 29th

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Peace & Love,
—Pastor Dwayne Richardson

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OLD DOG, NEW TRICKS?

Penny for your Thoughts
by: Nancy Whitaker

As I sit here looking out my window I see the sun shining brightly and know the temps are to get up in the high 80s today. "Summer is not over yet and there is still some more days that I can shine my rays and warm things up says the bright sun."

I have never cared for hot weather and yes, winter is one of my favorite times of the year. There is nothing better than making soup, hot tea, reading a good book and curling up by a nice warm fire.

Get surprised! I like snow, wind and cold. Brrrrr

Plus the comforts of home.

With my vehicle sitting outside, and even tho we have ac it's just way too hot, at least for me.

Am I a grump or just an old lady who prefers the comforts of home and winter winds and snow?

The other day i had to brave the heat and get gas in my car. I have never learned how to pump gas and dreaded getting into a hot car. The ac felt good today so it got cool in the car.

With many many teachers through the years, I still have not captured the knack of pumping gas. I think I am just too short to see the numbers on the pumps.

I go to a station whose workers know me and pumps my gas for me.

Pulling in I saw the attendant and said, "Hey good-lookin', where have you been? Then knowing I needed gas I said "fill 'er up."

I pulled up by a gas tank and gave the guy my card. However, it was so warm out, I left my car and ac running. I mean, I saw other people pumping their gas with the motor running, so why couldn't I? The attendant ran my card through and when he turned to pump the gas, my gas cap would not budge. I have a switch on the inside I push and it is supposed to open by itself. I had pushed the switch and so after it would not open, I continued to flip the switch to no avail. I told him, "I bet the heat got to it."

The poor guy then got out a screw driver and tried to open the gas cap and it just was not about to open. He

said, "Well I am not sure what to do. I really don't want to scratch up your car by prying it off." So, he decided to go inside and get another tool. I sat there praying, "God please let it open, I really need gas, I really need to run errands,"

After sitting a few more minutes I thought, "Well it is beginning to cool off in here, so I may as well shut off my car to save what gas I do have." So after turning off the motor I gave the gas tank switch one more last flip.

What do you know? The gas cap came open just as the attendant came out with a bigger tool. He said, "What did you do?"



I replied, "I shut my motor off." Unbeknown to me, my car has a safety feature which won't let you open the gas tank with the motor running. I guess the times i have got petrol i must have shut my motor off.

After all this time, I did not know that. Of course I have never read the manual, so maybe I should. Is it against the law to let your motor run while getting gas? It must not be because others were doing it. How was I to know? Well, I do now. So, my eternal saga of learning to pump gas and things about my car continue. I guess it is a good thing because I am learning something new about something every day. They say, "You can't teach an old dog, new tricks." However, this doggie is willing to learn and besides, (who is old?)

Okay ladies and guys? Are you supposed to turn off the motor when you pump gas? If so, why doesn't everyone do it? Please help me out and "I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts."

BECKER'S RECOGNIZES MERCY HEALTH CFOs ON LIST OF 'WOMEN CFOs TO KNOW'

The chief financial officers of Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital and Mercy Health's hospitals in Tiffin and Willard both were recently named to Becker's Hospital Review 2024 edition of its "Women hospital and health system CFOs to know" list.

PAULDING FFA HOSTS PETTING ZOO AT THE GARDENS OF PAULDING



Pictured here is Paulding FFA student Kendall Kohart with her goat named Snowflake enjoying a snack of cheerios from resident Sandy Leslie during the petting zoo held at the Gardens.

By: Paulding FFA Reporter, Addison Hunt

On September 14, the Paulding FFA Chapter put on a petting zoo at the Gardens of Paulding. The petting zoo provides a chance for residents who live at the Gardens and their family members to see and pet several different types of farm animals. The petting zoo was a great way for the chapter to give back to the community. There were smaller animals at the petting zoo which included ducks,

chickens and baby kittens. There were also lots of bigger animals including pigmy goats, a large saanen goat named snowflake and two adorable dogs all brought by members of the Paulding FFA chapter. Our members truly enjoyed interacting with the residents and their families. It was wonderful to hear about their pets and stories of their time on their own farms. We had a wonderful time and hope to do it again in the future.



Beth Fannin has served since February 2023 as the CFO of Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital, where she manages the financial planning, budgeting, reporting and revenue management at the hospital. Beth has more than 16 years of experience with Mercy Health, including serving as director of business operations - Life Flight Network, senior project manager, practice administrator, revenue cycle liaison, among others.

Also recognized was Emily Wagner, who has served as CFO of Mercy Health - Tiffin and Willard Hospitals since February 2023. She is responsible for overseeing financial operations for both hospitals, including budgets, forecasting

and performance.

As women in healthcare leadership, the featured CFOs bring rich, varied perspectives to their roles. Their unique viewpoints, along with their expertise in healthcare finance, benefit their organizations greatly. This list honors female CFOs for their dedication to optimizing healthcare.

"Both Beth and Emily are great assets to our Mercy Health finance team, and I'm pleased to see both being recognized for their strong leadership within the Mercy Health ministry," said Brad Grosteffon, chief financial officer, Mercy Health - Toledo.

CFOs are expert overseers of their organizations' financial operations, responsible for handling massive capital budgets and fostering strategic partnerships to ensure fiscal stability. These female CFOs play a pivotal role in maintaining the financial health of their hospitals and health systems, thus allowing the focus to remain on providing excellent patient care.

The Becker's Hospital Review team completed editorial research and accepted nominations to curate this list.

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learning experience. This experience is a great way to learn about our natural resources and develop an appreciation for them," says Anna Gurney, Education Specialist, Paulding SWCD.

With the help of the volunteers from Paulding High School FFA, the presenters, and other volunteers and sponsors, Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District will be able to share this message with approximately 250 kids this year.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Rex McGaw was born June 19, 1896 in Paulding County. The son of Edward Calender McGaw, born June 4, 1874 in Paulding, and Emma J. (Dixon) McGaw born July 30, 1878 in Galena, Delaware County, Ohio.

This couple was married September 7, 1893 in Paulding. By 1900, the McGaw family was living in Paulding on Main Street, Edward was a painter. The family consisted of Edward, Emma, son Rex and a daughter named Helen Vernus, who was born in March of 1900, mother in law, Rhoda Dixon was also living with them. Rex quit school to go to work to help the family. By 1910, the family had moved to 820 West Perry Street in Paulding. The family had added a son Gerald, born August 10, 1902. Also a daughter, Thelma born in 1904. Edward was working as a printer. The family also had Rhoda still living with them.

On June 15, 1917, Rex joined the Company B. 2nd Ohio National Guard out of Paulding, which was known as Company I. 145th Infantry United States Army. Rex was listed as a printer, 5'5" tall, auburn hair, blue eyes, light complexion, excellent character. He served as a private until November 19, 1917. He was promoted to serve in the machine gun company. He served until May 1, 1918, where he was reassigned to serve with Company G. 145th Infantry until June 5, 1918 where Rex was reassigned to serve with Ordinance Department Supply Company.

On June 15, 1918, Rex boarded the ship, "Leviathan", from Hoboken, New Jersey and set sail for France. He

served until March 27, 1919. Rex was honorably discharged April 22, 1919. He served in the Meuse-Argonne and Ypres-Lys defensive sectors.

By 1920, Rex had come back to live on 820 West Perry Street in Paulding. He was living with his parents, brother and sisters and grandmother. He picked up a job working at the sugar beet factory. Rex met and married a gal named, Anna Shinabery. She was born in Latty, Ohio May 27, 1898. She was the daughter of Samuel Shinabery and Maud (Raenbert) Shinabery.

By 1930, Rex and Anna had moved to 924 National Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. Rex was working as a printer. On December 12, 1934, Rex's mother, Emma, passed away. She was buried in Live Oak Cemetery. By 1940 Rex and Anna were still living at 924 National Avenue in Toledo.

On December 1, 1940, Rex lost his wife Anna. She was brought back to Paulding County and was buried in Middle Creek Cemetery. On May 14, 1942, while still living in Toledo, Rex passed away. He was brought back to Paulding County. He was buried in Live Oak Cemetery with services, conducted Sunday at 9:00 a.m. December 14, by Rando Beatty, a World War One Veteran and Chaplain of the local George H. Morris American Legion Post. Rex and Anna had no children.

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SPLASH PAD OPEN IN ANTWERP!



Holly Beach Splash Pad located at the Riverside Veterans Memorial Park in Antwerp, OH is now open to the public beginning on Sept. 20th 2024. Hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Please avoid walking on

the dirt surrounding the pad because grass seed is being planted. Rules for the splash pad are posted by the new walk with brick pavers of all who sponsored this new splash pad. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for May

2025. Enjoy the new splash pad while the weather still allows it! Thank you to the Holly Beach Splashed committee and A.C.D.C for their dedication in completing this project for the Antwerp community.

WARRIORS FINISH FOURTH IN ACAC TOURNEY

The ACAC girls golf tourney was held Saturday at Cross Creek in Decatur with Bluffton capturing the tournament championship over second place South Adams.

The Lady Tigers claimed the championship with a 391 followed by the Starfires at 399 and Southern Wells took third with a 400. Woodlan was fourth at 404 while Adams Central (411), Jay County (448) and Heritage (458) completed the field.

Adams Central's Londyn Smith and South Adams' Julia Arnold each shot an 87 to tie for medalist honors for the tournament.

Woodlan's Sophia Kever and Paige Wylie tied for sixth overall with a 94 each.

Olivia Robinson chipped in a 107 for the Lady Warriors followed by Saige Lipscomb (109) and Reese Wylie (117).

Liz Buuck paced Heritage with a 110 and Natalie Sorg added a 114 for the Patriots.

Aubree Rebeck (116), Aubrey Stoll (118) and Morgan Comml (132) completed the Heritage lineup.

RAIDER JV'S GET WIN OVER LANCERS

Lincolnview and Wayne Trace hooked up in a junior varsity boys golf match Monday night at Pleasant Valley Golf Course with the Raiders recording a 175-189 victory.

Grayson Sutton paced the Raiders with a 41 while Hayden Holt and Griffin Williamson both recorded a 44.

Ryan Parker chipped in a 46 for the red, white and blue followed by Eli Martinez (53), Hunter Peck (68) and Xylem Kashner (73).

Gavin Evans, Evan Rahrig and Grant Zielke all had a 46 to pace the Lancers.

RAIDERS TAKE FOURTH AT IRONWOOD

The Pettisville boys golf invitational was held Saturday at Ironwood Golf Course

in Wauseon with the host Blackbirds capturing the team title.

Pettisville shot a 316 to win the tournament followed by Wauseon (327), Montpelier (327), Wayne Trace (328) and Archbold (331).

Other Green Meadows Conference squad finishes included Tinora (seventh, 344), Ayersville (12th, 370), Fairview (13th, 373), Hicksville (15th, 388), Paulding (16th, 391) and Edgerton (20th, 475).

Wayne Trace's Kyle Sutton took medalist honors individually, recording a 73 to take first overall.

Brody Ironswurm shot an 80 to aid the Raider cause with Jared Varner recording an 84 and Connor Davis totaled a 91. Tyson Gerber finished with a 97 as well for the red, white and blue.

Tyler Goyings topped Paulding with a 94 and Brandon Schroeder recorded a 97 to aid the Panther cause.

Johnathan Lipps and Austen Kinder both totaled a 100 for the maroon and white and Nick Hatcher finished with a 102.

Hicksville was paced by Luke Eicher with an 88 followed by Kolton Adams (93), Lucas Meerzo (102), Jack Bourgeois (105) and Charlie Karacson (109).

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From the "sworn enemy of lying, pomposity, smugness and group think".

I found out at Church last Sunday that the author of a letter from the August 19 issue, titled "WE ARE NOT FINISHED" had gone on to place another letter in the other newspaper, attacking my Parish, My Priest and My Diocese of Toledo.

Looking back now, I should not have ignored that letter or the lies surrounding it. Too many people stand to be harmed by this misinformation. At a time in our history when we are on the verge of a Religious Revival that will save our One Nation Under God, I encourage all Christians to come together. Don't be the generation or denomi-

2023 Year in Review

Meals

Meals are the dining center—**4,741**

Home-delivered meals—**36,026**

PASSPORT meals (waiver program)—**1,735**

Total Meals—**42,502**

Different individuals that ate at the dining center—**430**

Different individuals that received home-delivered meals—**280**

Volunteers—**186**

Transportation

One way trips provided—**3,686**

Different individuals that used the transportation—**189**

Miles traveled for medical and service trips and to deliver meals—**145,111**

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Who's Eligible?

Congregate Meals:

- Any Senior 60 years of age or older, regardless of income
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- Disabled persons living with and depending on a 60+ eligible consumer

Transportation:

- Paulding County residents who are 60 years of age or older
- Spouse of person 60+ who receives services
- Volunteers such as caregivers or home health aids are encouraged to ride with the person we are transporting.

Home Delivered Meals:

- Paulding County Residents who are 60 years of age or older.
- Spouse of person 60+ who is receiving meals
- Disabled persons living with and depending on a 60+ eligible consumer
- Caregivers who are 60+ and in the home at the time of delivery.



Besides meals and transportation, the Senior Center offers a large selection of activities:

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| Crafts | Nutritional Education | Musical Entertainment |
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| Education Programs | Holiday Events | |
| Toenail Clinic | Caregiver Support | |
| Volunteer Opportunities | | |

ation that misses the party. All the cool kids are doing it. Through Lifewise, home schooling, CCD, YD, private schools and youth groups at every church and even college campuses. This is no time for Catholics to be divided, especially not by misinformation.

Last night, my wife and I got to see the movie “God’s Not Dead, In God We Trust”. They make no mention of political parties or specific religions, but anyone paying attention to our country right now, leading into the most important election of our lifetimes, should be able to clearly identify which side the hero is on. As expected, the wrong side claims that separation of Church and State means “Shut up you Christian Nationalist and let your Government take care of you”!

Now, back to the purpose of this letter. Back when Divine Mercy Parish was going through the difficult and sometimes painful challenge of deciding which buildings to close and which would remain, I was invited to join the group that calls themselves the “Faithful of Divine Mercy”. As always, I did my research on what they were hoping to accomplish, what methods they thought would achieve their goals, and what I believed would be the end result. At this same time, my wife and I got to be part of the Parish and Diocese teams that were investigating, disseminating data and information, and by our open involvement, becoming part of the process (not sitting on the sidelines, complaining about those with the courage to get involved). Through open dialogue, we were able to express our concerns, ask questions, make

suggestions, and we were even surprised at times how our fellow parishioners voted. But in the end, we believe the final decision to be the best possible outcome, given the finances and the declining Catholic population. I’ll be honest, given the Religious Revival that the next generation will bring us, I hope and Pray that our building is so crowded, in my lifetime, that we need to build that huge Divine Mercy Catholic Church of Paulding County.

As for the writers of the letter and the attacks on my Priest and my Parish, which equals an attack on me (and I always have the courage to put my name on it). Where were you? How did you miss the call to get involved? At one point, I thought maybe they looked at the weekly donations to invite people to get involved. I’ve given on-line for years, and we did make a 5 year commitment to the improvements, but I prefer to give anonymously. So I know that’s not the case, because during the time we were setting up teams, announcements were made at every Mass, and in the Church Bulletin inviting everyone to the meetings!

How then, did the “Faithful of Divine Mercy” and its board of directors, fail to get involved in this process, when it mattered? Were you regularly tithing and attending Mass? You know the Bulletin is online if you can’t get one at the door. And this was not a rushed decision. It took a while. You would have to be on a religious hiatus from the Divine Mercy Parish for at least 2 years to miss this boat.

I turned down the invitation to join that 501c3 non-

profit that calls themselves “Faithful of Divine Mercy”, for a couple of reasons. 1 - I grew up and attended 8 years of Catholic School in the Diocese of Toledo. I have nothing but Faith in my Church, even when I’m questioning it. 2 - I read the fine print with that nonprofit and made the prediction that a lot of people are going to be very upset, in the end, if they donate to this cause. This is why the Truth must be known. People need to use their donations wisely. I hope that my first prediction is wrong. I thought they would actually use their donations to physically save the building in Antwerp, even though, it will never be a Catholic Church again. They could fix it up and hire a pastor, but if it’s not recognized by the Diocese of Toledo, anyone who thinks they are attending Mass and/or receiving the Sacraments, would be wrong. Since I read the fine print, it now looks like some charity is going to benefit from the donations that this group was able to secure. Those donations cannot be given back to the donors. They can, however, be given to another cause. Might I suggest the strong right arm of the Pope? The Knights of Columbus would use those funds in charitable efforts, locally and around the globe!

—Chuck Schroeder
Paulding, Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In a recent podcast interview, Trump finally admitted he lost the 2020 election. If elected this time, he plans on pardoning the Jan. 6 insurrection. His people told him he lost, but he is a man who doesn’t take losing. He doesn’t care that he is dividing our country.

How can his MAGA followers ignore the things he has said and done? They are on tape! He admires Hitler and Putin and ALL dictators! Exactly what he plans on being.

I fact check on Google and they aren’t political! Hitler is responsible for slaughtering MILLIONS of humans! And he admires him!

If you vote for him after checking out his plans for us you are as bad as he is! Read PROJECT 2025! His former staff members and the Heritage Foundation have set it up! We will lose our freedom and out Democracy if he wins!

Vote Blue all the way if you don’t want to lose rights we have. Women should have

DO YOU NEED TO FEAR RETIREMENT?

If you’re planning to retire in a few years, are you looking forward to it? Or are you somewhat apprehensive? Are you asking yourself: “What sort of retirement can I afford?”

It’s a good question — because the answer can make a big difference in your ability to enjoy life as a retiree.

And retirement can indeed be enjoyable, exciting and fun. Consider this from a recent survey by Edward Jones and AgeWave: A majority of respondents said retirement should be looked at as a whole new chapter of life, and not just a time for rest and relaxation. In other words, people are viewing retirement as a chance for new experiences and new opportunities, rather than a time to simply wind down. But if you’re going to make the most of your retirement — which could last two or even three decades — you need to be financially prepared.

This preparation will involve many steps, but here are some of the key ones:

- Decide what your retirement lifestyle will look like.

control over their bodies.

This will be my last letter on the subject. I’ve always heard “you can’t fix stupid” - I pray you can and voters will vote BLUE for a FREE AMERICA!

—Judi Grubb
Van Wert, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently, on the common-senseshow.com, Dave Hodges the host, spelled out the 10 things that occur in a police state:

- 1) Mass surveillance.
- 2) Lawfare (making war on someone using the law).
- 3) Censorship.
- 4) Control of the media.
- 5) School brainwashing.
- 6) Assassinations.
- 7) Remove history.
- 8) Destroy tradition.
- 9) Destroy the Economy (re-distribution of wealth).
- 10) Remove God out of society.

Has anyone noticed any of these 10 happening in the U.S.A.?

—Phillip Piersma,
Antwerp, OH

How you choose to spend your retirement years can make a big difference in the financial resources you’ll need. For example, if you plan on traveling the world, you might need more income than if you were to stay close to home and pursue your hobbies. If you can envision your retirement lifestyle and estimate how much money you’ll need to support it, you can help reduce some of the uncertainties you might face once you do retire.

- Review your income sources. During retirement, you’ll likely need to draw on all your income sources, so it’s a good idea to know what you’ll have available, such as your IRA, 401(k) and other investment accounts. You’ll also need to decide when to take Social Security — if you wait until your full retirement age (probably between 66 and 67), you’ll get much larger monthly benefits than if you started taking them at 62. And here’s another variable: earned income. Even if you’ve retired from your career, you might, if you desire, use your acquired skills in a consulting or part-time position. The more you can earn, the less you may have

to withdraw from your investment accounts and the better position you’ll be in to delay taking Social Security.

• Consider adjusting your investment portfolio. For most of your working years, you may have invested mostly for growth — to increase your assets as much as possible. But growth-oriented investments are also, by nature, riskier, so when you retire, you should review your portfolio to determine whether you need to move it toward a more conservative position. Also, more conservative investments may provide more current income in the form of interest payments. However, even in retirement, you may need some investments with growth potential if you want to keep ahead of inflation.

Retirement is certainly a major milestone in your life — and adjusting to it can take some time. But there will be much less to fear — and much more to enjoy — if you’ve done what you can to prepare yourself financially.

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Cecil: 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House
Continental: Okuley’s Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
Defiance: Newman’s Marathon Carryout, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General (Clinton St), Junction Dollar General, DC Senior Center, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Marathon Main Stop, Rite Aid, Defiance Public Library
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Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library, Dollar General
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COOPER LEADS PANTHERS OVER WT



Wayne Trace's Zach Stoller enters the end zone at the corner to score the first touchdown for the Raiders. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Paulding sophomore Avery Cooper gets the first down before being brought down! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Avery Cooper scored on a pair of touchdown runs to lead the Paulding Panthers to a 24-14 win over rival Wayne Trace Friday night in high school football action at Keysor Field.

The victory pushes the Panthers to 4-0 overall on the season and 1-0 in the Green Meadows Conference while Wayne Trace falls to 0-1 in the league and 0-4 in all games.

Cooper scored on runs of 16 yards and eight yards in the first half to put the Panthers on top 14-0 before Wayne Trace cut the deficit in half.

Quarterback Jack Schoenauer connected with Zach Stoller on a six-yard scoring strike that pulled the Raiders within 14-7 at the midway point of the contest.

Paulding put the game away in the fourth quarter as Jalen Manz connected on a

27-yard field goal to extend the margin to 17-7.

The Panthers then extended the margin to 24-7 as Colten Hunt found Kane Jones for a 40-yard scoring strike to seal the victory.

Wayne Trace did add one more touchdown of its own when Tyler Head connected with Tyler Head on a 13-yard pass for a score to set the final margin of 24-14.

The maroon and white totaled 230 yards of offense in the contest, accumulating 131 through the air and 99 on the ground. Wayne Trace finished with 179 yards, picking up 119 in the passing game and sixty in the running game.

Cooper finished the night with 88 yards on 24 carries to lead the Panther offense while Hunt was 9 of 21 passing for 131 yards. Schoenauer completed 12 of 19 passes for 119 yards to lead Wayne Trace.

LADY ARCHER SPIKE A WIN AT HOME



Monday night, September 16th Antwerp volleyball hosted the Fayette Eagles. Pictured above is Junior Amelia Graham is on top of the ball with this spike back to the Eagles, helping the Archers win 3-0! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ARCHERS FINISH AS RUNNERS-UP

In a tri-match at Suburban Golf Course outside of Bryan, the Montpelier Locomotives posted a victory over Antwerp and Edgerton Thursday night in girls golf play.

The Lady Locos won the match with a 195 while the Archers took second at 229 and the Bulldogs finished third with a 242.

Madison Schmidt topped Antwerp with a 49 with Kara Pierce adding a 54 and Lyla Clem chipped in a 61.

Sara Farr added a 65 for the blue and white followed by Maylynn Carnahan (69) and Miley Jewell (75).

PANTHERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER EAGLES

The Paulding Lady Panthers posted a four set victory over North Central in non-league volleyball action in Williams County Monday evening.

Paulding rolled to a 25-10 decision in the opening set before North Central evened the match at one set apiece with a 25-17 victory in game two.

After the Lady Panthers went back on top with a 25-17 decision in the third set, the maroon and white held on in game four to close out the match with a 25-21 win in game four.

Marley Parrett had 13 digs, six kills and four aces for the Lady Panthers with Tori Schlatter posting 15 digs, six kills and four blocks.

Grace Goyings chipped in three aces and ten assists while Lucy Breier recorded eight kills and four blocks for Paulding. Brianna Bermejo picked up 13 digs and six

RAIDERS WIN GMC GOLF TITLES



Wayne Trace girls and boys golf teams both captured GMC championships on September 17th. Crosby and Jay each were named to the all-GMC girls first team while Young and McGarvey both took second team honors. Sutton was named GMC Player of the Year for the Raiders with Rosswurm and Davis picking up first team all-GMC honors. Varner and Gerber also received second team all-GMC awards for Wayne Trace.

Ella Crosby carded a 91 to lead the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders to the Green Meadows Conference team championship Tuesday in girls golf action at Ironwood Golf Course in Wauseon.

The Lady Raiders carded a 383 to win the tournament, posting a 17-stroke victory over second place Ayersville.

Tinora finished third with

a 415 while Edgerton took fourth at 465 and Antwerp finished fifth with a 486.

Ryann Jay added a 94 for the red, white and blue with Reagan McGarvey carding a 98 while Tori Young and Olivia Baughman both posted a 100. Audrey Dougal completed the list of Wayne Trace golfers with a round of 137.

Ava Stork captured the

Green Meadows Conference Player of the Year award after shooting an 89 for the tournament while Pilot teammate Taylor Sweinhagen chipped in a 96.

Tinora was led by Adelaida Gill with a 98 and Rose Billing shot a 101.

Edgerton's Jaden Dietsch posted a 104 for the Bulldogs (Continued on Page 10)

PAULDING COUNTY XC MEET AT ANTWERP



The Lady Archers prove to be the best at the County Cross country meet and as host!

slams for the Lady Panthers and Kayleigh Dunham finished with eight kills and eight blocks.

Estie Pease dished out 13 assists for the maroon and white while Addison Shall picked up 25 digs.

In the junior varsity match, Paulding recorded a 25-13 and 25-7 win over the Eagles.

VB TEAMS TO GO DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS

Paulding County high school volleyball teams will take part in three different (Continued on Page 8)

LADY RAIDERS TOP ACES



Tuesday night, September 17th, the Lady Raiders played host to the Hicksville Aces in HS girls volleyball play. Lady Raiders won in 4 sets: 16-25, 25-21, 25-21, 25-15. Pictured above, Wayne Trace's Lexi Moore and Caren Winans almost block the shot but senior Elise Baldwin's ACE gives the point to Hicksville. More pictures at westbendnews.net



The Paulding boys cross country team takes first at the county meet.

Tuesday, September 17, the XC teams hosted the Paulding County meet.

The junior high started off the night with a combined race. The Lady Archers placed second as a team. They were

led by second place finisher Gianna Laker, followed by Brooklynne Lawson, Charlotte Hook, Heidi Rice, Annabelle Mowery, and Aleta Sorrell. In boys action (Continued on Page 10)

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THE LEFT TURN



Ryan Okuley got the Sport Compact victory. Charlie Orns photo



Adam Lantz wins the Papa Boiler Super Stock Spectacular. Charlie Orns photo



Ryan Davis gets another feature win. Charlie Orns photo

By: Ron Burt

Another Fremont Speedway Jim Ford annual weekend has come and gone and as usual it was full of exciting sprint car racing both Friday and Saturday at "the track action built".

Kalib Henry was unstoppable at Fremont Speedway Friday, Sept. 13. The Sacramento, Calif. Driver started the 17th Annual Jim Ford Classic weekend by winning the June Ohio Sprint Speedweek \$10,000 feature that had been halted due to rain with 32 laps remaining. He followed up by claiming the regular Ti-22 Performance FAST On Dirt feature. In the make-up feature Henry took the lead from Tim Shaffer on lap 25, survived contact with a lapped car with just two laps to go to get the victory over Cale Thomas, Shaffer, Cap Henry and Zeth Sabo. It was his fourth win of the year at the speedway.

In the night's regular 30-lap feature Henry jumped into the lead at the drop of the green from his outside front row starting spot. He built a

sizable lead until Chris Andrews moved into second on lap five and began closing. Andrews stayed right with Henry and drove inside on a couple of restarts following cautions. Henry was just too smooth and drove to his fifth win of the year at Fremont and the night's sweep. Andrews, Cap Henry, Thomas and Shaffer rounded out the top five.

The Burmeister Trophy Dirt Trucks ran double features. In the first Kent Brewer drove to his first win of the year. Shawn Valenti drove to his sixth truck win of the year at Fremont getting the 2nd truck feature Friday. The 305 sprints were off.

Cap Henry wrote his name in the Fremont Speedway record books Saturday, Sept. 14, winning the 17th Annual Jim Ford Classic. Henry's third win of the season at "The Track That Action Built" was worth \$20,000. He also added another \$10,000 in bonus money by leading all 40-laps. Kalib Henry second was a disappointment after having won both features at Fremont the previous evening. Craig Mintz

rallied from a crash the previous evening to finish third with Trey Jacobs and Stuart Brubaker rounding out the top five.

In the first of the two 305 sprint features, Jamie Miller took the lead from Seth Schneider on lap six and drove to his fourth win of the season at Fremont over Dustin Stroup, Dustin Dinan, Jimmy McGrath and Logan Riehl. The 2nd 305 sprint feature was won by Dustin Stroup. He was able to hold off McGrath's challenges to take his third win of the year at Fremont. It was his fifth overall victory of 2024 and his 12 career win at the track. McGrath, Dinan, Riehl and TJ Michael rounded out the top five.

Up north at Oakshade Raceway in Wauseon, Adam Lantz earned his second consecutive \$1,000 Papa Boiler Dominator Super Stock Spectacular win, and third overall, Saturday night at Oakshade Raceway. Lantz joins Gregg DeTray and Jeff Foks Jr. as the

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divisions of the upcoming Ohio High School Athletic Association tournament as local squads found out their tournament paths recently from the Northwest District Athletic Board of the OHSAA.

In Division V, Paulding will take part in the district to be played at Miller City High School as seven schools battle it out to advance.

Along with the Lady Panthers, looking to advance down the tournament trail will be teams from Bluffton, Elmwood, Fairview, Fostoria, Lima Bath and Ottawa Glandorf.

Sectional play will take place on October 15 and 17 with district action slated for October 22 and October 24.

Division VI sectional play is scheduled for October 14 and 16 while district tournament games will be held on October 22 and October 24.

Wayne Trace is in the Division VI district hosted at Van Wert High School that will also include Coldwater, Crestview, Delphos Jefferson, Lincolnvew, Marion Local, Parkway, Spencerville and St. Henry.

Lastly, Antwerp is in Division VII this year where the Archers hope to advance out of the Archbold district.

Along with the Lady Archers, other teams in the district are Ayersville, Edgerton, Edon, Fayette, Hilltop, North Central, Pettisville and Stryker.

Sectional play for the Archbold district will take place on October 15 and 17 with district action on October 21 and 23.

RAIDERS SPLIT IN TRI-MATCH

Toledo Christian and Miller City made the trip to Wayne Trace High School Saturday for a non-league high school volleyball tri-match where the Lady Raiders posted a split on the day.

The Lady Raiders opened the day by falling to Miller City as the Wildcats recorded a 25-18 and 25-21 victory over Wayne Trace.

Lexi Moore totaled nine kills, three blocks and two digs to lead Wayne Trace with Torree Sinn adding seven slams, two blocks and two digs.

only three-time winners of the event. Foks settled for second with Jarrett Rendel edging out Chase Stuckey for third. Cody Stetten finished fifth.

Ryan Davis went on to pick up his seventh sportsman feature win of the year at Oakshade. Ian Palmer and Jesse Jones got by Smith to finish second and third respectively with Smith ending up fourth. Jeff Robertson rounded out the top five finishers.

In the feature, Eric Carr showed the way the way the first half. Ryan Okuley passed a couple cars to move up to second. Okuley began to put the pressure on Carr for the race lead, but Carr ended up falling off the pace with just two laps remaining which allowed Okuley to go on to his second consecutive A Main feature win. Ken Wells, Jason Deshler, Gavin Stambaugh and James Stamper were the rest of the top five finishers. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out!

Harper Myers chipped in 15 digs and three kills for the Lady Raiders while Olivia Zartman finished with ten assists and eight digs.

Caroline Winans picked up seven digs and three assists for the red, white and blue with twin sister Careen Winans recording two kills and three digs. Natalie Stoller had a pair of blocks as well for the Raiders and Lorie Sinn dished out seven assists to go along with four digs. Ava Stoller had four digs for Wayne Trace.

Wayne Trace then closed out the day by defeating the visiting Eagles 25-7 and 25-12.

Caroline Winans picked up 16 digs to go along with five assists and two aces with Careen Winans adding three kills and two digs.

Myers chipped in four kills, four digs and two assists and Moore contributed nine kills. Addison Stoller had two kills with Natalie Stoller totaling three kills and two digs. Zartman dished out six assists and picked up four digs for Wayne Trace.

Torree Sinn recorded five kills and Lorie Sinn aided the Raider cause with two aces, five digs and seven assists.

LADY ARCHERS SWEEP WILDCATS

The Antwerp Lady Archers completed a three-game sweep of host Delphos Jefferson last week as the blue and white improved to 3-6 overall in high school volleyball action.

Antwerp cruised to a 25-12 win in the opening set and followed that up with a 25-15 victory in game two. The Lady Archers then completed the night with a 25-16 victory in the third set.

Madison Peters topped the blue and white with four aces, five kills, ten digs and 24 assists while Amelia Graham chipped in three aces, one kill and nine digs.

Caroline Rohrs picked up 18 digs and added five aces with Haydyn Lengacher totaling three digs, one block, one ace and eight kills. Briley Bagley also finished the night with nine digs and six kills to aid the Archer cause.

Other contributors included Alexis Otto (seven kills, four digs), Faith Clem (six kills, one block), Emery Jones (three digs) and Clara Rohrs (three digs).

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: KIM KEMERER



The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce spotlight for September is one of our Independent Consultants in Antwerp, Ohio.

Kim Kemerer is an independent consultant for two businesses which she manages out of her home.

Norwex provides sustainable cleaning products and a clean without chemicals style of home care. Explore safer options with advanced microfiber cloths, mops and plant- and enzyme-powered cleaning solutions. Norwex uses microfiber which is densely woven, superfine and physically removes up to 99% of bacteria from a surface using only water when following proper care and use instructions. The company has been in the business for 30 years and contains products from cloths to mops to skin care products. Removing harmful chemicals can mean less long-term impact to your health. It also means less chemicals going into the ground, our waterways and the planet.

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Kim was motivated to start this journey due to health issues she had and the need to turn to a better, safer way to clean her home and help her skin in a more natural way. She honestly is not as interested in selling the products but in teaching the benefits of the item. This attitude has allowed her to build relationships with her clients and to help them solve their problems both men and women alike.

Kim is always available. She is open 24 hours a day to help answer questions about products and to inform her customers in the many benefits both of her companies have to offer. Customers keep coming back because of that personal touch and of course the new items and tips that the companies offer. She truly cares about helping people.

Both of her companies operate in all 50 states. Kim stands behind both Norwex and L'BRI. She is proud that she is upfront and honest with people. "I wouldn't be able to sleep if I wasn't upfront with my people", states Kim. She is most passionate about changing lives, one face at a time. Making friendships is very important with each lady that she talks with. Whether you join her, host a party or place an order, she is very grateful for the support.

L'BRI is the only company in Direct Sales that offers a 10 day supply, FREE sample program. They have a 60 day money back guarantee once you purchase the product and Kim is there to help you every step of the way. After using L'BRI for several years, her skin feels so soft that she wonders why she did not try L'BRI sooner. L'BRI products combine the best time-tested, proven science and nature's purest benefits. We are committed to formulating products as naturally as possible to ensure stability and performance, including fragrance blends that gently enhance the L'BRI customer experience.

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The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is excited to partner with Kim Kemerer with Norwex and L'BRI in the growth of Antwerp and the surrounding community.



ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On September 1, a resident of River St. reported her cousin had been living in her garage and her cousin has since been arrested, and she does not want her back.

On September 1, a resident of Main St. reported they were being stalked by their neighbor.

On September 4, an investigator with the Ohio Investigative unit contacted the village of Antwerp. The police department assisted him with checking local businesses for fake card readers.

On September 4, a resident of North Garden Apartments reported that suspicious people were walking around his car.

On September 4, a resident of the village reported that he had lost his front license plate. It was located in Paulding and returned to the owner.

On September 5, a resident of North Garden Apartments reported that his upstairs neighbor was being loud.

On September 6, Antwerp Police Department received a

report of a pony running east bound on old 24 heading toward village limits. Officer responded and was able to catch the pony in front of the Root Beer Stand. Several citizens assisted in locating the owner of the pony, also in transporting the pony back to his home.

On September 7, an officer assisted Antwerp EMS at a residence in the village

On September 7, a motor vehicle accident was reported at one of the buildings outside of the Antwerp Manor Assisted Living. The officer responded and prepared a report.

On September 8, a credit card was found at one of the local businesses. Owner of the was card contacted.

On September 9, an employee of Dollar General reported the theft of several items.

On September 10, an individual was reported possibly drunk and passed out at the village park. The officer responded and cited the individual for open container, then gave him a ride to Love's Travel Center.

On September 11, a records check was requested by the Allen County Indiana Sheriff office for a resident of the village.

On September 11, a resident reported that they suspected that a juvenile was being assaulted at a residence on Canal St. Officer responded and spoke to the juvenile who was home alone. The juvenile said he had gotten upset and was yelling.

On September 14, a domestic dispute was reported at a residence on North Main St., half of the party had left.

On September 14, while patrolling, an officer saw several vehicles parked on the sidewalk at a residence on Woodcox St. Owner of the residence removed the vehicles.

On September 15, a resident of North Garden Apartments reported he had left for the day and when he came back the glass near his air conditioner had been pushed out.

On September 16, a resident of Washington St. reported that the Saturday before they believed someone was knocking at their front door, stepped up on the porch and possibly tried to get in.

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

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic

Disposition Report

Ethan L. Egnor, Paulding, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed with prejudice; Costs waived

Hallie N. Becht, Tennyson, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

DeWayne R. Williams, Rochester Hill, MI; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived

Angela S. Cowdrick, Van Wert, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tyson M. Ward, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Joseph D. Burk, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and ; Maintain general good behavior

Noah A. Smith, Antwerp, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nathan A. Robertson, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct (2 counts), Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; Domestic violence, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, 180 day jails, 128 days suspended, Placed on standard probation, 10hrs community service, Risk assessment and follow recommendations; No operator license, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Display plates, Case dismissed

Lillian G. VanCleve, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Brianna L. Draper, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Jason E. Snyder, Delphos, OH; OVI/under influence; Pled no contest, found guilty; 90 days jail, 87 days suspended; May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; Proof of insurance provided; Standard probation; Evaluation with Westwood; Operator license suspended from 3/4/24 to 3/4/25; Secure valid driver's license; 10 hrs of community service; Risk assessment

Donovan M. Sanchez, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under suspension; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Michael C. Rupp, Berne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jessica E. Moore, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jimarcus A. Jeffreys, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jane M. Smallwood, Van Wert, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

ARCHER COMPETE IN FAYETTE XC INVITATIONAL

On, September 14, the XC teams traveled to Fayette for their XC Invitational.

The junior high girls started off the morning placing 2nd place as a team! They were led by 8th place finisher Gianna Laker, followed by Brooklynn Lawson, Annabelle Mowery, Charlotte Hook, Heidi Rice, and Aleta Sorrell.

In JH boys action Marshall Rice placed 29th and Krayston Eicher finished 45th.

The Varsity Lady Archers were up next and had another strong showing as a team. They placed 4th out of 15 schools and were led by 12th place finisher Leigha Doster. Followed closely by Emily Laker, Alia Clem, Raelynne Zuber, Gabriella Snyder, Annaliese Xijlstra, Elle Clem, and Taylor Stiebling.

The Varsity Boys rounded out the day and placed 7th as a team. They were led by 5th place finisher Kamren Johnson, followed closely by Bryceton Barker, Gage Barker, Aiden Hook, Tucker Doster, Camden Herber, and Levi Shelton.

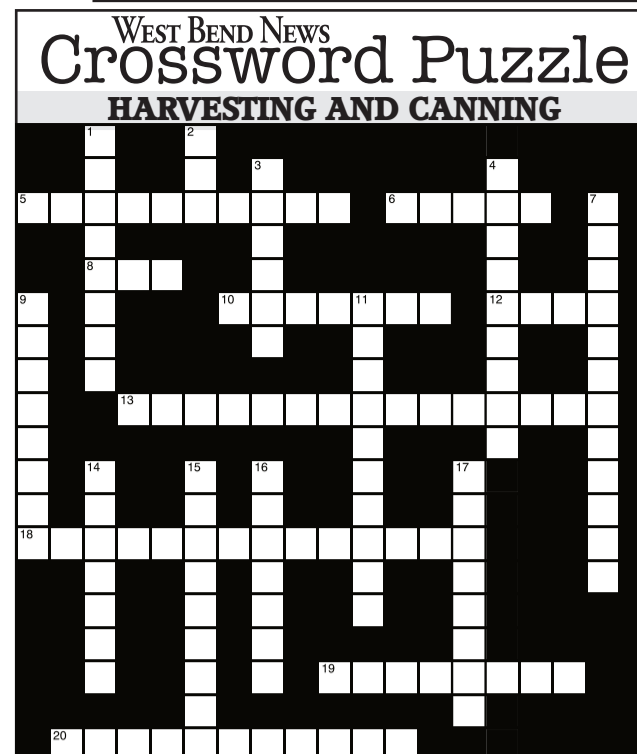
LADY ARCHERS SWEEP EAGLES

Antwerp improved to 4-7 overall as the Lady Archers posted a three-game sweep of visiting North Central Saturday morning in high school volleyball action.

The blue and white won a 25-23 decision in the opener before capturing a 25-21 victory in game two of the match. Antwerp then closed out the sweeping victory by defeating North Central 25-14 in the third set.

Caroline Rohrs picked up 19 digs along with serving for three aces with Allison Sproles posting three kills and three digs for the Lady Archers.

Briley Bagley finished with ten digs and four aces to aid



ACROSS

- 5. The process that occurs when jars are properly canned and cooled.
- 6. A tool used to fill jars with hot liquids or preserves.
- 8. The part of the canning jar that seals tightly to preserve food.
- 10. A key ingredient in pickling recipes to preserve food safely.
- 12. A common crop harvested in late summer and often canned or frozen.
- 13. A method used for canning low-acid foods like meats and vegetables.
- 18. A popular canned item made from garden-harvested tomatoes and herbs.
- 19. The most commonly used jar for canning.
- 20. The full moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox, signaling harvest time.

DOWN

- 1. A process of preserving

- food in vinegar or brine.
- 2. A sweet spread made from fruit and preserved by canning.
- 3. A natural thickening agent used in jams and jellies.
- 4. A technique used before freezing or canning to preserve color and texture.
- 7. Special tongs used to safely remove jars from boiling water.
- 9. A popular crop for canning in late summer.
- 11. A vegetable that is often pressure canned to preserve for winter use.
- 14. A sweet fruit often canned in syrup during the summer.
- 15. The process of cleaning jars and lids to prevent contamination.
- 16. A method where food is heated before it's placed in jars.
- 17. An alternative method to preserve harvested produce without canning.

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the Antwerp cause and Amelia Graham added eight kills, 17 digs and two aces. Alexis Otto picked up two digs and recorded five kills while Haydyn Lengacher chipped in five kills and four digs for the blue and white.

Faith Clem finished with five digs for the Lady Archers and Emery Jones aided the Archer cause with three digs. Madison Peters posted 20 assists, nine digs, five kills and three aces as well for the blue and white.

The Lady Archers also won the junior varsity match, defeating the Eagles 25-12 and 25-10.

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.

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During the night on September 12 / September 13th, Antwerp Fire and EMS, Payne Fire and EMS, Cecil Fire and Paulding Fire Dept. were called out to a fully engulfed house fire on County Road 424 just past Paragon Tempered Glass. Departments arrived at about 12:30

a.m. and battled the blazes until about 05:30 a.m. when the house finally burned itself out. Thankfully all inhabitants evacuated safely, and there were no injuries.

Please reach out to the family for any needs that they may have.

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

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.

MILLER SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Matt Miller, Assistant Paulding County Prosecutor, as the speaker at the September 19, 2024, club meeting. Matt also serves as the Secretary for the Paulding Kiwanis Club, and he spoke to the group about the State of the Club as well as the upcoming elections for new club officers.

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with Laynee Wright carding a 106 and Grace Herman finished with a 118.

The Lady Archers of Antwerp were led by Lyla Clem with a 104 and Madison Schmidt recorded a 113. Kara Pierce (134), Maylynn Carnahan (135), Miley Jewell (137) and Sara Farr (140) rounded out the Antwerp list of players.

Natalie Timbrook of Fairview posted a 91 to lead the Apaches with Camryn Whitaker adding a 116 and Abri Elson shot a 144. Aleyah Keeley topped Hicksville at 103 while Gabriella Fisher posted a 118 and Madalyn Hedge finished with a 120.

Delaney Dachenhaus represented Paulding in the tournament as well, recording a 106.

The Wayne Trace boys golf team was dominant at Ironwood Golf Course in Wauseon Tuesday as the Raiders easily captured the Green Meadows Conference championship over second place Tinora.

The red, white and blue posted the top four individual placers, led by senior Kyle Sutton with a medalist round of 73. Sutton also claimed the Green Meadows Conference Player of the Year honor for the season.

Senior Jared Varner was tournament runner-up with a 77 while sophomore Brody Rosswurm added a 78 and se-

nior Conner Davis totaled a 79. Senior Tyson Gerber and junior Konnor Wannemacher added rounds of 86 and 92, respectively, for the Raiders.

Wayne Trace totaled a 307 in winning the league title with the second place Rams posting a 339 and third place Antwerp finished with a 358.

Hicksville (359) took fourth followed by Paulding (365), Ayersville (373), Fairview (377) and Edgerton (490).

Tinora scorers included Grant Lymanstall (83), Logan Stein (84), Kaiden Massengale (86), Parker Hancock (86), Ryder Backhaus (92) and Grayson DeLarber (93).

Braylen Moreno paced Antwerp with an 83 followed by Zaine McMichael (85), Draven Baumert (93), Dylan Hahn (97), Griffin Kosch (99) and Drew Eaken (101).

The Aces were paced by Parker Bassett at 84 and Kolton Adams carded an 86. Luke Eicher (92), Charlie Karacson (97), Jack Bourgeois (97) and Lucas Meerzo (100).

Paulding's trio of Nico Stahl, Austen Kinder and Brandon Schroeder all had a 91 and Tyler Goyings chipped in a 92. Nick Hatcher (95) and Johnathan Lipps (106) rounded out the Panther lineup.

Andrue Barrick and Logan Schroeder finished with scores of 96 and 97, respectively, to lead the Pilots. Kallen Foreman added a 98 for Ay-

ersville followed by Graham Schlachter (102), Dane Ewers (103) and A.J. Eschbach (105).

Jonah Shiningger and Xavier Shiningger both totaled a 91 for Fairview while Anthony Singer added a 93 and Owen Speiser chipped in a 102. The other two scorers for the Apaches were Reese Winkler (103) and Drew Ford (106).

Edgerton players included Cole Gary (113), Ian Cronin (115), Jon Cronin (118) and Parker Abraham (144).

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Krayston Eicher was 3rd.

The Varsity Boys competed next and placed 3rd as a team. They were led by race winner Kamren Johnson, who was followed by Bryceton Barker, Aiden Hook, Isaac Buhner, Camden Herber, and Levi Shelton.

The Lady Archers finished off the night with another Paulding County Championship! They were led by race winner Leigha Doster, followed by Emily Laker, Alia Clem, Raelynne Zuber, Annaliese Zijlstra, Elle Clem, and Taylor Steibling.

The Archer Harriers now have a well deserved break, and return to action September 28th at the Edgerton Invitational!

Varsity Boys - Paulding 28, Wayne Trace 40, Antwerp 57

Individual Winner - Kamron Johnson (Antwerp) 17:25

Other Top Fifteen Finishers - Max Daeger (Paulding) 18:12, Eli Treece (Wayne Trace) 19:32, Cully Thompson (Paulding) 19:46, Landon Grinnell (Paulding) 20:07, Jack Schweller (Paulding) 20:16, Jaxon Cook (Wayne Trace) 20:27, Seth Rosswurm (Wayne Trace) 20:35, Jerrick Johnson (Wayne Trace) 20:44, Bryston Barker (Antwerp) 20:56, Achilles Mead (Paulding) 20:59, Aiden Hook (Antwerp) 21:19, Cole Manz (Wayne Trace) 21:19, Brock Knowles (Wayne Trace) 21:27, Isaac Buhner (Antwerp) 21:28

Varsity Girls - Antwerp 28, Wayne Trace 43, Paulding 55

Individual Winner - Leigha Doster (Antwerp) 22:58

Other Top Fifteen Finishers - Jenna Kipfer (Wayne Trace) 23:16, Claire Miller (Paulding) 23:55, Kyler Foor (Paulding) 24:02, Emily Laker (Antwerp) 24:08, Alia Clem (Antwerp) 24:14, Raelynne Zuber (Antwerp) 24:28, Bethany Miller (Wayne Trace) 24:56, Annaliese Zijlstra (Antwerp) 25:42, Kenzie Ogle (Wayne Trace) 26:16, Elynn Clemens (Wayne Trace) 26:33, Ellie Kurtz (Wayne Trace) 26:37, Adrianna Carwile (Paulding), 26:48, Elle Clem (Antwerp) 26:53, Anna Meraz (Wayne Trace) 28:23

RAMS RALLY TO PULL AWAY FROM ACES

Visiting Tinora scored the final 27 points of Friday's Green Meadows Conference football game as the Rams pulled away from host Hicksville for a 37-13 win over the Aces.

Dominic Graziani opened the game's scoring for the green and white with a 31-yard touchdown run to put the Rams on top 7-0.

A Cross Zeedyk two-yard plunge for a score pulled

PAULDING FFA CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN AGROW EXPO



Pictured here is the Paulding FFA Officer team attending the AGrow Expo. Left to right Myrriah Manz, Tori Schlatter, Brooke Kilgore, Grace Goyings, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Johnny Lipps, Addy Hunt, Brooklyn Schlatter and Blake Rhonehouse

By: Paulding FFA Reporter, Addison Hunt

Friday, September 6th, the Paulding FFA officers attended Mercer Landmark's AGrow Expo. The officers attended sessions that were great learning opportunities. The officers had the chance to learn about corn and soybean diseases, as well as different farming practices and tech-

niques, such as carbon farming, that Mercer Landmark and other companies are using. In the afternoon, the officers listened to the Peterson Brothers speak about their family farm and their social media platform they use to educate others, they are known for their farm song parodies. Then on Saturday, September 7th, 20 members

of the Paulding FFA went to Mercer Landmark to help with the kids games at their community event. Students were able to help run the games and the kiddie tractor pull as well as interact with the people around them. We want to thank Mercer Landmark for including the Paulding FFA Chapter!

Hicksville within 7-6 before a Jacob Bishop 20-yard field goal expanded the Tinora lead to 10-6.

The Aces struck quickly to take the lead, though, as Brant Langham returned the ensuing kickoff 92 yards for a score to give Hicksville a 13-10 advantage after one quarter.

Tinora seized the lead for good in the second quarter.

Owen Ferrell tossed a 44-yard scoring strike to Bishop as the Rams went on top 17-13 before Bishop hit his second field goal of the night, this time a 35-yard conversion to put Tinora in front 20-13 at the intermission.

Bishop then split the up-rights for the third field goal from 20-yards away and Dylan Schaufele caught a six-yard touchdown toss from Ferrell for a 30-13 lead entering the final quarter.

Cooper Replogle completed the scoring with a four-yard touchdown run to wrap up the 37-13 Tinora victory.

Tinora totaled 421 yards of offense while Hicksville was limited to 273 with the Rams outgaining the Aces 238-85 in the rushing attack.

Graziani finished with 116 yards rushing on 16 attempts and Replogle picked up 52 yards over six carries. Ferrell ended the night 14 of 21 passing for 183 yards to lead Tinora with Schaufele hauling in five carries for 68 yards.

Zeedyk rumbled for 62 yards on the ground over 16 carries to top Hicksville while Langham recorded 171 receiving yards on seven receptions. Garrett Turnbull threw for 188 yards for the Aces, completing 12 of 26 passes.

WBL BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT AT WILLOW BEND GC

The WBL Boys Golf Tournament took place on Thursday September 19th at Willow Bend Country Club in Van

Wert. Van Wert was the tournament champion. Ottawa-Glandorf was the OVERALL league champion which is a combination of their dual match record and tournament place.

Matthew Stiles (Gold Medalist) from Shawnee beat Brennan Steger (Silver Medal-

ist) for individual medalist honors on the 1st playoff hole which was Number 9. They both shot 72. Davis Maag (Bronze Medalist) with a 73.

WBL Player of the Year: Brennan Steger - St. Marys
Coach of the Year: Jay Heckman - Ottawa-Glandorf



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I noted the closing of two Catholic churches in Antwerp and Payne in the last West Bend issue. No matter what denomination, it is it hurts to see churches closing. I have experienced this and would like to give my two cents.

I had what I considered an idyllic childhood. I was raised on a farm, unlike my city cousins from Leo. My dad loved the farm, and even though the work was hard, we enjoyed it. We farmed a large farm, and had a large truck garden and went to market twice a week. Church was a large part of our life. My dad was from a large family so I had uncles that went to the Methodist, Lutheran and Catholic churches.

I was raised in the Leo Mennonite Church and that transitioned to the North Leo Mennonite Church. This was a new building built on a large parcel of ground around 1960, but this church has been declining. Lest you get the impression of a horse buggy church, ours was quite modern. When I was a lad they preached against smoking and drinking but it was never a temptation for me. Last fall with 20 something faithful souls, it was decided to look for a startup church that might want to join us.

Just recently a new church took over services and it is a growing church, with over 200 attendees. It happened suddenly as they were meeting in a high school cafeteria and it was being remodeled. Their name is Cornerstone Church of Leo and if you look online you can even catch a sermon or two. It is quite exhilarating to see a growing church on fire for Jesus.

I feel a connection to the Catholic Church, in that my aunt married a Catholic man from West Unity and raised three children in the Catholic Church. Her husband was a builder and a very conscientious man. Also Leo was settled by Catholics, and named after Pope Leo.

All of our Christian churches are striving for the same place and have many things in common. The basic truth is so simple, "Anyone who believes in Him. (Jesus.)" John 3:16. He came to earth from heaven, lived among us, and died a cruel executioner's death to pay for our sins. The book of 1st John says at least three times, "Whoever believes in Him." 1 John 4:2 "Jesus Christ has come in the flesh."

Nowadays people seem to gravitate to mega churches, but there are still many active small churches. There is just something about a church that is alive and pursuing people for Jesus. We had been praying for our church for over 10 years, and now I have seen our faith become sight in a growing church.

If you will indulge me one last story. I will try to make it short. Several years ago at 2:30 in the morning my wife awoke with a serious heart attack. Her heart actually stopped. They revived her and I rode up front in the ambulance where I could see her on TV. The wait in the hospital was only about 10 minutes with a nurse present.

During the operation they put me in a small waiting room with no one around. A chaplain came to talk with me, and a half hour later they called me to her room. She talked to me just like nothing had happened. The chaplain had been the pastor at The Paulding Presbyterian Church for 20 years. He came to me in an empty waiting room in the heart of Parkview hospital. We talked a half hour about everything under the sun. I had no connection with the Presbyterian Church. My uncle had gone to First Pres in Fort Wayne and he was a prosperous businessman. He knew most of the big shots in Fort Wayne. I just assumed all the rich people of Fort Wayne went to that church, but now I have a different view of the Presbyterian Church.

—James Neuhauser

ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DISCUSS NEW SCHOOL YEAR

The Antwerp school board meeting took place on September 19, 2024. Dennis Recker was absent.

The minutes were approved from the August 15 meeting.

Bob Herber said there wasn't much with the state liaison report. The politicians must be out campaigning.

There were 42 juniors and seniors from Antwerp going to Vantage.

The financial statement was presented by Kristine Stuart:

Income: \$1,407,358.70
Expenditures: \$1,095,566.69
Interest: \$39,462.24

High School Principal, Ms. Jesse Arnold, stated that they are half way through the first quarter. The last day is Friday for teachers turning in their professional growth plan. Student numbers at games are very good. There are 29 kids signed up for the 2026 Spain trip. The high school athletes are greeting kids in the morning once a week. Last week was football. The volleyball was supposed to greet the kids on Thursday but school was cancelled and so they couldn't do that. The Spirit store will be opening soon, that Mr. Sisson spearheaded.

Elementary Principal, Mr. Doug Billman reported that enrollment is getting nailed down with 343 students. The elementary interventions began, but this week was cancelled because of the weather.

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He is working on a new program that will collect all the data for each student for testing and a company has reviewed and stated that Antwerp is doing a great job with their kids. Lifewise has over 120 students enrolled at this point and continues to thrive. There is a field trip next Friday for 1st and fifth grade. On October 10th the kindergarten classes are going to Lincoln Ridge. Fall Testing for the elementary will be October 22 and 23rd. The school is also hiring tutors from a grant that has to be spent by the end of the year.

Antwerp Local School superintendent, Dr. Marty Miller said that the two new principals are doing a great job of interacting with the students and staff. He said that Christina Bowlin will be starting in the cafeteria staff. There is a grant from the Soil and Water for planting new trees around the ball fields. The academic honors wall is getting renovated with a new design. Tomorrow is the official opening of the Wellness Center or Field House to the public, and there are about 50 FOBs available.

On October 11th there will be an evacuation training with the students. There was also a data chart (DIBBS) for the students and that had about 1/3 a summer gain in their evaluation. 1/3 was average and the last 1/3 had a "summer slide" in their learning.

The state report cards are now available. Antwerp had a 4 star rating, which is very good. Hicksville got a 5, the only school in NW Ohio. Antwerp received \$5000 that was intended for other school's money that didn't use their allocation for homeless programs.

SRO Rich Phelan is working with Miller on safety protocols at after school events, including looking at other schools for their ideas.

Miller spoke at the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Meeting on September 18. He has several other trips and speaking engagements from California to Ohio.

Cabellas donated \$1,000 for Archery equipment in the gym or Wellness Center. ACDC donated \$1,000 for the Innovation Center for robotics.

Yearbook class has a trip that is to be approved in this meeting by the board.

The regular meeting is changed next month to October 24 at 5:30 p.m.

LIONS HAND WARRIORS FIRST LOSS

Visiting Woodlan took the opening set of last week's non-league volleyball match at Leo, but it was all Lions after that as Leo recorded a four-set victory over the Warriors.

Woodlan won the opener 25-20 before Leo evened the match with a 25-11 decision in game two. The Lady Lions captured the third set 25-16 but wrapped up the night with a 25-22 victory in the fourth set.

Alyssa Anderson finished with a dozen kills and Makaila Gruber totaled ten slams to lead the Warrior cause with Carsyn Wills chipping in five kills. McKenna Smith also added three slams for the Lady Warriors.

Gruber picked up two aces and two blocks to aid Woodlan with Anderson recording three blocks.

Makenna Smith topped the Lady Warriors with 17 digs while Alix Jacquay and Jade Lichty each recorded ten digs. Alyssa Harvey added eight for Woodlan with Anderson and McKenna Smith totaling four apiece.

Victoria Crozier dished out 18 assists to lead the way for Woodlan and Harvey added 11.

SECOND HALF RALLY LIFTS BULLDOGS OVER ARCHERS

After gaining just 89 yards of total offense in the first half, the Edgerton Bulldogs rebounded in a big way in the second half as the Williams County squad rallied to post a 42-21 win over visiting Antwerp Friday night in Green Meadows Conference football action.

The Archers, who put up 158 yards of offense in the first half, scored a pair of second quarter touchdowns to take a surprising 14-0 advantage over Edgerton at the halfway point of the evening.

Following an Edgerton score to open the second half scoring, Antwerp answered as the Archers widened the gap back to 21-7.

However, the rest of the night belonged to the Williams County squad with Edgerton scoring 35-consecutive points to rally for the 42-21 victory.

Antwerp finished with 270 yards of total offense in all, getting 234 yards in the passing attack. Hampton Rogge completed 13 of 25 passes for 147 yards and a pair of touchdowns while Derek Hines finished

ished the night two of three for 87 yards with one score.

Tavin Sholl and Kayden Winslow both hauled in five receptions for the Archers as well as 67 yards. Zac Salas ran for 39 yards on 13 carries to top the Antwerp ground game.

Joel Walkup rumbled for 166 yards on 20 carries to top the Edgerton offense and Maddox Baker picked up 32 yards over eight attempts.

Baker finished six of 15 passing for 138 yards and Scottie Krantz ran for 89 yards over three carries.

WAYNE TRACE GIRLS GOLF INVITATIONAL

Nine area high school golf programs met on the Pleasant Valley Golf Course on the afternoon of September 19th for the Wayne Trace Girls Golf Invitational.

Wayne Trace (178) – Tori Young 43, Ella Crosby 44, Reagan McGarvey 44, Ryann Jay 47, Olivia Baughman 51

Delphos Jefferson (198) – Carolyn Mueller 45, Malin Casemier 49, Lani Warne-ment 50, Zada Grogg 54, Brylee Geary 54

Miller City (202) – Anna Lammers 43, Izzy Pittman 50, Anna Keeler 53, Josie Schnipke 56, Marissa Carr 57

Celina (206) – Brooke Baucher 48, Ava Kelley 51, Claire Kuehne 53, Bryn Baucher 54, Jada Sharkey 64

Ayersville (220) – Taylor Sweinhagen 49, Ava Stork 55, Avery Antoine 58, Dani Coble 58, Kalli Gorrell 65

Defiance (222) – Ava Hesselschwardt 40, Ruth Green 50, Emily Anderson 64, Arianna Helland 68

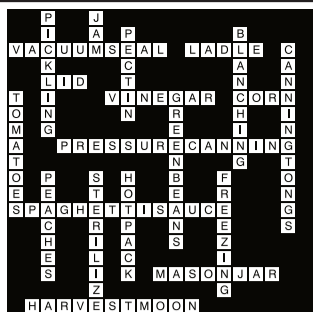
Parkway (224) – Shay Boroff 47, Alex Carpenter 55, Morgan Louth 59, Amanda Barrett 63

Lincolnview (226) – Lindsey Hatcher 20, Ema Renner 53, Grace Custer 58, Avery Zielke 65, Lilly Holdgreve 73

Antwerp (255) – Madison Schmidt 55, Kara Pierce 60, Sara Farr 69, Maylynn Carnahan 71, Miley Jewell 76

TIGERS ROLL TO WIN OVER WARRIORS

The Bluffton Tigers led at the end of every quarter in rolling to a 36-7 win over visiting Woodlan in ACAC



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football action Friday night.

Bluffton was on top 6-0 at the end of one quarter of play and the Tigers still held a slim advantage of 12-7 at the midway point of the contest.

The host Tigers then dominated the second half, scoring a dozen points in the third quarter to expand the margin to 24-7 entering the final stanza.

Bluffton then wrapped up the night with another dozen points in the fourth quarter, setting the final margin at 36-7.

Woodlan totaled just 92 yards of offense in the contest, getting 45 yards passing from Ty Loudon, who was two of four through the air.

Drew Fleek ran for 22 yards on eight carries to lead the Woodlan ground game and Jake Ley picked up 17 yards on six attempts. Fleek scored the lone Warrior touchdown as well.

Carter Fleek had a reception for 34 yards and Drew Fleek picked up an 11-yard reception for the Warriors.

Eli Funk topped the Woodlan defense with 17 tackles while Emmerson Spitheth recorded a dozen stops. Drew Fleek and Gavin Vachon each had six tackles as well for the Warriors and Carter Fleek finished with seven tackles.

Drew Fleek and Vachon each had a tackle for a loss as well for the Warriors.



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.

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- 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
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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.

STUDIO 38 OPENS IN PAULDING



Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of Studio 38 located at 107 E. Perry Street, Paulding, OH took place on September 16, 2024. Studio 38 provides cheerleading lessons and is owned and operated by Cassandra Oates.

'CELEBRATE YOUR PLATE' WITH DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY, SNAP-ED

SNAP-Ed is teaming up with Defiance Public Library in October to offer a special, three-part series on healthy living and eating called 'Celebrate Your Plate.'

Sessions will be held Oct. 2, 16, and 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the library, 320 Fort St., and will cover how to stretch your grocery dollars, get physically active, and cook nutritious meals.

SNAP-Ed is a free nutrition education program primarily serving participants in the SNAP program, or those eligible to receive SNAP benefits or other means-tested federal assistance.

Space is limited at this free program for adults 18+, and registration is required. Register online at defiancepubliclibrary.org/ed or by calling the library at 419-782-1456.

The deadline to register is 5:00 p.m. on September 25.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARIES AT THESE UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Defiance Public Library System's three 'Friends of the Library' groups will be holding special fundraising events during October.

TRIVIA NIGHT

The Friends of Sherwood Branch Library will host 'Trivia on Tap' October 8 at Iron Horse Brews, 101 N. Harrison St., Sherwood. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m.,

and the trivia begins at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Sherwood Branch Library. Register a team of up to 6 players by calling 419-899-4343.

Walk-ins are also welcome. A full food and drink menu will be available for purchase.

BOOKS

The Friends of Johnson Memorial Library's annual Book Sale will take place October 4 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and October 5 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the library, 116 W. High St., Hicksville.

Then on October 19, the Friends of Defiance Public Library will host a Book Sale from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Northtowne Mall, 1500 N.

Clinton St., Defiance.

A wide variety of genres will be available at both sales for a freewill donation, with proceeds benefitting the library.

FREE FAMILY FILM AT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

On Sunday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. Bible Fellowship Church will be having a family movie night for all in the community.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to go 100 years into the future? That is the theme of our movie called Time Changer. It starts out in the year 1890 where a bible college professor is about to release a book on Christian ethics. The book is opposed by a colleague who believes what the professor has written could greatly affect the future of coming generations. Using a secret time machine he sends the college professor 100 years into the future offering him a glimpse of where his beliefs will lead.

Admission to the movie is free and there will be popcorn and water available, also free.

STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING TRAFFIC CRASH IN PAULDING COUNTY

Cecil - The Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a single vehicle, fatal traffic crash that occurred on South Main Street near the intersection of Plum Street in the Village of Cecil.

At approximately 0259 Hrs. a 2001 GMC Yukon driven by Michael Dean

THIS WEEK ON PCBW: KASS CHESNUT W/GROWTH FITNESS



Join us on Paulding County Business Weekly as we hear from Kass Chesnut, the "Lewis & Clark" entrepreneur who has introduced a 24-hour option of exercise to Paulding County in Paulding, but has now also expanded into Oakwood.

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Geiger, Age 58, of Bryan Ohio was traveling northbound on S. Main Street. Mr. Geiger was actively fleeing from Paulding County Sheriff's Office deputies when he traveled off the left side of the roadway. Mr. Geiger overcorrected which caused his vehicle to overturn. Mr. Geiger was not wearing his seat belt and was ejected from his vehicle. Mr. Geiger sustained fatal injuries as a result of the traffic crash and

was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Paulding County Coroner's Office.

The Van Wert Post was assisted on scene by the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, Crane Township/Cecil Fire Department, Paulding County Coroner's Office, and Hague's Towing & Repair.

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Event Purpose: Building Brighter Futures

This year, the Vantage 5K is raising funds to help em-

power students by providing financial assistance towards various student activities. Your participation in this event directly contributes to enhancing student experiences while on their path to success at Vantage Career Center.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, October 20, 2024

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