

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY PREPARE FOR VETERANS DAY PROGRAM



The Oakwood Elementary Kindergarteners are preparing for their annual Veteran's Day Program. The program will take place at the Oakwood Elementary School on Monday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m.

FINAL TWO AMERICAN FLAGS SET TO BE INSTALLED ON VETERAN'S DAY



The Four Flags of Freedom initiated by Defiance County Economic Development has successfully achieved its donation target of \$200,000, to place four Mega American Flags along U.S. 24. The flags measure 30 x 60. Currently, two out of the four flags are waving proudly. The first flag was raised at Keller Ware-

house on Flag Day, June 14th, while the second flag was hoisted at Werlor Waste Control on July 1st.

Assistant Executive Director, Paige Wesche stated, "I am very excited to see the final 2 flags of the Four Flags of Freedom going up here in Defiance! This project has already
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SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUPPORTS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY: SHOP ANTWERP FIRST!

All across the US small businesses and customers alike are getting excited for Small Business Saturday this year. Antwerp is going to celebrate Shop Antwerp First on November 23rd, a week before the traditional Small Business Saturday. This is a very impor-

tant way to support the small businesses in your own towns and communities. Small businesses are often run by friends, family and neighbors that we all know so supporting them is not just a personal thing but it is critical to their success. Local small businesses create jobs, boost the local economy and preserve small town and neighborhoods across the country.

Small Business Saturday was founded in 2010 by American Express as a response to small business owners' most pressing concern: getting people through their doors, rallying communities to support their local businesses and helping kick of a successful holiday season.

According to the US Chamber of Commerce there are 33.2 million small businesses in the U.S. and they make up 99% of all businesses. Ohio itself has 99,000 small businesses impacting the economy of the state. For the past 20 years, small businesses have accounted for roughly 40% of the United States' gross domestic output (GDP), which equate to trillions of dollars of economic activity.

According to Connect Our Future- buy local campaign
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VETERANS DAY DINNER AT VFW POST 5087

Veterans Day Dinner will be held Sunday, November 3rd at 12:00 Noon at the Antwerp VFW and is for all Veterans and their significant other.

—VFW Post 5087 Antwerp Auxiliary

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

Christmas for Kids is a fundraising effort sponsored by iHeartRadio station Mix 98.1 and volunteers from Marine Corp League Detachment #758. For the past 30 years, this campaign has provided Christmas presents for children of need in Defiance, Williams, Henry, Paulding and Fulton counties. Over 5,000 children are benefactors of Christmas for Kids each year.

Starting in the first week of November through the first week in December, we work to collect toy and monetary donations to help the cause.

We, along with volunteers, hope to raise funds to provide toys, books, clothing and other gift items for children in need. We believe every child deserves a Christmas, and with your help we can accom-

plish this very special goal. Monetary donations or unopened toys are accepted as gifts. Help make a difference in a child's life this holiday season!

This year the Paulding County sign up location will be at the Antwerp Global Methodist Church, 202 E. River Street, Antwerp.

It will be on November 2nd from 9am to 4pm. The entrance this year will be on the west side of the building.

Please remember to bring proof of Paulding County residency as well as your child's social security card or birth certificate and if necessary, custody paperwork. Without this information we will not be able to assist you.

SOCIAL SECURITY ANNOUNCES BENEFIT INCREASE FOR 2025

Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security In-

come (SSI) payments for more than 72.5 million Americans will increase 2.5 percent in 2025, the Social Security Administration announced today. On average, Social Security retirement benefits will increase by about \$50 per month starting in January.

Over the last decade the COLA increase has averaged about 2.6 percent. The COLA was 3.2 percent in 2024.

Nearly 68 million Social Security beneficiaries will see
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- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-12p
- 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
 - Mom-2-Mom Sale @ Van Wert County Fairgrounds
- November 5**
- Election Day Supper @ Oakwood Comm. Ch., 3:30-7p
- 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)
- November 10**
- Divine Mercy Kids Choir @ Festival of Trees, Paulding, 1-1:30pm; Adult Choir, 2pm
- November 11**
- Old Crown Band @ A Veteran's Day Salute



Add your event to the calendar info@westbendnews.net

CALVERT SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Jeanne Calvert, Local Book Author (Paulding County Murders, Paulding, Ohio) as the guest speaker at the October 24, 2024, club meeting. Jeanne came at the invitation of Joseph Burkard (Paulding County Prosecutor). Jeanne spoke to the Kiwanians about the history of

Paulding County murders. Can you really get away with murder in Paulding county? Jeanne has been looking into many murder cases throughout the years and has written a book about those murders and the outcome of those cases. Her book is currently sold at the Paulding County Carnegie Library.

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a 2.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) beginning in January 2025. Increased payments to nearly 7.5 million people receiving SSI will begin on December 31, 2024. (Note: Some people receive both Social Security benefits and SSI).

"Social Security benefits and SSI payments will increase in 2025, helping tens of millions of people keep up with expenses even as inflation has started to cool," said Martin O'Malley, Commissioner of Social Security.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) is slated to increase to \$176,100 from \$168,600.

Social Security begins notifying people about their new benefit amount by mail starting in early December.

This year, for the first time, Social Security beneficiaries will receive a newly designed and improved COLA notice that makes it easier for customers to find the information they need most. The simplified COLA notice is now only one page, uses plain and personalized language, and provides exact dates and dollar amounts of a person's new benefit amount and any deductions.

Individuals who have a personal my Social Security account can view their COLA notice online, which is secure, easy, and faster than receiving a letter in the mail. People can

set up text or email alerts when there is a new message--such as their COLA notice--waiting for them in my Social Security.

People will need to have a personal my Social Security account by Nov. 20 to see their COLA notice online. To get started, visit www.ssa.gov/my-account.

Information about Medicare changes for 2025 will be available at www.medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare, the 2025 benefit amount will be available via my Social Security's Message Center starting in late November. Those who have not opted to receive messages online will receive their COLA notice by mail in December.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

To read more, please visit www.ssa.gov/cola.

ANTWERP CHAMBER OCTOBER BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: REFLEXOLOGY

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce spotlight for October is one of our Independent Consultants.

Judy Hook is an independent consultant and owner of Ageless Reflexology LLC located in Hicksville, Ohio.

Judy's business began as she was searching for ways to support her health naturally



Judy Hook, owner of Ageless Reflexology.

which had become a priority for her. After walking through cancer with both of her parents and having her own health issues through the year, she is learning that we are gifted with a body from our Heavenly Father that was designed to heal itself if we find and use the right tools and information. "It is important to be our own advocate and educate ourselves," says Judy.

Judy has been educating on essential oils for the past 10 years. She still loves working with clients and educating them about oils but when felt there was still something more out there for her. She began searching to learn more about reflexology. Reflexology is a very old modality and there is not a lot of awareness about it still today. She finds it fascinating that just by working on the hands or feet our overall well-being can improve.

Reflexology is a science that deals with the principle that there are reflex areas on the hands, feet and outer ears that correspond to all of the organs, gland and parts of the body. Reflexology is not massage but a unique method of using the thumb and fingers on the reflex areas to stimulate blood flow and circulation to assist the body in functioning optimally. For example, our feet have over 8000 nerve endings so it is no wonder that reflexology is so good for us.

In the United Kingdom, it is practiced in most cancer centers as they have found great value in the benefits of reflexology for their cancer patients for stress, anxiety and decreased pain.

Judy travelled to Worthington, OH for her reflexology schooling over a period of 5 months, spending her weekends there in class. She felt that in person schooling would give her a solid hands on experience plus she was able to have her own feet worked on during class time as well. (Bonus)

Here are a few of the ways reflexology can support the body:

- Stress and Anxiety
- Digestive issues/constipation
- Increase circulation and blood flow
- Headaches and tension
- Arthritic pain
- Hormonal imbalances/menopause
- Skin conditions
- Improved nerve function/diabetic neuropathy
- Eliminate toxins from the body

Clients have found that they have experienced the most benefit when they see Judy on a regular basis. She sees people weekly and some monthly depending on the clients' needs and circumstances. Reflexology is considered safe for all ages from birth on up. After a session clients may find increased energy, improved sleep, improved mental clarity and more. Some clients have said they feel like they are floating and feel very light. You will want to increase you hydra-

tion following a session as this is when the body begins to detox over the next few days.

Each session is tailored to meet the clients' needs at the time. Clients come in for their session wearing comfortable clothing. Only shoes and socks are removed for the session. Judy has a massage table with wedges to support the back and under the legs to put the client in the most comfortable position possible. Judy also has a short intake form that helps her to assess clients' needs. Some clients may want to talk during their session while others may want to relax and sleep. Judy encourages the rest time as this is when the body can restore itself. Sessions typically last 30, 45 or 60 minutes in length.

"When I see the changes in my clients from when they arrive and after their session, I know my work is helping them," says Judy. This is what keeps Judy passionate and engaged in what she does.

Judy also offers these other modalities:

- Detox Foot Bath
- Aromatherapy and education
- AromaTouch (clinical application of essential oils)
- Essential Emotions Coach

Judy is honored to serve her existing clients and looks forward to helping others. "Our feet carry us all day long and we don't usually think about caring for them but if we didn't have them, it would certainly change your life wouldn't it?" States Judy. "I invite you to come and check it out."

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is excited to partner with Judy Hook in the growth of Antwerp and the surrounding community.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT ON NOV. 2nd

Zion Church, 7616 Bull Rapids, Woodburn, IN, will be holding their annual Euchre Tournament November 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15.00 and includes meal, 10 rounds of euchre and door prizes.

For tickets contact Laurie Miller 260-715-1170 (texting is best) or Jackie Lantz 260-416-8158.

OAKWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH ELECTION DAY SUPPER

Oakwood Community Church will hold an Election Day Supper on Tuesday, November 5, from 3:30-7:00 p.m. at their Fellowship Hall, located at 200 Main Street, Oakwood, Ohio. Serving delicious homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts, all for a free-will donation.

STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING FATAL TRAFFIC CRASH ON US 127 IN VAN WERT COUNTY

The Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a three vehicle, fatal traffic crash that occurred on US 127 near Mile Post 7 in Van Wert County.

At approximately 1056 Hrs. On October 21, 2024, a 2016 Ford Focus, operated by Zachary J. Wood, age 30, of Convoy, OH was traveling southbound on US 127 and had stopped to make a left turn into a private drive. A 2016 Chevrolet Silverado, operated by Timothy A. Kiester,

Scripture of the Week

"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

— Ephesians 5:18-20



SELLING REAL ESTATE

I was in the process of selling some real estate and I began to have anxiety. I found that people purposely try and low ball you. I needed to give to the Lord. So, I turned it over with this prayer.

For those who are selling real estate, I hope this blesses you. After seeing our friends at Ace Hardware was selling their equipment, I pray this prayer for them as well.

Father, I Thank You for the skillful and godly wisdom needed in offering my house (or other real estate) to be sold. I am preparing my house (property) in excellence that it may be beautiful and desirable as though I am preparing it for Your habitation. I am asking a fair and competitive market

price, and will not take advantage of a potential buyer.

Father, I ask that You prepare and send a ready, willing and able buyer to purchase my house (property). A person who has the funds available to pay the fair market value, pre-qualified and approved by a lending institution. One who has perfect timing of possession that fits into my need and his/hers.

Thank You for going before me and preparing the way. In the name of Jesus, I seek and pursue peace, thanking You that the spirit of truth shall prevail in our deliberations. I declare and decree that everyone involved speaks truly, deals truly, and lives truly.

Should there be anything that is hidden, I ask that it be revealed and brought to the light. Truth and mercy are written upon the tablets of my heart, and I have favor, good understanding, and high esteem in Your sight and in sight of the potential buyer.

In the name of Jesus, amen. Peace & Love,

—Pastor Dwayne

Scripture References: Proverbs 2:6, 9, 12, 15 AMP; I Corinthians 2:9; Ephesians 4:15 AMP; I Corinthians 4:5 AMP; Proverbs 3:3,4 AMP

age 61, of Berrien Springs, MI was traveling southbound on US 127 behind Mr. Wood's vehicle and failed to maintain assured clear distance ahead, striking Mr. Wood's vehicle in the rear.

The collision caused Mr. Wood's vehicle to travel into the northbound lane of US 127 where it was struck by a 2022 International semi, operated by Christopher E. Poland, age 33, of Niles, OH.

Mr. Wood and his passenger, Logan G. Elder, age 29, of Van Wert, OH sustained fatal injuries as a result of the traffic crash and were pronounced deceased at the scene by the Van Wert County Coroner's Office.

Mr. Poland was transported from the scene by Ohio City EMS to Ohio Health-Van Wert for injuries sustained in the crash.

The Van Wert Post was assisted on scene by the Van

Wert County Sheriff's Office, Ohio City Fire and EMS, Ohio Department of Transportation, Van Wert County Coroner's Office, Van Wert County EMA, AEP and Hague's Towing & Repair.

The traffic crash remains under investigation.

Your words have comforted us, your support has strengthened us, and your love has sustained us.

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THE SCHOOL LUNCH

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker
The first thing I remember eating anything at school was in Kindergarten. We always had a snack of a round cracker and a carton of chocolate milk, and...it was good.

The first time I had a school lunch I must have been in 3-4 grade. We had food like hot dogs, potato salad, Johnny Marzetti, mac and cheese and also the choice of packing our lunches.

Did you know that school lunches have been around since the early 1700s? Actually Germany noticed that if children were not hungry they did better in school. The lunches back then were mostly soup and a piece of bread but it helped fill empty bellies.

Going into the United States and looking back at 1910, lunch at schools were so different than today's meals. Volunteer programs were the main source of school lunches.

However, cities were starting to develop programs that would offer 3-cent meals. These meals were typically simple fare, such as soup, bread, and milk.

In addition, if students had an extra cent they could choose between rice pudding and candied fruit as a side dish. While not exactly an ideal meal by today's standards, it was a marked improvement over the alternatives of going hungry or eating some lunch at school.

In the process of learning more about food lunches offered in the late 60s, the 70's, 80's and 90's, I spoke with former students about school lunches, prices and their favorite school cafeteria food. Two former students from the 70's and 80's had this to say, "I remember when lunches were 35 cents and Dad always laid our lunch money on the table."

"My favorite was the pizza we had on Fridays."

Another former luncheon

eater from the 70's and early 80's said "I liked the chili and peanut butter sandwiches. I also liked the hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes. I did not like the No Bake cookies and gave them away."

"Then we used to get a piece of cheese that you could use as an eraser (and I did.)"

A gal from the 80's and early 90's said she had attended a small religious church school and everyone packed their lunches except for "the townies" who went



home for dinner. Without any cooler system lunches were eaten at room temperature.

Another former student from the 70's and early 90's said this; "I always liked the school lunches. I liked the pizza. It was square shaped but good." Continuing on the former student said, "I liked the prunes. No one else liked them so they gave me theirs. I usually ended up with a tray full."

Another student shared, "Everyone in Kindergarten laughed at me cause I ate beets."

Students from this decade have electronic accounts that money can be added to the students account to cover lunch. In addition, some schools offer extra items that they can purchase separately.

My granddaughter told me that her school had offered hot lunches and cold lunches. She also texted me a copy of her kids lunch menus. I saw many good things to eat on the menu but if you are a prune or beet lover, I did not see them listed.

What did you eat at school? Did you pack and if so what did you have in your lunch bag? Do you remember any school lunches? Let me Know and I'll Give you a Penny for your Thoughts

Authors note: The former students I interviewed were my 4 kids, a daughter-in-law, and a granddaughter.

HICKSVILLE KIWANIS PROVIDES COMMUNITY SERVICE



Hicksville Kiwanis did their community service last week by cleaning debris and picking up trash along Spencerville Street from corporation limits to the Ohio-Indiana State Line. This 2 mile stretch is done twice a year, by

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created a huge impact on our community, and we can't wait to hear everyone's feedback once it is complete. We cannot thank our contributors enough for their support in making this initiative possible."

The third flag will be placed at ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital and the fourth will be at Premier Bank Operations Center on Elliott Road. Those flags will be installed on Veterans Day, November 11th.

There will not be a ceremony, but spectators are welcome to come watch. Please follow the Defiance County Economic Development's social media channels on Facebook and LinkedIn for specific times for when the flags will be raised. This will be posted as the date gets closer.

Even though the donation target has been met, fundraising efforts will continue. Each flag is priced at \$2,100 and has a lifespan of only 18 months. Any extra funds will be allocated towards the maintenance of the flags and business grants for veterans.

Also, a large plaque honoring local veterans will be installed at each flag location.

Veteran name plates will be attached to the large plaque and can be purchased for \$500 through our website www.fourflagsoffreedom.com Premier Bank is proud to participate in the Four Flags of Freedom campaign with the Defiance County Economic Development. "This initiative will serve as a reminder that we proudly stand united in support of our veterans. Together we can spread kindness-

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several studies have shown that money spent at a locally owned business stays in the local economy and continues to strengthen the economic base of the community. A 2003 case study in Austin, Texas, showed that local merchants generate substantially greater economic impact than chain retailers. In fact, the study found that for every \$100 in consumer spending at a national bookstore in Austin, the local economic impact was only \$13. The same amount spent at locally-based bookstores yielded \$45, or more than three times the local economic impact. When you support a local business, you're also support-

the Hicksville Club, in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency of the State of Ohio. Members participating were Bob and Alice Bridenbaugh, Shelia Basset, Shelia Baker and Bill Elwwod.

sand make the Defiance community stronger!" Dave Figley, VP/Senior Commercial Lender at Premier Bank stated.

The Defiance County Economic Development Team thanks all who supported this project for their generous contributions! Lastly and most importantly, we thank all those who have served in the military. We hope local veterans and those currently serving in the military will see these flags as a tribute to their service and sacrifices.

Keller Family Foundation, Citizens Bank, Defiance County Commissioners, Ohio Gas Company, Werlor Waste Control & Recycling, Michele Diehl-In Honor of James Gillis, BPOE Lodge #147, Dark Horse Social Club, Amvets Post 1991, Premier Bank, Kathleen Goedde-In Honor of James W. Goedde, Re/Max Realty of Defiance, B&B Molded Products, James & Barbara Saxton, Enterprise Industrial Park of Defiance-In Honor of Larry & Ray Plummer, City of Defiance, Johns Manville, ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital, Michael & Laurie McCann, Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, James Tingle Family- In Honor of Charles Beard, Arthur Law Firm, MEC Veterans, Mark Baringer, Defiance Rotary Foundation, Keith Hubbard Family, Carol Iler, Paul and Beverly Long- In Honor of Chance Long Sr. Family, Sabre Industries, Sam Switzer Realty, DGL Consulting Engineers, General Motors, D.A.V Chapter 36 Defiance, Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Defiance VFW Post 3360, The Patel Family-Chain of Hotels, Same & Jo Ellen Hornish, The Paulding Eagles.

ing your town, city, and neighborhood by way of paying sales tax. The sales tax money is used to support public schools, parks, roads, and sidewalks, as well as fund public service workers, like firefighters.

Please plan to come out and support Shop Antwerp First in Antwerp on Nov. 23rd. The Welcome Center will be at the VFW beginning at 9:00 where we will have shopping bags filled with goodies, a page of special feature items in the businesses, a chance to win Chamber Bucks with a Scavenger Hunt and a receipt raffle. Watch the West Bend News and The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for more details.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Dean Parady was born in Payne, Ohio August 20, 1887. The son of John Charles Parady, born in 1854 in Vermont, and Elora A. (Carmack) Parady, born December 4, 1864 in Ohio. This couple was married October 9, 1884 in Paulding. This couple were the parents of James Sill born in 1886, Dean 1887, Don 1889, Ellen June 1890, Charles 1894, Anna 1897, Genieve 1899, Ruth Katherine 1902, and Nora who died as an infant, (not sure on her birth date). She is buried in Wiltsie Cemetery.

This family was living in Payne, Ohio in 1900. John was working as a painter and some of the children were in school. By 1910, the Parady family was living on Merrin Street in Payne, John was still working as a painter and his son Don was a wall paper hanger. I imagine they worked on jobs together.

Unclear what Dean was doing between 1910 and 1915. On June 5, 1917, Dean and brother Don registered for the draft. Don was working as a post office clerk in Payne. He registered in Payne, he was not chosen.

Dean registered in Gary,

Indiana. Living at 832 Washington Street in Gary, Indiana. He was listed as brown eyes, dark brown hair, and slender build, single and working as an electrician for the Illinois Steel Works. Dean married a gal named, Pearl M. Earl, September 5, 1917 in Lake, Indiana. Pearl was born February 22, 1891 in Minnesota. Dean was inducted into service September 20, 1917. He served as a private for Company D. 12th United States Engineers. He was honorably discharged May 14, 1919.

By 1920 Dean and Pearl was living on 77th South Street in Gary, Indiana. Dean was working at the Steel Mill. Pearl was working at the Calumet Supply Company. Later in 1920, Dean and Pearl moved to Lake, Indiana. Living on Adams Street, he was working at the Bolt and screw Company.

On April 2, 1926, they were living in Monrovia, California. I believe he got into produce farming. By 1930, Dean and Pearl were living in Cuyama, Santa Barbara County, California. I believe he was still involved in produce farming. In 1930, Dean's father, John passed away. He was buried in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne, Ohio. On April 3, 1938, Dean passed away in the Veterans Administration Facility, Soldiers Home, Santa Barbara, California. On April 6, 1938, he was buried in the Veterans Cemetery at that facility. Placed in plot 13 L-4. In 1940, John's mother, Elnora passed away. She was buried with her husband in Wiltsie Cemetery.

Dean's wife, Pearl, passed away January 29, 1963 in Kern, California. Her body was brought back to Minnesota, where she was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Mower County, Minnesota, lot 65, section 5. Dean and Pearl never had children.

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November 2024



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

MS. ARNOLD - HS/MS

MR. BILLMAN - ELEMENTARY

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

As we enter the month of November, our students and staff have settled into daily routines and procedures associated with attending school and advancing learning opportunities. With the daily routines established, it is an appropriate time to share some of the demographics associated with our school. There are currently 704 students in grades PK-12. Our pre-school class includes 60 students. Our largest K-12 class is the tenth-grade class with 62 students. Our smallest class is the third-grade class with 38 students. We have 42 students from the Junior and Senior classes attending Vantage Career Center in Van Wert, Ohio. Our school district also has five students attending the Paulding County Opportunity Center and six students participating in an internship or work study program.

Our school bus and van fleet transport an average of 366 students to school and home each day logging an average of 519 miles per day. The district's yearly expense for diesel fuel is \$50,079 and \$11,018 for gasoline. Our cafeteria staff serves an average of 32 breakfasts and 278 regular lunches per day. Approximately 36% of our students are designated as Free/Reduced Meal recipients. On the academic side, 15% of our students receive special education services. The school district's average monthly electric bill is \$16,582.21 and our gas bill is approximately \$4,753.45 per month.

Veterans Day is an opportunity to educate our students about the important role our Veterans have played in the history of our nation. Antwerp Local Schools will honor our Veterans with a Veterans Day Assembly on Monday, November 11th at 10 a.m. in the main gymnasium. To Veteran's: We thank you for your dedicated service to secure our freedoms. We are free because of the brave.

November 18-22, 2024, has been designated as *American Education Week*. This is the 103rd observance of the event, which began in 1921 as a joint venture between the National Education Association and the American Legion. This event presents all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. The employees of Antwerp Local Schools are proud to be part of a quality public school system and appreciate the partnership with the community. Together we can accomplish great things for our students.

Antwerp Local Schools has received several donations and grants recently. A \$15,562 Tree Assistance grant was awarded by the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation. The funds will be utilized to plant Arborvitae trees near our baseball/softball complex. Additionally, the Antwerp VFW and Antwerp Community Development Corporation donated \$6,000 and \$1,000 respectively for the purchase of a vending machine that distributes books in exchange for tokens students receive as part of a reward for demonstrating positive behaviors and character traits.

Dr. Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

We have officially ended the first quarter of the school year and are quickly advancing through the second quarter! With the completion of the first quarter of the year, I would like to remind students and parents about our Credit Recovery process. High School students who fail at least one semester of a class, and subsequently become credit deficient, will be required to attend Summer School. Middle School students will be required to attend if they fail a course for the entire school year. This will begin right after the school year and run for two or three weeks, depending on the number of credits that need to be recovered. If your student failed a class during our first quarter, please continue to encourage him or her during the 2nd grading period to earn the credits required for graduation.

Thank you to all of the parents who plan to attend our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences. We appreciate our working relationships with the families in our community and the collaborative effort in helping all of our students be successful.

As we finish up the fall season of extracurricular activities, I wanted to thank everyone for a smooth and successful season. These activities operate due to the people who dedicate countless hours to provide our students with a high-quality experience. A huge thank you to those who volunteered their time to our athletic and music programs. We truly could not do it without you!

~ Ms. Jessie Arnold, MS/HS Principal

HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Students planning to take an AP exam at the end of the 2024-25 school year should turn in their \$40 exam deposit to Mrs. Hammer by Friday, November 1.

Our annual College Credit Plus Information Night will be held on Monday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditoria.

The annual 8th grade tours of Vantage will take place on Tuesday, November 5. Students will tour all of the programs that Vantage has to offer.

RENEWAL INCOME TAX LEVY

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

There will be plenty going on in our building during the week of November 4th. On November 4th and November 7th we will be having our first round of Parent-Teacher Conferences. Also, all week we will be having our Fall Book Fair, and finally on Wednesday, November 6th we will have Grandparents Day here at Antwerp Elementary.

A/R REWARDS

Many students have been working towards their A/R Goals for the 1st Quarter. Students are being rewarded with Mrs. Grant and creating different images and characters with Perler Beads.

AUG./SEPT. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Students of the Month. Keep up the great work!

- KA: Vivian Sensabaugh
- KB: Theo Koenn
- KC: Gemma Bermejo
- 1A: Melody Bidlack
- 1B: Waylon Parisot
- 1C: Juliet Dillon
- 2A: Stella Gaisford
- 2B: Lane Zuber
- 2C: Adalind Muir
- 3A: Irenia Hand
- 3B: Nash Zartman
- 4A: Maddie Hogans
- 4B: Addie Straley
- 4C: Carter Taylor
- 5A: Greyson Smith
- 5B: Lucas Phillips
- 5C: June Zuber

~ Mr. Doug Billman, Elementary Principal

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month in elementary guidance, Mrs. Lichty presented a lesson on listening to kindergarten classes. Students listened to *David Goes to School*, and then they followed the directions given out by Mrs. Lichty's magic wand.

Second and third graders listened to the book, *Don't Laugh at Me*, and then talked about how everyone is different, which is what makes us all so special. The students then created a craft to go along with the lesson.

Fourth grade learned to put themselves in other's shoes while fifth graders watched the music video, "This is Me," from *The Greatest Showman* to focus on self-esteem. Then they discussed the lyrics and the video. To end the lesson, students wrote down everything they like about themselves.

As always, Mrs. Lichty is available to meet with students individually. Please contact her at 419-258-5421, extension 2204, with any concerns about your child.

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Nov 29	6:00	vs. Kalida
Nov 30	6:00	vs. Holgate
Dec 6	6:00	vs. Ft. Jennings
Dec 10	6:00	vs. Ottoville
Dec 14	6:00	vs. Continental

BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Nov 29	4:45	vs. Kalida
Dec 10	4:45	vs. Ottoville

BOYS JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Dec 2	5:00	@ Lincolnview
Dec 5	5:00	@ Delphos Jefferson
Dec 10	5:00	vs. Bryan
Dec 12	5:00	vs. Parkway

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Nov 22	6:00	vs. Hilltop
Nov 23	6:00	@ Ft. Jennings
Nov 26	6:00	vs. Edon
Dec 3	6:00	vs. Stryker
Dec 5	6:00	vs. Holgate
Dec 9	6:00	@ Miller City
Dec 14	12:00	vs. Parkway

GIRLS JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Nov 19	5:00	vs. Fairview
Nov 21	5:00	@ Woodlan
Nov 25	5:00	vs. Tinora
Nov 26	5:00	@ Holgate
Dec 2	5:00	vs. Paulding
Dec 3	5:00	@ Edon
Dec 5	5:00	vs. Wayne Trace
Dec 9	5:00	@ Lincolnview

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WRESTLING

Dec 7	9:00	@ Hicksville
Dec 14	9:00	@ Lincolnview Invite

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING

Dec 8	9:00	@ Bryan Invite
Dec 14	10:00	@ Archbold Invite

JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING

Dec 7	9:00	@ Wayne Trace Invite
Dec 14	9:00	@ Bryan Invite

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 3	Time Change
Nov 4/7	P/T Conferences
Nov 8	Inservice - 2-Hour Delay
Nov 11	Veterans Day Assembly
Nov 12	Winter Sports Pictures
Nov 21	Board of Education Meeting
Nov 27-29	Thanksgiving Break

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place Monday, November 4 through Friday, November 8. The book fair will close on Friday at 12:30 p.m.

Parents are welcome to visit during the school day and during Parent/Teacher conferences on November 4th and 7th from 4:00-7:30 p.m.

Grandparents' Day at the book fair will take place on Wednesday, November 6 from 8-11:30 a.m.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Let's Talk
I have already voted for Trump. I consider myself a MAGA supporter.

If you have, or plan to vote for Harris, I would like to make you an offer - I would really like to meet with you face to face and have a friendly discussion talking about each of our stances on the major issues of this election.

So if you would like to meet with me, your choice of

where and when, get a hold of me. I am in the Paulding phone book, look me up. I only have two rules we must follow.

These two rules are to be respectful and be truthful. I really want this to happen! Looking forward to meeting with you and having a chat.

—Dave Laukhuf
Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

WT TAX LEVY

The Wayne Trace Board of Education made a decision to put a 4.91 mill bond levy on the ballot this November 5, 2024 to fund a new auditorium, new classrooms for the Band and Choir, renovations for a Steam Center, and Community/Wellness Center. Since 2017, the Board of Education has had ongoing discussions about the future of the district and asking where do we, Wayne Trace Local Schools lack in providing the best educational experience to our students. Through much deliberation a plan has been put in place to gain more space for the band and choir, who now share an overcrowded classroom. The band and choir equipment is being stored in the hallway and they do not have a performance venue that is conducive to their talents. The band and choir have earned honors at the State level. We have a top notch program!

The renovations for the Steam Center are an integral part of this project. STEAM is an educational model that builds the creative problem-solving and critical thinking skills students will need in the 21st Century workforce. STEAM stands for Science,

Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. The T also stands for team work as we partner special education, regular education, and gifted education students in hands-on real world scenarios that apply the skills they have learned. The STEAM program designed and made all the veterans banners that hang in all of our communities at no cost to the veteran or the veteran's family. They were paid for through a grant. The district has received a grant from the State of Ohio to help with the start-up of this program, but a large amount of ventilated space is needed to house the educational equipment. The space that will be renovated is currently the weight/exercise room. This will displace the weight and cardio equipment that the students and community members use currently.

The expanding wrestling team now use a classroom for their practices. The Community/Wellness center will solve the space needed for the expanding wrestling program, weight/cardio room as well add new locker rooms and new restrooms for the football, softball, and baseball fields. A community room will also be available for use. The Community/Wellness center will be available to all residents, alumni, and property owners of the district at a minimal cost.

The district's hazardous flow of traffic at the high school will be much safer for students with the much needed addition of parking. The estimated cost for the project is \$30,286,453.00. The 4.91 mill bond levy will generate \$18,686,453.00 (62%) of the cost. The other \$11,600,000.00 (38%) is being financed through a grant, capital improvement fund, and current/future renewable revenues. The district has been receiving renewable energy revenues since 2013 and have used the majority of the funds for special education services. The renewable energy revenues are not taxed on property. They are payments in lieu of taxes that are paid by the Renewable Energy Companies, not our district's taxpayer. These monies are no different than if we would have a couple of factories build in our district. Current additional renewable revenue is being put aside to fund maintenance upkeep for the district's 3 buildings. The district does anticipate receiving additional funds from a solar farm and another wind farm being erected in the district. At this time, the district has

ARE YOUR HEIRS READY TO RECEIVE AN INHERITANCE?

In the popular imagination, receiving an inheritance always sounds like a good thing — after all, who doesn't want a financial windfall? And inheritances can certainly be life-altering events. But they can cause challenges, so you'll want to help your heirs be prepared.

To assist in this preparation, try to address some key questions affecting your heirs:

- Do they know what's in your estate plans? Your family

not received any certification on what the actual collections will be. With that being said, the Board of Education is confident that the revenues will sustain 26% of the project.

Wayne Trace has a long history of building and operating the district with very low property tax. The current voted millage rate for the district is 26.2 and the current effective millage rate is 20.5. We rank 6th lowest in effective millage out of 19 schools in our area. By law, the State of Ohio requires every school district to collect a minimum of 20 effective mills. Currently, Wayne Trace is basically collecting at the State mandated 20 mill floor. Whether you compare voted or effective mills, Wayne Trace currently has one of the lowest school property tax in this 19 area school comparison.

School, Voted Mills, Effective Mills Res/Agr, Effective Mills Other, Source County Auditors

Miller City, 31, 20, 24.0771; Ft. Jennings, 38.2, 20, 23.6478; Pandora, 36.85, 20, 23.1615; Ottoville, 23.3, 20.2143, 20.6955; Continental, 32.65, 20.4605, 21.0893; Wayne Trace, 26.2, 20.5, 22.0044; Delphos City, 47.4, 20.9689, 36.1447; Antwerp, 40.5, 21.4683, 33.2576; Crestview, 37.4, 22.2352, 23.0841; Paulding, 25.1, 22.7, 22.7; Columbus Grove, 31, 22.7499, 22.8921; Kalida, 31.9, 23.3, 23.3001; Spencerville, 31.57, 23.5346, 25.4745; Lincleville, 48.2, 23.57036, 32.783; Leipsic, 32.9, 24.2, 24.2048; Parkway, 35.57, 24.3097, 27.3163; OG, 27.32, 25.9848, 26.7434; Van Wert, 51.7,

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and other heirs will be much better prepared to deal with an inheritance if they know what to expect. That's why it's so important that you share your estate plans with everyone involved. You need to let them know the wishes and decisions you've expressed in your will and other legal arrangements, such as a living trust. Of course, sharing this information doesn't necessarily mean that all your heirs will be completely satisfied with your choices — but at least they won't be surprised, and perhaps will be less likely to cause disputes when the time comes to settle your estate.

- Will they know what to do with the money or other assets? You may be planning to leave your grown children a sizable amount of assets, possibly including cash, stocks, real estate, IRAs, 401Ks or other types of valuable personal property. But this inheritance brings with it several possible questions: Do your heirs already have an investment platform ready to accept inherited stocks? If you do leave behind rental property or a vacation home, can it be easily sold? These types of issues are generally not hard to resolve, but the more prepared your heirs are for their inheritance, the quicker they can take whatever actions are needed.

- Are they prepared to handle any taxes that may result from the inheritance? Unless you have a very large estate, your heirs likely won't face federal estate taxes. (In 2024, the first \$13.61 million of an estate is exempt from federal estate taxes.) However, other types of taxes may apply. A few states assess state inheritance taxes, and your heirs

could incur federal and/or state income taxes when they withdraw money from inherited assets funded with pre-tax dollars, such as some retirement accounts. They could also face capital gains taxes when they sell inherited assets, such as stocks, for more than they were worth at the time of the inheritance. In any case, inheritance-related taxes can be complex, so you and your family and other heirs should discuss these issues with your tax advisor.

- Will they be liable for any outstanding expenses? If you have developed a comprehensive estate plan, it's unlikely your heirs will be on the hook for any outstanding expenses, such as credit card balances or funeral costs. If you do still carry a mortgage, though, and you are planning on leaving your house to your heirs, they may want to be prepared to act quickly to sell it.

When leaving an inheritance, there's a lot involved — emotionally, financially and legally. So, do whatever you can to make the entire process as easy as possible for your loved ones. By communicating your wishes regarding the inheritance, and by considering all the issues that may arise, you can go a long way toward achieving the outcomes you desire.

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Family Dollar, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Dollar General

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

Cecil: 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House

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

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

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

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

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

Key: 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

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ARCHERS RALLY TO NIP PILOTS



Senior Tavin Sholl receives the pass from quarterback Hampton Rogge, getting the touchdown on a 62 yard run. Photo by Harlee Moore

DEFIANCE – After host Ayersville dominated the first half of Friday's Green Meadows Conference football game, it was visiting Antwerp who controlled the second half and rallied in the fourth quarter for a 33-28 win over the Pilots.

The Pilots held a 14-0 lead at the midway point of the contest, getting a six-yard touchdown run by Tauran Knueven and a 20-yard scamper by Kobe Brown for the two-score advantage.

However, Antwerp answered quickly in the third quarter.

Hampton Rogge found Kayden Winslow on a 43-yard touchdown pass with 9:37 left in the third quarter as the Archers trimmed the deficit to 14-7.

Rogge then connected with Tavin Sholl on a 62-yard scoring strike to and pull the blue and white within 14-13 at the 4:07 mark.

Ayersville responded with a drive of its own, capping the possession on a five-yard plunge from Garrett McConnell to extend the

Pilot lead to 21-13.

The Archers, though, tied it just 33 seconds later.

Rogge and Jaxon Jones hooked up on a 79-yard touchdown toss that helped Antwerp even the game at 21-21 at the end of three quarters.

Antwerp took its first lead of the contest with 8:23 remaining as Winslow scooted ten yards for the go-ahead score and a 27-21 Archer advantage.

With 6:01 left in the fourth quarter, the Defiance County squad regained the lead with a 34-yard rumble by Knueven and an Aleksander Makewski extra point kick to put the Pilots in front 28-27.

However, the blue and white wasn't done just yet.

In the final minute of regulation, Rogge and Winslow teamed up for a four-yard touchdown toss that gave the Archers a 33-28 advantage with 34 seconds remaining.

The blue and white held on from there, improving to 3-6 overall and 1-5 in the Green Meadows Conference. Ayersville dropped to

1-8 in all games and 1-5 in the league as well.

Knueven led all running backs in the contest with 234 yards over 37 to pace the Pilots. Ethan Thomas-Van Kirk picked up 52 yards on five tries for Antwerp.

Rogge completed 29 of 38 passes to lead the Archer passing attack, throwing for 404 yards in the contest. Tavin Sholl had ten receptions in the contest for 124 yards while Jones and Winslow each picked up six catches.

RAMS CLINCH SHARE OF GMC TITLE

PAULDING – Tinora claimed at least a share of the Green Meadows Conference football championship Friday night at Keysor Field as the Rams held off host Paulding for a 21-18 victory.

The win keeps the green and white unbeaten in conference action at 6-0 while Tinora also improves to 6-3 in all games. With just one week of regular season play remaining, the Rams hold a one-game lead over second place Fairview (7-2, 5-1 GMC). Tinora will host Edgerton in the week ten finale of the regular season looking for an outright conference crown.

Owen Ferrell topped the Tinora offense, completing 25 of 33 passes for 286 yards that also included a trio of touchdowns.

Dylan Schaufele hauled in seven receptions for 125 yards while Trentin DeLarber posted six catches for 83 yards. Josh Lieb posted five receptions for 39 yards.

Avery Cooper picked up 54 rushing yards on nine carries to lead the maroon and white.

Quarterback Colten Hunt completed 24 of 49 passes for 254 yards in the contest, including a trio of touchdown tosses.

Jordan Manz led the way for the Paulding receiving corps with a dozen catches for 88 yards and a couple of touchdowns.

Jalen Manz added five receptions for 46 yards and Blake Rhonehouse hauled in four receptions for 92 yards.

ELDEN LEADS BULLDOGS OVER ACES

EDGERTON – In a Green Meadows Conference battle in

Williams County, the host Bulldogs of Edgerton opened a two-score lead at halftime and then held on in the second half for a 27-20 victory over Hicksville Friday night in high school football action.

Mason Elden completed 17 of 26 passes and threw for 232 yards and three touchdowns to lead Edgerton to the victory.

Elden completed first quarter passes to Scottie Krontz (eight yards) and Cory Herman (28 yards) to give the Bulldogs an early 13-0 advantage.

In the second quarter, Elden hooked up with Caden Sinclair (15 yards) and Krontz (12 yards) to aid the Bulldog cause.

Owen Stuckey plunged one yard to give the Aces a first quarter touchdown before finding Brant Langham on a 19-yard scoring strike in the second stanza.

Braedon Dix added a 90-yard interception return for the final Hicksville score of the evening.

The Bulldogs racked up 375 yards of total offense in the contest, getting 143 in the rushing game while picking up 232 passing yards. Hicksville was limited to 195 yards of total offense, including 109 rushing and 86 passing yards.

Kellen Sanchez rumbled for 126 rushing yards on 13 carries to lead Edgerton with Krontz adding 36 yards on ten tries. Karter Gibson recorded six catches for 87 to top the Bulldog receivers.

Collin Leavell had 79 rushing yards to top Hicksville over 11 attempts. Owen Stuckey completed 9 of 24 yards for 86 yards through the air for the Aces with Langham posting four receptions for 57 yards.

ARCHERS CROSS COUNTRY COMPETE IN DISTRICTS

Saturday, the XC teams traveled to Napoleon for the District Meet. They failed to advance as teams but never the less put together another strong showing.

The Varsity Boys were up first and placed 9th as a team out of 22 schools. They were led by 18th place finisher, and regional qualifier, Kamren Johnson. He was followed by Bryceton Barker, Gage Barker, Aiden Hook, Tucker Doster, Isaac Buhner, and Camden Herber.

The Lady Archers ran next and placed 8th as a team. They were led by 33rd place finisher Reese Durbin. Followed by Emily Laker, Alia Clem, Leigha Doster, Gabriella Snyder, Raelynne Zuber, Annaliese Zijlstra

Kamren will compete Saturday at the Regional Meet in Tiffin. Go Archers!

SECOND HALF SPURT LIFTS APACHES OVER WT

SHERWOOD – After a tight knit first half that saw Fairview holding a slim one-point lead, the host Apaches broke the game open with three scores in the second half to pull away for a 34-20 win over Wayne Friday night in Green Meadows Conference football action at the 'Reservation.'

The black and gold struck quickly in the opening stanza when William Zeedyk found Logan Olinger on a 35-yard touchdown toss for a 7-0 Fairview advantage.

Wayne Trace answered late

APACHES & PANTHERS END STATE RUN AT DISTRICT SEMI-FINALS



At the District Semi-Final on October 22nd at Miller City, Fairview and Bluffton opened the night in their fierce matchup. Bluffton took Fairview out of the running in three sets: 25-23, 25-11, 25-15. Pictured above Fairview Junior Aubrey Hammer taps the ball back to the Bluffton girls in Tuesday night's matchup. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Paulding Lady Panthers ended their 2024 run in Districts on October 22nd when they faced the Ottawa-Glandorf Titans. Lady Titans won the game in three sets: 16-25, 9-25, 19-25. Pictured above Paulding junior Lucy Breier spikes the ball back to the Titans in this exciting tournament match at Miller City. More pictures at westbendnews.net

in the opening period as Cole Morehead hooked up with Clay Stoller on a 21-yard scoring strike to get the Raiders within 7-6.

Early in the second stanza, Olinger again scored on a three-yard plunge to expand the Fairview lead to 13-6.

The Raiders, though, kept things interesting as Clay Stoller intercepted a Zeedyk pass and returned it 70-yards for a score to get the red, white and blue within 13-12 at the intermission.

Fairview again widened the gap in the third period

when Zeedyk teamed up with Gavin Meade on a five-yard touchdown pass that pushed the Apache lead to 19-12.

Wayne Trace answered by taking its only lead of the contest as Cole Morehead scooted three yards before finding Zach Stoller on the two-point conversion pass to put the Raiders on top 20-19.

The biggest score of the game came with just seven seconds left in the third quarter as Fairview seized a 27-20 lead with an Olinger touchdown run covering three yards and a two-point conver-

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NEW BOOK MACHINE & DONATION ANNOUNCED AT OCTOBER ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD MEETING



Donation for a Bookworm from the Antwerp VFW. Eloise Scharr, daughter of 1st grade teacher Katie Scharr, and Bob Phillips, Antwerp VFW. Katie has been active with finding funding for the purchase of the "Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine".

The Antwerp School Board met on October 24 as the meeting had moved from its regularly scheduled date.

Bob Herber is the state liaison for the school and he said that AEDs are now required by law.

Vantage October 3. State Report Card - 5 star school is the highest rating and happy about that. A medical "Vantage Academy of Medical Careers" is being sought as a big project. Several Vantage students were recognized including: Maylynn Carnahan, Laine Bonifas, and Faith Clem.

Kristine Stuart gave the financial summary report: Income: 833,086.21 Expenses: 962,206.75

Interest: 48479.72 25% through the fiscal year. The budget on income and expenses are right on target. Dennis Recker asked what to do with the leftover funds from the paid off bond levy. Stuart stated she would contact the budget commission of the county to see about authorizing that transfer.

High School Principal Jessie Arnold reported that she has completed the walk throughs and is impressed with the creativity of the students. Fall sports are concluding and Kameron Johnson will head to Tiffin for the Cross Country Regional Tournament on October 26th. The student council

Zeedyk was 21 of 35 through the air for 348 yards, completing seven passes to Meade for 79 yards. Olinger and Brody Williams both added six receptions for the Apaches.

Morehead finished the night with 348 yards of offense through the air and 491 yards of offense overall in the contest. The Apaches came into the contest ranked first in the GMC in offensive output against a Wayne Trace squad that was the top defense in the league but was overmatched at the Reservation.

Wayne Trace totaled 138 yards on the ground 208 through the air for a game total of 346.

Morehead topped the Raiders with 101 rushing yards in the contest with Zeedyk running for 68 yards to top Fairview. Olinger posted 48 yards on the ground for the Apaches.

Morehead completed 14 of 28 passes for 208 yards to aid the Raider cause with Amos Sinn hauling in five passes for 61 yards. Stoller chipped in four catches for 75 yards.

JETS FLY PAST WARRIORS

WOODBURN - The regular season finale for high school football took place Friday night in Woodburn where visiting Adams Central flew past the host Warriors for a 42-6 victory in ACAC action.

The Flying Jets struck quickly, scoring a pair of times in the first quarter to

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had a good homecoming week. The 8th grade Washington DC trip will take off soon for their week long trip, and the Parent-Teachers Conferences are scheduled for the first week of November.

Elementary Principal Doug Billman reported that it's been a busy month in the Elementary. The after school tutoring on Wednesday nights have had up to 40 students involved to help with this program. On October 10th, the kindergarten kids took a field trip to a farm. The 4th - 6th graders took a trip watching the Wild Robot at the Defiance Theatre after they had just finished reading the book. The 3rd grade just completed their state testing. Bob Herber setup a fireman's experience for the students. November 4-7 has a lot going on with Grandparents Day, Parent-Teachers Conference and the Scholastic Book Sales.

Dr. Marty Miller praised the new principals for their leadership and thanked them for a good first quarter. A \$15,000 grant for planting trees was received from the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District. A \$40,000 grant from Workman's Compensation was received to purchase a robot painting device for the fields. The robot cost \$53,000 in total. The VFW is donating the cost of a book worm book machine along with \$1000 from A.C.D.C. There was also a grant from PPEC for the books that will fill this machine on the collaborative dispenser. William Friend donated some money for the preschool program.

Harold Gottke is adding more vape detectors. The camera system being investigated is robust and AI is being added that can track brandished firearms. Gottke is looking for funding to help defray the costs for this added security.

Another heater was in-

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26.1689, 39.0597; Defiance City, 46.15, 28.4563, 29.6363

You can calculate your annual tax on this proposed 4.91 bond levy by taking your total assessed (do not use appraised) valuation that is listed on the Paulding County Auditor website and multiply it by .00491. The bond levy is for thirty (30) years, but past Boards of Education have had a history of reducing millage to lessen the burden to the taxpayer. The current Board of Education will be looking to do the same. The proposed project is an investment in the students and the community.

—Paul Jones, Wayne Trace Local Schools' Superintendent

PJHS STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY



On Saturday, October 19th seventh grade students, staff, and family members from Paulding Junior High School volunteered at the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Paulding, Ohio. Shown in the picture from left are: Ryker Johnson, Mrs. Megan Johnson, Kenny Peffley, Miranda Lewis, and Bindy Font.

stalled in the greenhouse by Hormann Heating.

The results of the kids taking home laptops for the "summer slide". A total of 39 kids participated: 14 kids improved from spring to fall, 12 kids did slide but not as much as those that were not in the program.

On October 11 there was a school safety drill in collaboration with the Antwerp Police Department. There was also a practice bomb threat exercise.

The Paulding County Business Advisory Plan, working with Tim Copsey, is to be submitted and needs to be approved by the school board. There is a calendar change in November: a 2-hour delay is scheduled for November 8 for a training at the Wellness Center.

FORT DEFIANCE VFW DONATES TO CLOTHES FOR KIDS



Clothes For Kids - Defiance Area Foundation received a generous \$2,000 donation from the Fort Defiance VFW 3360 Auxiliary. Congratulations Clothes for Kids! This money will be used to purchase more clothing and shoes for students in our county who are in need this winter. Pictured with the grant are (L to R) Summer Taylor - VFW Canteen Manager and Katie Groff - Clothes for Kids Co-Chair.

Advertisement for westbendnews.net featuring a screenshot of the website interface. The text says: 'View your School Event Pictures at westbendnews.net. Share your favorites on Facebook, email, or Pinterest. The recently rebuilt picture view makes the site much easier to navigate finding your favorite!' Below the screenshot, there are categories for '2013 Fall Sports Pictures' with sub-categories: Football (236 images), Band (18 images), Cheerleading (17 images), CrossCountry (20 images), Golf (25 images), and Volleyball (14 images). At the bottom right, it says 'See You Soon!'.

Advertisement for Antwerp Exchange Bank. It features the bank's logo and contact information for three locations: Antwerp, Ohio (419-258-5351), Payne, Ohio (419-263-2705), and Harlan, Indiana (260-657-1000). It also includes the slogan 'we're not just bankers... we're neighbors' and 'Member FDIC'.

Advertisement for West Bend News. It features a graphic with the text: 'GET YOUR MESSAGE OUT IN THE WEST BEND NEWS. NEWS ITEMS ARE ALWAYS FREE!!!'.

THE LEFT TURN



Kody Swanson 2024 USAC Silver Crown Champion. Christopher Pedersen photo



The Rumble in Fort Wayne returns December 27th and 28th. Stock Photo

By: Ron Burt

Eldora on the last weekend of racing for 2024. Congratulations to the regular race night (local) track champions. Modified Division was won by Jonathan Taylor and the Super Stock Champion is Doug Drown. The Eldora Speedway Facebook page has a link to the 2024 Tracks Top 25 point standings for both



Kody Swanson leading Bobby Santos at IRP. Christopher Pedersen photo

classes.

I appreciate Linda Mansfield updating me on one of the USAC drivers I feature often in my column, Kody Swanson who drives many types of race cars including my favorite the USAC Silver Crown cars, both on pavement and on dirt. Kody Swanson won the 100-lap USAC Silver Crown season finale Saturday night at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park (IRP) to extend his record as the winningest driver in series history with an unprecedented 45 career victories and his eighth series championship.

By adding one more championship to the titles he won in 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022, he also set a new record in terms of total championships earned by any one driver in a USAC national series. Who did he surpass? None other than A.J. Foyt, with seven Indy car championships under USAC sanction and Mel Kenyon, who earned seven USAC national midget titles. Swanson beat Justin Grant

in the final point standings for 2024 with the Lebanon, Ohio-based team's car, which also carries the colors of Glenn Farms and Wilke Orthodontics. Defending champion Logan Seavey finished third in the point standings followed by C.J. Leary and Kyle Steffens.

I'll have more from Indy next week, as well as Eldora and Waynesfield as they wrap up the 2024 racing season featuring the BOSS Sprints, Dirt Trucks and Sport Compacts.

Fans of the Rumble in Fort Wayne will be happy to learn Jason Dietsch Trailer Sales will return as the title sponsor December 27th and 28th at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, in Fort Wayne Indiana. Two great nights of racing indoors at the Expo Center. This is the 27th year of The Rumble and Jason Dietsch has been the title sponsor since 2017.

If you've never attended the Rumble in Fort Wayne, the races are very competitive. The Midgets headline the event with the perfect blend of different types, including National, Kenyon, and Focus. Both nights will feature 600cc Non-Winged and Winged and many classes of Quarter Midgets and Go Karts. For the racing teams and drivers, Thursday, December 26th will be the main practice. Drivers you see weekly in the tri-state and drivers that race nationally make the Rumble a must attend event. Most of these drivers race the Atlantic City Convention Center the week before and January 12th-18th they all head to Tulsa for the annual Chili Bowl Nationals. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out! (Ohio Sports Blitz on Facebook).

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1st NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2024-25

(*Denotes all A's)

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Miss Estle 1B:

Ayvriella Barajas*, Virgil Corral*, Barrett Damman, Carson Fraley, Corbin Girod, Jaxson Knapp*, Preston Lambert*, Sadie Manz*, Savannah Manz*, Colten Rau*, Allie Stork*, Iris Villalon*, Scarlett Vannier, Karter Walters*

MS. COUNTERMAN 1C:

Kaeson Alvarado, Aurora Luginbill*, Ethan Mason*, Montana May*, Gemma Myers*, James Pumphrey*, Dallas Schlatter*

MISS MARCH 2A:

Axl Breckler*, Natalie Col-lard, Leo Krabill, Garret Lambert, Braelynn Long, Macklen Osting*, Bentlee Pack, Carson Parker*, Zane Grant, Aiden Thomas, Amaryllis Villalon

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MRS. HOHLBEIN 4A:

Hunter Booth, Luke Col-lard*, Ryleigh Girod, Bailey Heath, Molly Malosh, Drasin Plotts, River Stahl*, Easton Stork*

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MISS BRIMMER 6A:

Kaliopie Foor, Raelyn Haynes*, Carter Naugle, Kaylee Pack, Luke Ramey, Lo-gan Riethman, Rylee Steffes

MRS. SIZEMORE 6B:

Leah Baker*, Brextyl Bart-ley, Adalyn Miller*, Lucy Riethman, Morgan Snyder, Brantlee Swanson, Gavin Thomas

GROVER HILL ELEM. ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Grover Hill October Student of the month are pictured above: (front, l-r) Lincoln Stoller, Aliyah Duer, Charlotte Miller, Karlee Reichert, Owen Densmore, Aizlee Ricker, Wyatt Men-gerink and Emery Boyer; (back, l-r) Allison Rojas-Palma, Emery LaBounty, Lyla Stoller, Gabby Lowe, Bentley Wright, Kendyl Hurd and Chandler Sinn.

FALL CRAFTING AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Ann's Bright Beginners in the youngest class read the story "I know an Old Lady Who Swal-lowed Some Leaves" recently. After listening to the story, they made an old lady, and se-quenced the story with pictures. Shown here with their beautiful craft is: Lenna Sauber, Micah Etter, Ava Hobart, Maelee Etter, and Keelyn Schweinsberg.

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take an early 14-0 advantage.

After Adams Central added another touchdown in the second stanza for a 21-0 halftime lead, Drew Fleek found the endzone in the third quarter to get Woodlan on the scoreboard.

The Flying Jets also scored in the third quarter as Adams Central extended the margin to 28-6 entering the final period. The Adams County squad then wrapped up the scoring with two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter to set the final at 42-6.

Woodlan finished the contest with 207 rushing yards on 51 carries, led by Jake Ley with 76 rushing yards on 15 attempts.

Fleek added 75 yards over 91 rushes for the Warriors and Shaiden Snyder picked up 30 yards on seven carries. Ashtin Jacquay chipped in 25 yards to aid the Woodlan offense.

Jacquay topped the War-rior defense with eight tack-les on the evening while Carter Fleek finished the contest with six.

Emerson Spieth chipped in five tackles for Woodlan while Eli Funk had four along with Cooper Smith and Ty Loudon totaled three apiece.

Jacquay topped Woodlan with two sacks with Drew Fleek and Carter Fleek post-ing one apiece. Carter Fleek picked up the lone Warrior fumble recovery.

WARRIORS CLAIM SECTIONAL TITLE

WOODBURN - The Woodlan Lady Warriors won the sectional championship in high school volleyball last week with victories over both Blackhawk Christian and South Adams. Woodlan opened the sec-

tional with a 25-18, 25-19 and 25-17 win over Blackhawk Christian behind 11 kills from Bree Peoples and ten by Alyssa Anderson. Makaila Gruber chipped in six slams as well for the Lady Warriors.

Alyssa Harvey posted five aces for the Lady Warriors while Makenna Smith and McKenna Smith both added three aces. Jade Lichty and Makenna Smith each picked up 14 digs for the Woodlan while Harvey and Alix Jacquay both totaled six digs.

Victoria Crozier and Har-vey dished out 18 and ten as-sists, respectively, while An-derson aided the Warriors with three blocks.

Against the Starfires, the Lady Warriors captured the decisive fifth set 15-11 to ad-vance down the tournament trail.

Woodlan won the first two games by scores of 25-12 and 25-23 before South Adams took game three 25-10 and the fourth set 25-23 to even the match.

Anderson topped the Lady

Warriors with 28 kills and Carsyn Wills chipped in nine slams. McKenna Smith posted five aces to lead Woodlan while Peoples and Makenna Smith both recorded two aces.

Anderson also paced Woodlan in blocks with eight followed by Crozier (five) and Gruber (four) while Makenna Smith picked up 40 digs to top the Lady Warriors. Gruber and Lichty also reached dou-ble digits in digs with Gruber getting a dozen and Lichty posted ten.

Crozier posted 33 helpers for the Lady Warriors and Harvey picked up 15 assists.



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ODNR DIVISION OF WILDLIFE'S MICHELE BUTLER HONORED AS MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY COUNCIL WATERFOWL PROTECTION OFFICER OF THE YEAR



The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife's Michele Butler is being recognized for her exemplary work as a wildlife officer. The Mississippi Flyway Council is honoring Officer Butler with the Waterfowl Protection Officer

of the West award. The Waterfowl Protection Officer of the Year award is presented to a law enforcement officer who exhibits exceptional dedication and service to protecting the Mississippi Flyway's waterfowl populations. This award high-

lights officers who go above and beyond by protecting wetlands and waterfowl, educating waterfowlers, participating in waterfowl organizations, and promoting youth hunting activities.

Ohio Wildlife Officer Michele Butler is the Mississippi Flyway Council Waterfowl Protection Officer of the Year.

Erie County, where Officer Butler is assigned, sits along the Lake Erie shoreline and is one of the most heavily hunted waterfowl areas in Ohio. Officer Butler is a passionate waterfowl hunter and extremely dedicated to protecting Ohio's wildlife. She works diligently to ensure hunters comply with regulations and educates the public about the importance of hunting and waterfowl.

Officer Butler is widely re-

spected by her peers and the public and takes on additional roles outside her normal job duties. She is a founding member of the Women Officers of Wildlife program where female officers discuss challenges and provide insight to leadership. Officer Butler was recently appointed to the Division of Wildlife's Honor Guard to represent the agency at ceremonies and events. She also participates in the Division of Wildlife's Ride Along Program and serves as a health and fitness instructor.

The Mississippi Flyway is composed of 14 states and three Canadian provinces. The Mississippi Flyway Council was established in 1952 to coordinate the management of migratory game birds in the Mississippi Flyway and to promote those activities of its members that serve the long-term benefit to the resources and the flyway.

The mission of the Division of Wildlife is to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all. Visit wildohio.gov (<http://www.wildohio.gov>) to find out more.

In 2024, join ODNR as we celebrate 75 years of protecting Ohio's natural resources and providing outstanding and award-winning recreational opportunities.

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (7) persons on Thursday, October 17, 2024.

Raciel Bordao Bejerano (6/27/1990), Cedar Creek, TX; Breaking and entering, F5; Grand Theft, F4; Safecracking, F4

Yerandy Valdez Caraballo, (8/8/1988), Miami, FL; Breaking and entering, F5; Grand Theft, F4; Safecracking, F4

Chad B. Franklin (6/24/1975), Antwerp, OH; Domestic violence, M1

Robert L. Bair (6/16/1989), Van Wert, OH; Felonious assault, F2

John Allen Cleo Vibbert (12/10/1999), Grover Hill, OH; Domestic violence, F3; Endangering children, M1

Patrick A. Bell (10/23/1967), Hicksville, OH; Possession of cocaine, F5; Having weapons while under disability, F3

Felipe Garcia Jr, (9/23/1984), Defiance, OH; Trespass in a habitation when a person is present or likely to be present, F4

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Tammy S. Branham, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; 30 days jail, 29 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Evaluation at Westwood and complete counseling; No unlawful contact with victim; Risk assessment; No alcohol, no drugs of abuse; Maintain general good behavior

Jodh S. Basson, Stoney Creek, ON; Driving/texting; Case was waived by defendant

Mark D. Carnahan, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Wesley J. Cereghin, Defiance, OH; Failure to control;

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brian O. Rippetoe, Cloverdale, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty;

James M. Richardson, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/under influence, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, Operator license suspended from 6/19/24 to 6/19/25, Defendant to pay all costs and fines; Failure to control, Guilty, Defendant to pay all costs and fines

Jacob R. Durkee, Kenosha, WI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Eduardo A. Lopez, Nuevo Lardeo, MX; One way traffic; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Natalie R. Bowers, Stryker, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Reuben M. Wiegand, Paulding, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Miguel A. Avendani Zunun, Antwerp, OH; No operator license; Pled no contest, found guilty; Proof of insurance not provided; Restitution in the amount of \$2,550.71 to the victim, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Failure to control, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Richard R. Ordean, Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Braydon J. Puthoff, Sidney, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Shawn A. Keele, Mount Carmel, IL; Unsafe vehicle;

Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cassidy M. Eckhart, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Alli J. Hefner, Payne, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Destiny Reed, Paulding, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Randy L. Pierce, Middle Point, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; Maintain general good behavior

Tedda L. Wesley, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case dismissed at defendant's costs

John E. Schmiedebusch, Lima, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Rashaun J. Coley, Sylvania, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Vickie L. Sprow, Bryan, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Steven L. Schmidt, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Korie S. Wirth, Sherwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dustin M. McCance, Wauseon, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Russell R. Manz, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Paulding County - Local Questions and Issues	
Paulding County - TOWNSHIPS	
TITLE	Precincts
Auglaize Township , Additional - 0.6 Mill for the purpose of providing Ambulance, EMS or both , 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026. (overlap with Defiance County)	Auglaize Township
Auglaize Township , Renewal, 1.5 Mills, for the purpose of Fire Protection , 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026 (overlap with Defiance County)	Auglaize Township
Crane Township , Renewal, 2.94 Mills, for the purpose of providing and maintaining Fire apparatus, appliances and buildings , 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025	Crane Township, Cecil
Jackson Township , Additional 0.5 Mill for the benefit of the unincorporated areas of Jackson Township , Precincts 10-1 and 10-2 for the purpose of Cemetery expenses, maintenance & improvements for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025	Jackson Township, Unincorporated Areas of Precincts 10-1 and 10-2
Jackson Township , Renewal 1-Mill for the benefit of the unincorporated areas of Jackson Township , Precincts 10-1 and 10-2 for the purpose of Emergency Medical Service , 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025	Jackson Township, Unincorporated Areas of Precincts 10-1 and 10-2
Washington Township , Renewal, 0.5 Mills, for maintaining and operating cemeteries , 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.	Washington Township
Paulding County - VILLAGES	
Village of Antwerp , Renewal, 1 Mill, for the purpose of current expenses, including street lighting expenses , 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026	Village of Antwerp
Village of Antwerp , Renewal, 2.63 Mills, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, and equipment including a pumper/tanker fire engine and fire gear for firefighting personnel , 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.	Village of Antwerp
Village of Antwerp , Renewal, 2 Mills, for the purpose of providing and maintaining equipment used in the operation of the police department , for the payment of salaries to operate the same, and for all other expenses necessary to operate the police department and provide police protection in the Village, 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025	Village of Antwerp
Village of Grover Hill , Renewal, 6 Mills, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances and equipment , 5 years, commencing in 2024 first due in calendar year 2025.	Village of Grover Hill
Village of Haviland , Renewal, 3 Mills, for the purpose of providing current expenses , 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026	Village of Haviland
Village of Melrose , Renewal, 1 Mill, for the purpose of EMS Services , for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.	Village of Melrose
Village of Melrose , Renewal, 0.6 Mill, for the purpose of Fire protection , for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026	Village of Melrose
Village of Melrose , Renewal, 1.2 Mills, for the purpose of Fire Protection , for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026	Village of Melrose
Village of Paulding , Renewal, 2 Mills, for the benefit of Paulding Village for the purpose of Current expenses , 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025	Village of Paulding
Village Of Paulding , Ordinance/Resolution, Electric Aggregation by Petition, Shall the Village of Paulding have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located in the Village of Paulding, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?	Village of Paulding
Village of Paulding , Renewal, 0.4 Mills, for the benefit of Village of Paulding for the purpose of providing and maintaining EMS apparatus, appliances, buildings or sites therefore, and the payment of permanent part-time or volunteer EMTs or to operate the same, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5705.19(U), 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026	Village of Paulding
Village of Paulding , Renewal, 1 Mill, for the purpose of providing and maintaining Fire apparatus, appliances, buildings , or sites therefore, and the payment of permanent part-time or volunteer firemen or fire fighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firefighter employers' contribution, 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025	Village of Paulding
Village of Paulding , Renewal, 1 Mill, for the purpose of providing for recreational purposes , including the Paulding Village Pool . 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025	Village of Paulding
Village of Paulding Precinct 1:13-1 , Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this Paulding Village 13-1, for consumption on the premises, where sold, on Sunday?	Village of Paulding Precinct 1:13-1
Paulding County - SCHOOLS	
Antwerp Local School District , Renewal of school district income tax of 0.75 percent, providing for current operating expenses , expiring end of 2025, to be extended for 5 years beginning January 1, 2026	Antwerp Local School District
Wayne Trace Local School , BOND - 4.91 Mills (New Construction & Remodeling) (Overlaps with Putnam and Van Wert Counties)	Wayne Trace Local School District
Paulding County - WIDE	
Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities , Renewal/Decrease, 0.75 mills, for the benefit of Paulding County, Ohio, for the purpose of the operation of community programs and services authorized by county boards of developmental disabilities, for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance and operation of the developmental disabilities facilities, or for both of 0.75 Mills	Paulding County - Wide
Paulding County Senior Center , Replacement and increase, 1 Mill, for the benefit of Paulding County, Ohio, for the purpose of providing and maintaining senior citizens services and facilities , 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026	Paulding County - Wide

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds
2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW
3rd Weekend- Payne ,
(Paved lot east of Homier's)
4th Weekend- Antwerp ,
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WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL/JR HIGH SCHOOL 1ST 9WK HONOR ROLL 2024/25

Academic Honor Roll: *signify 4.0 (4.0-3.8)

9TH GRADE: *Aukele Schmidt, *Jensen Beining, *Brooke Tigner, *Caylie Baker, Jenna Kipfer, Lilly Holbrook, Addyson LaBounty, Elynn Clemens, Kendall Denning, Kahneh Mansfield, Ashlyn Manz, Kenzie Ogle, Owen Welch

10TH GRADE: *Grady Helms, *Blake Noggle, *Amber Stoller, *Eli Treece, *Cole Manz, *Noah Schlatter, *Anna Manz, Alex Doster, Campbell Volk

11TH GRADE: *Clay Stoller, *Addison Stoller, *Mylie Wittwer, *Caitlyn Mead, *Whitney Boroff, *Riley Manz, *Lexi Moore, *Natalie Richie, *Torree Sinn, *Hailey Duncan, *Olivia Franklin, Deklyn Schweinsberg, Ryan Parker, Aubree Miller, Amber Stoller, Jack Schoenauer, Estrella Martinez Sandoval

12TH GRADE: *Brooklyn Miller, *Tori Young, *Anna Meraz, *Kathleen Stoller, *Natalie Stoller, *Adelle Collins, *Isabella Knowles, *Rylin Moore, *Allison Noggle, *Luke Stouffer, *Morgan Elliott, *Nicholas Sinn, *Ava Stoller, *Lorie Sinn, *Christian Bohland, *Dylan Coffman, *Harper Myers, *Madison Gurney, Aiden Lee, Emma-Jane Benschneider

Honor Roll: 4.0-3.0

7TH GRADE: *Katelynn Hurd, *Jordan Howell, *Krandon Crites, *Laina Matthews, Megan Parker, Brenna Beining, Aubree Lamb, Avery Welch, Lauren Kipfer, Mailey Stoller, Jocelyn Mabis, Olivander McCague, Antonia Negrete Pawoli, Calliope Stanford, Ross Carter, Audrey Reuille, Kolson Stoller, Hudson Burkley, Wyatt Head, Lienna Stoller, Madisyn Morehead, Connie Landwehr, Ryleigh McGarvey, Carter Noffsinger, Grace McKinney, Kenzie Manz, Laela McMillan,

Griffin Miller, Mia Adkins, Pipe Densmore, Carter Ludwig, Scarlett Neff, Zoey Schnipke, Stella Sinn, Drew McClure, Gracelyn Miller, Lucas Ross, Jocelyn Adkins, Miranda McCord, Natalie Lord

8TH GRADE: *Jonah Sinn, *Corbin Stoller, Elliot Parady, Evelyn Lyons, Easton Jay, Brooke Stoller, Emma Whitman, Madison Silance, Grace Ringler, Olivia Stoller, Kinlee Miller, Jennifer Treece, Aaron Bohland, Luke Stoller, Kendall Folsom, Brayden Sinn, Blaize Karhoff, Addilynn Gerardot, Braylin Sinn, Abbie Williams

Honor Roll: 3.79-3.0

9TH GRADE: Madison Pease, Aubrie Stoller, Emma Hurd, Braxton Schnipke, Cayla Noggle, Lilly Shepherd, Xylem Kashner, Kennedy Dempsey, Columbia Dempsey, Reece Morehead, Isabella Lowe, Jaxon Cook, Avery Noffsinger, Nevada Osborn, Londyn Greear, Brinna Collins, Savannah Sinn, Nora Wenninger, Brenan Miller, Luke Miller, Peyton Sennebogen, Nicole Gerschutz, Alyvia Thomas, Aries Ricker, Alyvia Bell, Cheyenne Brimmer, Connor Burriss, Karsyn Troth, Tatum Sheets, Tegan Kline, Alivia Thrasher, Brooke Wells, Faith Jacobs, Brisa Chavez, Brock Knowles, Dylan Hershberger, Hannah Ross, Andres Negrete Pawoli

10TH GRADE: Arianna Viola, Leah Bland, Stefany Lopez-Castillo, Katelynn Bauer, Ka Maury Sullivan, Terry Buffington, Miley Jacobs, McKenzie Johnson, Grayson Sutton, Elizabeth Graham, Isabel Gilbert, Corbin Varner, Carter Bauble, Johnalynn Shellenbarger, Ella Crosby, Madison Gilbert, Isabelle O'Shaughnessey, Sirius Jackson, Olivia Zartman, Zachary Stoller, Colton Kimmel, Monica Williams, Christopher Dilling, Reece Olwin, Caleb McClure, Gavin Strawser, Benjamin Gurney

11TH GRADE:

Emma Stouffer, Sierra Young, Lance Maenle, Chloe McClure, Se-

lene Moran Fernandez, Hunter Lyons, Ian Jewell, Micah Sinn, Izabella Foust, Alicia Bahena, Tanner Laukhuf, Cadence Sinn, Lance Whitman, Griffin Williamson, Ryann Jay, Samaria Williams, Abigail Evans, Mya Endicott

12TH GRADE: Ryan Bostelman, Tyson Gerber, Serenity Helms, Tyler Sander-son, Tianna Sinn, Jordan Banks, Jarrett Jewell, Trista Evans, Kyle Sutton, Dyson Scott, Makenna Johnson, Nevaeh Jackson, Jericho Guyton, Brooklin Creighton

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY 1ST 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2024/25

THIRD GRADE:

All A's: Sloane Sinn, Aizlee Ricker, Mason Stoller, Kinsley Sinn, Clara Laukhuff, Kipton Jay, Avalyn Beining

A/B's: Weslen Tucker, Gracelynn Shelton, Nelliel Or-rona, Atlas Nolin, California Nieto, Collin Miller, Ari Ludwig, Natalie Heier, James Collins, Bentley Wright, Julian Nieto, Emily McClure, Skyler Goin

FOURTH GRADE:

All A's: Aden Stoller, Allison Rojas Palma, Addilyn Noffsinger, Landyn Miller, Shannel Wright, Aleyah Stoller, Gabe Schlatter, Kollin Reichert, Lane Noffsinger, Emery LaBounty

A/B's: Damien Selzer, Katelyn Plummer, Jordan Jackson, Marlie-Jane Clutter, Sophia Rhodes Varner, Clara Porter, Katherine Landwehr, Jacoby Hurd, Tyler Baksa

All B's: Bryn Hershberger

FIFTH GRADE:

All A's: Lyla Stoller, Austin Stoller, Jase Miller, Chandler Sinn

A/B's: Gabriel Spangler, Alirah Ricker, Brianna McClure, Mia Kamphaus, Sophie Donaldson, Jayde Sinn, Evan Heier, Allison Donaldson, Carson DeVenney, Sophia Canfield

SIXTH GRADE:

All A's: Shawna Stoller, Sawyer Schlatter, Aylan Grayson, Brynlee Maenle, Grayson LaBounty, Emma Hartwig

A/B's: Emberlee Sinn, Jaxson Shelton, Grayson Porter, Jennifer Lopez-Castillo, Abrie Hurd, Paisley Greear, Wyatt Farris, Beckett Jay, Kendyl Hurd, Ryder Collins

All B's: Gabriella Lowe

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY 1ST 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2024/25

ALL A'S

3RD GRADE: Maryn Cottrell, Irenia Hand, Mo Reyes, Jaxton Schilt, Benson Slattman, Ava Fidler, Eve Graham, Sydnie Keeler, Madison Muir, Matias Rivera, Nash Zartman, Joanna Zuber

4TH GRADE: Ashlynn Dunham, Madilyn Hogans, Roman Laker, Sutton Malfait, Hudson Martenies, Skyler Pierce, Jocelyn Skinner, Reece Bidlack, Hadley Bissell, Brevyn Eicher, Aria Feasby, Deacon Hitzeman, Bristol Kauser, Roberta Poppe, Rylan Ruffing, Parker Schmidt, Grace Kobee, Owen Rhonehouse, Carter Taylor, Anna Wiechart

5TH GRADE: Olivia Kosch, Layton Ladd, Lilian Mowery, Greyson Smith, Ulrik Zilstra, June Zuber, Ava Starr, Adelle Cline, Zoey Cottrell, Lucas Phillips, Quintin Reyes, Lauren Overman, Cora Rohrs, Brody Smith, Emmett Wurster

ALL A'S AND B'S

3RD GRADE: Zach Barker, Cambria Beregszazi, Riley Budd, Addalynn Chrisman, Jarron Leiter, Pearl Overmyer, Braxton Schneider, Lyric Smith, Sarah Willson, Malakai Backus, Azlyn Foster, Kinley Gordon, Julian Karas, Blain Keith, Stella Meglich, Deacon Miller

4TH GRADE: Brody Adams, Tori Brandenburger, Paizley Cover, Addison Griffiths, Wynter Johnson, Blade Ruffing, Beckett Zuber, Duke Dangler, Keegan Moreno, Addie Straley, Carson Sutton, Mason Ganger, Greysyn Hermiller, Leni Johnson, Elynn Parisot, Grady Stairhime, Lydia White, Wayne Zielke

5TH GRADE: Richard Adams, Shyahna Barkley, Jayden Fish, Sophia Friend, Annabelle James, Harper Morrow, Madison Wiesehan, Sebastian Yanez, Brock Barker, Grace Beck-Bragg, Oliva Bennett, Jase Burelison, Bennett Graham, Elliot Henschen, Jameson Reeb, Rylee Slattman, Soren Conley, Aria DeVault, Aubree Frost, Waylon Hounshell, Oliver McCague, Zoey Mylek

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL 1ST 9 WKS HONOR ROLL 2024/25

SENIORS

4.0: Kiara Adams, Brooklynn Bakle, Lucas Beckman, Gavin Coil, Elizabeth Dotterer, Ximena Enrigue-Roldan, Carter Evans, Kaitlyn Goings, Grace Goyings, Jocelynn Hawk, Emily Keezer, Brooke Kilgore, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Giovanni Linares, Peyton Manz, Christiana Martinez, Claire Miller, Marley Parrett, Emma Porter, Samuel Reinhard, Ashley Rickels, Aniyah Sajuan, Brooklyn Schlatter, Dominic Stahl, Kadence Thomas, Ethan Warner, Alexis Wharry, Kallen Wolverton

3.5-3.99: Abigail Bail, Matthew Bail, Esther Cantu, Allison Carnahan, Aameah Carr, Anna Clemens, David Dulaney, Makenna Dunham, Andrew Esquivel, Courtney Good, Piper Kochel, Curtis Langsdorf, Hopeful Rose, Alexis Ryan, Brandon Schroeder, Alexia Sizemore, David Slawson, Callum Smith, Ameriona Stiltner, Cully Thompson, Jack Woods

3.0-3.49: Julieana Biliti, Ryan Cantu, Hayden Elston, Mykal Files, Charity Finch, Greyson Harder, Adam Leever, Johnathan Lipps, Bryce Manz, Karson Mudel

JUNIORS

4.0: Lucy Breier, Landen Danberry, Mallory Fisher, Jackson Griffith, Jacob Harris, Hunter Harwell, Colten Hunt, Isabelle Lamb, Jared Manz, Trenton Manz, Aleah Matty, Renee McCabe, Tessa Metcalf, Addison Pease, Chad Schneider, Xander Schwab, Jack Schweller, Sheyenne Shepherd, Laila Stiltner

3.5-3.99: Grady Barton, Alexander Highwarden, Addison Hunt, Molly Iler, Emma McCray, Hope Peters, Blake Rhonehouse

3.0-3.49: Kaitlynn Breedlove, Grace Cantu, Makayla Carr, Delaney Dachenhaus, Lilian Daniels, Hayden Gill, Gerald Hartzell, Samantha Leal, Ava Martinez, Miguel Martinez, Addison Shull, Ethan Winsborough

SOPHOMORES

4.0: Anija Acevedo, Destiny Aldred, London Ametewee, Braylon Barnes, Remington Boroff, Isabella Burtch, Max Daeger, Landon Dasher,

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VANTAGE 1ST 9WK HONOR ROLL 2024-25

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Wayne Trace

JUNIORS: Olivia Baughman, *Landon Blankenship, Tyler Blankenship, Lily Boyd, *William Burge, Zaden Chavez, *Caleb Cox, Alexandria Dewaard, *Ethan Fisher, *Jordan Hale, Justin Lyons, Cole Miller, *Lucas Morehead, Delana Noggle, Myleigh Sheets, Paige Smith, Zander Warren, *Kaden Wilcox, Carreen Winans

SENIORS: Alana Beebe, Haylee Brand, Tyler Head, Riley Hildebrand, *Keegan Hohman, *Corbin Kimmel, *Kai-El Lands, Olivia Mcmillan, Bethany Miller, Brady Miller, Cole Morehead, Gage Ogle, *Blake Osborn, Kennedy Parsons, Maya Reynolds, Amos Sinn, *Kamryn Sutton, *Trent Thornell, Jared Varner

FRESHMAN

4.0: Annabelle Ametewee, Addison Arend, Presley Barnes, Nicholas Baughman, Xandyr Carlisle, Kinzley Col-lard, Rylee Cox, Jack Daeger, Trevor Durham, Parker Egnor, Tyler Goyings, Addyson Gribble, Jarret Griffith, Emily Hartzell, Delaney Johanns, Alivia Kingen, Kaydence Kuckuck, Quinton Laker, Gannon Landers, Ava Leatherman, Graham Miller, Miracle Omonayin, Holly Peffley, Nicholas Schlueter, Gabriella Stork, Alayna White

3.5-3.99: Brodin Adkins, Giselle Arend, Ella Kate Barker, Zachary Barton, Cohen Benard, Zaine Bidlack, Lela Brownell, Billie Dix, Carly Font, Tyler Foor, Andrew Goyings, Alexandra Heath, Heavenly Diemer, Cameron Lambert, Maleah Leslie, Jason Manz, Tyson Manz, Adrianna Mead, Olivia Miles, Gabriella Mullins, Tavin Overmyer, Civil Pumphrey, Alexander Santilan-Rodriguez, Delaney Scott, Nicole Vielma, Dylan Weible, Owen Workman

3.0-3.49: Jackson Antoine, Sophia Booher, Richard Brownell, Chloe Coombs, Wyatt Dunakin, Easton Griffiths, Haven Hauser,

No honor roll for grades K-2

3RD GRADE

All A's: none

All A's and B's: Atlas Allenbaugh, Andrew Cox, Aydenn Good, Cameron Miller, Emersyn Showalter, Madilyn Sinn, Waylon Stoller, Connor Strahley, Leetim Crites

All B's: Meryn Denning, Celeste Hollar, Noah Lazoff, Ethan Valdez, Natalie Zartman

4TH GRADE

All A's: Megan McKinney, Elise Steffen, Allie Wilcox

All A's and B's: Peyton Hollar, Mary Gerardot, Rylee Girardot, Jerica Gonzales, Cash McBride, Nellie McMillan, Jacob Roop

5TH GRADE

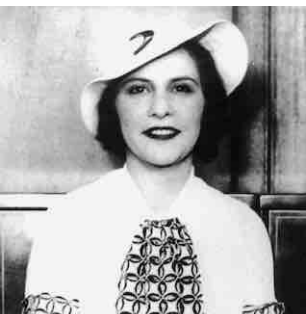
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HONEST JOHN

The last of three love stories At my last writing I asked if Brahm's ever got married and you can guess what the answer is. He was so devoted to his work that he would not have been able to concentrate on a family. Paul talks about this concept in the Bible, but it is rare, as families are the backbone of a society.

There was a young boy in a small town in Indiana, Mooresville, that everyone liked. He was a model citizen, would not even take a pencil from a fellow student. Everyone liked him. He played piano, and excelled at sports. In baseball everyone said he was Major League material.

He had never gotten into a fight. When he was out of high school he took a job in a machine shop where he was a hard worker, quite industrious, and everyone liked him. I wish that was the end of the story, but something happened that changed the course of his life forever.

John fell in love. Her name was Francis Thornton, she was the stepdaughter of his uncle Everett. She was quite pretty, 17, and John was 20. Things went so well that John decided to ask his uncle for Francis's hand in marriage. Everett said no, there was a nice boy in Greencastle that he had chosen to be Francis's husband. He forbade John to call on Francis again. John was crushed. Francis simply said she had to abide by Everett's decision.

John fled to the big city, Indianapolis, stole a car, and began visiting prostitutes. The boy that had been a hometown star, now became public enemy number one, John Dillinger. John was born in 1903, one year before my father. He became one of the most notorious criminals of all times. I remember Whitey Heller, my high school coach

saying that he actually saw John Dillinger. He lived at Reynolds, Indiana, and John announced that he was coming through town at 10:00 on Saturday morning, in his Duesenberg. Exactly at 10:00 a.m. his entourage came roaring through town in their Duesenberg, traveling at high speed. Everyone gathered to watch the spectacle.

In Goshen, on a street corner in front of the courthouse is a brick building perhaps 15 ft in diameter that has small slits for looking out. That was built to protect the cops when John came through town. In 1923 he joined the Navy but deserted when it docked in Boston. Shortly after he married a lady by the name of Beryl Covius. On Sept 10, 1926, he and his gang, robbed the West End grocery, severely beating the 65-year-old owner.

He was caught and sentenced to 10 to 20 years in prison, of which he served 9 and 1/2 years in Michigan City. Prison was just like college to him, for he and others planned robberies that they would do when they got out.

The way John met his demise reads like a movie script. I wonder if I don't get on a path that is leading to destruction, and can't get off. These criminals had to know what the final result would be. John's girlfriend, who had met him in a bar, didn't know who he was at first. Later she plotted with police on how to trap him. Anna Sage and Polly Hamilton were going to a movie that afternoon with John. Anna would be wearing red.

When they came out of the movie that day the police confronted him and he ran down an alley. He was shot four times. An interesting tidbit. Anna Sage had made a deal with Chicago Police, but Federal Marshals did not honor this deal, and she was sent back to Romania. Anna said of John, she never heard him swear, and he seldom drunk alcohol, and he didn't want to hurt anyone's feelings.

—James Neuhausner

JOEL FROST CHAPTER MEETS IN HICKSVILLE, OH

The Joel Frost Chapter, NSDAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) met

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN NOVEMBER

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is getting ready for the chill of November. The library will be closed Monday, November 11 to honor our Veterans. The library will also be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday November 29 to enjoy Thanksgiving with our families. Like us on Facebook to see other events as they become available. Join the Relay for Life Chocolate Walk in Paulding on November 7th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., be sure

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October 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Hicksville, Ohio. Regular patriotic rituals were opened by regent Ronda Garbin including the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the National Anthem and a short devotional message.

Messages were read from the President General of the NSDAR and the Ohio State Regent as well as from the committee chair of the publication "National Defender" regarding highlights in history.

The business meeting began with the minutes of the last meeting, September 12, presented by secretary Marilyn Smith, followed by the treasurer's report presented by Sarah Radabaugh.

Committee briefs were presented including:

'American Indian' - Joseph Lewis Clark, highest ranking indigenous person in Rev. War;

'Constitution Minute' - Amending the Constitution, a 2/3 vote is required;

'Women's Issues' - Breast and other cancers, also lost pregnancies Oct. 15;

'Flag Minute' - Part of the pledge means having the same rules for everyone.

October 11, is DAR day of Service and also Friday is 'wear RED day' to "Remember Everyone Deployed"

Chapter member Roena Bayes passed away September 18, she had been an active member in several veteran and patriotic organizations. A motion was made and approved to make a \$100 donation in her memory to the Farmer American Legion Post 137.

Other donations approved during the meeting include \$100 toward goods for North Carolina, \$100 for Crossnore DAR School Disaster Relief, and the customary President General's Project of \$7.50 per member.

Three Joel Frost members went to the joint meeting with Scout David Williams Chapter on October 4 in Montpelier where OSDAR Northwest District Director Joyce Campbell VanAtter gave a presentation about Chapter revitalization. Highlights and handouts were shared with the group.

The next meeting of the Joel Frost Chapter will be November 14, 7:00 p.m. at Hicksville, Ohio

—Caroline Longardner, Public Relations

pleasantly surprised when you do. Lots of treasures are to be found there.

The Children's room at Main is excited to announce "Movie Night" on Thursday, November 7, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The movie will be "Harold and the Purple Crayon" the movie is rated PG. There will be snacks, drinks and a giveaway. Join us for a free movie.

Storytimes continue every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. A story or two, music, craft and a snack. It is a fun time for all! Mark your calendar for December 10th as we will announce the arrival of two special guests soon!

ANTWERP BRANCH:

The Antwerp Branch would like you to join Miss Stephanie and Miss Jamie for Story Time every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., there is always room on the rug! Book Club meets November 4th at 6:00 p.m. And the title is "Tiger's Curse" by Colleen Houck. Dot Painting with Carol is back on November 7, and you can select from the 2:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. class times. Call or sign up at the desk. November 12th is Young Readers Day, so come visit for your chance to win FREE BOOKS! Game and Puzzle week begins November 27th and there are additional prizes that week for our visitors. Cookbook Club selections are out, and we will be meeting on November 18th at 5:45 p.m.

GROVER HILL BRANCH:

The Grover Hill Branch will start the month with free make/take crafts on November 1st, check out the free goodwill cart and enter the monthly drawing for a chance to win a literal horn of plenty. The winner will be named on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, the 30th at 1:00 p.m., which is also Support Small Business Saturday. Munchkin Club will be on Mondays the 4th and the 18th at 10:30 a.m. including a read aloud story, activity and treat designed for kids 6 and under, plus a chance for preschoolers to learn things about themselves and others in a safe and engaging environment. The themes this month are a tribute to our service animals and "There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Turkey", on the 18th there will be a special guest golden retriever reader from Justice Animal Rescue to go along with the story, "Gabe: The Dog Who Sniffs Out Danger". November 14th at 1:00 p.m. will be Senior Bingo, the theme is "The White Table" there will be a light lunch and regular bingo game events. Monday, November 18th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. will be a craft repurposing Christmas cards, for teens and adults. Please call to register for this program, all supplies will be provided. On November 27th at 4:00 p.m. will be GHBL Book Club, "The River We Remember" by William Kent Kreuger is an unflinching look at the wounds left behind by the wars we fight abroad and at home. "Because we are only one part of the whole, the river each of us remembers is different, and there are many versions of the stories we tell about our past." Multiple

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Sudoku solution from page 9

copies and formats of this novel will be available for checkout all month long.

OAKWOOD BRANCH:

The Oakwood Branch has November packed with some exciting activities. Children's Storytime is every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m., for fun filled story time. Thanksgiving Kitchen towel Workshop is Friday, November 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., we will be making machine embroidered Thanksgiving themed kitchen towels. Sunflower Craft on Monday, November 4, children aged 8 and up can come paint a sunflower craft or take one home to create. Good Morning Book Club will be Tuesday, November 5 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for the monthly book club discussion. Simmer Pot Workshop don't miss our workshop on November 9 at 11:00 a.m. You will learn all natural ways to keep your home smelling fresh. Call to reserve your spot. Senior Bingo Luncheon will be November 14 at 11:30 a.m. Gobble till you Wobble Workshop, sign up for our door sign workshop on November 16 at 10:00 a.m. Our monthly gift basket winner will be announced on November 18. Adult Cookbook Club will be meeting on November 21 at 5:30 p.m. Quilt Block of the Month Class is on November 26 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PAYNE BRANCH:

The Payne Branch is excited to celebrate November with a variety of activities, including a kids' coloring contest featuring a cute Thanksgiving turkey! Join us for fun, creativity and the chance to win a prize. The contest will be open to preschool through 6th grade students. The coloring pictures can be picked up at the library. The contest runs from November 4-25. Prizes will be awarded November 26th. Join us this November for our exciting Football Trivia on Facebook! We will post every Friday in the month of November. For every correct answer, you'll earn an entry into our prize drawing. Don't miss your chance to win! The winner will receive an Officially Licensed Collegiate Ohio State Magma Lamp Speaker with Bluetooth. The winner will be announced on December 3. This November, we'll be celebrating thankfulness at the library! Patrons can take a leaf and share what they are grateful for this year. Let's spread positivity this season. Storytime is every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. Bring your little ones for engaging stories and fun activities. We can't wait to see you. Follow us on Facebook for more about the Payne branch library.

Brynlee Stoller

All A's and B's: Saylor Denning, Kelsey Folsom, Raylynn Gerardot, Pieper Mansfield, Boston McGarvey, Callen Stoller, Wade Stoller, Annaleigh Walker, Bryleigh Wieland, Braelyn Gonzales

All B's: Piper Mills, Lydia Shepherd, Beckett Taylor

6TH GRADE

All A's: Aubrey Fairley, Gabe DeWaard

All A's and B's: Kaylee Miller, Adley Morehead, Carter O'Dell, Sam Schabbing, Luke Shepherd, Nuria Valdez, June Wenninger, Emma Wilcox, Cerenity Seibert, Shawn Bradford

All B's: Londyn Dargenson

to stop by for your chocolate at the library.

The Adult section at Main will host the Black Swamp Bookworms on Tuesday, November 12 at 5:30 p.m. The book for November is "How Can I Help You?" by Laura Sims. It's a psychological suspense cat and mouse thriller. Call or stop by to reserve your copy. Adult Cookbook Club will meet on Monday, November 18 at 5:30 p.m. Bring a prepared dish to share, a copy of your recipe and enjoy a delicious buffet. This month's theme is "Thanksgiving Favorites" call 419-399-2032 for details. Stop by and check out our large selection of cookbooks for new holiday treats. The Frugal Hanger will present her monthly program on Tuesday November 19th at 1:00 p.m. This month the subject is "A Secondhand Holiday". Carla will give us helpful tips for a unique but thrifty Christmas. Join us for an informative discussion and a yummy treat. Teen Cookbook Club will meet on Monday, November 25th at

4:00 p.m. All supplies are furnished. Call the library for more details and this month's theme. Send your teens and you may end up with some new ideas in the kitchen. Join us for Coffee Talk every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Our motto is "Talk, Listen, Eat, Make Friends" And don't forget to check out a book or two while you are here. Vicki, Jany, and Kelly are here to assist you. Adult crafting will be meeting every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. Something different and creative every week. Make a craft and maybe make some new friends. Please join us. We are doing holiday crafts for gifting or decorating for the rest of the year. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Just a reminder "Buy the Book", which is run by the Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library is open Wednesdays from 3:30- 6:30 p.m., and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. All items sold are free will donation, which benefits the library. If you haven't visited, you will be

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Paulding County Opportunity Center would like to express our gratitude to Cooper Farms for the donation of a washer & dryer for our school. (Pictured is Nicole Harris from PCOC and Kacy Wagner from Cooper Farms)

students from Wayne Trace Local Schools, Paulding Exempt Village Schools, and Antwerp Local Schools. At the Opportunity Center, we provide specialized education tailored to the needs of the students we serve in order to help them meet their educational needs and graduation requirements.

PAULDING COUNTY TRAILS PROJECT CONTINUES TO RAISE FUNDS



By: Erica Noggle
Paulding, OH - The Paulding County Trails Project recently partnered with Beer Barrel Pizza & Grill in Van Wert, OH, for a successful fundraising event, raising \$423.55 to support the development of local trails. As part of the "Dine & Donate" program, 20% of sales from participating diners were donated directly to the Trails project. The funds

will be used for the design and engineering costs of the project, benefiting both residents and visitors to the area. "We're incredibly grateful for the community's support and to Beer Barrel Pizza & Grill for their partnership," said Erica Noggle, Executive Director of the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce. "These contributions will help us move forward with our vision of building a vibrant trail system that not

only encourages outdoor recreation but also strengthens our local economy by attracting more visitors to area businesses."

The Paulding County Trails Project is focused on creating a network of trails for walking, biking, and outdoor activities, which will enrich the county's quality of life and foster economic growth by drawing tourists and outdoor enthusiasts.

The next fundraising event for the Paulding County Trails Project will be a t-shirt fundraiser in partnership with Heier Threads. Supporters can order exclusive 'Trail Crew' t-shirts online at www.heierthreads.com/products/paulding-county-trail-crew-tee. For any questions regarding the 'Trail Crew' t-shirts, please contact Sarah Heier at heierthreads@gmail.com.

For more information about future events or to support the Paulding County Trails Project, please contact Erica Noggle at the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce or Anna Gurney at the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District.

NOVEMBER BRINGS READING, WRITING CHALLENGES

Defiance Public Library System is offering up a pair of fun fall challenges beginning Nov. 1.

November is Picture Book month, and the Defiance County libraries are marking the occasion with the 'Celebrate Picture Books' Reading Challenge from Nov. 1-30.

Each day, read one picture book and log your reading on Beanstack (defiancelibrary.beanstack.org) or using the Beanstack Tracker app, available for download in the Apple and Google Play stores.

There will be weekly prize drawings throughout the month for downtown Defiance gift certificates, and a grand prize drawing at the end for movie passes to Phoenix Theatres.

This contest is open to all ages, and prizes are sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library. For more information, visit defiancelibrary.org/celebrate.

In addition, young writers, prepare your pens (or typing fingers): the Teen Fan Fiction Writing Contest returns Nov. 1-30.

This year's theme is the Twilight series by Stephenie Meyer.

Defiance County 6th-12th graders are invited to submit an original short story (1,000-3,000 words) via email to prellstab@defiancelibrary.org, or by dropping off the story at any DPLS location (Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, or Hicksville's Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., Defiance, OH 43512, ph. 419-782-1456, fax. 419-782-6235; Johnson Memorial Library, 116 W High St., Hicksville, OH 43526, ph. 419-542-6200, fax. 419-542-1015; Sherwood Branch Library, 117 N Harrison, Sherwood, OH 43556, ph. 419-899-4343, fax. 419-899-3479; www.defiancelibrary.org Johnson Memorial libraries). All submissions must be rated PG-13 and under.

The winner will receive the Twilight book series, and copies of their winning submission will be distributed in the DPLS libraries, and in the

YA Squeeze newsletter.

Find complete contest rules online at defiancelibrary.org/contest.

For questions about either challenge, call the library at 419-782-1456.

VAN WERT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES FALL MOM-2-MOM EVENT

The Van Wert County Agricultural Society will host the semi-annual Fall Mom-2-Mom Event in the Junior Fair Building November 2, 2024.

This event is the perfect time for families to offer gently used items examples include:

- Baby / toddler clothes
- Toys, games and activities
- Furniture and decor
- Shoes and boots
- Strollers
- Hangers
- Snow suits, coats, hats and gloves and more!

Interested vendors are encouraged to contact Ray Thatcher, Office Administrator, for a vendor agreement. Forms can be picked up in the fair office or are available online at Events on the Grounds - Van Wert County Fair

Admission for the event for early-bird general starting at 8:00 am and general admission begins at 9:00 am. The Fall Mom-2-Mom event will be hosted in the Junior Fair Building located at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds - 1055 S. Washington St. in Van Wert, Ohio 45891.

About the Van Wert County Agricultural Society

The mission of the Van Wert County Agricultural Society is to educate, enhance and preserve our agricultural

DEFIANCE COUNTY HOMEGROWN COUNCIL RECEIVES DONATION FROM PREMIER BANK



Pictured left to right: Paige Wesche, Assistant Executive Director, Defiance County Economic Development; Carlie Carpenter, Administrator, Defiance County Economic Development and Dave Figley, VP, Senior Commercial Banker, Premier Bank

Premier Bank recently donated a check to the Defiance County Homegrown Council for \$14,000. The funds will be used to sponsor the 2024 HOMETOWN Program.

"The HOMETOWN program nurtures local businesses here in Defiance County and gives them the tools they need to grow.

The program is centered around providing market research and high-level tech assistance toward industry trends, search engine optimization and marketing," explained Erika Willitzer, Executive Director, Defiance County Economic Development.

"Through the HOMETOWN program, local companies & start-ups can make

more strategic decisions when they are provided with the market research centered on their competitors, customers, markets and industry trends, which ultimately sets them on a course of tremendous growth."

"We are proud to support the Defiance County Homegrown Council and their efforts to grow businesses within Defiance County," said Trish Gelsomino, Foundation Giving Coordinator, Premier Bank. "Together we can spread kindness and make Defiance County stronger!"

For more information regarding the HOMETOWN program, please visit DefianceCountyED.com/HOMETOWN*

roots through our youth and our community. To learn more about the Van Wert County Agricultural Society

and the Van Wert County Fairgrounds, visit www.vanwertcountyfair.com.

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