

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS PRESENTS NEW PLAN - IS IT WORTH IT? VOTERS MUST DECIDE



Wayne Trace Superintendent Paul Jones speaks to the crowd to answer questions at the bond meeting.

Superintendent Paul Jones opened the meeting at the Palace gym at the Wayne Trace High School on October 3. A tax bond is being put on the fall ballot 2024 asking the voters to approve or deny the new tax at a rate of 4.91 mills for 30 years. The project is very encompassing to include a very large paved parking lot (removing the practice fields to the north), a Wellness Center, a new administration sections, and auditorium and several other deficiencies to be

corrected on the main campus. The cost is pegged at around \$30 million.

The bond, if passed by voters, should generate \$33,000,000. If this passes, it will lower the revenue of the alternative energy (windmills, solar, etc) other entities, such as the townships, that take from the "pie" as that is divided up based upon the total levies from the total. The amounts are not calculated until after the election due to

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COLLINS SET TO BE FIRST GIRLS WRESTLING COACH AT WAYNE TRACE

As the world of athletics evolve with the times, the sport of high school wrestling has also begun to change. IN the early 1990s the wrestling clubs in high school across the country started to include females in their rosters with a few as 100 girls those first few years. That number has steadily risen over the past decades until girls wrestling became its own sanctioned sport with OHSAA in Ohio in 2022 (along with boys volleyball). In Paulding County, girls wrestling has had a good following and participation and Wayne Trace has its first girls wrestling team beginning with the 2024-25 season.

With a team comes the need for a coach, and it's time to introduce the first high school girls wrestling coach at Wayne Trace High School, Ashley Collins. Collins was approached by long time Wayne Trace wrestling coach, George Clemens. Collins stated that Clemens knew that she wrestled back in her day and was already helping coach with the Club, so when he asked her, she was intimidated and nervous at first, but then decided that she wanted to help more to be an advocate for female wrestling, so she said yes to this opportunity. "I want to give these girls the opportunity that I didn't have when I was their age," commented Collins.

Ashley has a long history with sports as her father was a wrestling coach, she was a

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COOPERS CELEBRATE 65th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Ron & Karen (Hoffman) Cooper, Oakwood OH are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary this fall. They were married at the Church of Christ, Leipsic, Ohio on October 10, 1959. God blessed them with two daughters, Jill (Dan) Straley and Leslie (Steve) Heilshorn. They have three grandsons and one great granddaughter.

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

October 7

• Weight Loss Surgery Support Group @ ProMedica Monroe Ed Conf Rms, 6pm

October 8

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

October 11

• Halloween VR Extravaganza @ ACPL Pontiac, 4pm

October 11-12-13

• Little Shop of Horrors @ Huber Dinner Theater

October 12

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

October 16

• WBESC board meeting @ ESC Conf Rm, Paulding, 5:30p

• Chronic Illness Peer Support Group @ ProMedica Neuro Ctr, Toledo 6pm

• Women's Cancer Support Group @ ProMedica Monroe Reg Hosp main campus 4th Flr Conf Rm A, 6:45-8:15pm

October 17-18

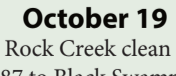
• Fall Bake & Rummage Sale @ Martini Luth. Church NH, 8a-2p (Th) & 8a-12p (Fri)

October 18

• Last day of Nut Sale @ PCH Gift Shop

October 19

• Flat Rock Creek clean up @ CR 87 to Black Swamp Nature Center, 9am



Add your event to the calendar

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OBITUARIES

ANTWERP, OH:
Edward Allan Miller, 71, of Antwerp, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on September 24, 2024. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.



BRYAN, OH:
Dolores June Garver age 92 of Bryan, Ohio passed away on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Dolores was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of the Ney Church of God and the Order of the

Eastern Star and past member of Royal Neighbors in Antwerp. She enjoyed Western movies, playing cards and dice games, but above all else, her Sunday get-together with her children and their families.

Dolores was born on May 5, 1932, in Antwerp, Ohio, the daughter of Clayton and Alice (Simms) Quisno. She was a 1950 graduate of Antwerp High School where she was a drum majorette. She married Estel Cottrell and they were married for 31 years and had 4 children together. She later married Ned Garver on October 7, 2001 and he preceded her in death on February 26, 2017.

Dolores is survived by her children, Tonya Cottrell, of Bryan, Tammy (Scott) Berenyi and Kevin Cottrell, both of Antwerp; stepsons, Ned (Cindy) Garver, of Bryan and Donnie

Garver, of Florida; 9 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, several great-great grandchildren, and her brother, Monty Cornell, of Antwerp. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands; son, Marty Cottrell and sister, Donna Potts.

Services for Dolores will be held on Friday, October 4, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the Ney Church of God, 03413 OH-15, Ney, OH 43549, with Pastor Kevin King officiating. Visitation will be held from 4:00-6:00 P.M. prior to the service. Her arrangements have been entrusted to Krill Funeral Service, 860 West Mulberry Street, Bryan, Ohio

The family requests memorial contributions to the Ney Church of God.

To sign the online guest book or leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Scripture of the Week

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen..”

— Hebrews 11:1

SCRIPTURES TO ENCOURAGE YOUR FAITH IN CHALLENGING TIMES



Psalm 44:1-3; 5 (KJV)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of her, she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

Psalm 59:9 (KJV)

Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defense.

Psalm 62:7 (KJV)

In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, my refuge, is in God.

Psalm 84:11 (KJV)

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Isaiah 12:2 (KJV)

Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Psalm 18:2 (KJV)

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

Psalm 25:14 (KJV)

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant.

Psalm 33:18 (KJV)

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy.

Psalm 121:5 (KJV)

The Lord is thy keeper: The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

Psalm 125:2 (KJV)

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people: from henceforth even forever.

Proverbs 18:10 (KJV)

The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

We walk by faith, not by sight.

Peace & Love

—Pastor Dwayne

85 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE

ANTWERP, OH:
Erich R. Emch, 77, of Antwerp, Ohio went to be with the Lord on Friday, September 27, 2024 at Paulding County Hospital.

Erich was born in Wadsworth, Ohio on May 31, 1947, a son of the late Betty (Gorby) and Roy Emch.

He proudly served his country in the Ohio National Guard. Erich was a skilled repair technician, owning his own business, Erich's Repair in Antwerp. He will be remembered most for his faith in God and devotion to his church.

Erich is survived by his sons, Michael and Benjamin Emch; brother, Jeffrey (Cathy) Emch; many cousins and many friends.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Donna Emch and brother, James Emch.

Viewing is Tuesday, October 1st, 4 to 7 PM at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.

His funeral service is 10:30 AM, with viewing from 9:30 to 10:15 AM on Wednesday, October 2nd at Countryside Church of Christ, 14314 Hursttown Road, Grabill, Indiana.

He will be laid to rest in Diehl Cemetery, Woodburn, Indiana.

Memorials are to Countryside Church of Christ, 14314 Hursttown Road, Grabill, Indiana 46741.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

HAVILAND, OH:
Dale Smalley, 62, of Haviland, passed away Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Paulding County Hospital. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio.

HAVILAND, OH:
Robert Eugene Bland, 79, of Haviland, Ohio passed away Sunday, September 29, 2024 at the Laurels of Defiance. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio.

WAUSEON, OH:
Gladys Wilson, 87, of Wauseon, passed away October 1, 2024, at Ayden Healthcare of Wauseon. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.



Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church celebrated 85 years of God's grace in the Antwerp community last Sunday with a service with Holy Communion followed by a chicken barbecue lunch. The congregation meets every Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

LIFEWISE ACADEMY TO HOST FALL FESTIVAL

LifeWise Academy in Antwerp, Ohio, will host a Fall Festival at the MAC Gym to benefit students attending LifeWise Antwerp. This event is open to the public and will provide information for parents interested in enrolling their children while also raising funds to support students attending LifeWise Academy Antwerp this year.

"We are excited to offer Bible-based character education to participating students at Antwerp and look forward to working with our community to make it a success," said Traci Koenig, LifeWise Academy Antwerp Director.

The LifeWise Antwerp Fall Festival will be held November 9th at the MAC Gym (204 Archer Drive)

11am-2pm. Please join us for a bounce house, games, activities, crafts, food and more! Admission is \$5 per person, all games, activities and crafts are included. Food will be available for a free will donation.

LifeWise lessons, part of the school's special time, teach the Bible chronologically.

Each lesson connects a Bible passage to a relevant character trait that students are encouraged to practice in their families and communities.

Students in grades 1st - 7th can enroll at www.lifewise.org/antwerpoh.

LifeWise Academy, based in Hilliard, Ohio, is a released time religious instruction program providing Bible-based character education to public school students. With parent permission, students are released from school for one hour per week to attend off-campus classes.

For more information about LifeWise Academy, visit lifewise.org.

42nd ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

First Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Paulding OH is hosting its 42nd Annual Women's Retreat, "Praising God Through Music: Together Again", on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 9 am until 1:30 pm. Doors open at 8:30 am. The church is located at the corner of Caroline and Cherry Streets in Paulding, one block from the courthouse square.

This year's retreat features two incredible musicians, Susan Crossland and Susan Kayser. These ladies have both supported the Presbyterian

Women's Retreat with organ and piano music many, many times. This year, they will be the focus of the retreat! We can't wait!! They will each be sharing their Christian faith by both speaking and by playing, individually and then with spectacular piano/organ duets.

Susan Crossland, a lifelong Paulding resident, has been the organist at Paulding First Presbyterian Church for over 50 years. She will be sharing how and why God's music has remained a priority in her life for so many years, as well as some of the history of the church's century-old pipe organ.

Susan Kayser shares her



musical talents with her church in Findlay, Ohio. Playing for the Lord has been her passion for years, and she and Susan Crossland have performed together many times. She has played piano for this retreat for each and every one of its 42 years.

It will be an incredible blessing to hear from these two women as they share their faith, both in word and in music.

Brunch will be served by the men from the Presbyterian Church, and there will be rich fellowship with other Christian women. While the retreat ends at 1:30 pm, ladies are welcome and encouraged to linger and visit as long as they wish.

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through age 4. Be sure to mention this need when you register so we are adequately staffed. You are asked to bring a sack lunch for your child.

Pre-registration is preferred by Sunday, October 13, 2024.

Registrations can be made by mail to the church office (PO Box 366, Paulding OH 45879); or by calling 419-399-2438 (church office). Ladies are encouraged to call or text retreat coordinators Barb (419-769-0327) or Susan Paulus (419-439-0032) with any questions.

LINEWORKERS FROM OHIO'S ELECTRIC COOPS SEND ADDITIONAL HELP TO CAROLINAS TO RESTORE POWER AFTER HURRICANE HELENE

More than a dozen electric cooperatives in Ohio have sent teams of lineworkers to help

the massive power restoration efforts underway in North and South Carolina after Hurricane Helene ravaged the area and left thousands of people without power.

The first mutual aid crews headed south on Saturday, and more have joined throughout the week. Nearly 50 lineworkers from 13 different Ohio electric cooperatives have answered the call for help in what's being called the worst hurricane disaster since Katrina. The three electric cooperatives Ohio crews are assisting are Broad River Electric Cooperative Cowpens, South Carolina; Laurens Electric Cooperative in Laurens, South Carolina; and Energy United in Statesville, North Carolina.

Lineworkers, digger and bucket trucks were all sent to assist in the effort that's expected to last weeks, even months. Mutual aid is common practice for Ohio's elec-

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tric co-ops.
Broad River Electric Cooperative in Cowpens, South Carolina;
Frontier Power Company (5); Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative (4); The Energy Cooperative (4); Butler Rural Electric Cooperative (new) (5); Pioneer Electric Cooperative (4)
Laurens Electric Cooperative in Laurens, South Carolina:
Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative (6); Consolidated Cooperative (4); Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative (2); North Western Electric Cooperative (2)
Energy United in Statesville, North Carolina:
Midwest Electric (5); Carroll Electric Cooperative (4); Firelands Electric Cooperative (2); Logan County Electric Cooperative (2)

Mutual aid is common practice for Ohio's electric co-ops. The co-ops help each other in the form of helpworkers, bucket, and digger trucks, whenever the call for help comes in.
Ohio co-ops helping in the Carolinas:
Butler, Carroll, Consolidated; The Energy Co-op; Firelands; Frontier; Guernsey-Muskingum; Han-

cock-Wood; Holmes-Wayne; Logan; Mid-Ohio; Midwest; North Western; Pioneer

The Carolina Co-ops Receiving Mutual Aid:
Laurens EC in Laurens, SC
o Holmes-Wayne, Consolidated, Hancock-Wood, North Western
o Energy United in Statesville, NC
o Midwest, Firelands, Logan and Carroll
o Broad River EC in Cowpens, SC
o Pioneer, Butler, GMEC, Frontier, The Energy Co-op

About Ohio's Electric Cooperatives: Ohio's Electric Cooperatives is the statewide association representing Ohio's (1 in West Virginia) 25 electric cooperatives, which serve 1-million cooperative members across 77 of Ohio's counties. Electric cooperatives in Ohio are not-for-profit distribution cooperatives, providing reliable, affordable, environmentally responsible electricity to the communities they serve.

NORTHWEST STATE, STAFF BARGAINING UNIT REACH NEW THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT

Negotiations between NSCC Administration and the staff bargaining unit ("staff") had previously reached an impasse, and the process went to fact finding. Both parties accepted the recommendations of the fact finding arbiter and have agreed to a new agreement. The agreement is three years in length, running through June 30, 2027.

TERMS ANNOUNCED
Terms of the agreement for all qualifying staff employees are as follows:

- 5% pay increase in year one
- 4% pay increase in years two and three
- The overall pay increase is 13.57% over three years

NSCC President Dr. Todd Hernandez noted "I am thankful to the negotiation teams and the work that was put in to reach a new agreement. I'm excited to move

beyond negotiations and re-focus efforts on our mission of improving lives and strengthening communities."

DEFIANCE COUNTY PERI MEETING SET

The Defiance County PERI District 1 Chapter 30 is set to meet on Wednesday October 16 at 1:00 p.m. at Magpies restaurant on SR 18, Hicksville. They will elect officers at this meeting. Public employees are encouraged to attend.

COURTHOUSE ADDITION/COURTYARD PROJECT IN DEFIANCE COUNTY

The Defiance County Board of Commissioners has awarded the bid for the courthouse addition/courtyard project. This project will include an addition on the east end of the courthouse to accommodate an ADA compliant elevator and new entrance and exit areas. The courtyard will also be renovated to accommodate the new addition.

This project is estimated to take a year to complete. During this time, the current

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not knowing which the voters will pass or not, as there are many variables.

Mr. Jones explained why the school board wanted this and why they believe the need is there. It was stated several times by the board that they were "bursting at the seams". It was noted by others in the bleachers that attendance is significantly less than in decades past. Jones replied that there are more specialized student needs than previous generations had.

There was no one who was opposed to making the school better, though some responses were opposed to an all or nothing approach to the proposed bond plan. The disagreements at the meeting stemmed from factors that made the different projects combined into an all encompassing package rather than in steps of smaller amounts that could be more easily be managed and paid off. Or some thought that a Wellness Center wasn't needed why include this?

The annual school budget for this next fiscal year is about \$25 million according to district treasurer, Lori Davis. The student population of all three campuses is 976.

Total Project: \$30,286,453.00; Wayne Trace Board of Education Capital Project Fund: -\$2,000,000.00; State of Ohio Career Tech Grant: -\$1,600,000.00; Amount to be financed: \$26,686,453.00; Wayne Trace Board of Education; Allocation of current/future: Renewable Energy Funds - \$8,000,000.00; Bond Issue 4.91 mills: \$18,686,453.00.

*For every \$100,000. of appraised value, you would pay \$171.85 annually for 30 years - In addition the other taxes already passed in previous years. A person who has \$50,000 valuation would pay an additional \$85.93 for thirty years. A person with fifty acres and a house valued and a valuation of \$1,000,000 would pay an additional \$1,718.5 per year for 30 years.

To compare stats the state just released school report

courthouse entrance will be closed, and the west end of the courthouse will be the main entrance, with a temporary handicap accessible ramp. The entrance to the annex will be through the same door, however, there will be a new path constructed to the door. The area around the complex will be largely fenced off to keep the public out of the construction area. Court Street will be closed to the public. There will be two additional handicap spaces placed along the side of the Commissioner's building on Wayne Street, across from the post office boxes.

During this time, we ask if you need to visit the annex or the courthouse and you have mobility issues, to please contact the office before you arrive. Other arrangements may be made to assist you in completing your business.

As the Board receives updates on this project (including the start date), we will inform the public through announcements on our Facebook page and through our meeting's news releases.

Thank you for your cooperation during this time.

cards show the latest high school performance evaluations for Paulding County have Antwerp leading at 4.5, Wayne Trace at 3.5 and Paulding at 3.0. According to the 2024 ODE website the cost per student places Wayne Trace at \$18,785, Antwerp at \$15,328, and Paulding \$14,986. The current enrollment for Wayne Trace district is 976, combining all three campuses. The board of education on the website states they do have one of the lowest millage, but no stats are given.

Visit the school website for the prepared answers to many questions. The first two question/answers are printed here:

Why do we need an auditorium?

Currently there are approximately 274 students enrolled in band, choir, and drama at the Junior High/High School. The music department has grown out of its educational space. By adding new classrooms and an auditorium we are setting up the music department for continued success. The auditorium would be centrally located for our students and community to attend music and drama events just as they do for athletic events.

Why do we need a gym/weight room/wrestling room?

By building a Community Wellness Center, this will allow us to move our weight room and wrestling program out to the Community Wellness Center, freeing up much needed space for educational purposes, such as our STEAM program (this would create 4-5 more classrooms). The gymnasium is a by-product that can be used by the community. The Community Wellness Center will be available for the entire district/community to utilize for health and wellness and family gatherings.

There are many more questions that you may have answered on the website at <http://www.waynetrace.org/BoardofEducation.aspx>

This information presented is the best we could find in the limited time frame to publish the paper. We apologize for any errors.

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
Jason Monroe Noffsinger was born April 5, 1898 in Paulding County, Ohio. The son of Jesse P. Noffsinger,



born November 21, 1845 in Randolph County, Indiana and Nancy Catherine (Shinaberry) Noffsinger born in 1860 in Paulding County, Ohio. This couple was married October 9, 1881 in Paulding.

By 1900, this couple was living in Paulding. Jesse was working as a blacksmith and they had three children, Aaron Theodore, born July 9, 1882 in Paulding, working as a day laborer; a daughter, Evelyn Glea, born September 24, 1886 in Paulding Township, she ended up marrying a fella named Earnest Neds. He was a World War One Veteran who ended up being a post master at the Paulding Post Office.

I know, I got off track. Sons, Selwon Unis was born in 1886 and died August 5, 1887, Uron Owen born June 6, 1889 he passed away July 28, 1890 and Jesse Owen born September 21, 1893 and passed away August 6, 1894. All these children are buried in Little Auglaize Cemetery, and Jason born in 1898. By 1910, the Noffsinger family was living in Paulding on Jackson Street. Jesse was working as a farmer. The children were still home. Aaron was working as a salesman in a grocery store. Evelyn and Jason were in school.

Aaron enlisted in the Ohio National Guard January 19, 1915 and was discharged March 18, 1917. His rank was a sergeant serving in the 6th Regimental Ohio

National Guard Band. On September 12, 1918, Aaron Theodore Noffsinger registered for the draft, he was working in the Paulding post office as an office clerk. He was listed as short in height, stout build, brown eyes and dark hair. He passed away from tuberculosis the day World War One ended, November 11, 1918. He was buried in Live Oak Cemetery, Section 4, Row 11.

On October 9, 1918, Jason went to Defiance College and enrolled in the S.A.T.C. program, (this stands for, Student Army Training Corp.) This program was assigned to train future officers. He was Honorably Discharged December 20, 1918. He was listed as 20% disabled. After his days at Defiance College, Jason started working as a candy maker. This is where he met Ethel May Marlow, born in Findlay, Ohio in 1902. She is the daughter of



Andrew J. Marlow and Hannah E. (Pierce) Marlow. They were married September 13, 1920 in Paulding by Rev. Dowdy. Jason and Ethel will have two sons, Raymond C. born January 8, 1923 and Carrol Dean born in 1926. Then Jason became a mail carrier, so he worked with his brother in law Earnest Neds.

On October 31, 1929, Jason delivered his last piece of mail. Jason was suffering from a brain tumor. He was taken to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, but no permanent relief could be given. By 1930, Jason, Ethel and the boys, were living at 112 Klinger Road in Paulding. On June 22, 1930 at 12:00P.M., passed away at home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M. in the Church of Christ by the Rev. S.G. Cameron. Jason was buried in Live Oak Cemetery, Block G., lot 299, grave 3.

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

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

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments
Any questions, please call 419-399-8285



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October 2024

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE	MS. ARNOLD - HS/MS	MR. BILLMAN - ELEMENTARY	ATHLETIC CALENDAR
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Our school year has gotten off to a great start thanks in large part to the effort parents and caregivers have provided to assure their children were prepared for the start of the 2024-2025 school year and promptness to arrive on time at school each day. Likewise, a big thank you to the Antwerp Local School staff for their preparation to assure the classrooms, cafeteria, buses, and building and grounds were ready to meet the needs of our student body.

The start of the school year has been very busy with several field trips, numerous meetings, and of course, a slew of athletic events. With regards to athletic events, we hope you have had or will have the opportunity to attend and support our Archer athletes. A reminder that residents of our school district who are at least 65 years old are eligible for a free all-sports pass. This is one of the many ways we thank our senior residents for their support of our school system. If you have not received a pass yet, see Mr. Altimus in the Athletic Director's Office. He is usually available from 1:00-2:30 each afternoon. The pass is good for admission to all home junior high and high school athletic events.

We are excited to announce that our Wellness and Recreation Center is open for use by the Antwerp school community. Information regarding the rules and procedures for utilizing the Center and obtaining a fob for entrance can be found on our school website or available in the school's Central Office.

We are also excited to share that we are planning a student trip to Spain in April 2026. Our foreign language teacher Mrs. Lola Cortes Revuelta is from Spain and is looking forward to traveling with thirty-two Antwerp students to her homeland. The trip is headed up by Education First, an international company that specializes in educational travel and cultural exchange. The student group will gladly accept any donations to help fund their trip. Donations can be sent to Antwerp Local Schools and if using a check, note on the check "Spain Trip."

School districts across America will promote "School Bus Safety Week" during the week of October 21st - 25th. This year's National School Bus Safety Week theme is "Safety first-safety always". The week is a time for parents, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operators, and others to come together to address school bus safety. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) urges drivers to be aware of school buses and to slow down. School personnel seek your assistance with an effort to stress the importance of keeping our children safe around the bus and loading the bus.

A big thank you to parents and students for your cooperation with the pick-up of students around the large circle drive at the end of the day. Your assistance and cooperation provide for a safer and smoother flow of students out of our school facility. Please continue to follow the directions of the staff supervising the circle drive and pull ahead as far as possible prior to picking up your child. Using the entire circle drive will allow us to load children more efficiently. If possible, please have your child get in and out of the car on the sidewalk side.

Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

We are off to a great start to the school year! We appreciate the family support we have received thus far this year and the wonderful families in our community. As always, if we can help your child in any way, please be sure to contact us.

Mrs. Revuelta and Dr. Miller held an informational meeting about the April 2026 trip to Spain. There was great interest in the trip with over 50 families represented at the meeting. Mrs. Revuelta shared several of the benefits of international travel and the way it can transform one's life. Since the meeting, we have had overwhelmingly positive feedback from the community on the opportunity for our students to experience international travel in a safe and guided environment.

National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society inductions will take place on Sunday, October 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditoria.

Our first quarter ends on Thursday, October 17 with Fall Break on Friday, October 18 with no students. Parents are encouraged to monitor student progress on ProgressBook. Mrs. Lucas can assist with your login information if needed.

On October 30th, our high school Spanish students will be visiting various elementary classrooms. These Spanish students are developing their own curriculum to teach a lesson to the younger grade levels and interact with these students. This is a great way not only for older students to be role models for the younger students, but also to continue to foster the school-wide pride we have throughout our entire building. Be on the lookout for pictures and examples of this great opportunity!

Looking ahead, Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 4 and Thursday, November 7. Be sure to note this change from the original district calendar.

~ Ms. Jessie Arnold, MS/HS Principal

HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Junior parents wishing to opt their student out of taking the ACT in the Spring of 2025 need to fill out the ACT - Opt Out form by October 1st. Forms can be found in Mrs. Hammer's Google Classroom.

Jostens will be here on October 9th to talk to Freshmen and Seniors about ordering class rings, caps and gowns, and other items. Vantage Seniors, the bus will be held that morning so all can attend.

ACT Retakes will be on Tuesday, October 15. Seniors retaking the ACT will need to bring \$50.50 on or before test day. Checks can be made payable to Antwerp Local Schools.

HEARING/VISION SCREENINGS

Our school nurse, Mrs. Cline, will be conducting hearing and vision screenings throughout the school year for our students in grades Preschool, Kindergarten, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.

OHIO THIRD GRADE READING TEST
Third graders will take part in the Third Grade Fall Reading Test on October 22nd and 23rd. The third graders are ready and we know they will do great! If at all possible, families, we ask that you avoid scheduling appointments on those dates so students are in attendance.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING
Students in grades K-5 will have an opportunity to participate in after school tutoring activities starting in October and lasting until the end of December. Tutoring sessions will begin on October 2nd and will be once a week for 1 hour.

PRAIRIE DAY
On Wednesday, October 2, Antwerp Elementary will again host a day for students to explore the prairie garden next to the school. Thank you to Linda Mabis, retired Antwerp Teacher, for setting up the day.

PICTURE RETAKES
Picture retakes will be Wednesday, October 16. Please bring your picture packets in on the day of retakes. Anyone that did not get a picture on the original day will get their picture taken on this day.

SHORTS
With the weather starting to change, SPIRIT WEEK, which is September 30th through October 4th, **will be the last week for our elementary students to wear shorts.**

~ Mr. Doug Billman, Elementary Principal

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month in kindergarten, Mrs. Lichty introduced herself to the students and they learned about what she does in the school. Mrs. Lichty focused on kindness and friendship this month in classroom guidance in grades first through fifth. First graders made friendship soup, second graders learned that kindness has a "ripple effect," and third graders and fourth graders talked about how kindness has a chain reaction. Fifth grade's lesson was focused on kindness with the students focusing on how they want to be remembered when they leave the elementary school. As always, Mrs. Lichty is also available to meet with students to discuss their individual needs. Parents can contact Mrs. Lichty at 419-258-5421 or lichty_e@antwerpschools.org.

CAFETERIA MENU

- Tues, Oct 1 BBQ pork on bun, baked beans, blueberries, & milk
- Wed, Oct 2 Pizzaburger on bun, green beans, pineapple, & milk
- Thu, Oct 3 Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, orange smiles, & milk
- Fri, Oct 4 Pizza, coleslaw, applesauce, & milk
- Mon, Oct 7 Corn dog, sweet potato fries, pears, & milk
- Tues, Oct 8 Boneless wings, tater tots, strawberry cup, & milk
- Wed, Oct 9 Sloppy joe on bun, broccoli, pineapple, & milk
- Thu, Oct 10 Chili mac w/ roll, carrots, mixed fruit, & milk
- Fri, Oct 11 Pizza, salad, fruit cup, & milk

Our menus are subject to change without notice.

CROSS COUNTRY
Oct 5 9:00 Antwerp Invite
Oct 12 9:30 GMC @ Edgerton District
Oct 19 TBA District

VARSITY FOOTBALL
Oct 4 7:00 vs. Fairview
Oct 11 7:00 @ Wayne Trace
Oct 18 7:00 @ Ayersville
Oct 25 7:00 vs. Paulding

JV FOOTBALL
Oct 7 5:00 vs. Fairview
Oct 14 5:00 @ Wayne Trace
Oct 21 5:00 @ Ayersville

JH FOOTBALL
Oct 8 5:00 vs. Wayne Trace
Oct 15 5:00 vs. Edgerton
Oct 22 5:00 @ Ayersville

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
Oct 1 5:30 vs. Wayne Trace
Oct 7 5:30 @ Van Wert
Oct 8 5:30 vs. Ayersville
Oct 10 5:30 @ Paulding

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL
Oct 7 4:30 @ Van Wert
Oct 8 4:30 vs. Ayersville
Oct 10 4:30 @ Paulding

JH VOLLEYBALL
Oct 1 5:00 @ Ayersville
Oct 3 5:00 vs. Hicksville
Oct 7 5:00 vs. Montpelier
Oct 10 5:00 @ Liberty Center
Oct 12 TBA 7th GMC @ Tinora
Oct 12 TBA 8th GMC @ Home

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 30-Oct 4 Spirit Week
- Oct 2 Prairie Garden Day
- Oct 13 NHS/NJHS Induction Ceremony
- Oct 16 Picture Retakes
- Oct 17 End of 1st Quarter
- Oct 18 Fall Break - **NO SCHOOL**
- Oct 21-25 School Bus Safety Week
- Oct 24 Board of Education Meeting
- Nov 4 & 7 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov 4-8 Fall Book Fair
- Nov 27-29 Thanksgiving Break

RENEWAL INCOME TAX LEVY

On November 5, 2024, Antwerp Local School District will ask the Antwerp community to vote on a Renewal Income Tax Levy. The .75% income tax levy generates approximately \$580,000 per year, which equates to nearly 10 percent of the district's budget. This five-year levy was first approved in 2005. The funds from the levy are used to pay the day-to-day operating expenses of the school. Passage of the Renewal Income Tax Levy **will not** increase taxes. Passage of the levy is necessary in order to maintain the district's current services and programs for our students. During the past few school years, funds from the levy have been utilized for a variety of needs including the offering of full day every day Kindergarten, the purchase of exterior and interior security cameras, providing for a full-time on-site School Resource Officer, & providing professional development opportunities for our staff.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The first prayer in congress; September 7, 1774; at Carpenters Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Reverend Jacob Duche first read the 35th Psalm and followed up with this prayer: Be thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the counsel of this honorable assembly...He finished the prayer with: All this we ask in the Name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, thy son and our Sav-

ior, amen.
In my opinion this was a verbal contract with God. Since then, our enemy has led the USA down the "primrose path" to the point that in the 1940's, The USA forsook the contract with God and contracted with the United Nations. The USA hasn't won a war since. In my opinion, God will hold us to the original contract.

In the Holy Bible; the book of Judges, 2:13 and 14 ; And they forsook the Lord and served Baal and Ash-toreths. And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers who spoiled them and He sold them into the hands of their enemies round about so that they could no longer stand before their enemies. Even now the USA cannot control it's own borders. If you want to see what happens when the Lord's anger burns hot, Read Deuteronomy 28.

—Phillip Piersma
Antwerp, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THE V.P. DEBATE
Hey Democrats did you watch the V.P. debate on CBS? Did you notice the topics? Many of the topics were not high priorities for most voters. They were, however, high favorable ratings for Kamala Harris in the polls.

Did you notice how they phrased the questions for Gov. Walz and how they worded the various topics for Sen. Vance?

Did you also notice that the one lady broke CBS's rule of not fact checking either candidate but she just couldn't help herself when she ques-

tioned Vance on a law. When Vance finally got a chance to set the record straight and she realized he was correct and she was wrong, she cut off his mic.

Democrats did you pay attention when Walz was asked about a false statement he has been making about being in China in 1989 during the pro-freedom riots. When he spent the first 2 minutes rambling, the moderator dare asked him to follow and pressed him to give an answer. She will probably regret that. After Walz was given 1 more minute, he finally blurted out "Well sometimes I'm a knucklehead and I mis-spoke.

Well I don't know about you, but I don't want a knucklehead as V.P. for the next 4 years. Oh, my mistake, we've already had one the last 4 years.

If Tim Walz admits he can be a knucklehead sometimes and you vote for him, what does that make you?

—Dave Laukhuf
Paulding, OH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHAT COMMIES SAID IN 1919

If you think most of the problems that beset the world and our nation today just happened that way, if you think it is a natural trend born of the modern age; if you think that it will suddenly all dissolve when we, the people, get tired of being bothered, then read an excerpt from a file on "Communist Rules for Revolution", published before 1919. The file was obtained by the armed forces in Dusseldorf, Germany. These were the instructions issued to those who were to bring about world revolution.

A. Corrupt the young, get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial, destroy their ruggedness.

B. Get control of all means of publicity and thereby:

(1.) Get people's minds off their government by focusing attention on athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities.

(2.) Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.

(3.) Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule and obloquy.

(4.) Always preach true democracy but seize power as fast and ruthlessly as possible.

(5.) By encouraging government extravagance, de-

stroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.

(6.) Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders, and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government toward such disorders.

(7.) By spacious argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues; honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

C. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext with the view of confiscation of them and leaving the population helpless.

I cut this very same list out of the Oct. 1968 Crescent News. Every person who is a true American citizen should cut this out. I go over it and determine which party is guilty the most in promoting these rules is the real "threat to our Democracy." Democrats and others please think long and hard about rule B-4.

This list is for real and the threat of this to be fulfilled has never been greater! Communism is anti-Christian.

—Dave Laukuf
Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I've been reading letters to the editor here at WBN for a few years now. Some are just repeating themselves over and over. Here are my thoughts on those letters.

1) The Constitution is the law of the land, not any Holy book.

2) If you want to teach your children a religion, take them to your church or teach them at home.

3) I know many Democrats that are Christians.

4) If being a Christian is being like a couple of the regular letter writers, I'm glad and proud I'm an atheist.

I kept my letter short; I wish others would.

—Kurtis W. Lothamer
Fort Wayne, IN

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor,

STOP!! Issue 1 Ballot Alert! Before you vote on Ohio Issue 1 in this election, please carefully consider the following information!! Do not be deceived by the carefully crafted and inflamma-

tory rhetoric of the supporters of this constitutional amendment, because once it has been made into law, when people do not like the unintended or unanticipated consequences of this provision, it will be practically impossible to have them rescinded. The advertised support would have everyone think that this amendment will once and for all time end the practice of so-called 'gerrymandering' by 'corrupt' politicians, who only consider their own interests over the 'interests of the people.' It most certainly would indeed end the process of establishing congressional districts by the political parties involved, but it would not end gerrymandering as they term it. It would only transfer the responsibility of establishing those districts from the hands of elected officials who can be 'unelected' by the voters if they do not like what is being done, into the hands of 'an unelected panel of bureaucrats who can be carefully selected to achieve whatever goals the selection panel desires; and one can only guess what those goals may be.

Right now, the concentration of Red State leaning voters occupies 90% of the counties in the state of Ohio, while the Blue State leaning voters occupy the rest of the state, which is our major cities. Everyone knows that our cities are plagued by violent crime, moral depravity, and severely crumbling infrastructure due to the fleeing tax base that inhabits those cities. And the sad truth that exists is that oftentimes the administrations of those cities (which is almost exclusively Blue State affiliated) is complicit in much of those very problems, such as crime control.

Ask yourself... Do you want to see those same kinds of conditions prevail in our adjacent areas and smaller towns to then become more like those cities? Do you want to see laws passed where parents are not allowed by 'law' to know about their child's normal struggles involving their sexual adjustments which can cause them to irrationally opt for some form of therapy or sex change which further damages their fragile psychological development? Do you want to see a government which mandated placing a tampon dispenser in the boy's restroom at school just to accommodate one of the sadly misled young female students? It takes rational leadership to craft sensible and workable goals, laws, and policies, which the people of Ohio will willfully support. The democratic and liberal citizenry of America certainly cannot be said to be providing this level of leadership.

The present demographics of Ohio have given us, the citizens of this state, heretofore pretty reasonable laws to work with. They have not been perfect, but they have not been atrocious. A YES vote for Issue 1 will almost assuredly change all that, and that is why the Left Side of the aisle is so strongly promoting this Issue. That is why they need the votes of conservatives to achieve their goal in Ohio where they desperately need representation. Similar measures are being sought in several other Conservative leaning states. Vote NO and do not give them the help they need!!

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—Robert Cooper
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who change darkness into light, and light into darkness (Isaiah 5:20).

We are living through a challenging time with those in authority, that can't be voted out, that our pushing "A Culture of Death" upon all of us. Please pray, seek & speak the truth and trust in Jesus.

—Judy McCalla
Respect for Life
Hicksville, Ohio

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

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

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

Cecil: 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House

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

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

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

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

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

Ney: Marathon

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

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

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

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

Scott: Scott Post Office

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

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

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

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

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Pictured above is WT Seniors Trenton Thomas and Cole Morehead go for a play against Hicksville September Photo by Harlee Moore

HICKSVILLE - On a rainy and windy night for high school football, visiting Wayne Trace put up two touchdowns and made them stand up in a 12-0 victory over host Hicksville.

The Raiders produced a score in each of the second and third quarters as Wayne Trace posted its second straight shutout of the season.

Cole Morehead had a hand in both Raider touchdowns, scrambling for three-yards to post the initial score of the night and put Wayne Trace on top 6-0 in the second quarter.

Morehead then had a part in the third quarter Raider touchdown as well, connecting with Tyler Head on a two-yard scoring strike that provided the final points of the

12-0 victory.

Wayne Trace ended the contest with 253 yards of total offense compared to 188 for the Aces. The Raiders won the battle on the ground 202-67 but Hicksville had more passing yards, 121-51.

Lance Whitman and Trenton Thomas had 45 and 44 rushing yards, respectively, for the red, white and blue with Cole Morehead recording 40. Cross Zeedyk posted 51 rushing yards for Hicksville.

Garrett Turnbull finished the night 10 of 19 passing with Brant Langham topping the Aces' receivers with four catches for 41 yards. Austin Sanders, Parker Bassett and Owen Stuckey all had two receptions for Hicksville.

STARFIRES SWIPE WIN FROM WARRIORS



Lady Warriors played host to the South Adam Starfires on October 1st. South Adams were on fire and blew through three sets to take a win from the home team: 25-18, 25-19, 25-19. Pictured above Woodlan Junior Victoria Crozier blocks the ball for the Warriors! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ARCHERS KEPT SCORE-LESS AT TINORA

Tinora kept visiting Antwerp off of the scoreboard Friday night in Defiance County as the Rams recorded a 23-0 win over the Archers in Green Meadows Conference football action.

Tinora scored in the first, second and fourth quarters in recording the win over the blue and white. The Rams led 7-0 at the end of one period before extending the margin to 16-0 as the two teams headed to the locker room. The green and white then put the game away with a touchdown in the final stanza to wrap up the 23-0 victory.

The Archers held the Rams to 216 yards of total offense in the contest, including 145 in the ground attack while giving up 71 through the air.

However, Tinora kept Antwerp in check all night long in limiting the Archers to 80 passing yards while holding the blue and white to negative two rushing yards in the contest.

Ethan Thomas-Van Kirk was the lone Archer to reach double figures in yards rushing with a dozen yards on five carries.

Quarterback Hampton Rogge completed eight of 22 passes overall for 80 yards. Tavin Sholl had three receptions for 34 yards with Dayne Sholl and Michael Rohrs both picking up a pair of catches.

Rohrs and Zac Salas paced the Archer defense with 16 tackles apiece and Ryder Hines added 13 stops.

APACHES HOLD OFF PANTHERS FOR VICTORY

The Fairview Apaches held off a late Paulding rally for a 21-19 victory in Green Meadows Conference high school football action Friday night.

It was the black and gold who struck first, getting a 26-yard pass from William Zeedyk to Gavin Meade for a 7-0 Apache advantage.

Fairview extended the margin later in the opening stanza as Zeedyk rumbled 13-yards for the score to widen the gap to 14-0.

Paulding, though, answered in the second quarter. Jalen Manz sprinted 14 yards for the first Panther touchdown as the maroon and white trimmed the deficit to 14-7.

The visitors then pulled even closer as Avery Cooper rumbled 14-yards for a touchdown that brought the visitors within 14-13.

Fairview picked up its final score of the night in the third quarter when Zeedyk found Brody Williams on a 56-yard touchdown toss that put the Apaches on top 21-13.

Paulding made things interesting, recovering a blocked

punt to trim the deficit to 21-19 with 4:24 remaining on the clock.

However, the Apaches held on from there as Fairview improved to 2-1 in the league and 4-2 overall with the 21-19 victory.

The Panthers fell to 5-1 in all games and 2-1 in the conference with the loss.

Fairview gained more yards in the contest, 230-167, with both teams committing two turnovers in the contest.

Avery Cooper topped the maroon and white offense with 59 rushing yards on 15 carries while quarterback Colten Hunt completed 8 of 17 passes for 79 yards. Jordan Manz and Blake Rhonehouse both had a trio of receptions for the Panthers.

Zeedyk ended the contest 11 of 22 through the air for 141 yards as Gavin Meade, Logan Olinger and Jonathan Huffman all had three receptions for the Apaches.

LADY ARCHERS ROLL TO WIN OVER BOMBERS

In a non-league high school volleyball battle Saturday at Antwerp, the host Lady Archers posted victories in each set on the day in rolling to a sweep of visiting Edon.

Antwerp's freshman squad started the day with back-to-back 25-16 victories to defeat the Bombers before the Lady Archers took the junior varsity contest by scores of 25-19 and 25-11.

In the varsity match, Antwerp won the opening set 25-11 and followed that up with a 25-20 victory in game two. The Lady Archers closed out the day by outlasting the Bombers for a 25-23 victory in game three to complete the sweep.

Madison Peters dished out 22 assists and picked up 13 digs along with adding seven aces and two kills to lead Antwerp to the victory. Haydyn Lengacher chipped in two blocks, four kills and four digs with Briley Bagley posting seven slams, two aces and a dozen digs.

Caroline Rohrs finished with 14 digs and two aces for the Lady Archers and Amelia Graham totaled eight kills and seven digs. Faith Clem also recorded seven dings and a pair of blocks for the Lady Archers, who improve to 6-11 on the season.

Alexis Otto posted two blocks to aid the Archer cause with Emery Jones finishing with four digs. Clara Rohrs also added one ace and one dig and Aliyah Friend picked up three digs.

LADY WARRIORS SWEEP PAST ANTWERP

The Woodlan Lady Warriors recorded a trio of 25-13 victories over visiting Antwerp as the Indiana squad recorded a non-league high school volleyball win outside of Woodburn.

The Lady Warriors improve to 14-7 on the season with the victory while the Lady Archers drop to 5-11 in all matches.

Briley Bagley picked up seven digs with Emery Jones adding six for Antwerp, which also got seven digs and six kills from Amelia Graham. Alexis Otto and Allison Sprolls posted three and two kills, respectively, with Haydyn Lengacher posting three kills and two digs.

Caroline Rohrs topped Antwerp with 17 digs on the

RAIDERS SHOOT DOWN ARCHERS IN CONFERENCE GAME



Antwerp Senior Caroline Rohrs has a great run of serves against the Raiders. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Antwerps Alexis Otto spikes the ball, but Wayne Trace junior Lexi Moore has the last word when she successfully blocks the return. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp hosted the Lady Raiders on Tuesday, October 1st for a volleyball matchup against their Green Meadows rivals. The Lady raiders got off to an early lead and took the victory of the first set 25-19. The second and third sets also went to the guests but the

Archers made them work a little harder in overtime 26-24 and 25-18 respectively. As of print deadline for the newspaper Wayne Trace is 2-3 in the conference and 9-10 overall. Antwerp is 0-5 for the conference and 6-13 overall.

night and Madison Peters finished with ten digs and dished out 13 assists.

Alyssa Anderson led Woodlan with a dozen kills and Carsyn Wills chipped in

11 kills. Makaila Gruber also totaled seven slams for the Lady Warriors while Victoria Crozier and Katy Bottoms had three kills apiece.

Makenna Smith served



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PANTHERS STEAL THE VICTORY FROM ACES



Hicksville's Sophomore McKenna Baird gets the opportunity for this spike here! More pictures at westbendnews.net



Addison Shull Junior at Paulding is hitting the ground with this dig saving the ball for the Panthers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Aces travelled to a Green Meadows match at the Panthers home on Tuesday, October 1st. Paulding picked all three sets 25-15, 25-19, and 25-17, sending Hicksville home empty, making it short evening of high school volleyball play. As of print deadline for the newspaper Wayne Trace is 2-3 in the conference and 9-10 overall. Antwerp is 0-5 for the conference and 6-13 overall.

Three aces for the Lady Warriors with Alyssa Harvey and Alix Jacquay picking up two aces apiece. Makenna Smith also picked up 22 digs to top the Woodlan effort with Jade Lichy adding nine and Harvey registered eight. Jacquay added seven digs as well for the Lady Warriors. Crozier and Harvey dished out 17 and 16 assists, respectively.

PANTHERS COME UP SHORT IN SECTIONALS

The Paulding boys golf team wrapped up its 2024

high school boys golf season Thursday as the Panthers came up short of qualifying to the district at Moose Landing Country Club outside of Ottawa.

Napoleon, Ottawa Glandorf and St. Marys claimed the district berths by taking the top three team spots in the sectional.

Paulding posted an 11th place finish as a team as the Panthers carded a 363 as a squad.

Johnathan Lipps led the way for the Panthers with an 88 and Nico Stahl chipped in an 89. Brandon Schroeder and Austen Kinder each carded a

93 for the maroon and white while Nick Hatcher posted a 101.

SUTTON, DAVIS LEAD RAIDERS TO DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Kyle Sutton shot a 76 and Conner Davis posted a 78 to lead the Wayne Trace boys golf team to the Division III district tournament with a second-place finish in the sectional at Pike Run Golf Course outside of Ottawa Thursday.

Kalida captured the sectional championship with a 316 while the Raiders were second at 317 and Miller City finished third with a 324.

Brody Rosswurm aided the Raider cause with an 81 while Jared Varner posted an 82 and Tyson Gerber shot an 88.

Hicksville finished seventh as a team at 365 as Kolton Adams shot an 83 and Parker Bassett shot an 87. Jack Bourgeois finished with a 97 for the Aces while Charlie Karacson recorded a 98 and Luke Eicher posted a 103.

Antwerp tied for ninth after recording a 383 as Braylen Moreno totaled an 80 and Zaine McMichael carded a 90. Other Archer scorers were Dylan Hahn (101), Griffin Kosch (112) and Draven Baumert (114).

Fairview was eleventh as a team as the Apaches totaled a 387 behind a 91 from Jonah Shininger and a 92 by Xavier Shininger. Reese Winkler (100), Anthony Singer (104) and Drew Ford (105) completed the Apache list of players.

LADY CADETS SWEEP ARCHERS

Antwerp made the long trip to West Unity for a Monday night non-league volleyball matchup against Hilltop where the host Cadets recorded a three-set sweep of the Archers.

The Lady Cadets took the opener 25-18 before following that up with back-to-back victories of 25-20 each in wrapping up the night.

Briley Bagley finished with nine digs, four kills and six aces to lead the way for Antwerp and Amelia Graham chipped in five kills and five digs.

Madison Peters dished out 19 assists to go along with seven digs and Caroline Rohrs totaled 16 digs and two aces for Antwerp. Alexis Otto finished the night with six kills and three digs while Haydyn Lengacher totaled two kills and two digs.

Allison Sproles picked up two kills while Emery Jones posted eight digs and a pair of aces to aid the Lady Archer cause. Clara Rohrs also picked up six digs for Antwerp.

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wrestler and her brother, Ruger Goetzenleuchter also wrestled in high school. Collins is also the physical education and art teacher at Divine Mercy School in Payne. She is married to Nick and they have two children.

Collins will coach both the junior high and high school teams. She has several years experience as she was coach for the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club which teaches athletes in elementary ages the disciplines of wrestling. Her brother, Ruger, will be Collins'

LADY RAIDERS ON TO DISTRICTS

The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders advanced to the Division II district tournament last Tuesday with a second-place finish in the girls golf sectional tournament at Auglaize Golf Course.

Van Buren won the sectional with a 342 while Wayne Trace took second at 372 and Patrick Henry finished third with a 382.

Ella Crosby led the way for the Lady Raiders with an 88 while Reagan McGarvey posted a 90 and Tori Young carded a 95. Ryann Jay chipped in a 99 for the red, white and blue and Olivia Baughman finished with a 107.

Individual qualifiers for the district tournament include North Central's Sophia Eustace with an 86 followed by Fairview's Natalie Timbrook with an 87 and Stryker's Kennedy Morr posted an 88.

Antwerp finished in 11th place as a team with a 548 as Madison Schmidt led the Lady Archers with a 116. Kara Pierce posted a 131 for the blue and white while Miley Jewell carded a 145 and Maylynn Carnahan chipped in a 156. Sara Farr completed the Antwerp golfers with a 165.

Also participating but coming up short in advancing were Hicksville's Aleyah Keeley with a 93, Fairview's Camryn Whitaker (108), Hicksville's Madalyn Hedge (108), Paulding's Delaney Dachenhaus (112), Hicksville's Gabriella Fisher (124) and Fairview's Abri Elson (139).

ANTWERP ARCHERS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM TRAVEL TO EDGERTON

Saturday, the XC teams traveled to Edgerton for the Edgerton Invitational. Lots of new personal bests were ran!

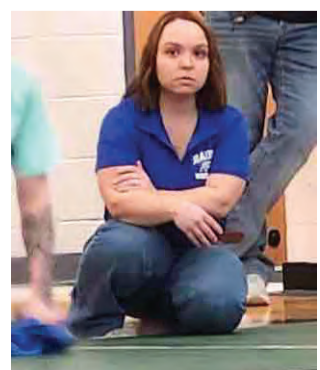
The junior high girls started off the morning placing 3rd as a team out of 19 schools. They were led by 10th place finisher Gianna Laker, followed by Brooklynn Lawson, Heidi Rice, Annabelle Mowery, Charlotte Hook, and Aleta Sorrell.

In the JH boys race, Krayston Eicher was the lone Archer to compete and he finished 50th.

The Varsity Lady Archers were up next and placed 6th as a team out of 19 schools. They were led by 20th place finisher Reese Durbin. Followed closely by Emily Laker, Alia Clem, Raelynne Zuber, Gabriella Snyder, Annaliese Xijlstra, and Taylor Stiebling.

The Varsity Boys rounded out the day and placed 9th as a team. They were led by 6th place finisher Kamren Johnson, followed closely by

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assistant coach. She is currently going through some training courses to be up to date on the rules and regulations at this fairly new division

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of high school sports.

For this first season of girls wrestling, Collins will be coaching eight high schoolers, and six junior high athletes. There are several other schools who will also have girls teams this year - including some GMC schools. Conditioning starts October 21st and first official practice for the girls will be the beginning of November. The girls' team will share practice space with the boys' team.

Collins is looking forward to what this first season of girls wrestling will hold. "It's definitely going to be a rookie

season. We had 14 girls sign up, but we know we may not end up with all of them. It's a grueling sport. My main goal is to help girls grow as athletes, and do their best. We have a couple who have been in Club for a while and some fresh faces. I really have high hopes for something new for female athletes in the area."

Girls wrestling is expected to expand and grow with each passing year, adding wrestlings and teams from all other not only the state but nationwide. Girls wrestling is the fastest growing sport in the country right now.



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PAULDING COUNTY 5TH GRADE GREEN DAY



The annual GREEN Day event for all the 5th grade students in Paulding County was held this past Friday, September 27 at the Black Swamp Nature Center and the Paulding County Fairgrounds. The Growing Resources in Education Exploration in Nature Field Day rotated approximately 250 kids and teachers through 10 educational stations throughout the day, experiencing presentations from field experts on a variety of natural resource and conservation topics. This program is organized by Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District and is designed to get kids outside and connected to nature. Decades of research support the concept of daily play outside, in nature, is so important for the growth, health, and development of children. Exposing kids to nature and fostering an appreciation of the outdoors is also important for the conservation and protection of natural resources.

Ohio State University Water Quality Extension Associates discussed pollution run-off and how that affects water quality while the kids make their own "Lake in a Bag." Soil Health, erosion and land formations were also part of the day's activities. Kids got to participate in a hands-on erosion table demonstration and also played with an Augmented Reality Sandbox, which is a hands-on exhibit combining a real sandbox, and virtual topography technology. It teaches geographic, geologic, and hydrologic concepts. Touching pelts as kids

learned about wildlife native to our area is always a favorite session. Kids also learned about the importance of the forestry industry and the everyday products that trees give us. They also participated in games that demonstrated the critical dangers that invasive species play in our ecosystem and the plight of the monarch butterfly. Kids also immersed themselves in nature as they walked in the woods and identified various trees, plants, and wildlife.

Participants are always excited to visit the ODNR Wildlife Officers and their stations from area counties. They worked with the kids introducing them to archery, and gun safety at their stations and got some practice in casting for fishing as well. These activities help expose kids to outdoor activities that they might not otherwise get the opportunity to experience and teaches them safe practices in the learning experience.

Participants were given a t-shirt and lunch, made possible by generous community sponsors including Van Wert County Foundation, Cooper Farms, Mink Solar, Paulding Putnam Operation Round Up, Holcim, Bob Sinn & Son's Farms, and many more! Flatrock Dairy donated milk for the kids and Ag Credit Paulding donated bottled water.

Organizers are incredibly grateful for the Paulding High School FFA students, volunteers, presenters, and sponsors of this event, for without them, it would not be possible.

to Allen East on Monday, the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders made the bus ride home a little more enjoyable with a sweep of the Mustangs in non-league volleyball action.

The Lady Raiders nipped the Mustangs 25-23 in the opening set before defeating Allen East 25-18 in the second set. Wayne Trace then closed



Lisa McClure (Kiwanis Club president) and Mindy Stoller (Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center)

STOLLER SPEAKS TO PC KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Mindy Stoller of Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center as the guest speaker at the October 3d, 2024 club meeting. Mindy came at the invitation of Traci Koenig.

Mindy spoke about the many services provided at their location of 1030 W. Wayne Street Paulding, including pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, and baby supplies, along with education. Mindy also reminded us how precious life is. Thank you, Mindy for the work you do in Paulding County.

out the match by cruising to a 25-12 victory in game three.

Torree Sinn topped the red, white and blue effort with nine kills with Lexi Moore adding eight and Harper Myers chipping in four. Careen Winans added three slams for Wayne Trace while Addison Stoller and Amber Stoller both picked up two.

In serving, Careen Winans paced the Lady Raiders with five aces and Moore recorded a trio of aces. Myers and Olivia Zartman aided the Wayne Trace cause with two aces apiece.

Moore also finished with seven blocks for the Red, white and blue and Lorie Sinn dished out 11 assists. Zartman added six helpers for Wayne Trace on the night and Amber Stoller posted three.

Myers and Zartman picked up eight digs for the Lady Raiders with Kendall Denning and Moore recording six apiece.

LADY WARRIORS RECORD WIN OVER PATRIOTS

The Woodlan Lady Warriors cruised to a four-set win over visiting Heritage in ACAC volleyball action Tuesday night as Woodlan improved to 12-6 overall and 2-2 in the league.

The Lady Warriors won the first two sets, taking game one 25-17 before winning 25-18 in the second set. After Heritage answered with a 25-16 victory in the third set, Woodlan wrapped up the evening by defeating the Patriots 25-16 in game four.

Alyssa Anderson posted 11 kills to lead the way for Woodlan with Carsyn Wills chipping in ten slams. Makaila Gruber recorded nine slams to aid the Lady Warrior cause and Katy Bottoms finished with six kills.

Gruber and Jade Lichty picked up two aces apiece for Woodlan while Gruber recorded four blocks. Bottoms, Eve Eager and Ander-

son all had two blocks as well for the Lady Warriors.

Makenna Smith topped Woodlan with 23 digs and Lichty picked up 13 while Alix Jacquay recorded ten. Victoria Crozier and Alyssa Harvey dished out 15 and 14 assists, respectively, for Woodlan.

Maya Ehrman finished with 20 assists for Heritage with Gabby Roussey recording 13 digs while Ava Johnson and Lucy Buuck totaled nine digs apiece.

Alexa Walter and Ehrman also picked up seven digs each to aid the Lady Patriot cause.

Johnson and Kendall Roy recorded three and two blocks, respectively, for Heritage and Johnson also finished with three aces.

Walter posted 13 kills for Heritage and Alana Gutshall chipped in eight slams for the Lady Patriots, who are now 11-9 overall and 1-3 in the ACAC.

PAULDING WINS BATTLE OF PANTHERS

It was a battle of the Panthers in high school volleyball action Monday evening where visiting Paulding won over Delta in Fulton County.

The maroon and white held off the green and white 25-17 in the opener before rolling to a 25-9 victory in game two. Paulding then outlasted Delta in the third set to complete the sweep with a 25-23 decision.

Brianna Bermejo picked up eight digs and recorded three kills for Paulding with Estie Pease dishing out ten assists while Addison Shull finished with four aces and a dozen digs.

Tori Schlatter chipped in 18 digs and six kills for the maroon and white while Grace Goyings added 11 helpers. Lucy Breier posted two kills as well for Paulding with Addison Arend totaling six kills and one ace. Kayleigh Dunham picked up eight kills and three blocks to aid the

Lady Panther cause and Marley Parrett recorded 11 kills. defeated the green and white

Paulding's junior varsity by scores of 25-14 and 25-15.

was also victorious on the

WOODLAN FFA'S ANNUAL WABASH ERIE DAY



Woodlan Jr/Sr High School held their annual Wabash Erie Day on Friday, September 27th.

Wabash Erie is a day the FFA students plan and organize for second graders coming from nearby schools to learn about how life was lived in the 1800's on the canal. This year, Woodlan had many second grade students com-

ing from multiple different schools. Some activities the FFA includes in Wabash Erie are: learning about tiling tools, learning how to make apple cider, and many more. Some of the students favorite parts this year were the pumpkin decorating because they were able to take their own decorated pumpkins home with them and show their parents.

INDIANS TAKE VICTORY OVER PANTHERS

Non-league volleyball action took place at the 'Jungle' Monday night where Wauseon outlasted host Paulding for a 15-12 victory in the decisive fifth set.

The Lady Panthers recorded a 25-22 win in game one of the night with Wauseon taking the second set 25-19.

Games three and four were both exciting as the Panthers won the third set 25-23 before the Indians took game four 28-26 to even the match at two wins apiece.

Wauseon then won the decisive fifth set to capture the match with a 15-12 victory.

Marley Parrett finished with a dozen kills, three blocks

and two aces for the maroon and white with Grace Goyings totaling 24 assists, three aces and ten digs. Kayleigh Dunham picked up 17 kills and four blocks for the Lady Panthers and Addison Shull chipped in 19 digs and one ace.

Tori Schlatter chipped in six kills and Lucy Breier contributed 11 kills and two blocks for Paulding. Brianna Bermejo recorded six kills, two blocks and an ace for the Lady Panthers and Estie Pease dished out 26 assists.

Addison Arend totaled four kills to aid the Paulding cause as well.

Paulding picked up victories in both the freshman and junior varsity match, including wins of 26-24 and 25-16 in the reserve sets.

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Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153
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APPEALS COURT HEAR CASES IN PAULDING



A special visit by the Third District Court of Appeals judges made their way to a Paulding County in a Historic visit on October 1st. The three judge panel heard two cases in front of a government class at Wayne Trace along with our local judges, prosecutors and attorneys in Paulding County. The appeals judges took their seats in the Paulding County Common Pleas Court in the second floor of the historic Paulding County Courthouse. The Honorable Judge Tiffany Beckman withdrew from the bench in her own courtroom to become a spectator herself in the public gallery. She said, "This is the first time I can remember the visiting court of appeals ever coming to Paulding County." Adding that she has been a sitting judge for 18 years. The Ohio Supreme Court had visited once and it was very tight because of the number of judges that needed to sit around the judges bench. Of the two cases that were heard one originated in Paulding County. The Paulding App. 11-24-04, Timothy

A. Feasby, et al. v. Joseph Garza, et al., John Hatcher for Appellants, Timothy and Rhonda Feasby. Timothy Holtsberry for Appellees, Joseph and Karen Garza. The case heard by the Appeals court was about a dispute of the payment of part of the fence separating their properties. The second case was over OVI charges brought against the defendant in Van Wert County. 2) Van Wert No. 15-24-04, State of Thomas C. Medford; Kenneth Rexford for Appellant, Thomas Medford; Dillon Stass for the State of Ohio. When the hearings finished judges John R. Willamowski, William R. Zimmerman, and Mark C. Miller asked if there was any questions or comments. One of the questions asked by West Bend News is what is the state of the situation of incoming attorneys vs retiring defenders? The response was there is a great need for young people to get into the profession. Williamoski stated that there seems to be a lot less judges in

their 40's than those in their 30's or 50's. Judges cannot run for office past the age of 70 in Ohio, and two of the courts positions are in their last term. Several students also asked questions about the cases, and the judges ask questions to the students. The attorneys for the Van Wert County case also explained their backgrounds. The website for court included this: The Court of Appeals for the Third Appellate District is one of twelve intermediate appellate courts established under Section 3, Article IV, of the Ohio Constitution. The Court has appellate jurisdiction as may be provided by law to review the judgments and final orders issued by common pleas courts, municipal courts and county courts in the district. The Court also has original jurisdiction to decide in the first instance petitions for writ of mandamus, habeas corpus, quo warranto, prohibition and procedendo. Although the Court's office is located in Allen County, the Third Appellate District covers the counties of Allen, Auglaize, Crawford, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Logan, Marion, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Seneca, Shelby, Union, Van Wert and Wyandot. The young people came out and learned a lot through this court session held in Paulding. I'm sure it won't be forgotten soon.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

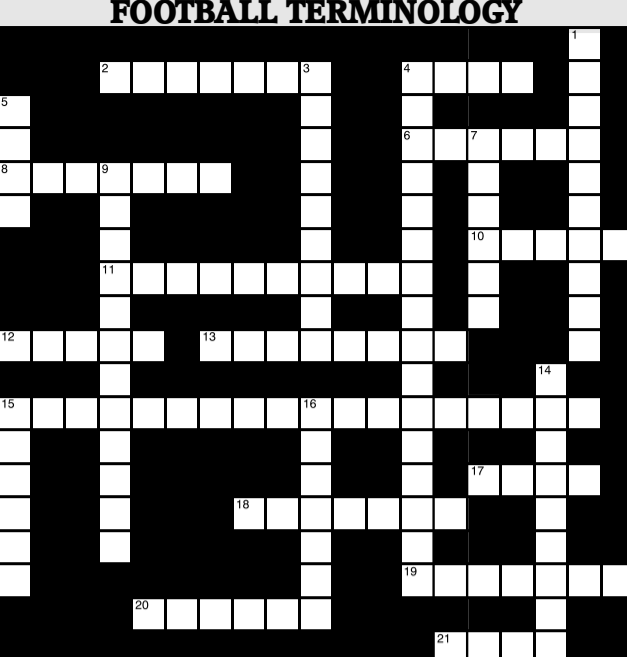
Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report
Drew A. Ducheny, Middle Point, OH; Telephone harassment; Guilty; 180 days jail, 125 suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Evaluation and complete counseling; No contact with victim; Risk assessment; No alcohol or drugs; Probation to determine online classes; 210 days EMHA
Kaidan Dempsey, Woodburn, IN; Telecommunication harassment; Pled no contest, found guilty; 90 days jail, suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No contact with victim
Riley B. Leatherman, Oakwood, OH; Flee/elude; Guilty; 20 days jail; Operator license suspended from 9/24/24 to 3/25/25; Defendant to pay all costs; Jail time and operator license suspension shall run concurrent with Common Pleas case
Roger C. Eckart, Nobleton, FL; Prohibited acts, Case dismissed per state, with prejudice, Costs to defendant
Brian D. Ripke, Oakwood, OH; OP food no license; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs to defendant
Pam Huth, New Haven, IN; Op food no license; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice, Costs to defendant
Steven E. Nickols, Payne, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Luke A. Buchanan, Defiance, OH; Driving under suspended, viol restr; Case dismissed; Costs waived
Alexis C. Bartley, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Aurora Fleites, Toledo, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Nasheed S. Fakhouri, Toledo, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Ty R. Tinlin, Payne, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Kerby R. Miller, Delphos, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Gerald L. Cameron, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Gurpreet S. Sidhu, Caledon, ON; Over length; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Timothy D. Sibert, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On September 19, a resident reported that his daughter had been involved with a domestic dispute with her boyfriend. Nothing physical occurred but the caller wanted it documented. On September 22, a motor vehicle accident was reported at the Sunoco station on Erie St. The officer responded and a report was made. No damage was found on the building. On September 24, a motor vehicle accident was reported in the school parking lot. The officer responded and wrote the report. On September 26, a vehicle was stopped for improper passing. The driver was cited for that along with driving under suspension. On September 26, a vehicle was stopped for loud exhaust and failing to make a complete stop near Washington St. The driver was stopped and the driver was cited for the reasons along with driving under suspension. On September 27, the Antwerp Police Department was contacted to assist the School Resource Officer in locating a juvenile who missed approximately, 10 days of school. The juvenile was located and the information was relayed to the school. On September 27, a resident of Stone St. reported a suspicious vehicle. The officer attempted to locate but was not successful. However, the officer was able to find the owner through the description and registration on the vehi-



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. The play that starts each half and follows scoring plays.
4. Kicking the ball to the opposing team, usually on 4th down.
6. A defensive play resulting in two points.
8. When the quarterback changes the play at the line of scrimmage.
10. A defensive strategy to rush the quarterback.
11. A kick worth one point after a touchdown.
12. Preventing an opponent from tackling the ball carrier.
13. A long, desperate pass thrown toward the end zone.
15. Attempting to score two points after a touchdown instead of kicking.
17. Tackling the quarterback behind the line of scrimmage.
18. Moving the ball by running, not passing.
19. The area a player must enter to score a touchdown.

DOWN

1. A type of pass play where the quarterback fakes a handoff before throwing.
3. A scoring kick worth three points.
4. A penalty for illegally obstructing a receiver's chance to catch a pass.
5. The exchange of the ball from the center to the quarterback.
7. When a player loses possession of the ball.
9. A pass caught by the defensive team.
14. Scoring play worth six points.
15. Bringing down the player with the ball.
16. A penalty where a player crosses the line of scrimmage before the ball is snapped.

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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:
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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 opening 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;
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RESULTS OF PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION AT DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE REVEALED OCT. 19

Hear the results of a paranormal investigation conducted recently at Defiance Public Library during a special presentation by author and paranormal investigator James Willis, set to take place at the library, 320 Fort St., on Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. Willis, a nationally recognized author and paranormal researcher, will take attendees

on a journey through local folklore and eerie tales as he presents 'Ghosts and Legends of Defiance County,' a free program that is open to all adults. The program will take place in the library's Nellie Gary Reading Room, and no registration is needed.

Willis has authored several books, including The Big Book of Ohio Ghost Stories, Ohio's Historic Haunts, and Central Ohio Legends and Lore, in addition to contributing to six books in the popular Weird US series. He is also founder of The Ghosts of Ohio (ghostsofOhio.org), a group dedicated to investigating and researching reports of hauntings throughout the state.

Willis and his team investigated the library in August and will share the results of that investigation for the first time at this program.

Willis' visit is sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library. For more information about the event, call 419-782-1456.

PPEC MEMBERS DONATE \$13,300 TO 12 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



The United Way of Putnam County received a \$1,000 donation from PPEC members through the co-op's Operation Round Up program. The funds were used to purchase backpacks and other school supplies for their annual back-to-school giveaway.

Members of Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative recently donated \$13,300 to 12 local charities and community projects through the cooperative's Operation Round Up

program. About 80% of PPEC members round up their electric bill and donate those pennies to this fund, making a huge impact in the co-op's north-

west Ohio and northeast Indiana communities.

Participating members round up their monthly electric bill to the next dollar, with the extra pennies being used to help fund charities and groups in their communities. Each quarter, the funds are dispensed to local causes that applied for funding.

The most recent donation recipients include:

- Children's Hunger Alliance: \$1,000 to purchase weekend meal packs for local schools.
- Crime Victim Services of Lima: \$1,000 to fund their violence prevention program.
- Family Healthcare of NW Ohio: \$1,500 toward dental equipment for procedures.
- First United Methodist Church of Van Wert: \$1,500 for Operation Back to School: supplies, backpacks, and hygiene items.
- Hope's Harbor: \$1,100 toward family expenses for overnight stays at the children's hospital.
- Lima Symphony Orchestra: \$1,000 toward the annual Young Peoples Concert.
- Miller City-New Cleveland HS HOSA: \$1,000 for the International Leadership Conference costs in Texas.
- Operation Clean Duds: \$1,000 toward free laundry services for Paulding County
- Ottoville Fire Association: \$1,600 to purchase a Piercing Nozzle Kit for EV and concealed fires
- Paulding County EMA: \$600 to purchase Poly Tarps to use during storms.
- Paulding High School History Club: \$1,000 for the juniors' and seniors' trip to Gettysburg, Washington D.C. and Charlottesville
- United Way of Putnam County: \$1,000 for the Annual Back-to-School Giveaway (backpacks and supplies)

Operation Round Up was started in 2010 as a way to give back to PPEC's communities. Groups in both Ohio and Indiana can apply. Organizations can apply for Operation Round Up assistance by contacting Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op's Marketing and Communica-

tions Manager, Samantha Kuhn, at skuhn@ppec.coop or visiting www.ppec.coop/operation-round. If you want to participate by rounding up your monthly bill, call PPEC's office at 800-686-2357. The average member's donation is about \$6 per year.



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When: October 13 and 14, 7:00 PM
Where: Van Wert Civic Theatre, 118 S. Race St., Van Wert

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For more information please contact us at 419-238-9689.

IHSAA SECTIONAL SOCCER MATCHUPS SET

Boys and girls sectional soccer pairings were released by the Indiana High School Athletic Association on Sunday with games taking place between October 7 and October 12.

Class 3A sectional boys soccer will take place at Northrop High School in Fort Wayne.

Opening round action in the sectional features North Side against Northrop while DeKalb tangles with South Side and New Haven plays Fort Wayne Carroll.

Fort Wayne Snider will tangle with the victor of the North Side-Northrop contest with the DeKalb-South Side and New Haven-Carroll winners battling each other.

In Class 2A, sectional action will be hosted by Lakeland and Concordia Lutheran.

At Lakeland, opening round sectional play features Garrett against Angola and Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger takes on Leo. Those two winners will meet in a sectional semifinal with the other semifinal game between Lakeland and West Noble.

At Concordia, Bellmont takes on Fort Wayne Bishop Luers in in one quarterfinal contest with Manchester playing Heritage in a sectional quarterfinal as well. The final quarterfinal matchup features

PJHS FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS



On Saturday, September 28th eighth grade students from Paulding Junior High School volunteered at the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Paulding, Ohio. Shown in the picture from left are: James Gonzales, Parker Bates, Austin Hicks, Mr. Hurd, Trinity Gerbers, and Mr. Davis.

Norwell taking on Woodlan.

Concordia Lutheran will play in a sectional semifinal against the Bellmont-Bishop Luers winner with the Manchester/Heritage and Norwell/Woodlan survivors tangling against each other.

In girls Class 3A, Fort Wayne North Side will be the host of sectional play.

Host North Side plays Carroll in the sectional opener with the winner advancing to battle Snider in a sectional semifinal. The other sectional semifinal features Leo against Fort Wayne Northrop.

Heritage and Woodlan are both in the Class 2A, Sectional 20 hosted by Norwell.

Fort Wayne Canterbury battles Heritage in sectional quarterfinal play with the winner advancing to take on Norwell in the sectional semifinal.

On the other side of the bracket, Woodlan plays Fort Wayne Bishop Luers and Bellmont goes up against New Haven with those two winners advancing to battle each other.

"COHERT VAN VOORHES" CHAPTER OF KOKOMO TOUR THE HOME OF GENE STRATTON PORTER

The National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century "Coert Van Voorhees" Chapter of Kokomo, Indiana met on Sept. 28th, 2024 at Rome City, Indiana to tour the home and grounds of novelist and Naturalist: Gene Stratton Porter. Prior to the tour, the chapter members met in Kendallville at the Blue

Sky Rest, for lunch before proceeding to the tour. From Paulding, Co. Ohio - Member, Caroline Wells Longardner and a friend, Joe LaFountain attended. (Caroline's membership is thru her ancestor: John Bishop, Ct.) Other members present included one potential new member.

This home and grounds of Gene Stratton Porter are beautiful even today. It is located on Sylvan Lake, Indiana. There is a gift shop offering some of her books ("Freckles", "Song of the Cardinal", and "At the Foot of the Rainbow" and many other interesting "nature" items). This tour of her beautiful log cabin (huge) home is still as it was when she lived there. She was a wealthy woman when she died because of her talents.

She eventually left Indiana and built another mansion in California. Plans were for a 22 room mansion, 4 car garage (she did not drive); servants quarters; outside were ponds with fish, greenhouse and tennis court. This "Wildwood Flowers" estate was now up for sale to the state of Indiana.

Gene Stratton Porter was killed in an auto accident less than one block from her new home in a collision with her Lincoln and a street car. (She died 2 hours later, 6Dec1924) her final wishes were: "to be buried out in the open, and plant a tree on my grave; I do not want a monument...a refuge for a bird nest is all the marker that I want."

Private services were held at her South Serrano resi-

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PAULDING JH CROSS COUNTRY EARN 2ND AT EDGERTON INVITE



The Paulding Junior High cross-country team earned second place at the Edgerton Invitational on Saturday, September 28th. Shown in the picture are members of the PJHS cross-country team holding the trophy they received.

CLOTHES FOR KIDS RECEIVES GRANT



Congratulations Clothes For Kids - Defiance Area Foundation for receiving a \$1,000 grant from the Keith Hubbard Family Fund. Clothes for Kids has begun and if you are interested in becoming a shopper, please email deficlothesforkids@gmail.com. To join in supporting the kids monetarily, please visit the Clothes for Kids Facebook page for the PayPal link or consider dropping a check off at Defiance Area Foundation. Pictured representing the gift are (L to R) Steve Hubbard, Katie Groff - Clothes for Kids Co-Chair, and Tom Hubbard.

dence by an Episcopal minister. No tree was put on Gene Stratton Porter's grave. Her body was put into a vault

where it remained for 10 years until 1934. She was then interred in Crypt 217 Foyer "F" of the Hollywood Ceme-

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tery. Gene's daughter, Jeanette, was the sole legatee of this estate, which was approximated at 1/2 million dollars.

Gene Stratton was born on a farm in Wabash CO., Indiana in 1863, the youngest of 12 children. She spent most of her time observing wildlife and roaming the woods. She loved the outdoors and she was also very influenced by the religious teachings of her father, Mark Stratton. Gene was very much a "loner" with nature as her closest friend.

As a child, Gene Stratton, ran barefoot down paths and lonely roads. As a young woman she lived in the shadows of an uncharted swamp. As her life came to close, she was still seeking fulfillment like she alone understood it. That would have been on a secluded mountaintop or in an open field teamed with wildflowers, birds and butterflies.

Gene Stratton married Charles Porter 21April1886. "Mr. Porter" always gave Gene her personal freedom. As a married couple they lived in different homes. Charles Porter was not mentioned in Gene's will. Gene's husband, Charles Dorwin Porter, d. In 1926.

Submitted by: CD XVII Cent. Member, Public Relations, Caroline Wells Longardner

DEALING WITH WEATHER & CUTTING COSTS

For most farmers, the weather has turned dry with corn and soybeans leaves drying down. A good August rain can add bushels to soybeans and help fill out the corn. While some farmers have received adequate rain this year, the weather patterns have been fickle. Most areas are in a drought now. It seems like the same areas get rain, perhaps too much at times while other areas get missed. A good explanation for this is that good growing crops that got early rain are transpiring more water into the atmosphere, generating more moisture in those areas. Whatever the reason, it can be exasperating for those lacking rain.

This year, there has been more sun activity than normal. The northern lights and

magnetic fields have dipped into Southern Michigan and Northern Ohio and Indiana. While the light shows may be fun to watch, it also has an affect on our weather. The sun is still the major generator of weather. A prediction was that we could either have a drought early or late this summer. For some farms, they got adequate moisture early, but also some farms have been lacking moisture all year. Historically, the drought in the 1930's lasted several years and we could be in the middle to the turning point on a similar situation this decade.

To combat warmer, hotter temperatures and drought; conservation practices like no-till and cover crops can keep the soil in place and keep moisture recycling, both in the air, and in the soil for long-term storage. For farmers, the weather and climate is something to always talk about because it effect crop yields. Since prices are about half what they were 3-4 years ago, farmers need to cut costs to survive, not only against current dry conditions but also low prices.

With the cost of fuel and equipment, no-tilling at least soybeans and wheat makes sense. Tillage costs may range from \$40-\$50 per acre and saving one tillage pass can greatly reduce costs, but also saves labor. Using a strip till machine ahead of the planter, even mounted ahead of the planter, on 30-inch rows for corn, allows the soil to warm up faster and still gives 80% of the benefits of no-till if a 6-inch strip is tilled. Every tillage pass dry out your soil 0.5-1.0 acre-inch.

Since corn is either not profitable or barely profitable, many farmers may be planting soybeans after soybeans. To prevent disease and to increase crop yields, crop rotation is a standard practice. Adding a cheap grass cover crop like oats and radish which winter kill, breaks up disease cycle. The Ohio H20 program pays \$35 an acre for an over wintering cover crop (50% live crop in the spring), so either planting cereal rye alone or adding it 50% to a mixture can be beneficial.

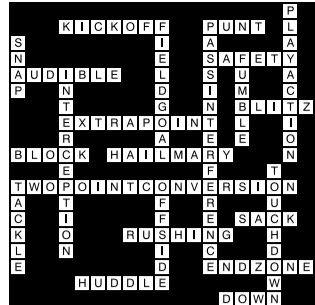
Normally, farmers apply

cover crop several ways including an airplane, helicopter, drones and high boys. However, cover crops need a minimum of 1 inch (2 inches is better) of moisture and about 60 days of growth before cold weather sets in. To get good stands, drilling is always the best method, especially if moisture is short. You also need to watch out for herbicide carryover which is prevalent in dry weather. To test for herbicide carryover, dig up some soil, and plant some cover crop seed in a pot with the soil. Give it a moderate amount of water, and watch the growth. Cover crop seeds may germinate, and even grow short-term, but generally die off as the herbicide carryover in the soil increases.

If dry weather persists into the spring, plan to terminate the cover crop early. If it stays wet, allow the cover crop to grow to increase transpiration, which helps dry out a soil. Next year, surface cover crop residue helps lower surface soil temperatures and reduces moisture losses going into summer.

The last few years, the best crops seem to be those that are planted early. Early planting allows crops to become more deep-rooted and branch out to obtain more soil moisture. The last three years, June has been hotter than normal (more like August weather), so crops that were deeper rooted could survive the heat and drought stress. Crops planted later, tended to suffer more. If the current trend continue for another 2-3 years, strategize on ways to gets crops planted earlier. Lighting the load, improving drainage, and use cover crops and their roots to increase soil stability to get crops planted earlier. Farmers planting cover crops often are missing an opportunity to plant earlier because they think the soil is too wet. Try it sometime, you may be surprised.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services



Crossword solution from page 9

DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET IN REGULAR SESSION 9/5/24

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2024, in the Hicksville Village Council Chambers. Vice President Phipps called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioner Mick Pocratsky; 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 events and discussed upcoming meetings.

The Commissioners awarded the bid for the Defiance County Fairgrounds electrical upgrades to Regent Electric of Toledo. The upgrades are expected to be completed by June of 2025 and are primarily being funded through State Capital Budget grant funds.

The Commissioners met with Ney Mayor Tom Vance and Hicksville Mayor Mike Barth to discuss housing development in the County. Officials from several jurisdictions are working together with Economic Development to ensure there will be adequate infrastructure for housing developments to come into the County.

As part of yesterday's Study Session, the Commissioners took a tour of the Defiance County Landfill with Landfill Director Warren Schlatter and Deputy Director Jeff Timbrook. The Defiance County Landfill is one of only a few county-owned landfills in Ohio. They took in a total of 686,859 cubic yards of material in 2023 for a total income of \$5.8 million, which was a record-setting year. Through the end of August, the totals for 2024 are 461,799 cubic yards and \$3.8 million.

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PAULDING AREA CHAMBER CELEBRATES BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS



By: Erica Noggle

The Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Banquet on Thursday, September 26, 2024. The Annual Banquet is the Chamber's opportunity to honor businesses and community members because without them our Paulding County Community wouldn't be as amazing as it is today. This year's theme was a play on the traditional Monopoly game to coincide with the creation of the Paulding County-opoly game.

The Chamber touched on many programs and collaborative projects that have occurred over the last year. Those projects ranged from the Community Clean Up Day with Paulding Exempted Village Schools to the current project that is underway with the Paulding County Trails Project. These efforts are a staple of the Chamber's mission to exemplify leadership by positively reinforcing and representing their members and businesses in the com-

munities that they proudly serve.

Throughout the evening the Chamber celebrated with the community by presenting 18 awards in the categories of Milestone Awards, Golden Shovel Awards, Business Leader of the Year, Young Professional of the Year and the Legacy Award. Memories by Tawnya was present to take professional headshots and to capture a picture of each award recipient throughout the evening.

Milestone Awards were presented to businesses and organizations in celebration of their years of service to the Paulding County community.

1 year - Heier Threads Holistic Wizard Wellness, LLC

15 years - Boyd Automotive, Ltd

20 years - Buckeye Hearing Health; Country Inn Enhanced Living Center

25 years - Paulding County Hospital Foundation

40 years - Fun Factory; Paulding County Economic

Development

70 years - Midwest Community Federal Credit Union

90 years - John Paulding VFW Post 587; Kauser Trucking

120 years - The Union Bank Company

The Golden Shovel Awards were presented to the following businesses that made improvements or expansions to their facilities to better serve their needs and those of the community.

1. A Plus Propane; 2. John Paulding Historical Society; 3. Grounded Coffee & Crumbs

The final three award recipients are chosen from nominations that were submitted by community members. Those nominations were passed along to three Chamber Directors in the states of Utah, New Jersey, and Wisconsin. Each of this year's awards recipients were chosen unanimously by those individuals.

Business Leader of the Year is presented to an indi-

vidual that has excelled within a leadership role in a Chamber member business. This individual is innovative, motivating to employees and civically engaged. This recipient may have acquired a long-term record of service or may have made one outstanding contribution that made a major impact in their business, industry and/or community. **This year's 2024 Business Leader of the Year is Bryce Steiner.**

The Young Professional of the Year award is presented to an individual (age 20-40) who has achieved a successful career and has made innovative contributions to their company/community. This individual has distinguished themselves as a future leader in the business/organization. **This year's 2024 Young Professional of the Year is Amber Gochenour.**

The Legacy Award recognizes an individual in our community that has given their time and talent to build a better tomorrow. **This year's 2024 Legacy Award recipient is Travis Tumbler.**

A fun and creative fundraising activity that occurs during the banquet is the Dessert Dash. Each table works together as a team to bid on a dessert. The table with the highest bid gets to 'dash' to the dessert table to claim their sugary goodness and then so on and so forth. This year's desserts were provided by Grounded Coffee and Crumb, Michelle Stanford, and Grant's Catering. The funds raised are then used by the Chamber throughout the year on Quality-of-Life projects throughout Paulding County. Through the kindness and generosity of the attendees we were able to raise \$2,432.

This year's Annual Banquet was made possible by the sponsorship of Northwest State Community College, State Bank & Trust, C.C. Seamless, Baughman Tile Company, Paulding Putnam Electric Co-Op, Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association, The Union Bank Company, Vancrest of Payne, and First Financial Bank. Memories by Tawnya was present to take professional headshots and to capture a picture of each award recipient.

THIS WEEK ON PCBW: JUDGE HARVEY HYMAN



Listen in this week as we discuss Paulding County legal representation with Juvenile & Probate Judge Harvey Hyman. Judge Hyman helps us understand the need for more homegrown attorneys in the county, the great strides Ohio is making in college tuition costs for attorneys, and how the office is making great new strides in deterring youth from the court system. Thank you to OhioMeansJobs for

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