

HARDER SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT



Congratulations to Greyson Harder, senior at Paulding High School, who signed his letter of intent to continue his baseball career and his education at Mount Vernon Nazarene University!

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

ODOT seeks public input on safety enhancement projects

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

Meeting details:
 • Date: Monday, September 30, 2024
 • Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

• Location: Convoy Community Building, 643 North Main St., Convoy

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

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

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

Project details:
 In 2022, ODOT finalized a comprehensive Feasibility Study to improve safety on

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PHS CLASS OF 1999 REUNION PLANNED

Paulding High School class of 1999 will be gathering for a reunion on October 4, 2024 at the home football game from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Contact Sarah (Wisda) Sajuan 847-693-8021 or via Facebook for more info!

PERI CHAPTER 10 MEETING

NOTICE!! All 96 state members: PERI Paulding County Chapter 10 will meet at the Paulding County Senior Center, 410 E. Jackson St. at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2024. Speaker will be Kelly Taylor, Head of Genealogy Dept. at Paulding County Carnegie Library.

YOUTH BUSINESS SHOWCASE AT FLAT ROCK CREEK FALL FESTIVAL



Pictured are People's Choice Award winners Londyn Dargenson, owner of Beads Delite by Londyn and Small Town Sister business owners Allison, Sophie and Amelia Bollenbacher

The 2024 Youth Business Showcase proved to be another success with ten business showcase participants attending. The showcase offered a variety of products such as woodworking, paintings, plants, jewelry, bakery items and even power washing as a service of their business. The Youth Business Showcase has proven to show all the amazing talent and skills Paulding County youth have!

Paulding County Economic Development (PCED), in collaboration with First Financial Bank, Ohio Small Business Development Center, Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Fall Creek Festival staff have again organized the 2nd annual Youth Business Showcase for young entrepreneurs. This event was held at the Paulding County OSU Extension building and offers youth up to age 18 to display and sell their products or services.

This event aims to provide a platform for our young innovators, offering them an opportunity to turn their dreams into reality, by showcasing their creations to a broader audience. We want to continue to promote that our community is overflowing with so many talented youth. This showcase is a way of encouraging their entrepreneurial pursuits.

Each Participant was judged for People's Choice,

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Flat Rock Creek / Maumee River Clean Up Project

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Maumee River

Date: Sept. 28th / Rainedate: Sept. 29th

River Side Park to Forders - 4.5 miles

Porters to Cecil Bridge - 3.7 miles

Flat Rock

Date: Oct. 19th / Rainedate: Oct. 20th

CR 107 to Blackswamp Nature Center (2.8 Miles)

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-12p
- October 2-3**
- The Fall Rummage Fundraiser @ The NH UMC, 9am-3pm
- October 5**
- Woodburn Lions Donuts @ Hardware lot, 7-11am
 - WCCH Benefit Auction @ Woodlan HS, 4pm
 - Fall Men's Conference @ Faith Baptist Church, Defiance, 9a-4p
- October 8**
- Alzheimer's Education Series @ Defiance Library, 3pm
- October 11-12-13**
- Little Shop of Horrors @ Huber Dinner Theater
- October 12**
- Pull 4 a Cure Garden Tractor Pull @ Farmer, OH, 12Noon
- October 17-18**
- Fall Bake & Rummage Sale @ Martini Luth. Church NH, 8a-2p (Th) & 8a-12p (Fri)
- October 18**
- Last day of Nut Sale @ PCH Gift Shop
- October 19**
- Flat Rock Creek clean up @ CR 107 to Black Swamp Nature Center
- October 26**
- Annual Women's Retreat, "Praising God Through Music: Together Again" @ 1st Pres. Church, Paulding, 9a-1:30p

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Add your event to the calendar
info@westbendnews.net

OBITUARIES

COMMUNITY SUPPORT HELPED CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY FEED MORE THAN EVER

MONTPELIER, OH:

Stacy Lyn (Keeler) Barber, born March 10, 1960, of Montpelier, formerly of Paulding, passed away peacefully at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center on Thursday, September 19, 2024. Arr By Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.



From this drone shot you can see that the Paulding square was full of cars during the 4th Annual Scott S. John "Marmaduke" Cruise in.



DEFIANCE, OH:

Larry Edward Lambert, age 81, of Defiance, Ohio, passed away on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at the University of Toledo Medical Center, Toledo, Ohio where he had been a patient. Following graduation from Fairview High School, Larry enlisted in the United States Army. He served as an assistant artillery gunner and was honorably discharged. Larry was a farmer and was also employed as a tire builder at Goodrich Tire. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and traveling. He visited 49 states, all the Canadian provinces, China, Israel and Mexico.

Larry was born on January 6, 1943, in Bryan, Ohio, the son of Oscar Carl and Leona Kathryn (Krouse) Lambert. He married Betty Ruth Yager on October 31, 1964 in Columbus, Georgia and she survives.

Along with his wife, Larry is survived by his daughters, Barb (Dave) Mitchell, of New Port Richey, Florida and Jeanie (Larry) Rogers, of Bristol, Florida; sons, David (Jena) Lambert, of Owatonna, Minnesota and Don (Marie) Lambert, of Columbus, Ohio; many grandchildren and great grandchildren, sister, Ruth Doctor, of Fort Wayne, Indiana and several nieces and nephews.

In early June, Cooper Farms donated 1,700 pounds of turkey roasts for the pantry to share with clients, and again at the end of August, they donated another 750 pounds. Thanks to the Paulding Exempted Village Schools and the Paulding County Sheriff's Department for helping store the roasts in their freezers.

On July 13, the St. John family raised more than \$3,500 at the 4th Annual Scott S. John "Marmaduke" Cruise in. Donations were made by car owners, attendees, Fat Pig Smokehouse and Nini's Ice Cream.

Another bus trip raised \$1,300 carrying 50 Paulding County residents to South Haven, MI. The trip was organized by Ann Olwin, Sue Beck, Kathy Cadwallader and Carol Razo.

The 127 Yard Sale hosted at the First Presbyterian Church of Paulding in early August, raised \$4,000 for the pantry for the third year in a row thanks to all donors and organizers Brent Fishbaugh and Carol Razo. The Presbyterians also sponsored a food drive in August that donated hundreds of pounds of food.

Other agencies in the county have gotten involved in helping at the pantry, too. The Ohio State - Paulding County Extension Office started visiting the pantry twice per month to share tastings and recipes with clients. And PC Workshop clients have been volunteering at the pantry regularly to help keep things running smoothly behind the scenes.

Many other donations were also received including from the National Wild Turkey Federation, the Free Christin Church VBS in Continental as well as the Tri-County ADAMHS Board for Mercer, Paulding and Van Wert Counties.

Finally, this summer the pantry received more than 1,900 pounds of fresh produce from area gardeners and growers including Belau Farms and The New Rochester Orchard.

For more information about the pantry, volunteering opportunities and fundraising activities, follow the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry on Facebook. You also can contact the pantry, at (419) 399-9562 or info@caring-and-sharing.org.



Fifty people from around the county traveled to South Haven, MI, on a fundraising bus trip on July 19.

This summer the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry received great community support to help stock their shelves and serve more Paulding County residents than ever before.

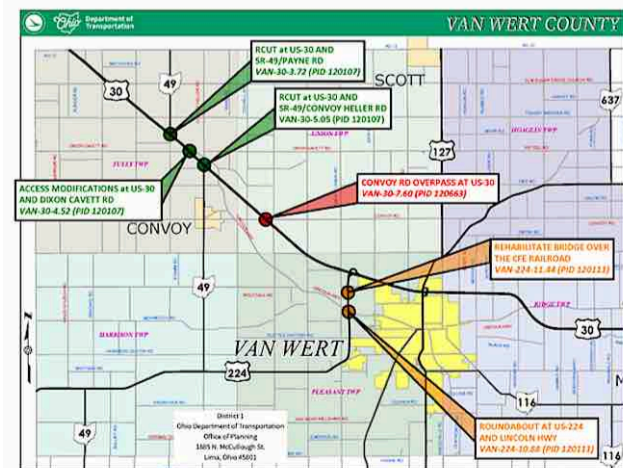
In accordance to his wishes, there will be no public arrangements for Larry. Krill Funeral Home, 860 East Mulberry Street, Bryan, Ohio has been entrusted with his arrangements.

To sign the online guest book or leave a condolence, please visit <http://www.krillfuneralservice.com>.

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study's recommendations, three projects are moving forward with funding from the Ohio Highway Safety Improvement Program. The details for each are below:

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



U-turns

Location U.S. 30/State Route 49/Payne Road/Convoy Heller Road
Project details:
• Convert two intersections to a restricted crossing U-turn (RCUT) design.
- U.S. 30 and SR 49/Payne Road
- U.S. 30 and S.R. 49/Convoy-Heller Road

• Modify access at the intersection of U.S. 30 and Dixon-Cavett Road.
• Construction begin: 2027

Project 2: U.S. 30/Convoy Road Overpass Construction

Location U.S. 30/Convoy Road
Project details:
• Construct an overpass for Convoy Road over U.S. 30
• Construction begin: 2029

Project 3: U.S. 224/Lincoln Highway Roundabout Installation

Location U.S. 224/Lincoln Highway
Project details:

Scripture of the Week

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

— Matthew 6:33

WE ARE OVERCOMERS



John 16:33 says "These things I have spoken to you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world". These blessed words were given to us to relieve us of all worldly plights. Jesus purposely intended, through the shedding of His blood, that we would enter and exit every situation as overcomers. Be of good cheer! In other words, Relax! Take it easy! Smile, I've got this.

Deuteronomy 28:6-7 "You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be de-

feated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven." Keeping this in mind assures us a victory, even before the battle begins. Why? because as overcomers we drink from the cup of victory.

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he. Our hearts must be in alignment and agreement with God's word. Ye shall have tribulation but, if you allow the Holy Spirit to come into your heart, the tribulation is nullified and loses its power.

John 16:21-22 "A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you." So be of good cheer, through the precious blood of Jesus Christ, you have overcome the world! No weapons formed against you shall prosper.

Believe it and ye shall receive it! WILL YOU BELIEVE?

—Peace and Love
Pastor Dwayne

• Construct a single lane roundabout at the intersection of U.S. 224 and Lincoln Highway.

• Rehabilitate the U.S. 224 bridge over the Chicago, Ft. Wayne, & Eastern (CFE) railroad by replacing the deck and abutments as well as painting the structural steel.

• Construction begin: 2027

Right-of-way and property acquisition:

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

Environmental impacts:

Currently, studies are ongoing to determine the impacts the project will have on the environment, utilities,

and adjacent properties. Impacts to wetlands and the removal of some trees may occur. If impacted, necessary waterway permitting will be obtained and tree removal will occur between October 1 and March 31 to protect possibly present threatened and endangered bat species during their summer roosting period.

How to provide feedback:

Your feedback is valued! Help us make informed decisions by sharing your thoughts and opinions on these projects.

• Submit comments by October 30, 2024, to be included in the public input summary report.

• Use the Public Comment Form, visit the website, or contact the project managers directly (see below).

• Public participation in these projects is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

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THE FARMERS ALMANAC

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

A couple of weeks ago I was shopping in a store who was having a "Going out of Business Sale" In fact it was the last day they would be open and the store manager announced, "Everything left is now 25 cents."

I made my way to get some quarter makeup and spotted a magazine that I loved as a kid. It was The Farmers Almanac. I thought "Oh my! I'll spend a quarter on that and see what they have to say about winter weather this year."

I recall my grandparents buying this booklet every year and planned the seasons by reading The Farmers Almanac.

I flipped the booklet back to December 2024 weather forecast for Great Lakes, Ohio Valley and Midwest According to The Farmers Almanac. It appears we here in Ohio are going to have some rain and wet snow with cold temperatures to follow; from Dec 8-11 there is to be cold temperatures; 12-15 Scattered snow showers; 16-19 forecasted is cloudy days, little precipitation and cold nights; 20-23 scattered showers; 24-27 is to be cold and dry with cold temperatures and a cold dry end to 2024.

Personally I love snow and the past few winters there really has not been any blizzards or big old snow storms.

Moving on...
Weather Lore by month from 2024 Farmers Almanac:

August...for each for in August, there will be a snowfall

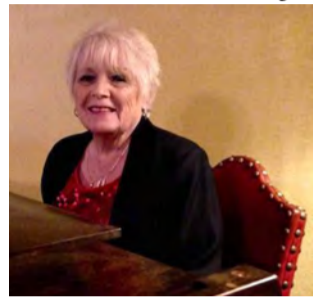
September...The first snowfall will come six weeks after the last thunderstorm

October...A full moon in October with no frost means there won't be another frost til November

November...If the leaves hadn't fell from the trees by November 11, is a sign of a cold winter ahead

December...the nearer the new moon is to Christmas day indicates a cold winter.

The Farmers Almanac has a long history as The Old Farmers Almanac began



printing in 1792 with The Farmers Almanac beginning in 1818. They were both weather forecasters but one forecast 18 months and another 16 months.

In 1942 a German spy was apprehended and the FBI discovered a Farmers Almanac in his pocket. It was thought the German spy was getting weather reports for German operations.

My almanac has recipes in it, flowers you can eat, how to dry fruit and make a garland, old sayings and so much more. I doubt if I eat any flowers but may make a dried fruit garland.

Do you remember The Farmers Almanac? How long have you been purchasing it? Do you believe their weather forecast?

Let me know and I will give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

classic, nostalgic dessert that brings together creamy vanilla ice cream, rich chocolate sauce, and the salty crunch of Spanish peanuts.

Sound good? That will be the treat served at the Tin Roof Train Ride event on Sunday, October 6, by the Four Presidents Corners Historical Society. Topped with whipped cream, chocolate sprinkles, and a bright cherry, this sundae is both simple and indulgent, perfect for satisfying



your sweet tooth!

Plan to bring your family for this event as you support the local historical society's quest to preserve our history. All ages will enjoy the tour and a sweet treat on Tin Roof

Sunday. It is sure to be a hit Twelve passengers will be boarded on each trip. Free will donation accepted with proceeds going towards improvements at the Visitors Center.

OCTOPUS COUNTERS AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Shown here with their craft are from left: Micah Etter, Maelee Etter, Gatlin Gerschutz, Jovan Grace and Echo Middleton.

Ann's Bright Beginnings PreK class used their math and small motor skills to make these adorable octopus crafts during their class time together! They had to match the number of beads to the coordinating number and lace

them onto the limbs of the octopus. The children seemed to love this activity and worked very hard on it! We still have openings in our PreK and our 3 year old class of preschoolers! Give us a call at 419-399-KIDS.

DPL PROGRAM HELPS PARENTS TALK TO TEENS ABOUT SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Kathy Minck from Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio will visit Defiance Public Library on October 3 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. to discuss with parents how to talk about the tough topic of teen substance abuse prevention in a way that teens will enjoy and remember.

Minck will include evidence-based methods that parents can implement to approach their teens and discuss trends in teen exposure to harmful substances.

This program is free and open to all adults. No registration is needed.

For more information,

contact the library at 419-782-1456.

COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUMMER 2024 DEAN'S LIST

The following student(s) have been named to the 2024 Summer Semester Dean's List at Columbus State Community College. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher and be enrolled for six or more credit hours.

Hailey Grant, Associate of Arts; Antwerp, OH

Columbus State Community College is located in Columbus, OH and has three other campuses - Delaware, Dublin and Bolton Field.

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and Judge's Choice awards, in addition to receiving feedback from local business leaders. The Paulding County Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored all the winning gift baskets for this year's event. This year's Judge's Choice award went to Banks Woodworking, owned and operated by Mr. Jordan Banks. He received a \$75 savings account from First Financial Bank and a gift basket. Banks Woodworking offered many different types of woodworking and outdoor decorations. The 1st place People's Choice Award went to Beads Delight by Londyn, owned and operated by Ms. Londyn Dargenson. Beads Delight by Londyn offered a large range of different beaded bracelets and other homemade jewelry pieces. The final award was 2nd place People's Choice Award that went to Small Town Sisters, owned and operated by Ms. Allison, Sophie and Amelia Bollen-

bacher. Small Town Sisters offered everything from jewelry to wax melts. All ten businesses did well in sales during the event.

"This event teaches each young entrepreneur how to engage with others as well as learn how hard work and dedication pays off. It is important to continue encouraging and supporting each student as they learn so many imperative skills and give them a head start in their future endeavors" stated Jessica Stechschulte with the PCED office.

PCED appreciates the collaborative partnerships of Paulding County Area Chamber of Commerce, First Financial Bank and Ohio Small Business Development Center for the help and thank you to all of the participants who were apart of this event. Everyone did a great job marketing and selling their businesses. Watch for new ideas to come as everyone looks forward to next year's festival event.

The deadline for the West Bend News is THURSDAYS at 5pm for the following issue. Send your news, ads, and classifieds to info@westbendnews.net Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.

MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry

Clyde Thomas McKevitt was born June 30, 1885in Paulding County. The son of Peter McKevitt, who was born



March of 1844 in New York and Mary E. (Freede) McKevitt, born March 6, 1848 in Ohio. Peter was a Civil War Veteran who served with Company C. 68th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

This couple was married September 12, 1867 in Paulding, Ohio. By 1880, this couple was living in Brown Township. Along with daughters Veletta M. born in 1869, Alice A. born in 1874, Laura M. born May 27, 1880.

Laura passed away September 21, 1882. She was buried in Charloe Blakesley Cemetery, Charloe. Sons Charlie P. born February 15, 1871, Trubadour (Trube) born May 1, 1877. Peter was a farmer. By 1890, the McKevitt family had added children a son Christopher born December 28, 1882, Clyde T. born in 1885, twins Mary Francis and Joseph A. born January 23, 1889 in Melrose.

Joseph passed away September 24, 1889. He was buried in Charloe Blakesley Cemetery. Clyde was a student in school and Peter was still farming. Mary passed away June 10, 1894. She was buried in Charloe Blakesley Cemetery. A daughter, Veletta, had married a fella named Henry A. Bittner. He passed away in Paulding September 20, 1899 of a heart attack. They had a five month old son named Henry Adam Jr. Veletta and son, lived with Peter.

By 1910, Clyde had moved out on his own. His father, Peter, had remarried a widow woman named Sarah Williams. Clyde joined the

National Army in Columbus, Ohio July 31, 1917. He was listed as 5'7", black hair, brown eyes, ruddy complexion, and excellent character. He served with the 10th Company, 3rd Battalion, 158th Depot Brigade, School of Bakers and Cooks at Camp Sherman, Ohio. He finished his schooling at the rank of cook July 17, 1918. He was promoted to private, December 11, 1918. He was Honorably Discharged January 30, 1919. After his service he became a baker.

In 1921, Clyde met a divorced gal named Cora B. (Roberts) Goodwin. They moved to Lima at 945 South Elizabeth Street. Clyde worked as a carpenter. Clyde's father, Peter, passed away in 1924. He was buried with Mary at Charloe Blakesley. Clyde's brother, Charlie passed away February 5, 1926. He was buried with his family in Charloe.

By 1930, Clyde and Cora were living at 315 South Central Street in Lima, Ohio. Clyde was working as a laborer in a junkyard. On February 3, 1934, Clyde was admitted to the Dayton Veteran Administration Hospital. He was released with no explanation.

On August 24, 1934, Clyde's brother, Trubadour passed away at the Toledo State Hospital. He was buried in site 1315 in the State Cemetery. In 1942, Clyde, at the age of 57, registers for the World War Two draft, he was not chosen.

Clyde and Cora were living at 135 and a half South Main Street in Lima. He was employed by the W.P.A. (Works Progress Administration) program. On April 27, 1943, Clyde Thomas McKevitt passed away. He was buried with his family in Charloe. On March 6, 1949, Clyde's brother, Christopher, applied for Clyde's tombstone. Records verified his service March 12, 1949. His stone was ordered April 14, 1949 at Lee, Massachusetts and shipped to Carl Shinan of Oakwood and installed.

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The Van Wert County Agricultural Society, the managing organization of the Van Wert County Fairgrounds, is pleased to announce the new LED Sign at Gate 2 is complete. When you drive by the fairgrounds on Washington Street the new LED Sign located at the Gate 2 entrance is sure to catch your attention. The Van Wert County

Agricultural would like to thank the following organizations for their support towards the LED Sign project. Thank you to the Van Wert County Foundation for their support in the amount of \$8,000. Thank you to the Van Wert Rotary Club for choosing this project last year for their rotary auction and for their support in the amount of \$25,783.42.

Thank you to the Ohio Department of Development for the grant in the amount of \$106,831.54 of which part of these funds were designated towards the sign.

With the new sign we are better able to educate our audience about reminders, upcoming events and more information, as well as enhance the fairgrounds.

Pictured from left to right is Mike Poling Van Wert County Fairgrounds, Ben Cowan Van Wert Rotary Club, Penny Parrish Van Wert Rotary Club, Mark Verville Van Wert Rotary Club, Adam Ries Van Wert Rotary Club, Aaron Anspach Van Wert Rotary Club, Laney Nofer Van Wert County Foundation, Seth Baker Van Wert County Foundation, and Ray Thatcher Van Wert County Fairgrounds.

The mission of the Van Wert County Agricultural Society is to educate, enhance and preserve our agricultural roots through our youth and our community. Additional information including bylaws and governing documents can be found at www.vanwertcountyfair.com.

DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY FEATURED ON STORIED GROUND PODCAST: EXPLORING THE LEGACY OF CARNEGIE LIBRARIES

The Defiance Public Library is excited to announce its feature in a recent episode of the WGTE podcast, *Storied Ground*. This episode delves into the rich history and stunning architecture of

Defiance Public Library, highlighting its role in the broader legacy of Carnegie libraries across America.

Stories Across America with Nick Pavlik invites listeners to explore the stories behind Northwest Ohio's historic sites, and in this episode, the Defiance Public Library takes center stage. Pavlik is an archivist and public historian currently serving as the Manuscripts and Digital Initiatives Archivist at Bowling Green State University's Center for Archival Collections (CAC).

Built in 1904/1905 with funding from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, the library is not only a vital resource for the Defiance community but also an example of the cultural impact associated with Carnegie's vision for public libraries.

Guests on the podcast include Dr. Abigail Van Slyck, Dayton Professor Emeritus of Art History at Connecticut College; Cara Potter, Director of the Defiance Public Library System (DPLS); Taryn Lawson, Communications Coordinator at DPLS; and Defiance Mayor Mike McCann.

"We are thrilled to be featured on *Storied Ground*," said Potter. "This podcast provides an excellent platform to share our library's unique story and to connect with a wider audience who values the historical significance of public libraries."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is in follow up to my previous letter addressing impeding sale of the historic depot in Antwerp to become a recreational pot distribution hub. At time of first writing, sale of the depot seemed inevitable. However, in a recent turn of events, the village council has been challenged by an injunction initiated by Councilman Bryce Steiner.

I commend Bryce for his

conviction and courage in standing up for rule of law. In response, the village has fired their solicitor and hired a new solicitor and jointly embarked on an effort to find a loop hole and cover their tracks.

On behalf of the council they may not have been aware of applicable Ohio code, but their solicitor should have been.

As the matter awaits court hearing, I continue to solicit input both locally and from residents of lower Michigan and northern most Indiana. To date, I have interviewed from Michigan a pastor, a Navy Vietnam Veteran and a couple from Hillsdale. Their respective comments in summary: "A lot more vehicle crashes, disgusting billboards and heavy traffic, I've considered moving to another state, voted down in Hillsdale, neighboring village has dispensary with heavy traffic."

A scout leader from South Bend, Indiana, just below the Michigan line: "Heavy traffic, out of area vehicles racing to Michigan."

It is note worthy that the Hicksville council voted against recreational sale within the village. Meanwhile research indicates that a percentage of individuals who become addicted to alcohol and/or marijuana are inclined to reach out for the next thing available. This is due to the addicted brain demanding the previous level of euphoria.

It is also important to note that Defiance County Health Department is currently engaged in an all out effort to educate the public in overdose awareness and the need to stock Naloxone in various cases.

Just as economics have played a roll in Antwerp Village Council's decisions in the matter, I can't help but think that economics was a factor in initiation of last year's Issue 2, in that the rate of incarceration for possession would be reduced.

In closing I urge the citizens of Antwerp to ask themselves if they are really okay with the serious negative side effects that will accompany implementation of the dispensary. If we suspect our town is dying, why hasten the death?

—Louis Beregszazi
Antwerp, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recent letters

In the last few months there have been letters from a person spewing her hatred

of Donald Trump and all sorts of ridiculous claims of him, but you can "Google" this and find them to be true.

This person is obviously addicted to the internet and everything on it is true, yeah right! Wonder where she gets this information, CNN (Communist News Network) or ABC (Always Been Communist)?? They have always been against Trump or is someone posting things supposedly from these networks they embellished or just turned around to stir up trouble?

She is blaming Trump for everything but the hot, dry weather we have had and probably will do that too. Each letter has gotten more hateful and more ridiculous claims. Now she compares him to Hitler and says he worships him and wants to do the same thing!!

I hope the authorities are watching this as if someone was making those claims about me I'd ask them to watch as this might be a person who could become a problem. The internet has become a cesspool of false information and too many of these addicts believe everything on it.

You talk about Hitler and his socialist society you better look at the current administration and the last four years and even the Obama years. They want to take our rights, our freedom of speech, our guns and control our lives and prices. Let the government take care of you and just give you what you need to survive and make sure you don't have weapons to resist us or protect yourself. Same thing Hitler did and you see how that worked for the small countries he took over and even Germany itself. Trust the government? I think not. And now there is Harris lying about everything and going from Biden's actions to basically the same thing. She says she has a gun and will use it to protect herself but doesn't want us to have one to do the same. She says she will let people come into our homes to inspect our guns and anything else. I don't think so, you try to come into my home without permission and you will be carried out. Even my friends don't come in without me.

Now she says she will fix the country?? Wait a minute, I thought Biden had everything going so good according to his administration and followers. Now they are

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admitting what most of us have known for 4 years now. He did nothing but bring this country down in every way and people want more of it? You don't fix something unless it's broke or there is a problem so obviously our country is broken. Go to the stores, gas stations, shopping centers and see what people are saying about Biden-nomics. Under Trump high gas prices were still lower than Biden's lowest prices. This person obviously has so much hatred for Trump that she would rather see our country keep going down than get back to being affordable. Obviously likes these illegal immigrants to be allowed in, given benefits, allowed to have our same rights at taxpayer expense without doing anything for it that the Biden administration wants to do. And how about them wanting taxpayers to pay off student loans because they don't understand working to pay yourself because you are lazy or can't supposedly find a job that pays what you think you deserve in this economy. I'm sure even the devout democrats are tired of her degrading their own party with these accusations and hate filled letters. The internet is a great source of some interesting information but filled with crap than only some people take too seriously. This election year has opened up a can of worms for fake news and things that are obvious embellished. Elections used to be something everyone did as Americans but has become a war and bought with lies, and false information. Remember that we are voting for a

country not just a person and if you want four more years of what we have had then go ahead and vote for what's going on. You will suffer along with the rest of us.

—Gregg Gorman, Paulding Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't remain silent Disengagement from critical life endangering issues for Americans can't be an option, especially if you are a Christian. If you are like me, your voice is your weapon. USE IT OR LOSE IT! That is the option we face in our 2024 election.

If evil takes this election you had better believe they can shut you up. Our constitution and freedoms will be gone. Guess again if you think that can't or won't happen. It happened once in Obama's life and has been attempted many times to get it done for a second time.

Many years ago Obama's first heavily armed Russian styled SWAT team arrived very early morning to invade the home of the Illinois governor and have him arrested on false charges, just like was done to President Trump. The only difference in these two unwarranted attacks is Trump's strength.

The Illinois governor served eight years in prison only because he was in Obama's hair for becoming Top Dog. Trump was a thorn in Obama's eye. That is why President Trump's home was invaded by his heavily armed Russian styled SWAT team. In both of these attacks, they were for show only. Liberal officials are

afraid of God and truth. If you are just half-ways intelligent, I believe you can envision what could happen to anyone speaking against democrats in the future should they come out Top-Dog in our 2024 election. I realize you Democrats out there think I speak nonsense but there is one prime reason for that. I believe in God and his word in the Bible. Read it and you will find that you are listed in it. You are part of the mammoth band of the blind who can't see right from wrong. Bless you on your road to righteousness.

We should be outraged by our moral decline, our cultural decay, our inept satanist Democrat party leaders and media lack of wisdom and their planned destruction of America.

I'm speaking to you who profess being Christian. Why did about thirty million refuse to vote in 2020? What kind of stupid excuse do you have for not voting?

This next list is made up entirety of Satan's trophies forced on us by Satan's Democrats. There is no special order and some may be missing. This list is to show you how cruel America has become based on Democrats desire to control America as they do in Russia or China.

Separation of church and state, stole pastors freedom of speech, forbid God in schools, kick God out of courts and politics, kicking Christians from military, messed up many churches and society, abortion, boys in girls sports and bathrooms, transgenderism, anti-police, gay marriage, open borders to gain anti-flux of twenty million potential Democrat voters and expanded drug use..

No Democrat since Kennedy has given us anything positive to build on. The only positive thing I see is that Christians are unwanted by Democrats and that Democrats will do anything to be top dog. If you take a solid look at them you will see the solid hate they have for Christians. I feel sorry for anyone stuck with being a Democrat. Where do you stand?

I'm not accusing anyone of anything. This is just a possibility that ran through my mind and will show up as a question at the end of this paragraph. It has been well known for years that the Democrat party is the party of "Dirty Deeds". Why have there been two assassination attempts on President

Trump in the last few weeks and who is behind them? I don't know - I'm just asking. America needs the truth now, not 1 or 2 years down the road.

What is America's number one evil after Harris-Walz that is destroying our lives and nation? It is the "old time" members of Congress, Democrat and Republican. We need new blood and term limits. Is today's government there "for the people" or "for the government"? I believe they care more for money and power than for the people and America. "Money and power is their God."

Democrats, their ultra liberal media and Hollywood have taken us so far astray, I don't know if we can or even desire to be saved. It can be done but requires strength and dedication. Most nations in past world history that have been as we find ourselves today have lost to evil. Some of the most recent are Russia, China and North Korea.

If you desire America to be free for your off-spring and future generations you can ensure it. I've been around for a long time, seen a lot, studied a lot and know of only one way it can be accomplished. America must have revival.

You Democrats probably don't believe that because Satan and your party leaders don't want you knowing past history and the full truth. It is your party leaders and Satan's media that have deprived you of knowing God. They repeat lies so often that you believe it is truth.

God's word in the Bible says many will be blind to truth and right in the end times and few will find their way to the narrow gate. You "blind ones" probably can't see it but we are in a war between good and evil or God and Satan.

Just as God has given man and other living things a certain amount of time to live, I believe he may have an over-all time for all of mankind and earth as we know it. I believe that we as mankind are fast coming to an end. Better pray you can fine your way.

Richard Mastin
Hicksville, OH

WATCH OUT FOR INVESTMENT SCAMS

When you invest, you'll find that knowledge is power. The more you know about your investment choices, and who is offering them, the better prepared you'll be to make good decisions. And this diligence can also help protect you against investment scams.

How widespread is this activity? Consider this: Investment fraud losses totaled more than \$4.5 billion in 2023, according to the FBI's Internet Crime Report.

Here are some common types of scams:

- **Cryptocurrency** – Not all cryptocurrency offers are scams, but many are. The scammers will contact you via social media, claiming they've made a lot of money in crypto and are willing to help you do the same. They may direct you to a website or app to invest, but the "company" taking your money may not even exist, and, after taking your money, may disappear.

- **Investment programs** – These programs claim to have "proven" strategies that can enable you to get rich by investing in financial products. But these strategies are dubious at best and can cost you thousands of dollars that could otherwise go into an investment plan based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

- **Real estate** – Typically, a real estate scam tries to get you to invest in a "world-class" or "luxury" property development, but these properties may take years to build, if they're built at all. Also, various real estate "seminars" claim they can teach you how to get wealthy by buying and selling real estate, but these programs are expensive and usually worthless.

- **Gold and other precious metals** – Scammers who call themselves "rare coins" merchants may try to sell you gold coins, bullion or other types of precious metals, claiming that these assets will always go up in value (which isn't true) and that "now is the best time to act." You can find legitimate ways to invest in precious metals, possibly through mutual funds, but you'll need to determine whether these assets can be

an appropriate part of your investment portfolio.

So, how can you avoid these scams? Here are some suggestions from the Federal Trade Commission:

- Don't be pushed into snap decisions. Scammers will pressure you to act quickly because "space is limited" in an investment offering or a "special deal" won't last long. If someone won't give you time to consider an offer, it's not worth considering.

- Be suspicious of "risk-free" claims. All investments carry risk, and no variable investments can claim to provide "guaranteed returns." If an individual or organization downplays the risk of an investment and doesn't want to provide risk disclosures, just walk away.

- Ask about licensing or registration. Legitimate investment professionals must be registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and be licensed by your state's securities regulator before they can sell you any investment product. You can check the status of an individual or firm by using FINRA's BrokerCheck tool at brokercheck.fina.org.

- Do some research. You can search online for the name of the company or individual offering you an investment opportunity. By entering terms such as "review," "scam," "fraud" or "complaint," you may well find that other people have experienced problems or been victimized.

To achieve your financial goals, you'll likely need to invest for decades — so, be wary of scammers who claim to offer a shortcut to success.

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Bryant: Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
Cecil: 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House

Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
Defiance: Newmar's Marathon Carryout, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General (Clinton St), Junction Dollar General, Senior Center, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Marathon Main Stop, Rite Aid, Defiance Public Library
Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept, H&W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library, Dollar General
Hicksville: Sailors, Vancrest, Shell Station, Citgo, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices, Johnson Memorial Library, Red Angel Pizza, McDonalds,
Ney: Marathon
Oakwood: Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Cooper Library, Landing Strip
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Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank, Sherwood Library
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INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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RAIDERS BLANK BULLDOGS



Wayne Trace Quarterback junior Jack Schoenauer throws the ball, attempting a touchdown in the endzone to senior Cole Morehead, but Edgerton juniors Karter Gibson and Maddox Baker mucks the plans up intercepting the pass and getting a touchback for the Bulldogs. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace put together its best effort of the season Friday night at Raider Field as the red, white and blue coasted to a 26-0 victory over visiting Edgerton in Green Meadows Conference football action.

The Raider defense limited the Williams County squad to 127 yards of total offense, including just 38 rushing yards on 20 carries overall.

Wayne Trace jumped in front early when Jack Schoe-

nauer found Cole Morehead for a ten-yard touchdown toss that put the Raiders on top 6-0 in the opening period.

That score would stand until the third quarter when the Raiders expanded the margin.

Lance Whitman sprinted 21-yards for a score to widen the Wayne Trace lead to 13-0 but the red, white and blue wasn't done.

Wayne Trace then put the game away in the final period, getting a ten-yard plunge by

Whitman to push the advantage to 19-0.

The red, white and blue wrapped up the scoring as Jack Schoenauer tossed a 34-yard scoring strike to Amos Sinn in wrapping up the 26-0 victory.

Lance Whitman ran for 58 yards and Amos Sinn added 50 to top the Raider rushing attack, which totaled 242 yards in all.

Schoenauer ended the night 12 of 22 through the air for 122 yards with Tyler Head recording four receptions for 32 yards. Morehead added three catches for 22 yards to aid the Wayne Trace cause.

Joel Walkup posted 27 rushing yards to lead the Edgerton offense with the quarterback duo of Maddox Baker and Mason Elden combining to throw for 89 yards.

Cory Herman and Karter Gibson both had five receptions for the Bulldogs.

VIKINGS WIN TRI-MATCH

Leipsic captured a non-league boys golf match with Ayersville and Antwerp as the trio of squads met up at Pike Run Golf Course outside of Ottawa on Thursday.

The Vikings totaled a 163 to win the match while the Pilots were second at 180 and the Archers finished third with a 186.

Brevin Brandt led Leipsic with a 36 while Andrew Hittle carded a 41 and Reagen Wenzinger chipped in a 42. Jake Edding had a 44 for the Vikings with Nick Schroeder posting a 48 and Lyrric Knisley finished with a 49.

Ayersville was led by Graham Schlachter with a 43 and Logan Schroeder totaled a 44. Other Pilot scorers included Dane Ewers (46), Andru Barrick (47), Kallen Foreman (48) and A.J. Eschbach (53).

Braylan Moreno paced the Archers with a 41 and was followed by Zaine McMichael (47), Griffin Kosch (49), Draven Baumert (49), Dylan Hahn (52) and Drew Eaken (65).

ACES HOLD OFF ARCHERS

Hicksville scored all of its points in the second quarter as the Aces held off a late rally by Antwerp for a 15-12 victory in Green Meadows Conference football action Friday night.

The host Archers struck first, getting a 55-yard touchdown pass from Hampton Rogge to Dayne Sholl for an early 6-0 advantage.

Hicksville then answered in the second stanza.

The Aces first score came on a five-yard touchdown toss from Garrett Turnbull to Brant Langham to even the score at 6-6. Hicksville then went in front as Owen Stuckey connected with Parker Bassett for the two-point conversion pass for an 8-6 Aces advantage.

Later in the period, Hicksville found the endzone again when Cross Zeedyk rumbled three yards for a score and Stuckey added the extra point kick for a 15-6 lead.

Antwerp cut into the deficit in the final quarter, getting a one-yard touchdown plunge by Rogge to trim the deficit to 15-12.

Hicksville, though, held on from there to wrap up the win and improve to 2-3 in all games and 1-1 in the GMC. Antwerp drops to 2-3 on the

WAYNE TRACE HOMECOMING COURT



2024 Wayne Trace High School Homecoming Court are pictured above: (front row) 10th grade - Stefany Lopez-Castillo, 9th Grade - Addyson LaBounty, 12th Grade - Lorie Sinn, 12th Grade - Natalie Stoller, 12th Grade - Ava Stoller, 12th

Grade - Isabella Knowles, 11th Grade - Chloe McClure; (back row): 9th Grade - Reece Morehead, 10th Grade - Benjamin Gurney, 12th Grade - Jordan Banks, 12th Grade - Kyle Sutton, 12th Grade - Nicholas Sinn, 12th Grade - Amos Sinn, 11th Grade -

Deklyn Schweinsberg. Homecoming will take place this Friday, October 4th when the Wayne Trace Raiders face off against the Tinora Rams beginning at 7:00 p.m. Homecoming Court Coronation will take place at 6:00 p.m.

season as well while the Archers are now 0-2 in the league.

The Aces amassed 272 yards of total offense in the contest, running for 163 while throwing for 109. Antwerp picked up 169 yards of total offense, including 117 in the passing attack.

Zeedyk rumbled for 114 yards on the ground to lead Hicksville over 14 carries with Turnbull running for 36 and Langham picked up 32.

Stuckey totaled three receptions for 68 yards and Langham caught six passes for 21 yards. Turnbull finished 11 of 20 passing for 91

yards to top the Hicksville passing attack.

Antwerp was paced by Zac Salas with 53 rushing yards on 14 carries while Dayne Sholl picked up 28 yards on the ground.

Rogge finished 6 of 18 passing for 100 yards with Dayne Sholl having three receptions for 60 yards.

WARRIORS WRAP UP GOLF SEASON

Woodlan closed out its 2024 girls golf season as the Lady Warriors took part in the IHSAA Golf Sectional at Zollner Golf Course in Angola.

DeKalb won the sectional with a team score of 328 while Concordia took second at 344 and Leo placed third with a 375. Woodlan posted an eighth-place finish with a team score of 449.

Paige Wylie and Olivia Robinson led the way for the Lady Warriors by posting a 110 each while Sophia Kever carded a 112. Saige Lipscomb chipped in a 117 for Woodlan and Reese Wylie recorded a 134 for the Lady Warriors.

Leo was led by Alexa Bremer with an 84 followed by Anna Nussbaum (92), Lindsey Cain (96), Morgan Shrock (101) and Annah Saylor (112).

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PAULDING FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL TAKE 2ND @ FALL FEST



Congrats to the Paulding Freshman Volleyball Team who took 2nd place in the Freshman FallFest held at Paulding High School. Back row: Coach Leigha Egnor, Anya Mead, De-laney Johanns, Kayana Lipps and Kayde Kuckuck. Front row: Olivia Miles, Chloe Coombs, Giselle Arend and Aly White.

WARRIORS ROLL TO WIN OVER RAIDERS



Freshman Griffin Clear escapes and gains 20+ yards before being taken down near the Warrior goal. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Host Woodlan improved to 2-3 overall on the season as the Warriors rolled to a 50-13 victory over Southern Wells Friday night in ACAC high school football play.

The Warriors also picked up their first ACAC win of the season in three games while Southern Wells falls to 0-5 in all games and 0-2 in the ACAC.

PANTHERS SHUT DOWN PILOTS

The Paulding defense recorded its third shutout of the season as the Panthers cruised to a 35-0 win over host Ayersville Friday night in Green Meadows Conference football action.

The maroon and white scored all the points it would need in the first quarter as Paulding put up a pair of touchdowns for a 14-0 lead at the end of one period.

Levi Blake recorded eight receptions for 104 yards to pace the Warriors and Lyrik Maddox finished with seven catches for 55 yards. Joshua Aulbach had the other reception for Woodlan for five yards. Maddox topped the Warriors in tackles with five while Blake and Blayden Schomber both chipped in three stops. Schomber and Robby Freimuth each added a tackle for a loss to aid the Woodlan defense. Sean McClellan and Clayton Peterson both recorded a fumble recovery as well.

In the second stanza, Paulding added another score to extend the margin to 21-0 at the midway point of the contest. The Panthers then closed the scoring in the third quarter with a pair of touchdowns to set up the 35-0 final. Paulding totaled 336 yards of offense compared to 132 for Ayersville as the Panthers threw for 303 yards in the contest. Colten Hunt completed 14 of 26 passes for the maroon

and white, including a quartet of scoring strikes. Blake Rhonehouse racked up seven receptions for 134 yards to lead the maroon and white with Jalen Manz adding three catches for 98 yards. Kane Jones also had a trio of receptions for 68 yards to aid the Paulding cause. Taurean Knueven topped the Ayersville offense with 100 rushing yards in the contest over 22 carries.

PANTHERS COME UP SHORT TO BULLDOGS

Non-league volleyball action took place at the 'Jungle' Thursday night in Paulding where visiting Swanton outlasted host Paulding for a five-set victory over the Panthers.

The Fulton County squad won the opening set 25-19 before the maroon and white answered with victories of 25-22 in game two and 25-11 in game three. However, Swanton responded to even the match with a fourth set victory of 25-21 before outlasting the Panthers in the decisive fifth set 15-13.

Marley Parrett picked up 11 digs to go along with ten kills, two blocks and two aces for the Lady Panthers while Kayleigh Dunham recorded a dozen kills and six blocks.

Tori Schlatter picked up 36 digs and nine slams as well for the Lady Panthers and Grace Goyings dished out 11 assists and recorded three aces.

Brianna Bermejo picked up 25 digs to aid the Paulding cause with Estie Pease dishing out 23 assists while Addison Arend finished with eight kills. Addison Shull and Libby Breier totaled 31 and 12 digs, respectively, with Lucy Breier racking up 11 kills.

ADAMS CENTRAL SWEEPS PAST WARRIORS

In ACAC volleyball on Thursday, visiting Adams Central picked up a trio of consecutive victories as the Flying Jets sweep host Woodlan.

The Adams County squad recorded a 25-23 win in the opening set before posting a 25-20 victory in game two.

In the third set, the Flying Jets wrapped up the evening by outlasting the Warriors 29-27 for the win.

Alyssa Anderson had ten kills to lead Woodlan with Katy Bottoms having eight while Carsyn Wills and Makaila Gruber chipped in seven apiece.

McKenna Smith posted two aces to top the Lady Warriors while Anderson finished with a pair of blocks.

Makenna Smith picked up 19 digs to lead the way for Woodlan while Alix Jacquay recorded 14 and Jade Lichty finished with 11. Alyssa Harvey also reached double figures for the Lady Warriors, totaling ten digs.

Victoria Crozier dished out 19 assists to pace Woodlan and Harvey finished the night with 13.

DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 9/16/24

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024, in the Defiance County Commissioners' Conference Room. President David Kern called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioner Dana Phipps; Commissioner Mick Pocratsky; County Administrator, Sherry Carnahan; HR Coordinator, Emily Meyer; and Clerk, Liz Stuart.

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

WT SENIOR GOLFERS BACK TO BACK TO BACK CHAMPS!



Five Wayne Trace senior members of the boys golf team will graduate as back-to-back-to-back Champions of the Wayne Trace Invitational and the Green Meadows Conference. Head Coach Chris Rosswurm (far left) is pictured with the seniors of this year's team including (L-R) Jared Varner, Kyle Sutton, Tyson Gerber, Conner Davis and Eli Martinez.

events and discussed upcoming meetings.

The Commissioners opened bids for the Landfill Cash Farm Lease. Bids were received from John Coressel, Jacob Hay & Straw, and Nathan Schindler.

The Commissioners met with Economic Development Executive Director Erika Willitzer for a monthly update. She reported on several properties she is working with landowners to get ready for development. She gave an update on projects under executive session to discuss confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance (ORC 121.22 (G) (8)).

There was also a discussion under executive session to consider employment of a public employee or official (ORC 121.22 (G)(1)).

The Commissioners met with Pat McCauley from State Treasurer Sprague's office. He gave an outline of several programs being run through the Treasurer's office. These included the Ohio Homebuyer Plus program, which helps individuals to save money for down payments on homes; Ag Link, which helps agrribusinesses get financing for up to \$500,000 at a reduced rate; the Ohio Market Access Program, which allows local government entities and schools to borrow under a more favorable credit rating; and the STABLE program, which allows individuals receiving disability benefits to save money without having their benefits reduced.

LADY WARRIORS DOMINATE ARCHERS



Pictured above is a screenshot of the Live game footage from Thursday night's high school volleyball game - Woodlan vs. Antwerp. Thursday evening, September 26th, Woodlan Lady Warriors hosted the Antwerp Archers in high school volleyball.

Warriors freshman and varsity squad secured wins for the night and the Lady Archers JV squad brought back a win for their record.

Scores: Freshmen: 25-27 Woodlan; 15-25 Woodlan; JV: 25-22 Antwerp; 25-15 Antwerp; Varsity: 13-25 Woodlan; 13-25 Woodlan; 13-25 Woodlan; Overall: 5-11 ; GMC: 0-4



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THE LEFT TURN



#19 Mitchel Moles leading #77 Kody Swanson. Christopher Pedersen photo

By: Ron Burt

Many of you were at Eldora last weekend attending the annual 4 Crown races that featured the USAC Silver Crown cars, USAC Sprints and USAC National Midgets, along with the High Limit 410 Winged Sprints.

Mitchel Moles won his first Silver Crown race and took home \$15,000.00 and the first place trophy. Current series point leader Kody Swanson took 2nd, Briggs Danner 3rd, Daison Pursley 4th & Brian Ruhlman 5th.



Daison Pursley in his USAC Midget. Christopher Pedersen photo

Daison Pursley had an undefeated weekend. He was a double winner taking home \$30,000.00. Daison picked up the USAC Sprint Car win. Kevin Thomas Jr. finished 2nd, Logan Seavey 3rd, Kyle Cummins 4th & Robert Ballou 5th. Pursley also won the Midget feature. Ryan Timms had the crowd on their feet. He put on a show during the race, achieving the biggest charge of the USAC National Midget season by advancing from 20th to second, making the final pass on Seavey for the runner-up spot just three laps from the finish line. Logan Seavey finished third, Kevin Thomas Jr. was fourth and Chris Windom rounded out the top five after being collected in the opening lap accident. He started at the tail and drove his way back up through the field to fifth.

In the High Limit 410 Winged Sprint portion of the 4 Crown weekend Rico Abreu added another win this season to his victory column, along



Rico Abreu wins the High Limit feature. Christopher Pedersen photo

with a big payday. Jacob Allen was 2nd, Spencer Bayston 3rd, Anthony Macri 4th and Justin Peck 5th. I'm impressed with the Kubota High Limit Sprint Series that Kyle Larson and Brad Sweet put together. The series has been filling stands with spectator's mid-week everywhere in the country with big pay-days everywhere they go and attracting more race teams and the top drivers. It looks like the series will add more dates in 2025.

Attica Raceway Park held their final race of the season last Friday. A caution flag with just one lap to go in the 410 sprint feature set up a shoot-out. Rookie Kasey Jedrzejek, 19, drove under Cap Henry on the last corner of the last lap to steal his first career division win. Jedrzejek, who has five 360 sprint wins this year, started fifth in the field and trailed early race leader Stuart Brubaker, Leyton Wagner, Chris Andrews, Cap Henry and Trey Jacobs early as only two cautions fell during the 30-lap feature for the 410 Sprints. Henry took second on lap 10 and drove into the lead at the half-way point and appeared headed to victory. Then the caution flew after the white flag had fallen setting up the shoot-out. At the restart Henry went to the bottom and Jedrzejek took to the cushion and got a tremendous run exiting turn two setting up the move in turn four to get the win over Henry, Cale Thomas, Brubaker and Kalib

Henry. Cap Henry earned his third Attica 410 track championship to go with his 2024 Attica Fremont Championship Series title.

Rusty Schlenk led the first 10 laps of the 25-lap the UMP Late Model feature, Ashland, Ohio's Ryan Markham drove under him to take the top spot and drive to his second win of the year. Schlenk, Casey Noonan, Mike Bores and Kyle Moore rounded out the top five. It's Markham's 25th career late model win at Attica. Moore earned his first ever Attica late model track title to go with his 2024 Wayne County Speedway championship as well.

Jimmy McGrath led the opening three laps of the 305 sprint feature before Seth Schneider took over. Schneider led until five laps to go when Dustin Stroup used lap cars to drive into the lead. Jamie Miller closed quickly on Stroup when the caution flew just after the white flag appeared, setting up another one lap shoot-out. Stroup hit his marks perfectly and drove to his third division win of the year at Attica, the eighth of his career at the track and the sixth overall feature win of 2024. Miller, Dustin Dinan, Schneider and Brendan Torok rounded out the top five. Jamie Miller earned his fifth 305 sprint division Attica title to go with his Attica Fremont Championship Series title for 2024. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out!



ACPL INVITES CHILDREN'S AUTHOR LEAH JOHNSON TO CONVERSATION WITH COMMUNITY

The Allen County Public Library is pleased to present a conversation with Leah Johnson on Monday, October 7 at the Main Library. The conversation with the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award honoree is part of the Indiana Authors Awards Speaker Program, powered by Indiana Humanities and made possible through the generosity of Glick Philanthropies.

Indiana author, Leah Johnson, has written award-winning books for children and young adults. Her bestselling debut YA novel, "You Should See Me in a Crown", was a Stonewall Honor Book, and the inaugural Reese's Book Club YA pick. In 2021, TIME named "You Should See Me in a Crown" one of the 100 Best Young Adult Books of All Time. Leah's essays and cultural criticism can be found in Teen Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, and Cosmopolitan among others. She is also the author of the middle grade, "Ellie Engle Saves Herself", from Disney-Hyperion. When she's not writing, you can find her at Loudmouth Books, her Indianapolis-based independent bookstore that specializes in highlighting the work of marginalized authors and uplifting challenged books. The conversation with Johnson at the Main Library is

free and open to the public.

"We're so excited to welcome an author of Leah Johnson's caliber to our library," says ACPL Director of Community Partnerships and Programs Beth Boatright. "Her books have touched so many young people in profound ways and we cannot wait to listen and learn from her."

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEET TO DISCUSS BUSINESS

Captain Joel Frost Chapter DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION met at Hicksville, Ohio at the Hicksville Ohio Council Room at 7:00 p.m. September 12, 2024.

This meeting was brought to order by Chapter Regent, Ronda Garbin with 8 members present and one guest who was the daughter of the Regent.

Parliamentary procedure included the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America, the singing of the National Anthem and the National Defense report was read from the National Defender. Our National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is now 130 years old and is being honored.

THE NATIONAL DEFENDER read as:

(Benjamin Franklin said "it will be a Republic - if you can keep it!") Our Constitution has been amended 18 times in the past.

To understand it is fundamental for all citizens. We are Republic, not a Democracy.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. An Honor Flight was discussed in the future.

Ohio State DAR held it's Fall Fair and brought items to sell in August. Waldschmidt House DAR raised \$28,000 for the organization.

Discussion was held on the 127 Garage Sale (it raised plenty). This chapter plans to buy a second canopy for next year. Our total profit this year was \$176.90. Thanks to all who helped.

There was a program on "The Romance of Quilts". September Is National Family Month. Plan something with your family. Markers were recommended to be placed on the DAR graves as dues.

Chapter DAR needed are \$65.00 and are due ASAP.

Awarded to Michaela Goade, was the Good Citizen's Medal. Michaela Goade (1989/90 -present) - Michaela Goade, an enrolled member of Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska, received the prestigious Caldecott Medal for her illustrations in the picture book, "We are water Protectors." By doing so, she became the first Native American to win the award.

Member, Wendy Tafelski, gave this evenings program on the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution CONTINENTAL CONGRESS 2024. She presented pictures & diary.

Meeting was closed by Regent Ronda Garbin.

Refreshments were served after the meeting by the hostess.

Our next DAR Chapter meeting will be October 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hicksville Council Room (Mayor's office).

Submitted by: Caroline Longardner, Member Reporting CAPT. JOEL FROST D.A.R. Meeting news

FLU SHOT CLINICS AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT NORTHEAST INDIANA

Starting this month, Parkview Physicians Group (PPG) is offering flu shot clinics throughout northeast Indiana for both patients and the public to protect themselves ahead of the upcoming flu season.

Flu shots will be available for individuals aged six months and older, including the regular trivalent vaccine that covers three flu strains and the high-dose vaccine recommended for those aged 65 and older, who may have a less robust immune response.

"While we can't predict exactly what this year's flu season will bring, it's essential to take every available health precaution," said Dr. Scott Stienecker, medical director, Epidemiology and Infection Prevention, Parkview Health. "Influenza can be a serious respiratory illness, and vaccinating is an effective way to prevent or lessen its impact."

Influenza (flu) viruses affect and can be fatal for vulnerable populations in Indiana. According to the Indiana Department of Health, 5-20% of the population contracts the flu annually.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises everyone six months and older to get vaccinated, particularly those at higher risk for severe complications. This includes older adults, pregnant women, young children, and individuals with heart, lung or kidney disorders, as well as chronic conditions like asthma, obesity or weakened immune systems.

Children under 5 - especially those younger than 2 - are at a higher risk for serious flu complications. While not at higher risk themselves, older children can spread the flu to more vulnerable family members. The virus can be transmitted from one day before symptoms appear until as late as seven days after becoming sick.

To view a full list of this year's flu shot clinics, including locations and hours, visit parkview.com/flu.

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment, call 1-877-PPG-TODAY (877-774-

8632). For individuals with healthcare coverage, insurance will be billed; otherwise, individuals will be billed for the shot fee.

Reminders

- Guests should dress appropriately to allow clinic volunteers easy access to their upper arm to administer the vaccinations.

- Those experiencing symptoms of illness - such as sore throat, runny nose, cough, sneezing, fever, fatigue, muscle aches and/or headache - are asked not to receive a vaccine until symptoms are no longer present.

SECRETARY LAROSE RELEASES STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE SENTENCING OF WILLIAM CURLIS

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose released the following statement on the sentencing of William Curlis, who was previously charged in federal court with wire fraud after an investigation assisted by the Ohio Secretary of State's office of Public Integrity found he had stolen nearly \$1 million from campaign accounts:

"I'm glad justice has been served in this case, but I'm disappointed in the sentence compared to the crimes this person committed," said Secretary LaRose. "The sentence sends a message that you can willfully defraud victims and get away with a relative slap on the wrist. Hundreds of Ohioans had their money stolen by a greedy con artist, and the Public Integrity Division of my office worked hard to assist with his conviction. The penalty falls short of the crime on this one, but we'll continue to enforce the law and hope that future convictions serve as a stronger deterrent to election-related crime."

Secretary LaRose created his office's first ever full-time Public Integrity Division to consolidate many of its longstanding investigative functions and more effectively aid prosecutors in obtaining criminal convictions. Earlier this month, Secretary LaRose announced a major expansion of his office's Public Integrity Division, adding three new members with experience from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the United States Secret Service.

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GIBBINS ADVISORS ASSIST RESTRUCTURE EFFORTS OF CMH ASSETS FOLLOWING HOSPITAL CLOSURE



The past couple of years have been very tense for the Community Memorial Hospital administration and board of directors. In fact when the board resigned en masse at the opening of 2024, many faculty of CMH saw that sign as a time to find employment elsewhere, of which many did. There were several like Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hagerty, Sr. Sroa, and Samantha Kimpel continued to serve their patients in the medical offices on the Hicksville campus.

Official closure was the end of August 2024 with Gibbins Advisors being appointed by the Defiance County Common Pleas Court as the Receiver for the hospital. Gibbins Advisors will oversee all accounts payable to the hospital in attempts to assist in the restructuring activities of the facility and its assets. Gibbins believed a chapter 9 bankruptcy would enable delivery of the assets and operations to a buyer without liabilities. A chapter 9 requires consent from the [Ohio Tax Commission] which it would not provide. Gibbins, the hospital and OPERS felt a Receivership may be able to simulate the bankruptcy benefits from a transaction perspective.

The case brought before the Defiance County court named Ohio Public Employees Pension System, as the Plaintiff. Ron Winters, of Gibbins Advisors, stated that the distribution of funds recovered by the Receiver is for the Court to decide. The OPERS Receivership

motion asserts claims on Receivership assets and proceeds.

Gibbins Advisors are exploring various avenues of sale in attempts to settle the debts of CMH including, "the sale of the assets in individual components or a combined sale of all or most of the assets. Several entities have expressed an interest in a purchase of all or most of the assets. If we are able to achieve that, it may reduce complexity, be faster and result in a more favorable outcome for the Receivership estate. Such a transaction would be made public, include notice to creditors and require court approval. We can't be sure a purchase by a healthcare entity will occur, so we are "dual-tracking" by exploring sales of individual assets." stated Winters.

There is a 90 day deadline to complete this receivership process, but Winters expects to file for an extension with with Court. According to the Order set forth by the Court, the Receivership will be executed in two Phases (if necessary) - first to secure the assets of the Defendant (Mark Milford Hospital District), the hospital, the receivership assets under the terms of the Order, and as Gibbins is evaluating the hospital's operations, and decide if it can be sold and if it is found to not be viable or sell, then the 2nd Phase will commence. This involves the receiver taking steps to liquidate the assets as set forth in the Order of the courts.

Things may be moving

along for Gibbins in their reorganizations and restructuring but for former employees of CMH they are just hanging in the balance. Since the release of the news that a Receivership was appointed, past employees of CMH have voiced their concern and disappointment at the situation through means of social media.

Formerly CMH employee, Jessica Slesman-Vitt RN, MSN shared this with West Bend News, "Although it was very evident that CMH had financial troubles before CEO Roy Davis joined, he brought CMH to its demise. Without realization, our insurance premiums and OPERS payments were being taken out of our check and being used elsewhere. This became evident in mid-late 2023 when we (employees) were receiving medical bills for things that should have been covered. For example, I had a Wellness appointment Jan 2023 with our "new" insurance and then got a bill for it. All wellness appointments are covered once a year with all insurances. We then learned the OPERS was behind. Many criminal acts have occurred and no one has been held responsible. It's heartbreaking because our CMH family was torn apart. Most of us have dispersed to other nearby hospitals. Some employees are worried about ability to retire soon. I think of the older women who worked in our cafeteria. I'm sure Roy doesn't think about them and if they were able to find another job. There are too many lies to count. We were made to believe things were being done to fix everything. A few former coworkers of mine were being sent to collections over medical bills that were \$30,000+ due to surgeries, ER visits, inpatient stays that were needed while they thought they had insurance but didn't. We wanted to stay for the community but financially a lot of us couldn't. People need financial stability. We just want people to be held accountable. We hear that the receivership will help our retirement get paid up. As for medical bills getting paid, I think you have to get a lawyer and sue. Depending on what you owe, makes it worth it or not to pay for a lawyer for this. And many ex-employees have hundreds of PTO/vacation time hours that were promised to be paid out."

ISSUE ONE ISN'T GOOD FOR ANYONE! THE ANTI-CITIZEN, ANTI-DEMOCRATIC, GERRY-MANDERING AMENDMENT.

By: Bryce Steiner

Sometimes there are such ridiculous rules that get implemented that you can't even imagine how it made its way to the law books.

We have many such amendments to the Ohio codes, such as the law that says if the national drinking age is repealed, then 19 is the age to buy beer in Ohio (OAC 4301.691); loaves of bread cannot be less than 12 ounces or it's not a loaf, and it cannot be an odd numbered ounce in weight (ORC 911.18). Oh, and BTW, you cannot dye your rabbits, they are just not quite into the bright pink colors (OAC 952.62).

Sometimes laws are good, but you would hope that they are based in common sense! In the case of Issue 1 on the Ohio fall ballot, that's not the case.

READ your ballot - it's on-line - before you get to the

polls. After reading the ballot issue language - I can't understand why anyone would want this passed. Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians, Independents - What would you think if you gave your redistricting decisions to unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats? A democrat might say, "Oh that couldn't happen. We're saving democracy." The republican would say, "We are a constitutional republic. It's ridiculous to think such a thing in America!"

I urge you again - read the ballot measure. The protections against gerrymandering would be repealed. However, the party that is elected by the people specifically elected them to draw the maps in their favor. When the powers shift the maps are drawn again. It's just the way it works.

The proposed system would force gerrymandering by people that you didn't elect and that you cannot "un-elect". They will be a group of 'dictators', transparent, of course *wink*, that you cannot question at the polls. They will be able to redraw lines that will allow the dividing of communities by race, politics or any factor they choose.

The process will involve four retired judges/lawyers (2 from each party) choosing 2 people from 8 applicants from one party and 2 people from 8 applicants of the other part, resulting in 4 appointed positions. Then a private professional company would be chosen to find 6 professionals from a pool of 90 individuals after it narrowed down to 15 each from the R & D camps and then 15 from the unaffiliated side of the aisle. Then by a random draw, six would review the remaining 39 applications, not randomly drawn and then select 9 individuals to serve on the commission.

It is so convoluted that few people would be able to understand it, and that is the goal. There is a phenomenon in human psychology in which we view highly complicated things as being correct and unquestionable. This is intentionally being exploited in order to confuse the vast majority of Ohio voters into thinking that this is a well thought out process. They believe the voters are too stupid to make good choices so the elites will have to do this for you. You think that politicians don't hear you now? Just wait until the unelected tell you what you can't do. Certainly these non-representatives will do exactly what you want! (Sarcasm)

If you made it through that, what else might there be? Well, It prohibits any citizen from filing a lawsuit challenging the redistricting. Seriously, this is written in. If a democrat does not like the lines this commission had drawn because it favors the republicans, YOU have no recourse. None, Nada. At least before you could run against the guy you don't like, maybe take his seat, and then you get to choose. Nope! Oh, and they get an unlimited taxpayer funded budget that your representatives can't question, another intentionally crafted provision of this amendment (no room for corruption there!).

There is heavy influence from the elites and media trying to force the outcome of this ballot amendment. Nearly 80% of the funding for this ballot initiative have come from outside of Ohio. These are non-ohioans trying to manipulate our state laws. There is also the

The West Bend News Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

ONMA (Ohio News Media Association) putting in all kinds of inserts into the metro newspapers trying to push this nonsense. There are three weeks of inserts being put in, yet they are supposed to be non-partisan (they host the

ORC required publicinfo-hio.com web site).

The real reason seems obvious to me - Somebody does not want YOU having a choice in the matter. So much for being a "citizens" commission.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME

PROBATE COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
Harvey D. HYMAN, JUDGE
IN RE: Change of Name of CAROL ANN KUNTZ (Present Name) to CAROL ANN SAYLOR (Name Requested)
Case No. 20246008

P.M. in the Probate Court of Paulding County, located at Courthouse Second Floor Room 202, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

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A hearing on the application will be held on the 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2024, at 1:00 o'clock

NOTICE OF ON-LINE SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM COLLINS, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 24 104

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

203 N Main St, Grover Hill
Parcel Number: 26-07S-019-00

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office located in the Courthouse.

The offering bid is Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty and 49/100 (\$5,480.49) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel on Thursday, October 31, 2024 by on-line bidding at:

(RealAuction) <https://paulding.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov>. Registration and a Ten and No/100 (\$10.00) deposit must be completed at least one week before the date of the sale.

If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale on November 14, 2024 for the same minimum bid.

Bidding begins on scheduled Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. An auction will be conducted for each individual property/court case. After a property is sold, the next scheduled sale will begin.

The purchaser will be required to pay recording costs and transfer fee with the balance of the purchase price after the sale has been confirmed.

Purchaser(s) are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX LIEN THAT MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE SALE, AND PURCHASERS OF ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY ARE URGED TO SEARCH THE FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX THAT IS KEPT BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TO DETERMINE IF NOTICE OF A FEDERAL TAX LIEN HAS BEEN FILED WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

CITIZENS BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

KELLIE S. JONES, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 24 078

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

15519 Road 175 Oakwood
Parcel Number: 01-04S-013-02

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office located in the Courthouse or at: www.uslandrecords.com

Said premises appraised at Ninety-nine Thousand Dollars (\$99,000.00) and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the October 31, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

<https://paulding.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov>.

Registration and deposits must be completed at least one week before the date of sale.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on November 14, 2024 at 10:00a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.

Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand and No/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars will be due at the time of the sale. Balance of the purchase price shall be paid before the deed is recorded.

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Johna M.Bella, Attorney for Plaintiff

62nd ANNUAL FARM SCIENCE REVIEW DRAWS TENS OF THOUSANDS AMID SEVERE DROUGHT, SHOWCASING INNOVATIONS, RESILIENCE & FARM SAFETY



More than 108,000 attendees made the trip to the Molly Caren Agricultural Center this week for the 62nd Annual Farm Science Review, presented by The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), bringing together tens of thousands of farmers and exhibitors from the region who are experiencing one of the worst droughts in recent history.

The weather, farm safety and stress, and new products and innovations were topics of interest over the course of the three-day event.

Highlights from the show included:

- Aaron Wilson, state climatologist and field specialist with Ohio State University Extension, gave several expert presentations on "Cultivating Resilience: Are You Prepared for Extreme Weather?" during the show, as the drought continued to escalate. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of CFAES.
- The Certified Agriculture Group, in partnership with FOX Factory Vehicles, revealed the world's first purpose-built agriculture pick-up truck, the AGwagon, on Tuesday.
- Roughly 600 acres of field demonstrations resulted in an average of 175 bushels per acre harvested for corn and 50 bushels per acre for soybeans, with both crops coming out of the field very dry.
- The first-ever virtual equipment auction at FSR took place on Wednesday, presented by Upper Sandusky-based Walton Realty & Auction Co.
- The Ohio Agricultural

Mental Health Alliance released results from its Farm Stress Survey, which measured the amount of stress of which Ohio's farmers, families and communities are under, in conjunction with FSR. Extension experts were on-hand to share mental health and stress relief resources with attendees.

"As far as shows go historically, this one remains a stand-out for attendee-exhibitor interactions, field demonstrations and fostering connections, despite the challenges of the drought and some folks staying home to harvest," said Nick Zachrich, FSR manager. "We've received great feedback from those in attendance about how the relationships formed here this week will have a lasting impact on the agriculture industry in the years to come."

The three-day farm show welcomed 35,803 visitors on Tuesday, 52,540 on Wednesday and 19,844 on Thursday.

For exhibitors, it's a chance to connect with current and potential customers. Long-time exhibitor Beck's Hybrids looks forward to the show each year.

"Whether it's interacting with high school students, new faces or our seasoned customers, we always enjoy having the opportunity to engage with those in attendance at Farm Science Review and share the story of Beck's," said Kyle Wise, area team leader.

First-time exhibitors, like The Ohio Hemp Company, found instant return on investment with their presence at the show.

"It was an excellent, five-star experience, and we'll be back," said TJ Richardson, co-

founder of The Ohio Hemp Company. "Our booth was very full every day because there's a lot of buzz around hemp right now and farmers are looking for alternative ways to make money due to the current corn and soybean prices. There are a lot of misconceptions about hemp, so we're focused on telling the story of industrial hemp and its versatility for food and fiber uses."

Notable attendees of this year's show included Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Ohio State President Walter "Ted" Carter Jr. and Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Brian Baldrige.

The 2025 show is sched-

uled for September 16-18 of next year.

"Planning is already underway for next year's show and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to an even bigger and better Farm Science Review," said Zachrich.

Farm Science Review is hosted by CFAES. Year-after-year, Farm Science Review welcomes more than 100,000 attendees and over 500 different exhibitors to the Molly Caren Agricultural Center in London, Ohio, making it the heart of agricultural innovation and education. For more information, visit fsr.osu.edu or follow Farm Science Review on social media.

INDIANA TERRITORIAL RANGERS GARRISON



The men of the Davis Indiana Territorial Rangers will be on garrison duty at The Old Fort on Spy Run Avenue, Saturday thru Sunday, October 12-13, 2024. Experience living history this weekend as you step into the War of 1812.

A Portal to the Past

Learn the history of the Indiana Rangers program and their historical connection to Fort Wayne.

Visitors can talk with the Rangers about their tactics and gear. A scouting unit will carry out a recon mission. The Rangers will be participating in daily drills and activities amid the War of 1812.

Immersive and Interactive

The historic ambiance of The Old Fort provides a perfect backdrop for this event. Families and history enthusiasts can explore the buildings of the fort and interact with

the reenactors, civilians, and local artisans.

New Construction

While at the event, you can also check out the new construction. The Old Fort is almost fifty years old! Time and weather have taken their toll! Check out how you can help "Keep the Fort in Fort Wayne for Another 50 Years" at <http://oldfortwayne.org/about-us/fortrestoration/>.

A Community Effort

Admission to the event is free. Freewill donations are gratefully accepted. Historic Fort Wayne, Inc. is a nonprofit organization committed to preserving the rich heritage of Fort Wayne. As a volunteer-driven organization, it relies heavily on community support and donations to continue its mission of education and preservation.

JOIN THE DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMUNITY READ

Join other local bookworms this fall in reading an eerie tale during Defiance Public Library System's (DPLS) 2024 Community Read, taking place Oct. 1-31.

This year, community members are encouraged to read *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, a classic story by Robert Louis Stevenson examining the duality of man and exploring the conflict that exists within us all. Copies of the book will be

available at all three DPLS locations (Defiance, Sherwood, Hicksville).

Those who participate can email a picture of themselves with the book to prellstab@defiancepubliclibrary.org or visit any DPLS library and review the story on the paper provided for a chance to win a crocheted Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde and their own copy of the book. The prize drawing will take place Nov. 1.

For more information, contact the library at 419-782-1456.

VAN WERT CIVIC THEATRE'S "AND THE WORLD GOES ROUND" REVIEW



By: Dave Mosier

The 2024-25 season of the Van Wert Civic Theatre starts this weekend with a tuneful revue featuring the songs of John Kander and Fred Ebb, the Tony-winning songwriting duo behind such Broadway smash hits as *Cabaret*, *Chicago*, and *Kiss of the Spider Woman*.

The revue's *And The World Goes 'Round* title comes from a song Kander and Ebb wrote for Liza Minelli to sing in the movie *New York, New York* ("But The World Goes 'Round"). The revue, which opened on March 18, 1991, was conceived by longtime Kander and Ebb collaborators Scott Ellis, Susan Stroman and David Thompson.

While "And The World" features mostly music from Kander and Ebb's lesser-known musicals - *The Happy Time*, *The Rink*, *The Act*, *Flora The Red Menace*, and what was then a work-in-progress, *Kiss of the Spider Woman* - the collection of 30 or so songs is well worth a listen, and range from witty comic numbers to poignant love songs. The musical, however, does end on very familiar notes with full-cast production numbers of "Cabaret" and "New York, New York."

Director Jerry Zimmerman and Music Director Kara Place have put together a strong cast of singers that includes veterans Kristin Lee, Nancy and John Shuffle, Roger Rex, and Amy Boley (as

well as Zimmerman himself), and talented VWCT relative newcomers Terri Spencer, Hannah Davis, and Anna Cassidy (new to VWCT), who do a great job of showcasing Kander and Ebb's music.

Although I hadn't heard a number of the songs -- some of which go back a few decades -- I was captivated by the cast's ability to make the music seem like it had been written last week. The revue consists of a variety of musical formats -- duets, solos, trios, and big production numbers -- and each of the cast members, whether veteran or less experienced, was up to the task of making the music come alive on stage, where it counts.

From bittersweet love songs such as "The Grass is Always Greener" to the comedy of "Sara Lee" and the jazzy pizzazz of "All That Jazz", the notes were sweet, the harmonies were spot on, and the choreography by Zimmerman, Lee, and Danielle Siefker was always appropriate to the music it enhanced.

The singers also had great support from the orchestra: Dee Fisher (keyboards), Jane Stevens (reeds), Stacey Brown (bass), Elijah Kuszmaul and Sarah Waters on drums, and Place on trumpet and synthesizer, which provided the underpinning that allowed the various voices to shine through.

The stage setting constructed by VWCT veterans Keith Allen and Chad Kraner

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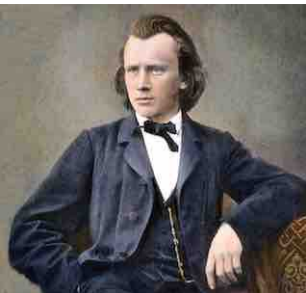
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BRAHM'S LULLABY



This has got to be one of the saddest love stories of all time. John was in love with Verda. Actually he had not even met her, he had seen her from across the room, but she mesmerized him. He had not even talked to her, but she was so beautiful, and vibrant, she just glowed. He had to find a way to meet her.

John was the choir director at a large church and he learned that she was staying with an aunt that was in the choir. She would sit in the back and observe their practice but he had never even seen her up close. He spoke to her aunt after one rehearsal and begged to meet Verda. Her aunt promised to arrange a meeting.

The aunt introduced them and they became quick friends and Verda even joined the choir. They became very close and John began thinking of how he might propose. But something was standing in the way. John felt like a failure, that he would never aspire to the dreams he had for his future.

How would he explain to a wife that he was a failure and would never amount to any-

thing. This began to eat on him, and Verda interpreted this to mean that he had waining interest in her. She told John that she was moving back home to Vienna. Back home she met and married a young man by the name of Arthur Fabor. John and Verda kept in touch through the years and there was always a bond between them. John actually liked Arthur because he was a good man.

John had always wanted to write a love song to Verda and now he had an opportunity. She and Arthur had a baby boy and John would write a song for the boy, which was actually a love song to Verda.

"Lullaby and good night, thy mother's delight

Lay me down now and rest Lullaby and good night"

The guy from Hamburg, Germany that let a little Viennese girl, the love of his life slip away, did become famous. He needn't have worried that he would amount to something. Johannes Brahms is one of our all-time great composers.

I've told you that in college one of the required courses was a music appreciation class. I guess you had to be well rounded. I still can't stand long haired music, but once in awhile I find something that even I like. If you've ever suffered unrequited love, you know how painful it can be. If you never received a Dear John letter you are fortunate.

The question remains did John ever get married? Perhaps we can address this the next time we meet.

—Jim Neuhouser

was simple, but flexible enough to allow for a number of different "looks" throughout the show.

Costumes were great, ranging from streetwear and comedic costumes to glam sequined numbers for the production songs, and sound and light design were excellent. The cast even took a few spins around the stage on roller skates provided by Grove Skateland for the song, "The Rink" – and nobody fell.

For those with an evening to spare, And the World Goes 'Round was well worth sparing an evening for.

For more information about upcoming shows at Van Wert Civic Theatre, please call 419-238-9689 or visit online at www.vwct.org.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Chase R. Bussing, Holland, OH; Complicity to theft; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; 180 days jail, 173 suspended; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation of one year; Risk assessment to be completed; Write a letter of apology; Complete online theft costs

Zachery T. Deck, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; 30 days jail, 15 days suspended; Maintain general good behavior; Defendant may be released today; Shall have no contact with victim

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

Riley J. Bidlack, Cecil, OH; Domestic violence, Count A dismissed per state; Criminal damage, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs,

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Shantel Collins, Cloverdale, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; \$396 in sheriff fees waived

Austin L. McCloud, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Gregory A. Mullins, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Elaine K. Murriel, Detroit, MI; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Danyale R. Stiltner, Latty, OH; Endanger child, Case dismissed per state, Costs to be paid by defendant; OVI, Guilty, 30 days jail, suspended, Operator license suspended from 6/28/24 to 6/28/25, IID to be installed by 10/3/24, Defendant may petition court to shorten operator license suspension after IID installed for 6 months

Joseph D. Dasher, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ali M. Hachem, Dearborn Heights, MI; Over length; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Troy A. York, Sandusky, OH; Telephone harassment; Pled no contest, found guilty; 30 days jail, 29 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No contact with victim; Warrant block recalled; Defendant may be released from jail today

Kaidyn D. Blecke, Decatur, IN; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Khumoyun Kholmiraev, Nashville, OH; No operator license; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Nathan A. Dobbelaere, Oakwood, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Justin D. Tacket, Defiance, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Adan M. Melgar, Detroit, MI; No operator license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Tresa Xhagerr, Macomb, MI; One way traffic; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kent K. Clark, Hicksville, OH; No operator license; Guilty; Proof of insurance not provided

Kali E. Reel, Paulding,

OH; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Darci L. Hopkins, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Katelyn R. Ruiz, Defiance, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Jacquelyn M. Wenzlick, Antwerp, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

ALLIANCE HEALTH CENTERS AWARDED SILVER LEADER HEALTH CENTER QUALITY LEADER BADGE FROM HRSA

Alliance Health Centers (AHC) recently received a Health Center Quality Leader badge at the silver level from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), in addition to Access Enhancer and Health Disparities Reducer badges. For 2023, AHC was one of two silver medal recipients in Indiana and the only Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving Fort Wayne to receive a quality medal.

"We are thrilled to receive these three badges from HRSA," said Dr. Nikki King, CEO of Alliance Health Centers. "These awards reflect our dedication to quality and access to care, which is driven by the support of our Board, our exceptional Quality Committee led by Dr. Eric Shoemaker, as well as the commitment of our healthcare providers and staff. Their daily focus on delivering personalized, affordable services ensures the best possible outcomes for our patients and community."

Quality Leader badges are awarded to community health centers across the U.S. that have made significant strides toward improving progress on HRSA's designated clinical quality measures. Awarded the Quality Leader badge at the silver level, AHC is placed in the top 11-20% of U.S. health centers based on patient metrics. This is one level higher than the bronze-level badge, awarded to the organization for the previous year.

Access Enhancer badges are given to health centers

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that achieve at least one Quality Leader badge or show a 15% improvement in one or more clinical quality measures over two consecutive reporting years. Additionally, centers must increase the total number of patients served, including those receiving mental health, substance use disorder, vision, dental or enabling services, by at least 5% over the same period.

Health Disparity Reducer badges are given to health centers that earn the Access Enhancer badge while meeting additional criteria, such as improving rates of low birth weight, hypertension, or uncontrolled diabetes. The requirements for this badge also consider quality measures stratified by racial and ethnic groups.

For more information about the requirements to earn one of HRSA's Quality Leader badges, please visit their Community Health Quality Recognition Overview website. You can also review yearly data from AHC and other community health centers at <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/data-reporting/program-data>.

JOIN JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY FOR AN EVENING AT THE HICKSVILLE TRAIL

Join Johnson Memorial Library, the Hicksville Trail Association, and Wendy Baker from the Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District at the Hicksville Hiking Trail, 9425 Casebeer Miller Road, on October 15 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for a fun evening of nature discoveries, crafting, and stories.

This free event is geared to children & families. No registration is needed. For more information, contact the library at 419-542-6200

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JUDGE HYMAN ANNOUNCES NEW STAFF MEMBERS TO PROBATION DEPARTMENT



Pictured from left to right are: Suzanne Laney, Dustin Westhoven, Judge Harvey D. Hyman, and Andrew McMaster.

Paulding County Juvenile Court Judge Harvey D. Hyman is excited to announce the newest staff members of our probation department. Andrew McMaster started with the Juvenile Court Probation Department in July, 2023, filling a vacancy in position of Director of the Paulding County Family Resource & Assessment Center located at 451 McDonald Pike, Paulding, Ohio. He was also given the task of serving as the Court's truancy officer. Mr. McMaster is available to work with any Paulding County youth and their families to put early intervention strategies in place, to assist youth who are low to moderate risk in an effort to redirect youth from involvement in the formal juvenile court system. Mr. McMaster will continue to work with all three county school districts to enforce that state's school attendance

laws. He meets with and monitors students in office and school settings to address violations of attendance policies, educate parents and students about applicable laws, issue warnings to youth/parents who violate attendance policies, and file formal complaints. Last year, McMaster handled over 160 referrals and 54 diversions from formal proceedings. Last school year, Mr. McMaster spearheaded the Court's Truancy Pre-Court initiative, working directly with schools and their families to address Paulding County's share of the national post-pandemic truancy increase, all without delaying appropriate and prompt court-involvement when necessary.

Suzanne Laney is the Juvenile Court's newest staff member. Suzanne joined the Juvenile Court Probation Department in August 2024.

Ms. Laney is the Probation and Diversion Officer. Ms. Laney will work with low level offending youth who are formally juvenile court involved, providing the youth and families support services that utilizes the least restrictive community interventions while maintaining public safety. She is committed to advocating for the best interest of the youth to promote positive behavior changes and long-term success. As the diversion officer, she will work with juveniles who are unruly or who have committed a delinquency offense to give them the opportunity to correct their mistakes and avoid further court involvement as long as they comply with terms of a specially designed program including appropriate referrals to community resources. Diversion is an intervention approach that redirect youth away

from formal processing in the juvenile justice system, while still holding them accountable for their actions. Having a second probation officer restores historical juvenile court practice and will bring the probation department's per-officer case load closer to Ohio Department of Youth Services guidelines. This will permit more intensive supervision of youth when needed, as well as staff supervision of community service and the creation of other programming initiatives. It also allows Mr. McMaster to focus on continuing and expanding his work with the schools through the very well-received and successful programming he began last year.

The Paulding County Juvenile Court welcome's Andrew McMaster and Suzanne Laney to the court's Probation Department as they join Chief Probation Officer Dustin Westhoven in serving juveniles in Paulding County.



DEJA BREW BY CASSY BRINGS FRESHLY BREWED DREAMS TO THE STREETS

Coffee lovers, rejoice! Deja Brew by Cassy, a brand-new coffee trailer, is rolling into town, ready to serve up delicious, handcrafted beverages and a unique on-the-go experience.

Owned and operated by coffee enthusiast Cassy Kashner, Deja Brew by Cassy offers a carefully curated menu featuring classic espresso drinks, refreshing iced coffees, specialty lattes, non-coffee beverages, pastries, and more. Each item is crafted with care, designed to bring a smile to every customer's face.

The inspiration behind Deja Brew by Cassy is Cassy's lifelong passion for creating the perfect cup of coffee. But this mobile coffee shop is more than just about serving great coffee—it's

about building community. Cassy has always cherished the sense of connection that comes with sharing a cup of coffee, and with Deja Brew, she aims to bring that warm, welcoming atmosphere to every corner she visits.

Whether you're on your way to work, enjoying a local event, or just in need of a pick-me-up, Deja Brew by Cassy is here to make your day a little brighter.



HUBER OPERA HOUSE PRESENTS LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

The Huber Opera House proudly announces the production of Little Shop of Horrors on October 11, 12, & 13. Show time is 7:00 on Friday and Saturday, with a dinner option offered at 6:00. Sunday's performance will be a 2:30 matinee.

The meek flower shop assistant Seymour (played by Sean Carpenter) pines for co-worker Audrey (Brooke Ward). During a total eclipse, he discovers an unusual plant he names Audrey II (voice by Rowan Murphy & Puppeteer James Greer),

which feeds only on human flesh and blood. The growing plant attracts a great deal of business for the previously struggling store owned by Mushkin (Peter Greer). After Seymour feeds Audrey's boyfriend, Orin (Ryan Hunt, Jr.), to the plant after Orin's accidental death, he must come up with more bodies for the increasingly blood-thirsty plant.

A trio of street urchins (Trinity McFarland, Brooke Schooley, & Summer Schooley) along with other colorful characters from the ensemble provide commentary and vocal numbers to add to the unique theme of this show. Ensemble members include Aria Clem, Dani Frame, Leah Garmater, Titus Garmater, Jordan Hammersmith, Travis Heffelfinger, and Trey McFarland.

This deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical has devoured the hearts of theatregoers for over 30 years. The Huber is offering a dinner & show option for this production with Grant's catering providing the dinner buffet. Please go to huberoperahouse.org for more information and to purchase tickets until October 6. All seating is now reserved, including the newly remodeled balcony. Tickets will also be available 30 minutes prior to each show. Come and enjoy this delightful show at the Huber.

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November 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

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October 7, 2024

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