

LATTA PRESENTS PAULDING COUNTY VETERAN WITH OVERDUE BRONZE STAR



William Young receives the Bronze Star for his service in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War

BOWLING GREEN, OH — Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) today presented Paulding County Veteran William Young with a Bronze Star for his meritorious service in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Young served as one of the members of the 'B' Company, 720th Military Police Battalion, Military Police Brigade.

This Bronze Star awarded to Young is part of a larger effort by Latta's office, spearheaded by a group of the members of the 'B' Company in their appeal to obtain the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB) to recognize their service during the Vietnam War. After Latta worked alongside the veterans, the Department of the Army concluded the men of 'B' Company performed actions essential to the success of the entire 720th MP Battalion during the Vietnam War, and they were recognized with Bronze Stars for their service.

Last year, Latta held a ceremony in the U.S. Capitol for 35 Vietnam Veterans to receive their Bronze Stars. To date, 74 Bronze Stars have been awarded to the men of 'B' Company.

"It was a true honor to present a Bronze Star to Mr. William Young, a Paulding County resident, who honorably served our great nation in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War," Latta said. "Mr. Young was trained to be a Military Policeman (MP) but when he arrived in Vietnam, his unit became part of the Bushwhackers whose duties included heading into the jungle to interdict North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops. And since they were MPs, the Army would not issue them the Combat Infantry Badge. I was pleased to work with the veterans to make sure they received the recognition they deserve - the Bronze Star. We

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WCCH BENEFIT AUCTION SUCCESSFULLY RAISES NECESSARY FUNDS



This year's Woodburn Christian Children's Home Auction took place on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at the Woodlan High School gym. There were over 400 people in attendance not counting the

numerous volunteers who were an integral part of organizing the event and making sure each aspect of the auction took off and went without a hitch. From the live auction (shown above) to the tables of

silent auction items, the auction brought in over \$150,000 for the children's home. These funds are significant since WCCH is privately funded by

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CHARIOTS OF FIRE TO BE SHOWN AT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP MOVIE NIGHT

On Sunday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. Bible Fellowship Church (in Paulding, OH across from the hospital) will be having a family movie night for all in the community.

The film, Chariots of Fire, winner of four Academy Awards, is the inspiring true story of two young British sprinters competing for fame in the 1924 Olympics. One of the athletes is Harold Abrahams, the son of a newly rich Jew who runs to overcome prejudice. The other is Eric Liddell, a Christian missionary.

The story is told in flashback, with Eric Liddell, a devout Scottish missionary, who had qualified for the 100 meter sprint, but when he found out at the Olympics the preliminary race was to be on Sunday, he refused to run because of his Christian convictions. He ended up competing and winning the 400 meter race when a British teammate relinquished his spot in the

400 meter because he had already won gold.

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

LIONS DONUTS & HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

The Woodburn Lions Club will have their final Donut Day on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 7:00 - 11:00 a.m./ at the Clock Tower in Woodburn. There will be Free Chalk Walk decorating starting at 9:30. Our annual Halloween Party starts at 7:30 pm at the Community Center. Look for our ad in this issue for additional information.

2025 VAN WERT PEONY PAGEANT NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The 50th Annual Van Wert Peony Pageant committee is now accepting applications for the 2025 event. The pageant is Friday, March 28 where the Golden Jubilee celebration will kick off as we crown Queen Jubilee 50, and award over \$5,000 in scholarships to our contestants. All contestants are guaranteed to receive

a scholarship of at least \$250.

Applicants must be a female member of the senior class at any of the following schools: Antwerp, Crestview, Continental, Delphos Jefferson, Delphos St. Johns, Fort Jennings, Kalida, Lincolnview, Ottoville, Parkway, Paulding, Vantage Career Center, Van Wert or Wayne Trace. Seniors currently enrolled in home education in any of these school districts are also strongly encouraged to apply.

To obtain an application, please visit your school's office, or email vanwertpeony-pageant@hotmail.com.

7th ANNUAL WOODBURN BUSINESSES PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

7th Annual Woodburn Businesses Pumpkin Decorating Contest.

Go to Woodburn Main Street On Facebook to vote for your favorite pumpkin. Voting October 21-25. Winners Announced October 26th at the Woodburn Halloween festivities. This event is sponsored by The Chop Shop Meat Market and Woodburn Main Street.

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

October 21

- Business Pumpkin Contest, Woodburn, voting thru 10/25

October 22

- NOCAC Housing Workshop @ Paulding Library, 5:30pm

October 26

- Women's Retreat @ 1st Pres Ch, Paulding 9a-1:30p
- Halloween VR Extravaganza @ACPL Main, 12pm
- Paranormal Presentation @ ACPL Main, 3pm

October 28

- Fall Fest @ Johnson Mem Library, Hicksville, 4-6pm

October 29

- World Stroke Day Halloween Party @ W.W. Knight Nature Preserve, Perrysburg, 5pm

November 1-2-3

- Anything Goes - Hicksville High School Production

November 2

- Christmas for Kids & Coats for Kids Sign Up @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-4p

November 8

- Huber Beer & Wine Tasting Event

November 9

- Mix Mingle & Jingle @ Christ Luth Ch, Woodburn, 9a-3p

November 8-16

- Festival of Trees @ PC History Museum, Paulding, (M-F, 4-8p; Sat, 10a-8p, Sun, 11a-4p)



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OBITUARIES



BRYAN, OH:

Murlin "Ross" Cox of Bryan, Ohio, a beloved husband, and cherished member of his family, passed away on Friday October 11, 2024, at the age of 82. His loss leaves a void in the lives of all who knew him. His positive energy and memories will forever be treasured.

Born on September 21, 1942, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Ross was the son of Otis & Eliene Cox of Payne, Ohio. He graduated from Payne High School in 1960 and on November 10, 1962, Ross married his loving wife, Connie Litzenberg.

Ross had a lifelong career in the tire industry starting in 1961 and retired after 39 years as a production manager. He supported the community through numerous ways including the Outreach Food Pantry, EMS, Boy Scouts, Junior Achievement, Bryan City Schools, and many other activities.

Ross was a man of great character and integrity, known for his love and unwavering support of friends and family. He was his grandchildren's biggest cheerleader, praying for them daily and encouraging them to reach their fullest potential.

Ross is survived by his children, Michael (Lauren) of Columbus, Mitchel (Sheila) of Simpsonville, South Carolina, Kendra (Tony) Reamsnyder of Alvordton & Mathew (Megan) of Avon Lake; grandchildren, Heather, Nicole, Abigail, Brendan, Kelsey, Meredith, Hannah, Joseph, Mallory & Maria; & 3 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his brothers, Kenny and Gene Cox; and his grandson Morgan Cox.

Ross will be laid to rest privately in Lehman Cemetery, Payne, Ohio.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.

CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY READY TO RECEIVE GIFTS OF GRAIN AT LOCAL ELEVATORS

The Caring & Sharing Food Pantry's purpose is to support Paulding County residents who are experiencing food insecurity. They are run entirely on donations of food and financial support from the local communities. Now, the pantry is prepared to also accept grain donations from farm owners. And the pantry will sell that grain



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area families and churches and organizations. They receive zero funds from the state or federal government.

WCCCH director, Joe Heins, commented about the 2024

auction, "The WCCCH Benefit Auction was tremendous success, raising vital funds to care for children and help replace the roofs. The local community continues to show their great love for discouraged children."



Photo credit: Susan Simpson

to help fund its annual budget.

The pantry has set up accounts at Mercer Landmark (all locations), Scott Equity Exchange in Scott and Cooper Grain & Feed in Paulding. The gift of grain can be made when the grain is delivered to the elevator. The farmer identifies how many bushels they would like to donate, and the elevator will facilitate the transaction.

Caring & Sharing Food Pantry has experienced significant growth over the past few years and continues to appreciate the actions of Paulding County neighbors helping their neighbors.

Over 12% Paulding County residents experience food insecurity, according to Feeding America, a nationwide network of food banks, food pantries and

local meal programs focused on ending hunger in the United States.

From 2021 to 2023, the number of people served by the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry has doubled.

The demand for the pantry's services continues trending up by 30% in 2024. This summer we served the most people ever over three consecutive months.

For more information about the pantry, volunteering opportunities and fundraising activities, follow the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry on Facebook.

If you have questions about the Gift of Grain program, please call the pantry, at (419) 399-9562 or send an email to info@caresharepantry.org.

PLASTIC SURGEON RETURNS TO HOMETOWN TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS



Evan Westrick, MD, has joined Parkview Physicians Group (PPG) - Plastic Surgery and is welcoming

patients at his office, 11141 Parkview Plaza Drive, Suite 300, on the Parkview Regional Medical Center campus in Fort Wayne.

A Fort Wayne native, Dr. Westrick is pleased to be practicing in the area where he grew up.

"I'm blessed to have a wonderful team at Parkview," said Westrick. "We look forward to having the opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of our patients."

"It is a genuine pleasure to welcome Dr. Westrick to our outstanding team of specialty physicians," said Dr. Roy Robertson, FACC, FSCAI, president of Parkview Heart Institute and physician leader of specialty service lines for Parkview Health. "We're excited about the level of care he will offer our patients, supporting those who are dealing with traumatic wounds, cancer or other conditions that can impact an individual's self-image, efficient healing or ability to function. As the needs of patients across the region have grown, we continue to respond by adding specialty providers like Dr. Westrick who share our dedication to the highest-quality care."

Westrick completed a fellowship in plastic and reconstructive surgery at the University of Louisville in

Louisville, Kentucky, after having discovered the field during his general surgery residency at Advent Health in Orlando, Florida. He received his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

He earned his bachelor's degree at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana, double majoring in biology and chemistry.

Westrick credits several people and events in his life for guiding him toward a medical career. Initially, he had planned on becoming a dentist, but the influence of a Parkview Health clinician set him on a different path.

"While I was in college, I had the opportunity to work with Dr. Michael Mirro of Parkview Physicians Group - Cardiology," Westrick said. "He had a contagious excitement, and I admired his keen knowledge of his specialty as well as his bedside manner. He struck me as the type of doctor I would want to emulate. I got to see him positively shape the lives of his patients while also working with his hands. That experience with him fostered my interest in the medical field, and in medical school, I found that surgery was the best fit for me. The broad field of plastic surgery offered me the opportunity to improve patients' quality of life and help restore part of what has been taken from them by trauma, cancer or time."

Within the plastic surgery specialty, he has particular interest in eyelid surgery, facial reconstruction, skin cancer reconstruction, breast reduction, body contouring and abdominal wall reconstruction.

Outside of work, Westrick stays very active, as his favorite pastime is training for and competing in triathlons. He enters "a few" Ironman 70.3 events each year and competes in local Olympic distance events as well. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Kelsey, whom he met while attending Concordia Lutheran High School. The couple has two children.

Dr. Westrick is seeing new patients. Call 260-425-6960 for questions and appointment scheduling.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING MENU

10/21 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, hot cinnamon apples, garlic bread, cookie

10/22 - Pork cutlet, sweet potatoes, Normandy blend, orange juice, WW bread, lemon pudding

10/23 - Chicken stew, Betty salad, tropical fruit, biscuit, gingerbread

10/24 - Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, ambrosia salad, bread, graham crackers; liver alt: mush. steak

10/25 - Shake & bake chicken, boiled potatoes, green bean casserole, mixed fruit, dinner roll

10/28 - Pot roast w/gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, apricots, WW bread, cookie bar

10/29 - Stuffed pepper casserole over white rice, tossed salad, hot apples, WW bread

10/30 - Boiled dinner w/smoked sausage, spinach salad, warm pitted cherries,

Scripture of the Week

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart, and wait for the Lord."

— Psalm 27:14

SCRIPTURES OF ENCOURAGEMENT



Deuteronomy 9:3 (KJV)

Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God is he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.

Deuteronomy 7:21 (KJV)

Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God is among you, a mighty God and terrible.

Isaiah 43:1-3 (KJV)

But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

For I am the LORD thy

God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

Psalm 27:1-5 (KJV)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD al the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to enquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me upon a rock.

Psalm 23 (KJV)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me besides the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Peace and Love,

—Pastor Dwayne

apple corn muffin, grape juice

10/31 - Pork roast w/gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned zucchini, peachy cream, dinner roll

**Low sodium/fat entree and non-concentrate sweet dessert modified meals are available. Swiss steak or chef salad can be ordered in place of liver & onions up to two days prior. Contact the PCSC for additional information.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

10/21 - Exercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Cornhole @ 10:30 a.m.; Bridge Club @ 12:30 p.m.

10/22 - Euchre @ 9:45 a.m.; Penny Pitch w/Meadows of Kalida @ 12:30 p.m.

10/23 - Rummy @ 9:00 a.m.; Wits Workout @ 10:00 a.m.; Bingo w/Buckeye Hearing @ 12:00 p.m.; Diamond Art w/Mike & Barbar @ 12:00 p.m.

10/24 - Euchre @ 9:45 a.m.; Exercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Presentation by Everheart Hospice @ 12:00 p.m.

10/25 - Pancake Bar @

9:00 a.m.; Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.; Bing w/Antwerp Manor @ 12:00 p.m.

10/28 - Exercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Cornhole @ 10:30 a.m.; Steering Committee Meeting @ 12:00 p.m.; Bridge Club @ 12:30 p.m.

Euchre @ 9:45 a.m.; Penny Pitch 2/Meadows of Kalida @ 12:30 p.m.

10/30 - Rummy @ 9:00 a.m.; Wits Workout @ 10:00 a.m.; Diamond Art w/Mike & Barbara @ 12:00 p.m.; Farmer's Market @ 1:30 p.m.

10/31 - Euchre @ 9:45 a.m.; Exercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Pumpkin decorating @ 10:00 a.m.; Costume Contest @ 12:15 p.m.; Popcorn / Cocoa Bar @ 12:45 p.m.

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FROM ONE FOODIE TO ANOTHER

Penny for your thoughts
by: Nancy Whitaker

Our world has always centered around food. Anyone who ever went hungry knows what I mean. When you feel a growling empty feeling in your tummy, you know you better get some chow.

I am a big foodie and always have been. Living with my grandparents until age 15, Grandma was a no nonsense old fashioned cook.

She made meals with fried potatoes, ham, and some kind of greens. Another dish she made was Cauli Ca Mosh. She took a can of creamed corn and a can of kidney beans and mixed together and warmed them up and served with some bacon. At age 5, that was the best meal of all, I thought.

One food I never tasted until I was 18 years old was shrimp. I had never heard of shrimp until I got married. When my husband found out I never tasted shrimp before, he took me out for a shrimp dinner.

He informed me to dip this little fried thing into sauce and then eat them. They were so good that, I did not know this, but I ate tails and all. Like I have said, I grew up in the 50's in the country and we had good food, but nothing like shrimp.

There is a show on the History Channel about The Food That Built America. The show features men like Milton Hershey, The Kellogg's Family, Mr. Post and the McDonald brothers, who sold their innovative eating place to Ray Kroc who now has McDonalds Restaurants in almost every country and city.

The man who came up with Coca Cola was a Civil War vet who died before he saw the success of Coke soda. By the way, the ones taking over Coca Cola removed cocaine from the beverage.

So American innovators and scientists had the determination and innovation to study and bring us the food we still eat today.

Food is such a big topic and one I love I may have to add another column dealing with school lunches.

Here are some weird food beliefs you may find interesting:

During the Nineteenth Century a preacher named Sylvester Graham invented graham crackers. He was concerned about carnal and promiscuous behaviors that he said his crackers would suppress those sins.



Fish and lemons have always been connected because years ago it was believed that lemon broke up the bones in fish.

One of our favorite treats is chocolate and it is said The Mayans used cocoa beans for currency.....

During WW2 the British is said to have made fake bananas. They took parsnips and mashed them and added a type of banana essence..... blah

Victorians used alum to whiten bread. Oh my! Alum was dangerous and could lead to all kinds of health problems even death.

The ancient Egyptians used honey to mummify their dead. Honey was thought to contain various items that helped preserve the body. King Alexander the Great was said to have been buried in a casket full of honey.

I am always amazed at the different food products that appear on grocery shelves such as the various kinds of Twinkies, Peeps and frozen treats. but that is a whole different topic.

Did you eat shrimp for meals when younger? Do you have any food myths? What about An Apple A Day Keeps The Doctor Away? Let me know and I'll give you A Penny For Your Thoughts!

BREWER SPEAKS TO KIWANIS CLUB



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Shawn Brewer, PFC (Panthers for Careers, Paulding High School) as the guest speaker at the October 17, 2024, club meeting. Shawn came at the invitation of Erica Noggle (Executive Director, Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce). Shawn spoke to the Kiwanians about the Panthers for Careers program that is offered to Seniors at Paulding High School. This program gives hardworking students the opportunity to work for local businesses to gain knowledge for future careers and gives them the opportunity to join the workforce. If your business is interested in having a student internship or work for your company or business, please reach out to Shawn Brewer.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THE STAINED GLASS AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ANTWERP



The current First United Presbyterian Church building in Antwerp Ohio was completed in 1902. It is all original construction including the stained glass. You may have noticed this past summer, a mason who specializes in preserving and restoring historical brick came and did some much needed maintenance on the limestone and brick exterior surface of the building. The historical accounts of the building of this church at the corner of Cleveland and River Streets lists the costs for the brick work, the stone work, the carpentry, finishing work, and stained glass. The description of the stained glass as recorded by the church historian is very detailed:

"The windows are of best opalescent glass. The large window in the front has an emblem and "Christ in Gethsemane", this being a memorial to Jane R. North and Isaac and Sarah Woodcox, the former by Naomi H. Osborne and the grandchildren of Mrs. North. The second window by Mrs. Alzada Champion in honor of her foster mother, Aunt Sally Woodcox. The window on the east side with the emblem of the sheaf of wheat and the words "I am the

bread of Life" is in memory of Elder Jesse Pocock by his children. On the west side with emblem and anchor is a memorial to Henry B. Ferguson by Mrs. Lydia A. Ferguson. The companion window having as its emblem a harp, is a memorial to Ruby M. Hallock by her mother. Back of the choir space, Phoenix P. Doering placed a window in memory of his son, Clyde Doering. The emblem is a dove."

Some of these names are very familiar to the area, and are steeped in Antwerp History. The congregation are compelled to secure the legacy of this building for not only its historical value to the community but also as a church family. These windows, which are about 120 years old, are in need of restoration to preserve them for the future generations. A committee of dedicated congregants - Kevin Woodcox, Diana Watson, Joel Wiechart - have embarked on a fundraising effort to restore the stained glass to their original glory. The price tag for the entire project is \$150,000. They understand that this is a huge project and will probably be done in stages for affordability. Some fund-raising efforts have already taken place - Day in the Park Food Ten, the Annual Fish Fry on Good Friday, a women's group

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.

CORRECTION

In last week's "Military History" column, Orville's photo was ran with his brother's article as Oliver. This week's article sets the record straight. We apologize for this oversight.

—WBN editors



MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry

Orville Donovan Overmyer was born November 27, 1893. The son of John Arthur Overmyer, born March 22, 1868 in Brownsville, Licking County, Ohio, and Ida Alice (Barton) Overmyer, born March 25, 1872 in Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana. This couple was married June 27, 1889. They became the proud parents to Mytle Bloom Overmyer born in 1891. Followed by Orville in 1893, Clyde in 1897, Howard Opal in 1899.

By 1900, this family was living in Jackson, Allen County, Indiana. John was working in a factory. By 1910, the family had added children, Guy Kenneth in 1902, Emmett Gaylord in 1904, Lucille Berniece in 1907. Orcellia was born in 1910 who died later that year and Dewain Elmo in 1914.

The family was living on Laura Street, in Payne, Harrison Township. John was a railroad section foreman. Most of the children were in school. In 1917, Orville fathered two children, one a daughter, June Eloise, out of wedlock, the mother of June Eloise, was Viola Tom.

On May 31, 1917, Orville joined the Regular Army at Ft. Thomas, Kentucky. On December 7, 1917, he was given the rank of Private.

Orville served with Company C. 7th Engineers. Orville served until March 13, 1918. Orville transferred to Company C. 116th Engineers. On July of 1918, Orville boarded the ship, "Radnor" and left New York for Brest, France. Orville served in St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne defensive sector.

On July 15, 1919, Orville sent home on the ship, "Radnor". The ship arrived in New York July 28, 1919. On August 4, 1919, Orville was Honorably discharged. By 1920, Orville had moved to Winter, Sawyer County, Wisconsin. His parents and brothers and sisters had also moved there. Orville will work as a farm laborer.

On Saturday June 9, 1928, Orville was killed instantly by a premature discharge of dynamite while he was blowing out tree stumps on the Corner's Lake Road near Winter, Wisconsin. Orville was working with his brother, not sure which one, who drilled the holes beneath the stumps while Orville placed and fired up the charges. It was supposed that Orville was kneeling with the box of dynamite in front of him and a spark from his pipe set off the dynamite.

Orville had been employed by Sawyer County in the work of dynamiting. His work was always effective and efficient. A descendant reported that one of Orville's arms were found later and buried in Winter, Sawyer County, Wisconsin.



Orville Donovan Overmyer

consin. Orville's remains were brought home to Payne, Ohio and buried in Lehman Cemetery, June 11, 1928. He is buried in lot 490, section A., grave 5.

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will have a table at the Antwerp GMC's Craft Bazaar in November. They also launched a letter campaign to area businesses for sponsorship.

There is a stained glass restoration business in Ottoville - Window Creations LLC - who the congregation has been in contact with

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VAN WERT LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE DONATES TO LOCAL SCHOOLS PAST DUE LUNCH FEES



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The Loyal Order Of Moose mission is to serve the community, support youth and elderly, and celebrate life. While supporting a retirement home in Moosehaven, Florida and a children's home in Mooseheart, Illinois, the Van Wert Moose also serves our local community.

and a little organization, the Board of Officers of the Van Wert Moose Lodge gathered with four local county school Food Service Directors to donate money to help pay past due lunch fees.

The donation totaling \$6671.00 went to Delphos Jefferson, Lincolnview, Crestview, and Van Wert City Schools.

With this donation, it is the hope of the Van Wert Moose Board of Officers and membership to ease some financial strain on families in the community.

If you would like to learn more about the Loyal Order Of Moose in Van Wert you can contact Administrator Brent Agler at 419-238-2790.

PATRICIA BRUNDIGE INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL 4-H HALL OF FAME



Patricia Brundige, the largest individual benefactor in the history of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), has been inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame for her transformative contributions to Ohio 4-H Youth Development.

Brundige's lifelong support, volunteerism, and philanthropy have empowered countless youth, ensuring 4-H's continued growth and success across the state. She grew up in Franklin County and participated in 4-H as a youth, maintaining a deep connection to the program throughout her life. After attending Ohio State to study home economics education, she began an extensive ca-

reer in the food science industry.

With the untimely passing of her late husband, Thomas Brundige, she assumed responsibility for operating the company he had founded, Total Ultimate Foods Inc. Through it all, Brundige always remained focused on giving back to the community that helped shape her.

For over five decades, Brundige has generously supported Ohio 4-H, contributing to CFAES and OSU Extension, which administers 4-H programs in all 88 Ohio counties. Among her many gifts is the creation of the Kunz-Brundige Franklin County Extension Building, named in honor of her parents, and located at CFAES' Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory. The facility has become a hub for teaching, research, and community engagement, supporting CFAES' mission of advancing agriculture, food systems, and environmental sustainability.

"Pat's passion for Ohio 4-H and her extraordinary generosity have shaped the future of our college and touched the lives of so many young people," says Cathann A. Kress, vice president for

agricultural administration and dean of CFAES. "Her contributions go far beyond financial gifts — she has invested her time, her heart, and her vision. She is committed to ensuring that today's youth, like herself as a young 4-H member, have the opportunity to grow, lead, and give back, just like she did, when she came through 4-H."

Ohio 4-H, part of CFAES, is the largest youth development program in Ohio, reaching nearly 160,000 youth across the state each year. Through 4-H clubs, camps, and educational programs, Ohio 4-H empowers young people with skills in leadership, citizenship, communication and community service. Nationally, 4-H serves over 6 million youth, making it the largest youth development organization in the United States.

Brundige's philanthropy is far-reaching, from establishing endowments for 4-H research to funding scholarships for youth to attend 4-H camps and events. Her support extends to all aspects of the 4-H experience, from sponsoring clock trophies at the Ohio State Fair to funding Ohio 4-H Achievement Awards, which support

youth in attending the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta. Additionally, she served as a nine-year member of the Ohio 4-H Foundation Board of Directors.

"Pat is the epitome of the 4-H spirit," says Kirk Bloir, state 4-H leader and assistant director of OSU Extension. "She sees a need and fills it — whether it's helping youth in her club attend camp, slicing onions for a fundraiser, or serving as a project judge at a county fair. Her dedication is an inspiration to all of us involved in Ohio 4-H. Pat's leadership and generosity have strengthened the program and will benefit generations of Ohio youth."

One of Brundige's guiding principles is her "see a need, fill a need" philosophy, which she applies not only through financial contributions but also through the countless hours she has dedicated to volunteering. She is known for her hands-on approach, from teaching sewing at 4-H camps to leading community service projects for the Franklin County 4-H Walk & Serve program. Her passion for youth development has earned her multiple accolades, including the Friend of 4-H Award and the Everett D. Reese Medal, Ohio State's highest honor for philanthropy.

"Pat's legacy in Ohio 4-H is truly immeasurable," says Kress. "She makes Ohio 4-H stronger, more resilient, and more capable of preparing the next generation of leaders. Her engagement in CFAES and OSU Extension has ensured that Ohio's youth will continue to have opportunities to learn and thrive."

Brundige's induction into the National 4-H Hall of Fame is a recognition of her unwavering commitment to 4-H's mission. Created in 2002 to honor exceptional leaders, volunteers, and supporters, the Hall of Fame celebrates individuals who have made a significant impact on the 4-H movement at the local, state, and national levels. This year, Brundige was one of 15 inductees honored during a ceremony in Boise, Idaho.

Brundige's ongoing contributions to Ohio 4-H, CFAES, and Ohio State will continue to create opportunities for youth in 4-H to thrive for years to come.

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are forever grateful and indebted to our servicemembers for serving and sacrificing for our people and country."

Additional background on the Bronze Stars:

Three years ago, Latta received a copy of a book written by Robert Bogison, entitled Up Close & Personal, that detailed the service and history of 'B' Company, 720th Military Police Battalion, 18th Military Police Brigade during the Vietnam War.

The book came with a letter appealing for assistance with their effort to obtain the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB) to recognize their unique service during the Vietnam War. While they were classified as Military Police during their service, the Battalion unofficially performed infantry mis-

sions on the front lines.

After contacting the U.S. Department of Defense and the Department of the Army to inquire as to the possibility of the group receiving the CIB recognition, officials within the Defense Department undertook an extensive search at multiple personnel records facilities to locate official documentation that could back up claims that the company performed infantry actions. The veterans group also provided documentation for the Army to consider.

After the Department of the Army concluded 'B' Company performed actions essential to the success of the entire 720th MP Battalion during the Vietnam War, it was announced these individuals would be recognized with Bronze Stars for their service.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Prayer for Moms in Need:
For all pregnant women facing difficulties may God grant them His protection and lead them to places of life-affirming support and compassion. May our communities become a place of welcome and assistance for all mothers in need. For help for any Mom's in Need, please contact the Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC) 24-Hour Hotline 1-800-633-3339 or Seeds of Hope 1-419-670-2814.

Thank you so much & Blessings,
—Judy McCalla
Hicksville, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

VOTE NO ON WT SCHOOL BOND!

I just want to start by saying my stance has nothing against the students at Wayne Trace. This is purely the cost of the \$30 million project and how it is being paid for. As a small business owner, I contribute an extra \$1,500 per year supporting Wayne Trace students in advertising & sponsorships on top of my taxes for Wayne Trace.

The most important thing I want to address is how Wayne Trace is misleading the voters with the mailer that was sent out. It compares as noted

on the mailer the "voted millage" of the surrounding school districts. While most of us think that sounds correct, that is not what we need to look at when figuring out our tax liabilities. You can find your effective tax rates on the Paulding County Auditors website, go to tax rates for school districts, look at the effective residential/ agricultural rate under the abbreviated heading RES/AGR. WT levy committee list Paulding Schools at 25.1 mills (they have an effective rate of only 22.70 mills). WT Schools at 26.2 mills (they have an effective rate of 20.50 mills), Antwerp Schools at 40.5 mills (they are ONLY an effective rate of 21.46 mills). This should make everyone ask some serious questions about the other information that Wayne Trace provided. This year according to the windmill chart on Wayne Trace's own website they received an additional \$1,873,285 from the wind PILOT payments. If you calculate the millage equivalency of the PILOT taxes that gives Wayne Trace an additional 8.32 mills which means their effective rate for 2024 is 28.82 mills far above every district in Paulding County.

In 2025 Wayne Trace will receive an additional \$199,000 per year in solar revenues from the project located North of Payne. Also, in 2025 construction is scheduled to start on the new 142-megawatt wind farm in Latty township. Based on megawatt revenue from smaller projects this should add another \$500,000-\$600,000 per year for Wayne Trace Schools, likely starting to pay taxes in year 2027 or 2028.

The past few years the County Commissioners and the Paulding Board of MRDD came to an agreement to temporarily suspend collecting property taxes as well as wind PILOT payments because of an excessive rollover budget. This was from not operating Parc Lane School and selling the building to the County. If the MRDD levy with reduction is renewed, combined with the other MRDD levies not on this year's ballot the taxpayers will see a 2.9 mill tax increase in 2025. When you add up the MRDD 2.9 mills, Wayne Trace 4.91 mills, and the likely 0.50 mill tax increase that is being sought for the Senior Center we could be paying an extra 8.31 mills of tax in 2025 if they are all approved.

In the 2000 election, Wayne Trace had 3 separate levies brought to the ballot

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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.

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with a combined total of 5.53 mills the bond was for a combined total of \$5,721,626. Fast forward to the 2024 ballot WT is placing a 4.91 mill levy on the ballot for a \$18,686,453 bond. The millage might be very similar but the tax burden to the property owner is far more expensive. In 2000 the districts property tax value was \$80,692,629, in 2024 that amount has ballooned to \$225,161,629. As I was told by Treasurer Davis via email "think about how many mills we would need if our valuation was still \$80 million, we would need 3 times the millage to generate the \$18,686,629". The district's extra \$8 million from the wind & solar is being paid over the 30-years of the bond. According to WT's financial sheet on their website, the \$30,286,453 project after paying the \$2 million already earmarked for auditorium and the \$1.6 million from STEAM grant, the amount that is being financed is \$26,686,453. After requesting additional cost information from the school treasurer via email on the total cost of the project with the 4-4.5% interest that is being paid on the \$26,585,453 that is being financed for 30 years, I received back the total of \$48,000,000 from the treasurer. The \$8 million allocated in renewable projects would reduce that down to a \$40,000,000 cost to the taxpayers over 30-years (possibly being reduced if refinanced or paid off earlier). The school's treasurer is estimating the bond to produce \$1,152,483 per year for the project which is only \$34,574,490 over 30-years, so there is a large discrepancy in the cost of the project with financing. The

treasurer stated that the bonds would depend on the rates at the time they were purchased and could go as low as 3% or as high as 5%, averaging somewhere between 4% to 4.5%. Using a mortgage calculator the cost of financing \$26,686,453 for 30-years at 4.5% would be \$48,677,881 the \$8 million in renewables would be taken off that number leaving a cost of \$40,677,881. While we all hope to lower the cost with lower interest rates or refinancing, these are the current estimates. These costs including interest are far above the WT levy mailer information making it sound like the project is 38% funded (those amounts don't include the bonds interest). At the time of publishing this editorial the treasurer had yet to respond to the discrepancy between the amount raised from the bond and the cost with interest of the project.

Wayne Trace's enrollment is a shadow of what it used to be with only 366 students enrolled in grades 7-12 at the main campus. I can't comprehend the boards statement that they are "bursting at the seams" with such low enrollment numbers. According to the Ohio Department of Education website the overall state test scores and cost per student at each of the high schools are Paulding 3.0 (\$14,986 student), Antwerp 4.5 (\$15,328 student), Wayne Trace 3.5 (\$18,785 per student).

I can't count how many of my customers have delayed updating their vehicles or purchasing a different home because the interest rates are too high. Why would we finance millions of dollars at

this time as a school district? I encourage you to join me in voting no on the Wayne Trace levy.

—Chad Beschneider,
Payne Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This election, as we have heard often enough, is critical. Not only on the national level, but especially here in Ohio. We need to vote conservative up and down the ticket, not only to send Bernie Moreno to the U.S. Senate, but to send Judge Megan Shanahan, Justice Joe Deters and Judge Dan Hawkins to the Ohio Supreme Court. These 3 races will have a direct impact on the lives of everyday Ohioans.

The Ohio Supreme Court makes the decision as to what the law is here in Ohio. It doesn't matter what laws the legislature passes or what actions the Governor takes, if 4 Justices decide it is not constitutional, they can discard it.

Ohioans do not want activist judges who legislate from the bench. The three Republican candidates have all been prosecutors and judges and understand the law and how it provides safety for us. Judge Megan Shanahan, Justice Joe Deters, and especially Dan Hawkins understand the importance of basing their legal decisions on the plain language of the law in front of them, using our Constitution as the final authority. With Justices that follow this concept of judicial restraint, they will keep Ohioans safe and provide a stable legal environment.

Please vote for the 3 Conservative candidates, Judge Megan Shanahan, Justice Joe Deters, and Judge Dan Hawkins, the best choices for the Ohio Supreme Court.

—Clifford Lucas
Defiance, Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Issue 1 deserves a decisive NO vote. Imagine a redistricting map with a narrow corridor from Toledo through Henry and Defiance Counties straight to Paulding County, but not including all of those counties. This nightmare scenario is what will happen if Issue 1 passes.

The commission would be unelected citizens who have been selected by retired unelected judges with a private hiring firm helping. This commission will have total control of the redistricting process and are not accountable to the Ohio voters or the elected legislators we have

sent to Columbus. The commission has absolute authority to set their salaries and monies they think they require. Our elected officials at the State House has to give them however much they ask for, no questions asked. Ohio voters will also be restricted in their legal rights to challenge the commission's decisions. As a true eye-opener, this commission has a lifetime appointment, and would be very difficult to recall them.

Ohio has already voted twice, in 2015 and 2018 to approve anti-gerrymandering restrictions, but out-of-state dark money to the tune of over \$25 million dollars have flooded our state from Washington, D.C. and a Swiss billionaire who want to change our Constitution. You should be asking yourself, why do they care what we do in Ohio. The simple answer is they want to totally change the number of districts and the make-up of the state's districts. This would include how many Congressmen Ohio sends to Washington, D.C.

This is why a No Vote on Issue 1 is essential to keep gerrymandering based on politics and race out of Ohio.

—Laurie Lucas
Rural Paulding

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Fellow Citizens, Important elections are coming up on November 5, 2024. Are you ready to vote? I would like to encourage everyone to vote early. With the crazy times we live in now you just never know what may happen by Nov. 5th, and we do want our votes in, ready to be counted with no problems.

Along with the election for US president, there will be many more important choices on your ballot. Your vote will help decide who represents you in the federal, state and local government.

I also encourage you to take time and research the candidates for Ohio Supreme Court Justice and vote for those also. There will be the corresponding political party letters next to the candidates names on the ballot this year so that should make it easier to understand your choices.

—Cheryl Stromski,
Rural Antwerp, OH

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SAVING FOR COLLEGE? OR RETIREMENT?

If you're a parent, you want to do everything you can to help your children succeed in life. Therefore, you might think that one of the best things you can do is to save for your children's college education. And this is certainly admirable, but could it conflict with your ability to prepare for another key goal — your own retirement?

Of course, this would not be a problem if you had unlimited means, but most of us don't fall into that category. So, given the financial resources and income you do have, how should you approach the college-versus-retirement issue?

Fortunately, it's not necessarily an "either-or" scenario. However, it may make sense to prioritize saving for retirement over college, for two reasons.

First, your children have a lot more time to pay for college than you have to save for retirement. In addition to any grants or scholarships your children may receive, they might need to take out loans. While it's a good idea to keep this debt load as manageable as possible, it's also true that most student loans can be repaid over a long period of time.

And here's the second point: One of the best gifts you can give your children is to be self-sufficient in your retirement. You could easily spend two, or even three, decades as a retiree, so you will need to build considerable financial resources to pay for all those years. Your adult children will have their own financial needs to address, so you'll be doing them a great favor by relieving them of any financial responsibilities on your behalf.

Taking these factors into account, you may want to direct most of your saving and investing efforts toward achieving a comfortable retirement. Consequently,

think about putting away as much as you can afford into your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Even with this focus on retirement, though, you may find opportunities to save and invest for your children's education. For example, if you receive bonuses or income tax refunds, or your salary goes up, or you're able to free up money from your budget by reducing your debts, you could use these funds to invest in an education savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan. When you invest in a 529 plan, your earnings and withdrawals are federally tax free, provided the money is used for qualified education expenses such as tuition, room and board, books, and computers. Depending on where you live, you may also get some state tax benefits from your 529 plan. And a 529 plan isn't just for college — it can be used for K-12 private school tuition costs, plus expenses from qualified apprenticeship programs, such as those found at trade schools eligible for Title IV federal student aid.

It might not be easy to save and invest consistently for your retirement and your children's education. But both goals are worthy — after all, retirement can last a long time and college is expensive. So, try to develop a financial strategy that can allow you to make progress in both areas — your efforts may well be rewarded.

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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

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

Cecil: 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House

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

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

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

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

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

Ney: Marathon

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

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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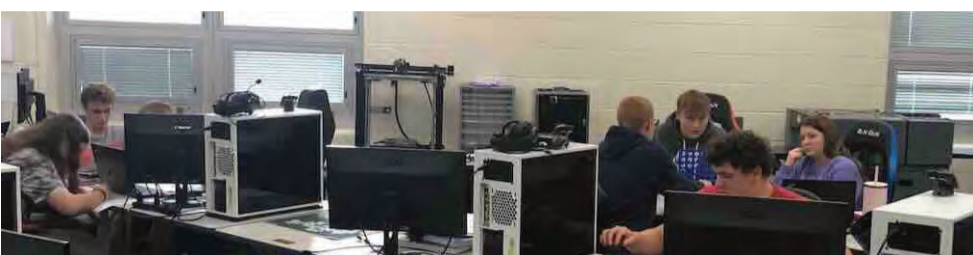
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WAYNE TRACE DESIGN CLASS DESIGNS PLAYGROUND GAMES



Students in Mr. Stuart's Engineering Design class at Wayne Trace are beginning their next project, designing playground-sized Connect-Four games using Fusion 360 engineering design software. Working in teams, they have been challenged to create

these games using the tools and materials available in the Wayne Trace STEAM Center.

Make sure to stop by and visit the Wayne Trace STEAM center, located in the library and adjoining classroom, during the center's Parent-Teacher Conference OPEN

HOUSE, October 23 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. or October 24 from 1:00-8:00 p.m.

See what other projects our students in Engineering Design, Media Arts, and Art Technology classes are working to complete!

PANTHERS GET WIN OVER PIRATES

The Paulding Lady Panthers hit the road to Putnam County Monday night in non-league high school volleyball action with the maroon and white bringing home a four-set victory over Continental.

In the opening game, the Lady Panthers recorded a 25-16 victory before the Pirates evened the match by taking game two 25-22. Paulding then outlasted Continental

for a 25-23 decision in the third set before completing the match with a 25-19 win in game four.

Addison Shull picked up 22 digs for the maroon and white and Kayleigh Dunham totaled 13 kills and five blocks. Addison Arend added six kills and three blocks for Paulding with Estie Pease dishing out 26 assists while Brianna Bermejo picked up eight kills and 17 digs.

Lucy Breier contributed nine kills for the Lady Pan-

thers while Grace Goyings dished out 13 assists. Tori Schlatter finished with three aces and seven digs to aid the Paulding cause and Marley Parrett posted five aces and five kills.

Paulding's junior varsity squad rolled to a 25-4, 25-9 victory over the Lady Pirates.

The Lady Panther varsity squad improved to 9-11 on the season.

WARRIORS HOLD OFF STARFIRES

Woodlan scored in all four quarters of Friday night's ACAC high school football contest in Berne and the Warriors needed every one in holding off host South Adams for a 35-28 victory over the Starfires.

The Warriors held a slim 7-6 lead at the end of one period and went on to post a 14-13 advantage entering the first half intermission.

After South Adams rallied to tie the game at the end of three periods at 21-21, the visiting Warriors put up two scores in the final stanza while limiting the Starfires to one in recording the 35-28 victory.

South Adams recorded more first downs in the contest, 21-19, and generated more total yards of offense at 416-330 but it was not enough as the Warriors improved to 5-3 overall and 3-2 in the ACAC.

The Starfires fell to 3-5 in all games and 1-4 in the league with the loss.

Drew Fleek led the Warrior rushing attack with 134 yards on 22 carries, including a touchdown run. Ashtin Jacquay added 68 yards on seven attempts with Jake Ley totaling 51 yards over 11 tries.

Tytus Lehman completed 23 of 38 passes and threw for 329 yards to top the South Adams offense with three scoring strikes on the night.

Derek McKean hauled in nine receptions for 138 yards and Jax Warner picked up five catches for 107 yards.

Jacquay paced the Woodlan defense with ten tackles on the night while Drew Fleek and Eli Funk both had eight stops for the Warriors.

PANTHERS ROLL TO WIN OVER ACES

The Paulding Panthers scored twenty points in each of the first two quarters and cruised to a 50-18 victory over host Hicksville Friday night in Green Meadows Conference football action.

The maroon and white opened the scoring on a 33-yard scoring strike from Colten Hunt to Blake Rhonehouse for a 6-0 advantage. Paulding added a pair of scores before the end of the period, getting touchdown runs of 14 and 10 yards from Jalen Manz as the maroon and white expanded the margin to 20-0 at the end of one period.

In the second quarter, Avery Cooper plunged in from one yard out to widen the gap to 26-0 before Hunt scampered nine yards for a score in pushing the Paulding lead to 32-0.

Hicksville dented the scoreboard with a four-yard touchdown pass from Garrett Turnbull to Parker Bassett, cutting the deficit to 32-6.

However, the maroon and white responded as Carter Evans picked off an Aces pass and returned it 22-yards for a touchdown to set the halftime margin at 40-6.

The third quarter saw each team score a touchdown.

Owen Stuckey connected with Parker Bassett for a 25-yard touchdown toss to provide the Hicksville score while Avery Cooper found an opening for a nine-yard touchdown run on the Paulding side as the Panthers led 50-12 entering the final period.

Collin Leavell sprinted 26-yards to provide the game's final touchdown, closing out the Panther 50-18 victory.

Paulding racked up 363 yards in total offense, running for 207 and passing for 156. Hicksville finished the night with 193 yards after running for 66 yards and throwing for 127.

Cooper led the Panther running attack with 144 yards over 13 carries while Hunt completed 12 of 21 passes for 156 yards. Rhonehouse ended the night with six receptions for 78 yards.

Hicksville was paced by Brody Walter with four rushes for 49 yards while Turnbull completed 9 of 18 passes for 76 yards. Brant Langham picked up eight catches for 76 yards to lead the Aces.

WARRIORS SWEEP WAY TO WIN OVER BARONS

In a non-league road volleyball match, the Woodlan Lady Warriors made it a short night with a three-game sweep of host DeKalb last week.

RAIDERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER ARCHERS



Dayne Sholl, Archer Senior, gets the tackle in the first quarter as he brings down Tyler Head. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace Senior Tyler Head gets the touchdown after the Archers leave him wide open to run into the end zone. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace scored early and then cruised the rest of the way Friday night in the annual rivalry football game with Antwerp as the Raiders posted a 34-0 victory at Raider Field.

The red, white and blue picked up a pair of touchdowns in the opening stanza to take control of the contest.

Tyler Head opened the scoring with a four-yard touchdown scamper that gave Wayne Trace a 6-0 advantage. The Raiders then extended the margin on a three-yard plunge from Lance Whitman to post a 12-0 lead at the end of one period.

In the second stanza, Wayne Trace found the endzone a trio of times.

Cole Morehead started the scoring for the Raiders on a 14-yard scamper for a touchdown, expanding the Raider lead to 20-0 after a Clay Stoller pass to Zach Stoller for the two-point conversion.

Morehead then found Head on a 21-yard scoring strike to provide Wayne Trace's second touchdown of

the period and Jensen Beining split the uprights on the extra point, pushing the lead to 27-0.

The red, white and blue closed the scoring late in the period when Trenton Thomas rumbled four yards for a score and Beining converted the extra point kick to set the final margin at 34-0.

Wayne Trace outgained the Archers 266-106 in the contest as the Raiders ran for 147 yards and threw for 119 more. Antwerp picked up a dozen yards on the ground and passed for 94 yards.

Morehead and Thomas ran for 58 yards and 53 yards, respectively, for Wayne Trace, while Morehead also threw for 107 yards in completing six of ten passes. Clay Stoller and Head each picked up two receptions for the Raiders.

Hampton Rogge completed 13 of 32 passes for Antwerp in throwing for 94 yards. Kayden Winslow and Tavin Sholl both recorded four receptions for the Archers and Jaxon Jones had a trio of catches.

The Lady Warriors picked up a 25-20 victory in the opening set of the match before having to outlast the Lady Barons for a 25-23 win in game two of the night. The third set was no different as the two squads battled before Woodlan recorded another 25-20 win to wrap up the match victory.

Makaila Gruber and Carsyn Wills each posted eight kills to lead the way for Woodlan with Alyssa Anderson recording seven and Katy Botoms posted six.

Gruber also had four aces for the Warriors with Makenna Smith posting three and Alyssa Harvey picked up two. Alyssa Anderson and Gruber recorded three and two blocks, respectively, while Victoria Crozier dished out 15 assists and Harvey added a dozen.

Makenna Smith picked up 13 digs to lead the way for Woodlan, which improves to 19-8 overall on the season. Jade Lichty recorded nine digs followed by Alix Jacquay (eight) and McKenna Smith (seven).

DeKalb was paced by Olivia Kracium with 11 kills and Lilly Jackson posted seven slams. Sophia Jackson and Vivian Irk finished with five and four slams, respectively. Sophia Jackson finished the night with four aces as well.

Irk, Paige Gochenour and Kracium all had four blocks for the Lady Barons and Sophia Jackson recorded 25 helpers for DeKalb.

Kayla Leins topped the Lady Barons with nine digs while Layla Irk, Lilly Jackson and Sophia Jackson all had seven digs.

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PAULDING JH GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM WINS GMC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP



Paulding competed in the Green Meadows Conference Cross Country meet in Edgerton on October 5, 2024. The Paulding JH girls snagged the GMC conference championship for the Panthers' record book. Pictured from left to right: Maria Silvia Gastelum Lopez, Maggie Hayes, Gracie Elkins, Dani Borland, Karlee Kohart, and Lilly Steingass. Not pictured: Jezaiha Seba Fuentes.

PAULDING JUNIOR HIGH 8th GRADE WINS GMC VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



Pictured from left to Right: #15 Kinlee Sherry, #24 Kendyl Sunday, #3 Makenna Adams, #10 Lucianna Martinez, #17 Kori Carlisle, #7 Kristen Rader, #2 Brynlee Mangette, #6 Baylor Kilgore, #11 Cora Agler, #5 Karli Breedlove, #16 Madison Clark, and #13 Elliette Roughton

The 8th Grade Volleyball GMC tourney was held Saturday, Oct. 12th in the Antwerp Gym. The road to victory started at 9 AM with match v Edgerton - Paulding won in 2 sets 25-6 and 25-14. The second round pitted Paulding v Ayersville. Paulding prevailed against a solid Pilots team in 3 sets, 24-26, 25-20, and 25 -21. The Championship game saw

Paulding go up against a tough Fairview squad who Paulding had previously beaten at the Archbold Spiketacular (Which Paulding won this year) in 2 sets then again in a GMC regular season match-up at Paulding in 2 sets.

This championship round saw a match that went 3 sets where Paulding came out on top 25-20, 24-26, and 25-

23. Paulding went a Perfect 10-0 in match play versus GMC opponents and finished the season with a record of 22-1. Coach Todd Harmon thanks the strong support of parents and the players for the long hours of work to improve skills and learn the game at a higher level.

GRIDIRON MATCHUPS SET BY IHSAA

Football sectional pairings were released by the Indiana High School Athletic Association on Sunday as local squads learned their opponents for the upcoming playoffs.

The state playoffs will have quarterfinal matchups on Friday, October 25, while the semifinal round will take place on Friday, November 1. Sectional championship games are slated to be played on Friday, November 8.

In Class 4A, Sectional 19, quarterfinal play will feature Leo at DeKalb while New Haven plays at Wayne. The other two opening round matchups has Fort Wayne South Side at East Noble as well as Columbia City visiting Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger.

The South Side-East Noble winner advances to take on the Leo-DeKalb victor while the New Haven-Wayne survivors plays the Columbia City-Bishop Dwenger winner.

Class 3A, Sectional 26 opening round matchups have

Lakeland at Garrett while Woodlan visits Tippecanoe Valley. Those two winners will then meet in the semifinals on November 1.

The bottom half of the bracket has West Noble at Angola along with Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran traveling to Fairfield. The survivors in the quarterfinals will square off on November 1 as well.

Also, in Class 3A, Sectional 28 involves a local squad with Heritage visiting Delta. That winner advances to take on the victor of the Oak Hill-Mississinewa contest.

On the other side of the bracket, Norwell plays at Fort Wayne Bishop Luers and Jay County makes the trip to Bellmont with the two survivors meeting on November 1.

WARRIORS CLOSE SOCCER SEASON

The Woodlan boys and girls soccer teams took part in sectional play last week as each squad came up short in tournament play.

In boys action, the Warriors saw their season come to a close as they fell to Norwell 4-0 last week.

Woodlan, which ends the year with a record of 7-9-1, was led by Lucas Gramajo with three shots while Dylan Fiedler and Jeremiah Troyer had one apiece.

Keaton Delagrang made eight saves in goal for the War-

riors.

Hudson Gerbers and Kyler Morris each scored twice for Norwell with Gerbers, Noah Schamerloh and Morris all had one assist.

Philip Gaier recorded the shutout in goal for the Knights.

On the girls side, the Lady Warriors dropped a 6-0 decision to Bellmont in sectional play.

Kaitlyn Barton had a pair of goals to lead the Braves to the win.

Woodlan closes its season with an overall record of 8-10.

LOCAL PLAYERS HONORED ON GMC VOLLEYBALL SQUADS

Several local athletes received recognition on the Green Meadows Conference all-league volleyball teams voted on recently by the conference coaches.

Tinora junior Paige Gamby was named the GMC Player of the Year with five others named to the conference's first team.

The rest of the league's first team included Fairview junior Aubrey Hammer, Tinora junior Tatum Creps, Wayne Trace junior Lexi Moore, Edgerton junior Alivia Farnham and Fairview junior Payshince McDaniel.

Named to the second team were Antwerp senior Caroline Rohrs, Ayersville junior Grace Flory, Edgerton senior Corinne Cape, Hicksville sophomore McKenna Baird, Paulding sophomore Kayleigh Dunham and Tinora senior Zoe Roesti.

Several players picked up (Continued on Page 8)

PEVS STUDENTS TRICK OR TREAT FOR FOOD PANTRY



Paulding Exempted Village Schools are requesting the community's help with their trick or treat food pantry drive that is planned for this year's Halloween.

On Thursday, October 31 during the Oakwood and Paulding communities' annual trick or treat times, Paulding JH and HS students will be out trick or treating for FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS. These students may or may not be dressed up for Halloween, but they will be carrying around BECKS bright yellow reusable shopping bags for non-perishable donations.

Whether you donate one item or 100, every donation is appreciated and will be given to the food bank in your community. Students participating will collect the donations and drop them off that night at the Caring is Sharing Food Bank in Paulding or the Oakwood Fire De-

partment before 8:30 p.m.

The idea started after PEVS superintendent, Chris Etzler, asked for some ways to tie the Social Emotional curriculum, 7 Mindsets, into some community involvement with the JH and HS students.

For the month of November the 7 Mindsets curriculum students will be learning about the mindset "Live to Give". Each week they will focus on a new lesson, "Stretch Yourself", "Make a Difference" Receive Gracefully and "Create a Legacy". So to lead up to the month they will kick it off with this Halloween food drive and wrap it up with their Thanksgiving food drive. Class advisor, Tanya Rickenberg, gave the students the idea, and it was up to them to make it their own, run with it and hopefully turn it into a tradition.

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Rusty Schlenk 2024 champion. photo by Action Photo's Ohio

By: Ron Burt

Congratulations to Rusty Schlenk, UMP Dirt Late Model driver from McClure Ohio. Rusty races most Fridays at Attica Raceway Park and Oakshade Raceway on Saturdays, but he also races the American Ironman Late Model Series. Recently he was crowned the 2024 Series Points Champion in Richmond, KY. After his 4th place feature finish. This summer series races in Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan and Indiana and features the Midwest's top dirt late model drivers.

The N.W. Ohio driver had a year of ups and downs. He raced in 5 states and two countries. He had 11 feature wins in 3 different states and in 2 countries. Rusty only traced one car that was entered in 55 races. He had no backup car this season. Currently this car has 97 races on it and a total of 28 feature wins. That's a long lifespan by today's standards. The plans are to freshen it up and tuck it away in case it's needed again. Schlenk is very proud of his race team that helps work on his car. Every one of them has full-time jobs but still find time to keep this car competitive every week with frequent visits to victory lane.



Cap Henry had an outstanding season. Action Photos Ohio

410 Winged Sprint car driver, Cap Henry from Republic, OH had a stellar season and with another win at Fremont Speedway to close out his season. Cap is another driver that runs Attica Raceway Park most Friday nights and Fremont Speedway on Saturdays. He races two

Winged Sprints for two different owners and race teams. Jeff Ward Motorsports 33w and Marc Dailey Racing 2md. He finished the season at 56 races, 8 wins, 31 top 5s, 33 Top 10s, 2024 Ohio Speedweek Championship, 2024 Attica 410 Track Champion, 2024 AFCS 410 Champion, and 2024 Jim Ford Classic Winner. Cap Henry like Rusty Schlenk is a true gentleman in the sport and a fantastic role model for young race fans.

The Midwest Modified Tour announced some 2025 dates. May 17th Berlin Raceway, June 7th Toledo Speedway, July 26th Owsoso Speedway, August 23rd Whittemore Speedway, October 11th Winchester Speedway. Look for more dates to be added.

The Midwest Modified Tour raced two weeks ago at the fastest half mile track in America, Winchester Speedway in Indiana. It was the 19th Annual Run For The Gun (the trophy is a Winchester rifle). Kyle Purvis was the fastest qualifier for the 50 lap feature and ended up in Victory Lane with the Winchester Rifle. He's now a 5 time winner of the event, 2014, 2017, 2020, 2021 and 2024. It wasn't an easy win, he battled Brian Nester the entire race. The 2024 points champion is Matt Dimit for the second year in a row. The 33 year old Fort Wayne driver never finished worse than 4th all season. His lone series win was June 7th at the historic Salem Speedway.

This year's annual PRI Show will be held December 12th-14th and their expecting over 67,000 attendees. The annual PRI (Performance Racing Industry) Trade Show features more than 1,000 companies exhibiting in more than 3,400 booths and showcasing the latest products, services, machinery, simulation and testing technologies, and trailers for the racing industry at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium

in downtown Indianapolis. Launched in 1988, the Show encompasses all forms of racing and attracts attendees from all 50 states and across the globe, including professional race teams, retail shops, warehouse distributors, engine builders, fabricators, dealers, installers, jobbers and media. The Ohio Sports Blitz/The Left Turn plans to attend. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out!

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honorable mention awards with that list consisting of Antwerp senior Madisyn Peters, Ayersville senior Rylan Becher, Edgerton junior Ava Swank, Fairview sophomore Liberty Vogelsong, Hicksville senior Elise Baldwin, Paulding senior Marley Parrett, Tinora senior Paige Sebring, Wayne Trace junior Caroline Winans, Antwerp junior Amelia Graham, Ayersville junior Brooklyn Michel, Fairview junior Kenna Kauffman, Hicksville junior Taylor Slattery, Paulding sophomore Tori Schlatter, Tinora senior Kenzi Nagel, Wayne Trace junior Torree Sinn, Ayersville junior Makayla Sierra and Tinora senior Avery Morris.

LADY RAIDERS PICK UP TENTH WIN

At Wayne Trace, the Lady Raiders picked up a straight set win over visiting Delphos Jefferson.

The red, white and blue took game one 25-12 before winning the second set 25-10. Wayne Trace then completed the sweep with a 25-18 victory in game three to improve to 10-10 overall on the season.

Harper Myers recorded seven digs and four kills for the Lady Raiders with Natalie Stoller chipping in a pair of kills. Lorie Sinn chipped in four aces and three digs while dishing out 13 assists.

Torree Sinn picked up a dozen slams for Wayne Trace to go along with three aces and two blocks. Lexi Moore added nine kills, two aces, four blocks and five digs while Amber Stoller totaled two kills and five digs.

Caren Winans finished with four kills and three digs and Caroline Winans picked up ten digs. Olivia Zartman aided the Wayne Trace cause with five digs and 15 assists.

Alaine Fitch topped Delphos Jefferson with five kills and 13 digs while Caitlyn Wagoner also had five kills.

Valentina Miller chipped in a quartet of kills and six digs with Claire Brinkman adding three kills and three digs. Lela Grogg finished with two kills, two aces and three digs with Alisa Gallmeier recording six digs and 15 assists.

Kailynn Halker picked up six digs for the Lady Wildcats and Brynn Coil had three digs.

PANTHERS GET WIN OVER PIRATES

The Paulding Lady Panthers hit the road to Putnam County Monday night in non-league high school volleyball action with the maroon and white bringing home a four-set victory over Continental.

In the opening game, the

OCTOBER TRAPSHOOT A SUCCESS FOR PAULDING FFA!



Pictured here are Paulding FFA who attended the trapshoot. Left to right. Brooklyn Schlatter, Mackenzie Leatherman, Matthew Bail, Owen Workman, Blake Trausch, Javvon Stiltner, Nolan Schlatter, Remington Boroff, Parker Egnor, and Sal Biliti.

By: Addy Hunt, Reporter-Paulding FFA

On Saturday, October 12th, 10 members from the Paulding FFA chapter attended the October trap shoot at The Paulding Fish and Game Club.

This was the second trap shoot of the school year that we have done this year. The members went through the safety precautions with a fish and game member before the competition to ensure that ev-

eryone had a safe and fun day

hitting clay pigeons.

The members competed in two rounds where they had five different positions to shoot from. The members were placed 16 yards away from the electric clay pigeon thrower. The first round was practice but the second round is what determined the winner of the day. The winner was Matthew Bail and he received a plaque for his trapshooting skills shooting a 17 out of 25

clays.

Mackenzie Leatherman placed 2nd in the competition with Remington Boroff and Nolan Schlatter tying for 3rd place. We had several new members participating in the trapshoot. We have our third trapshoot scheduled for November 16th at 11:00am. We would like to thank the Fish and Game Club of Paulding for all their help and support of the Paulding FFA program.

EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE: PJHS STUDENTS TO APPLY MINDSET TO LIFE



Paulding Junior High School is utilizing the 7-Mindsets curriculum to address the social and emotional needs of students. Each unit revolves around a specific theme students can apply to their lives. This unit's theme was Everything Is Possible. Shown in the picture are Paulding Junior High School's Everything Is Possible Mindset Motivators.

PAULDING STUDENT MENTORS PAINT PUMPKINS WITH MENTEES



The PHS Personal Growth students met with their Paulding Elementary School mentees earlier this month to paint pumpkins. The pumpkins were generously donated by Paulding's Chief, and it was greatly appreciated! Students serving as mentors this year include: Devyn Haller, Jacob Harris, Bryce Manz, Karson Mudel, Noah Pollock, Xander Schwab, and Ameriona Stiltner.

Lady Panthers recorded a 25-16 victory before the Pirates evened the match by taking game two 25-22. Paulding then outlasted Continental for a 25-23 decision in the third set before completing the match with a 25-19 win in game four.

Addison Shull picked up 22 digs for the maroon and white and Kayleigh Dunham totaled 13 kills and five blocks. Addison Arend added six kills and three blocks for Paulding with Estie Pease dishing out 26 assists while Brianna Bermejo picked up eight kills and 17 digs.

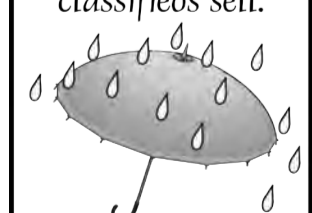
Lucy Breier contributed nine kills for the Lady Panthers while Grace Goyings dished out 13 assists. Tori Schlatter finished with three

aces and seven digs to aid the Paulding cause and Marley Parrett posted five aces and five kills.

Paulding's junior varsity squad rolled to a 25-4, 25-9 victory over the Lady Pirates.

The Lady Panther varsity squad improved to 9-11 on the season.

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LATTA: STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS PARAMOUNT IN THE FACE OF NATURAL, MAN-MADE DISASTERS



Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5), who is Chair of the Energy & Commerce Committee's Communications & Technology Subcommittee, visited an AM radio station located in Maryland that serves the east coast to view redundancy measures implemented to remain operational in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. This AM radio station is one of more than 70 hardened radio stations in the United States.

"We know the important role AM radio stations play in providing emergency alerts, local news, and weather reports for millions of Americans," Latta said. "This underscores the need to strengthen the resiliency of these stations,

especially as extreme weather - like we've witnessed with hurricanes Helene and Milton - threatens to take them offline. And with hundreds of cell towers down due to the recent hurricanes, it's important AM radios stay operational for Americans to receive crucial information and updates.

"It's encouraging to hear AM radio stations are implementing 21st Century technology to improve and strengthen their operating systems. As Chair of the Communications and Technology Subcommittee, it was important to receive an in-depth look today at an AM radio station that is putting this technology to good use.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Department of Homeland Security

After the 9/11 terrorist attack the Department of Homeland Security was created. This department was created to help protect us from any further attacks. Its main duty became to secure our northern and southern borders. In January of 2021 newly elected Joe Biden immediately terminated almost all of executive orders Donald Trump had in place and our southern border allowed in millions of illegals from many countries all over the world. The head of DHS is a man named Alejandro Mayorkas. Since its creation, DHS has expanded and now has several other agencies under its control.

One of these is F.E.M.A. This agency was created to help Americans get needed help during emergencies. During the Biden-Harris administration F.E.M.A. has been criticized for its lack of response to the toxic spill in East Palestine, OH, the terrible fires in Hawaii on Island Maui and now the hurricane damages in FL, GA, N. Carolina and others.

The next agency controlled by DHS and Mayorkas is the FBI. If you remember under FBI Director James Comey the FBI illegally spied on Trump's election.

It was also Comey who told us all the laws Hillary Clinton was guilty of when she was Sec. Of State and took her computer home when it was against federal law and it was unsecured.

Christopher Wray, today's director, knows as soon as Trump is re-elected he will be gone. Remember the FBI now is under DHS and Mayorkas.

Finally, did you know that now the Secret Service is also under DHS control. Did you know that the head of the Secret Service, Cheatle, was a good friend of Jill Biden. Gee, makes you wonder, was she qualified? Makes you wonder how much Cheatle cared about protecting Donald Trump on July 13 in Butler, PA. Just today a bi-partison report came out listing 6 things the Secret Service failed to do on that day. One mistake is too many, two mistakes are questionable, but 6?!

So the the head of the Secret Service was very close to the Bidens. Who would have benefitted the most if Donald Trump had been killed?

What has President Biden - VP Harris, DHS Sec. Mayorkas said about all this - nothing. What would the media be saying if it was the other way around.

Donald Trump wants to drain the swamp in our federal government, both Republicans and Democrats. This puts a big target on his back. Democrat, Republican or Independent we should all be behind Trump and help him start to clean up the corruption in our government that has been developing over the last 100+ years.

—Dave Laukhuf, Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Democrats and Satan

Here is my list of why I feel the Democrats have now become the party of Satan.

1. Abortion
2. The pushing of sexual & gay curriculums in many elementary schools
3. Supporting biological males to use girls bathrooms and compete in female sports
4. The failure of leading Democrats to secure our borders allowing many

criminals to enter our country and allowing too much illegal crime

5. Allowing harmful drugs to freely enter and kill our youth

6. Many Democrats today are anti-Israel

7. Today's Democrats want to limit free speech

8. With the help of the main stream media they have continued to lie to us so they can obtain more power to control us.

9. Today's Democrats want to destroy America's economy and turn us into communism? (anti-Christian)

10. The Democrats today want to destroy our churches and incite splitting in our churches. They even want to limit clergy from preaching on Jesus, the Bible etc.

This is only a few, I have many more.

—Dave Laukhuf, Paulding, OH



ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On October 2 a report of a rape case was given to Antwerp Police Department. The case was investigated and it was determined no rape had occurred.

On October 3 the police department received a vandalism report. It appeared mail boxes on Park Ave. and Main St. had been knocked over. The case is being investigated.

On October 3 The police department received a report of a barking dog on Canal St. An officer responded and spoke to the home owner.

On October 5 Antwerp Police received a call in reference to an intoxicated person being belligerent at a local business. An officer responded and assisted in getting the person home and a report was prepared.

On October 5 Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to a disturbance in the MAC Gym. The police responded and a statement was obtained from everyone and a report was forward to the prosecutor.

On October 5 the police department assisted Antwerp EMS with a run at Park Avenue Villas.

On October 7 A resident of River St. reported they were being harassed by a former co-worker. They requested that the co-worker be contacted and request they stop contacting her. The individual was contacted and told to have no contact.

On October 8 Pit Stop Carryout received a fake \$100 bill and asked the police department to assist in contacting the individual. The individual was contacted and seemed like they had spent the fake bill unknowingly. A report was prepared.

On October 9 The police received a report of suspected child abuse. The case

was investigated and a report prepared and referred to the prosecutor.

On October 10 a resident reported that a 10 yr old was driving a vehicle and periodically a golf cart on Maple Dr. It was requested to patrol more frequently.

On October 14 a resident reported that someone had used their identity and opened up a cell phone account.

On October 15 a golf inspection requested and performed

On October 15 the Antwerp Police was requested to do a welfare check on an elderly resident. An officer responded, spoke with the individual and determined everything was ok

On October 16 a resident reported that while their vehicle was parked at the park a mower had thrown stones on it. Report was prepared.

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

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Justin J. Hall, Paulding, OH; Confine of dog; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Gregory D. Pennington, Grover Hill, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Britney L. Dobbelaere, Paulding, OH; Stop sign/bus; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs Franklin S. Lindsey, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jacob S. Lockhart, Paulding, OH; Menacing, Guilty, 171 days jail, 150 days suspended, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Complete such counseling, 20 hrs community service, Write a letter of apology, Risk assessment, TAD bracelet can be removed on 10/11/24; Resisting arrest, Guilty, 21 days jail, jail days concurrent with Count A, All conditions same as Count A, Work release granted upon proper application; Disorderly conduct with persistence, Count C dismissed

William E. Langmeyer, Antwerp, OH; Driving under suspension; Guilty; 30 days jail suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Manjit Singh, Brampton, ON; Failure to control; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Eddie A. Grandberry, Malden, MO; Turn signals; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

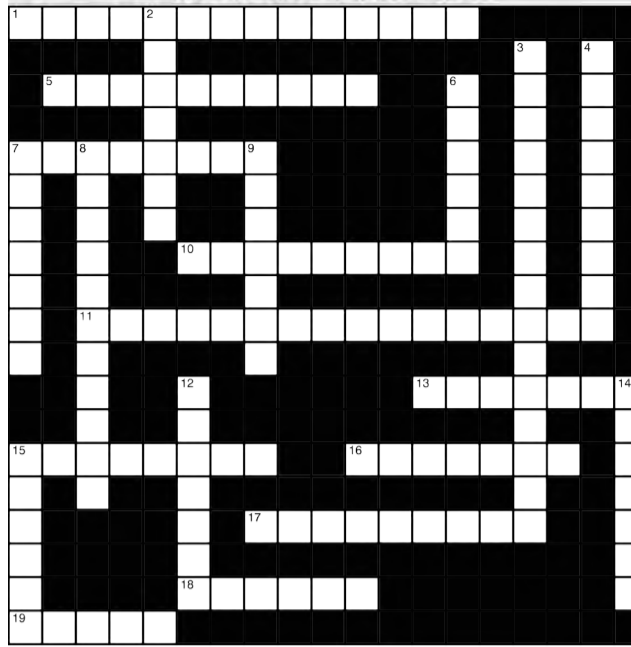
Alberta R. Sanders, Toledo, OH; FRA suspension; Guilty; Defendant to provide proof of insurance; Warrant block recalled; License forfeiture to be released when paid in full

Steve A. Hilterbrand, Avilla, IN; Seat belt/drive; Case was waived by defendant

Owen M. Leever, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle

ALL HALLOWS EVE



Across

1. The Pope who moved All Saints' Day to November 1st.
5. Ancient Halloween traditions often included fortune-telling or predicting the future.
7. Large fires lit during Samhain to ward off spirits.
10. The medieval Christian term for the feast of All Saints.
11. A Halloween game that has its roots in Roman traditions honoring Pomona, the goddess of fruit.
13. The original vegetable used to make Jack-o-lanterns before pumpkins became popular in America.
15. Worn during Samhain to disguise people from wandering spirits.
16. Figures often associated with Halloween, believed to have supernatural powers.
17. The contraction of "All Hallows' Evening."
18. Believed to roam the earth during Samhain and Halloween, leading to many ghostly traditions.
19. The people who believed spirits of the dead returned to earth during Samhain.

Down

2. The Scottish and Irish tradition of dressing up and going door-to-door, predating modern trick-or-treating.
3. A carved pumpkin or turnip with a light inside, originating from Irish folklore.
4. Often associated with witches and believed to bring bad luck during Halloween.
6. Fruit often associated with Halloween due to Pomona, the Roman goddess of orchards.
7. A supernatural figure in Irish folklore associated with Halloween and death.
8. The date of All Saints' Day, which follows All Hallows' Eve.
9. A medieval practice where poor people would go door-to-door asking for food in exchange for prayers.
12. The practice of performing plays or songs during Halloween in exchange for food or money.
14. The ancient Celtic festival that is considered the origin of Halloween.
15. The culture that originally celebrated Samhain.

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PAULDING FFA IS FEEDING THE FARMERS IN THE FIELDS!



Pictured here are left to right Paulding FFA member Anna Clemens with farmer Harvey Clemens and FFA member Jacob Harris delivering snack packs to our local farmers.

By: Addison Hunt, Paulding FFA Reporter

On Wednesday, October 9th, the Paulding FFA Chapter had 25 members travel around Paulding County to feed the farmers in the fields.

The chapter first started doing this service project four years ago and it's one of our favorite projects to do each year. The chapter found that it was a great way to support local farmers and thank them for their countless hours of work to feed our world!

The students prepared snack packs in various bags to give to the farmers while they were working in the field or just needed a snack in the combine. These bags contain items such as homemade chocolate chip cookies, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, slim jims, chips, candy bars, a can of pop, and a bottle of water. We also included a first aid kit in the bags.

The chapter would like to give special appreciation to Ag Credit, Beck's and Paulding Hospital for their contributions to making this yearly community service project happen. A handwritten, sincere thank you note was also included in each bag.

The FFA members delivered 150 snack packs to farmers in Paulding County. It was a very rewarding experience for our members as they got to interact with the farmers directly and learn about what they do every day!

Feeding our farmers is one of the many ways we try to thank our farmers and show our support for them! The Paulding FFA is very excited to continue this project in the future.

We are striving to continue to increase the number of snack packs each year and thank more of our hard-working farmers!

ACPL & GENEALOGY CENTER PRESENT 31 DAYS OF FAMILY HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS

The Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center is offering 31 days of free programming in recognition of Family History Month throughout October. Family History Month is an annual tradition that highlights the importance of preserving and sharing family stories and memories. This month-long celebration will offer an array

of engaging activities, educational workshops, and valuable resources designed to help individuals uncover their ancestral roots and connect with their family heritage.

"The Genealogy Center is dedicated to supporting individuals in their quest to pursue, preserve and present their families' stories," said Director of Special Collections and Genealogy Center Manager Curt Witcher. "Family History Month is a wonderful opportunity for us to provide valu-

able resources and create engaging experiences that help people discover and celebrate the power of their unique stories."

The ACPL's Genealogy Center is a world-class family research center and holds the status as the largest genealogy collection available in a public library. It is also the second-largest genealogy collection in the United States, housing millions of records from around the world. The staff are not only librarians, they are also trained genealogists with expertise in DNA analysis and research in African-American, Native-American, German, and Jewish communities. Their services are offered to all visitors free of charge. Beyond the staff, much of the collection and databases can only be accessed on site, making The Genealogy Center a key destination for family historians from around the world.

This October, the Genealogy Center will host a variety of events aimed at both new and experienced genealogists. All activities are free and open to the public. Most will be held at the Genealogy Center at the Main Library (900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne) unless otherwise indicated. There are a variety of in person and virtual options. Some notable activities include:

- Uncovering Your Home's History: A Guide to House History Research - Learn how to research a house's history, focusing on its former inhabitants, teaching valuable research techniques, and utilizing historical documents to construct a narrative of the past. **Tuesday, October 22 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Little Turtle Branch (2201 Sherman Blvd.)**
- After Hours at the Genealogy Center - The Genealogy Center in downtown Fort Wayne will be open for extended hours giving researchers additional access to the Center's librarians as well as its extensive collection of physical and digital resources that can only be found within the Library's facility. **Friday, October 25 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

For a complete schedule of events, registration information, and additional details, please visit www.genealogy-center.org. Or contact The Genealogy Center via phone at 260-421-1225 or email at Genealogy@ACPL.Info.

FARM ESTATE PLANNING

Many farmers spend a lifetime accumulating land and investing in their farms. Most farmers have a desire to transition their assets and operations to the next generation. It complicated and time consuming, so it take a team of professionals to help and give advice on farm transition planning. A professional team can help farm families figure out all the issues involved in farm estate planning. Here are some tips taken directly from The Ohio State University Extension on how to get started. For more information go to: <https://farmoffice.osu.edu/blog-tags/estate-planning>.

Don't jump right to the plan--talk first. An important first step to building a plan: get the family talking and thinking. Ohio State University Extension has a farm management team that can assist with the initial steps. David Marrison, OSU Extension

recommends strategies for working with farm families, including understanding the legacy; encouraging the family to assess its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats; and helping the family deal with the issues or elephants in the room.

Organize, organize, organize. A huge amount of information goes into a farm transition plan and organizing that information is a challenge. A new tool that can help, the FARMS spreadsheet, currently is under development by OSU Extension.

Know what's in an appraisal. Professionals use appraisals regularly in farm transition planning and estate administration, but do we understand what goes into an appraisal and what limitations it has? Talking with a local appraiser can help answer these questions. Appraisers use three methods to appraise a farm and it's assets. First, comparable sales of local property are one method and a good appraiser makes adjustments for differences in those properties. A second method is the Income approach, looking at the revenues and expenses and net income and using an appropriate capitalization rate to figure out what a property is worth. The third method is called the cost basis approach, often used on buildings, to estimate the value of these assets.

Divorce is a threat to reckon with. A well drafted pre-nuptial agreement can help reduce the impact a divorce can have on a farming operation. Farm transition planners also need to understand the process of divorce and parenting plans, and how they can affect a farm family.

Be careful with business entity discounting. Business entity discounts are ways farmers can legally pass on valuable farm assets to the next generation. Whether for "lack of marketability" or "lack of control," business entity discounts can reduce the value of an estate and limit federal income tax exposure—but they need to survive IRS scrutiny.

It's time to think about the 2025 estate tax sunset. There are strategies to employ now to prepare high-wealth farms for the possible reduction of the federal estate tax exemption in 2025. The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will expire at the end of 2025. That puts the estate tax exemption, stepped-up basis and bonus depreciation in jeopardy.

We need to encourage and mentor more rural professionals. There's a shortage of legal and tax experts who can advise farm owners and operators in rural areas. Beth Rumley of the National Agricultural Law Center and younger farm estate attorneys like Johnny Cottingham of Wright & Moore, Eli Earich of Barrett, Easterday, Cunningham and Eselgroth, and Jennifer Harrington of Iowa State University are some top farm estate attorneys. Many local attorneys and tax experts exist in certain high agricultural communities but in other areas, you may have to travel to get expert advice on farm estate planning.

Know the ethics rules. When an attorney represents a farm couple, farm family, and/or farm operation; lack of awareness about potential issues with confidentiality and conflicts of interest can get an

POACHER PLEADS GUILTY TO 14 COUNTS IN HIGH PROFILE TAKING OF TROPHY BUCK IN CLINTON COUNTY



The antlers collected as evidence in the C.J. Alexander case.

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Christopher J. Alexander, 28, of Wilmington, on Tuesday pleaded guilty to 14 counts in the illegal taking of an 18-point trophy white-tailed buck deer in Clinton County on Nov. 9, 2023. Alexander pleaded guilty to taking a second antlered buck during the 2023 hunting season, which is another violation of Ohio law according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

The 14 counts include:

- Illegal taking or possession of deer (two)
- Hunting without a license
- Hunting without a deer permit
- Selling illegally taken or possessed deer antlers
- Spotlighting
- Hunting without permission (four)
- Tampering with evidence
- Theft
- Misdemeanor theft
- Falsification

Alexander's sentencing is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 11. Maximum sanctions could include \$13,750 in fines, community control, a five-year hunting license suspension, and restitution for both bucks. The larger buck's antlers have 18 scorable points, and the final restitution has been calculated at \$35,071.73. The final restitution for the second buck, with eight scorable points, is \$4,625.

Three accomplices also pleaded guilty in connection with the case.

Corey P. Hاونert, 29, of Hillsboro, pleaded guilty to six counts:

- Attempted tampering with evidence
- Aiding a wildlife offender in taking or possessing of deer (three)
- Hunting without permission
- Falsification

Kristina M. Alexander, 37, of Blanchester, pleaded guilty to two counts:

- Obstructing official business
- Aiding a wildlife offender

Zachary R. Hاونert, 31, of Lebanon, pleaded guilty to one count:

• Aiding a wildlife offender

The Division of Wildlife is dedicated to enforcing laws that protect Ohio's wildlife. Input and concern from the public are integral to those enforcement efforts. Anyone who witnesses a wildlife violation in Ohio can call the Turn in a Poacher hotline at 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437). Reports are kept anonymous. Information that results in a conviction of a wildlife crime may result in a reward.

Ohio wildlife officers have statewide authority to enforce wildlife regulations and protect state lands, waterways, and property. As state law enforcement officers, they contribute to public safety in their local areas and Ohio's great outdoors. They also speak to hundreds of clubs and groups about conservation and wildlife programs, perform fish and wildlife surveys, and provide technical advice and instruction about wildlife management issues, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor related recreation.

attorney in trouble. Make sure you understand the rules of professional responsibility that can affect your farm transition planning.

Plans can differ. There may be many different ways to address farm estate planning, its farm transition plan, and the administration of its estate and federal tax return. There can be many different paths to the same goal—different ways to slice the apple or get to a place that the farm family is comfortable. But in all cases, it takes a team of professionals to get the family through those hurdles.

Attorney Robert Moore says Ohio law requires certain documents like deeds, long-

term leases and vehicle titles to be notarized to add an extra layer of security and credibility to legal proceedings. Notaries primarily verify signatory identity, witness signatures, administer oaths and affirmations and take acknowledgments. Notarization serves several critical purposes like combatting fraud, promoting trust, and facilitating legal processes. Farm estate planning can be difficult but farm professionals help make the process easier.

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THE BOY WITH CLUB FEET

The little boy was born with his feet turned in. The doctor said it was congenital and couldn't be avoided. In time his right foot righted itself and was nearly normal but the left foot remained misshapen and his leg remained shriveled.

His mother took it hard, and thought it was punishment for something she might have done. She compensated by not showing any affection to the boy. She never hugged him, never kissed him, and always was indifferent to him. She simply didn't want to risk harming him further.

Of course it was a complete mystery to the boy. He believed he was no different than his schoolmates, but he did walk with a limp. His schoolmates called him "hop-a-long," and teased him mercilessly. Short pants were the order of the day for boys, so his mother made him wear short pants. That gave everyone a better look at his deformed leg. He spent month after month in the hospital, and it would be years before he un-

derstood his mother's guilt feelings.

One night a nurse kissed him good night. That was the only show of affection he had ever experienced. As he grew up his left leg always remained a bit short, but he learned to compensate. He became a sex symbol, a movie star. He made at least a dozen top Hollywood movies in his day. His name was Dudley Moore. His height was 5'6" but he had wit and charm and charisma that people could not turn down.

He was a child prodigy at the piano and organ. At age 11 he received a scholarship to the Guild Hall of Music, and at age 14 the Madeline College of Music, at Oxford University. At age of 14 he played in jazz clubs and cabarets. He played the pipe organ at weddings, and wherever he went he drew people to him. He married a talented singer and actress by the name of Cleo Lane. He won a Golden Globe Award, and wrote the musical score to many films.

You probably won't remember any of his films. The movies were made in the 1980s and the leading female was Liza Minnelli. Some of the films are Bedazzled, Foul Play, and Arthur. I'm going to check at least one and give it my rating. The boy that didn't receive any love was loved by millions.

—James Neuhouser

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Austin Levering, assigned to Knox County, patrolled Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District property for unlawful ATV use. He encountered two individuals driving on an illegal trail system on the property. The suspects were each issued a summons to Mount Vernon Municipal Court for operating a vehicle in a non-designated area.

State Wildlife Officer Austin Levering, assigned to Knox County, followed up on a white-tailed deer hunting case. Officer Levering found that the suspect harvested a deer and failed to complete the game check process. In addition, Officer Levering learned that the individual had purchased a deer permit a day after harvesting a deer. Officer Levering also discovered six sets of deer antlers with no confirmation code on the suspect's property. Officer Levering seized the antlers and issued summonses to appear in Coshocton County Municipal Court. Charges are pending.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

State Wildlife Officer Ryan Kennedy, assigned to Hardin County, contacted a hunter at Kildeer Plains Wildlife Area on the opening day of dove hunting season.

Officer Kennedy found that the subject's firearm did not have a plug and issued a citation for hunting migratory game birds with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells. The hunter received a fine of \$150. Hunters are reminded to check their shotguns prior to a migratory game bird hunt to ensure the gun is plugged and can only hold three shells.

State Wildlife Investigator Brian Bury observed a novice boater struggling with a trailer at a boat launch. The boater was alone and several other boaters were waiting to get in or out of the water. Investigator Bury offered his assistance and helped secure the boat safely on the trailer. The boater appreciated the assistance and learned new trailering tips.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officers Randy White, assigned to Lorain County; Michael Greer, assigned to Cuyahoga County; and Dan Shroyer, assigned at-large in northeast Ohio, worked at the Cleveland Community Pollinator Garden. The officers brought water for the plants and cleaned the space. This community garden was spearheaded by State Wildlife Officer Supervisor Scott Denamen, who worked with area residents, the Julia De Burgos Cultural Center of Cleveland, Metro West Community Development, and Lincoln West High School to

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establish a community outreach and education location in Cleveland.

State Wildlife Officers Craig Porter and Nick Turner, assigned to Jefferson and Harrison counties, respectively, responded to a call regarding a wildlife violation. Officers Porter and Turner found that an individual had harvested an antlered white-tailed deer at night with a rifle. The deer and the rifle were seized as evidence. The suspect was issued summonses for hunting after legal hours and for using an unlawful firearm to harvest a deer. The defendant was found guilty in Jefferson County Court and paid \$445 in fines and court costs.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

In September, State Wildlife Officer Ted Witham, assigned to Jackson County, observed an angler using a cast net at Jackson Lake State Park. Officer Witham contacted the angler and discovered that the individual had caught several bluegill and a largemouth bass with the cast net. The suspect received a citation for catching sport fish with a cast net. The bluegill and bass were returned to the water. The individual pleaded guilty to the violation in Jackson County Municipal Court, was found guilty, and paid \$185 in fines and court costs.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Trent Weaver, assigned to Montgomery County, encountered two adults fishing in the youth fishing pond at Sycamore State Park. Officer Weaver contacted the anglers and found that neither of them had purchased an Ohio fishing license. Each angler was charged for the violation and the individuals paid \$120 in fines and \$150 in court costs.

State Wildlife Officers Jasmine Grossnickle, assigned to Miami County, and Logan Ambrister, assigned to Shelby County, assisted with hunter education courses in their counties. The officers presented hunter education information to the students and answered questions. In

Ohio, hunters are required to complete a hunter education course before purchasing a hunting license. The Ohio Division of Wildlife offers three types of hunter safety courses: instructor-led training, home-study, and online courses. Hunter and trapper education programs are designed for every age and ability. Find more information on hunter education courses near you at wildohio.gov.

TWO MERCY HEALTH HOSPITALS RANKED IN BEST PLACES TO WORK IN HEALTHCARE IN 2024

Mercy Health is proud to announce that two Mercy Health hospitals have once again earned rankings among healthcare providers and insurers in Modern Healthcare's 2024 Best Places to Work award program.

Mercy Health - Willard Hospital was ranked number three on the list putting it among the elite of healthcare

facilities earning this recognition. Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital earned its third year on the list with a rank of 62.

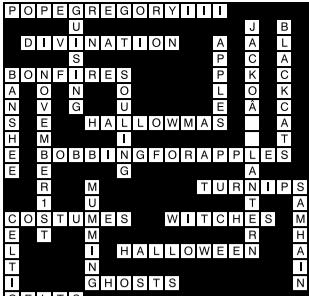
"I am proud of the teams in Willard and Defiance for once again earning this national recognition. This distinction shows the pride our associates have in the work they do providing the highest quality and most compassionate care to our communities," said Bob Baxter, president, Mercy Health - Toledo. "I am also thankful for the leaders in these hospitals who continue to create an environment where our employees want to work, our clinicians want to practice, people seek wellness and communities thrive."

This is Willard Hospital's sixth year on the list, which recognizes facilities based on feedback in areas such as employee satisfaction, work-life balance, career advancement opportunities, compensation and benefits, and the organization's commitment to quality care and innovation.

This is the highest the hospital has ranked, jumping up from place 24 last year, earning Mercy Health - Willard Hospital a specific mention in the publication's feature 2024 Best Places to Work in Healthcare winners announced.

"With all the economic uncertainty, staffing challenges, and folks wanting more flexible work setups, every company has to get clever about how they attract and hold onto talent," said Dan Peres, president, Modern Healthcare. "The winners of the 2024 Best Places to Work awards really get it. They show us how vital it is to understand what employees want and need right now. With healthcare shifting so much, finding the right people is a top priority, and the winners know that keeping their team happy is the key to business success."

The complete list of this year's winner rankings is available at ModernHealthcare.com/bestplacetowork (digital subscription is required). Modern Healthcare published a special supplement featuring the ranked list of all winners in the Oct. 10 issue of Modern



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Healthcare magazine.

"This is the sixth consecutive year Willard Hospital has been recognized for the compassion and respect they show to our patients and each other," said Andrew Morgan, president, Mercy Health - Willard Hospital. "I am so thankful to all the leaders, physicians, nurses and all team members who make Mercy Health - Willard Hospital a great place to work and an amazing place to receive care."

"This recognition coupled with recent quality awards are a source of pride for all of us who serve the Defiance community," said Sonya Selhorst, president, Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital. "Being named among Modern Healthcare's Best Places to Work continues to be incredibly meaningful because it truly reflects how engaged our teams feel about the care they deliver."

Modern Healthcare partnered with the Best Companies Group on the assessment process, which includes an extensive employee survey. While this program has evolved over the years, its mission remains the same: recognizing workplaces that empower employees to provide patients and customers the best possible care, products and services.

As the healthcare industry sits squarely on the frontlines of global health issues, the mission of the Best Places to Work program has only become more important. Healthcare leaders have proven that creating nurturing, supportive workplaces for their most valuable asset, their employees, is vital.

ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB YOUTH DAY



The rifle range is closed to regular shooting on this day! The young people are in total control, setup to shoot targets with a .22 at different yardage.

On October 12th, the Antwerp Conservation Club located just north of Antwerp on Rd. 53 hosted their annual Youth Day event. The morning began with the young people being instructed on the basics of gun safety. Once they received their safety first training, they were then allowed to practice on the long range field with .22 caliber long rifle ammunition.

Along with the .22 the kids were then allowed to shoot a shotgun under close supervision. The kick wasn't too bad according to Shawn Dooley, volunteer, as they were .410, but still, for the little kids, that's a loud of sound and cer-



Madison Schmidt, with the young Zuber girls, shows off their archery talent at the handgun range, today though, dedicated to the bow and arrow

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Our first Paulding County Recycling Extravaganza, held on July 20th, was a huge success. We processed more than 1,500 gallons of paint, 500 pounds of fluorescent bulbs, 2.5 tons of electronics and just under 30,000 pounds of tires. The turnout was excellent as it was a beautiful day and a lot of pent-up demand. Total cost for the Event came in at around \$9,000.

Because this was our first major Event, I was uncertain of exactly what kind of response we would get. I knew the tire portion would be widely utilized but the response for the paint, bulbs and electronics was outstanding as well. We had a paint and bulbs pilot program last year but this year exceeded that volume.

Our event was widely publicized and especially helpful to our County Township Trustees. The lines got long at times but it was held at the Paulding County Fairgrounds which has excellent traffic flow and helped us to be as efficient as possible in moving

the vehicles along.

I want to give a shout out to Aaron and Lindsay Timm along with Ron Wirts (Paulding County Engineering) for their assistance with the Event. It was a great example of collaboration among County departments and I couldn't have done it without them. I also want to give a big shout-out to Kohart's Salvage for their help as well. Their long-time driver, Bill, dropped off, picked up and delivered tires to Henry County Landfill for the Program and was a wonderful asset to the Event. To prepare the tires for transport required assistance and our Antwerp Varsity Football team stepped up big time. I contacted Dr. Marty Miller, Superintendent of Antwerp Schools, and he immediately put me in touch with Coach Hale. Within a day we had everything scheduled and those young men did a fantastic job and made quick work of the transfer.

Going forward, I'm hoping to have one Event a year but it

will depend on budget. We were able to provide this one at no charge, which was incredibly helpful for everyone but we'll have to see for future ones.

Great job Paulding County Recyclers!

—Shannon Ruschel
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