



## Honoring Those Who Served on Veterans Day

### BAKLE SIGNS WITH BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY



Congratulations to Paulding High School Senior Brooklynn Bakle who signed her letter of intent to continue her softball career and her education at Bluffton University!

### DC PERI MEETING DATE SET

Defiance County District 1 Chapter 30 is meeting Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m. at the Defiance Senior Services, 140 E. Broadway Ave. Defiance, OH. Speaker will be an Alzheimer's Association Representative.

### OHIO CONTINUES INTO PEAK TIME FOR DEER-INVOLVED CRASHES

The Ohio State Highway Patrol is reminding motorists of the increase in deer-involved crashes during this time of year. Since 2019, there have been 109,507 deer-involved

crashes on Ohio roadways. While 95% of deer-involved crashes only resulted in property damage, 44 crashes were fatal and resulted in 45 deaths. Additionally, from 2019-2023, 47% of these crashes occurred in October, November and December, with 22% occurring in November alone.

"Practicing safe driving habits and staying fully focused on the road increases your chances of spotting deer before it's too late," said Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent. "If you do strike a deer, prioritize your safety by moving to a secure location if possible, turning on your hazard lights and reporting the incident."

The most crashes involving

### FIVE NEW PROJECTS WILL INCREASE SAFETY AND UPGRADE RAIL LINES IN OHIO

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (Rail Commission) announced that five Ohio rail projects will move forward thanks to a mix of federal, state, local, and private funding.

The projects include upgrading infrastructure, improving safety at rail crossings, and expanding rail capacity in the state.

"These projects would not have been possible without the additional resources provided to us from Governor DeWine and the General Assembly in the last budget. Our \$3.7 million contribution was able to secure over \$36 million invested into Ohio's rail system. These projects will help railroads in Ohio move freight safer and more efficiently," said Matthew Dietrich, Executive Director, Ohio Rail Development Commission.

The five projects are:

- Rural Freight Railroad Improvements NOW - This project will upgrade track in-

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### KLOPFENSTEIN TO SERVE SECOND TERM

Roy W Klopfenstein has been re-elected to serve a second term as State Representative for the 82nd Ohio House District which consists of Putnam, Van Wert, Paulding, and part of Defiance Counties.

During his first term, Klopfenstein served as vice chairman of the Agriculture Committee along with positions on the State and Local Government, Transportation and Infrastructure Committees. "In my second term, I will continue to work on legislation that keeps agriculture strong and vibrant as Ohio's

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### Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-12p
- November 8-16**
- Festival of Trees @ PC History Museum, Paulding, (M-F, 4-8p; Sat, 10a-8p, Sun, 11a-4p)
- November 11**
- Old Crown Band @ A Veteran's Day Salute
  - Craft Night @ PC History Museum Festival of Trees
- November 12**
- Alzheimer's Education Series @ Defiance Library, 3pm
  - PHS Jazz Band @ PC History Museum Festival of Trees
  - PCED Annual Banquet @ Grant's, 6pm
- November 13**
- St. Paul Luth Ch Bell Choir @ Festival of Trees
- November 14**
- WT HS Band @ Festival of Trees, 5-6p; Antwerp Comm Band, 7-8p
  - Chicken Pie Supper @ 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church, Paulding, 4:30-6:30pm
  - DPLS personnel committee meeting, Defiance, 5pm
- November 16**
- PC History Museum Festival of Trees Silent Auction ends, 3pm
- November 19**
- Trivia Night @ Oasis Bar & Grill, (Antwerp Chamber event), 6p
  - WBESC board meeting @ ESC Conf Rm, Paulding, 5:30pm

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## OBITUARIES



PAULDING, OH:

**Rodney Charles Dix**, 86, of Paulding, sadly passed away on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at Brookview Healthcare Center in Defiance, Ohio. He was surrounded by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and dear friends who will all miss him immensely. He was born on October 13, 1938 to Virgil and Edna (Feister) Dix in Ohio. His mother Edna, sadly passed away at a young age and he was raised by his father and stepmother, Irma Dix. For 36 years he was married to the first and only love of his life from the moment he met her until the moment he passed, Norma Jean Porter, who was the most loving wife, mother and grandmother anyone could wish for. Together they happily welcomed and are survived by six children: Charles A Dix, Connie J Osstifin, Michael L (Ava J) Dix, Cherie S (Michael T) Nicely, Jeffrey C (Jennifer L) Dix and Randy E (Candice E) Dix. Lovingly Rodney and Norma raised their family on Tom Tim Drive in Paulding, Ohio.

Rodney was the definition of a dedicated, loving and caring grandpa who enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, always reminding them how much grandma would have loved them too. He is survived by fourteen grandchildren: Naomi S "Tiny" (Justin C Brodbeck) Nicely, Benjamin D (Elizabeth M) Nicely, Curtis E Dix, Andrea N Osstifin, Cody L (Amanda) Dix, Stephanie J Osstifin, Chelsea M Nicely, Tristan K Dix, Courtney C Dix, Bradie J Dix, Trevor E Nicely, Reagan M Dix, Ella R Dix and Wyatt E Dix. Along with five great-grandchildren Amara R Herman-Dix, Connor D Nicely, Colton J Nicely, Tyler A Nicely and Thea G Nicely.

Rodney was a member of the Auglaize River Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, located in Defiance, Ohio. Throughout his life he was an active member in Defiance, Antwerp and Napoleon Kingdom Halls. Rodney and his family even zoomed the meeting from his room on the morning of November 3rd. It was his strong faith and dedicated relationship with our heavenly father, Jehovah, that provided him with the beautiful hope of the resurrection. He will forever be in Jehovah's book of remembrance until one day we can once again all be united on a beautiful paradise earth, just how Jehovah God intended.

Rodney was an employee of BF Goodrich in Woodburn, IN until the late 1990s. He enjoyed spending time with his friends and family. Whether it be a trip to the ice cream shop, playing a game of monopoly or euchre, fishing, watching a ball game or playing with his kids and grandkids, he treasured being a part of his loved one's lives. And these memories they will forever hold on to and cherish.

Rodney is survived by his

sister Ruth Dix Griesser, sister-in-law Irene Andrews and brother-in-law Rex Siewer and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Norma in 1996 who forever had his heart, parents Virgil and Edna Dix, stepmother Irma Dix siblings: Virgil Dix, Ray Dix, Patricia Gardner, son-in-law John Osstifin III and several brothers and sisters-in-law.

Visitation will be held on Friday, November 8, 2024 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the Auglaize River Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 24864 Watson Road, Defiance, Ohio 43512. A Memorial Service will follow at 11:00 am at the Kingdom Hall.

Schaffer Funeral Home was honored to assist the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be given at [www.schafferfh.com](http://www.schafferfh.com).

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number one industry. Promoting agriculture and encouraging the next generation of farmers is what prompted my joint sponsorship of the Agriculture Appreciation Act which passed unanimously with bipartisan support out of the House of Representatives

Klopfenstein's experience in local government gives him the insight needed to work on bills that make local government more effective and efficient. His efforts on Force Account legislation to help County Engineers was one of the first things he worked on correcting when he arrived in Columbus two years ago. This gave County Engineers more flexibility and options to manage tax dollars when bidding and managing road and bridge projects.

Klopfenstein has also been working to ensure tax dollars are used in effective and efficient manners to continue to promote current businesses while being attractive to any company to start or relocate to Ohio. "Good jobs for working families will continue to help strong and vibrant communities," he stated.

"I deeply appreciate all the support I have received in this re-election campaign, and I will continue to work to preserve and protect the values that make the 82nd district the best place to live, work and raise a family."

### DPLS PERSONNEL COMMITTEE TO MEET 11/14

The Defiance Public Library System (DPLS) Board of Trustees' Personnel Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, beginning at 5 p.m. at 311 Fort St., Defiance, OH (white home across from Defiance Public Library). DPLS Board and committee meetings are open to the public.

### PBS FORT WAYNE OFFERS TWO ADDITIONAL SNEAK PEEKS OF THE LATEST KEN BURNS FILM, LEONARDO DA VINCI

PBS Fort Wayne invites the public to two additional Free



### EDITOR TO THE LETTER

*It's time to look at the 2020 Election Results...*

By: **Bryce Steiner**

The 2024 election was a powerful response to the mainstream media by the people in a populous statement of disenchantment. The results were very telling about how much stock anyone should put into the pollsters of this most competitive race that I have ever seen. Keep in mind the 2024 numbers are still not official, but as of this print deadline, they were accurate.

There is no shortage of opinions on how the election swung into a red wave that swept the nation. However, that's not what this is about. I am writing about something else. Something that this election revealed about the 2020 election. I like numbers and facts, and I have to question what we've been told as "facts" that took place four years ago.

We have been told that you are not even allowed to question whether the 2020 election was valid. That's okay. I've always been good at asking questions, even when it makes people uncomfortable. Not because that's my goal, but for the simple reason that I want to know if we the people are being told the truth.

These numbers come from Wikipedia (for what it's worth). This should make any person of sound mind question the count:

2008: Obama - 69.4 million votes

2012: Obama - 65.9 million votes

2016: Clinton - 65.8 million votes

2020: Biden - 81.2 million votes

2024: Harris - 69 million votes (unofficial)

Do you notice anything that looked suspect? All the years from 2008 to 2024 are very consistent with an aver-

Preview screenings of the upcoming Ken Burns documentary Leonardo da Vinci at PBS Fort Wayne on Tues. November 12 at 6:00pm and at the Community Learning Center in Kendallville, Indiana on Wed. November 13 at 6:00pm.

During these sneak preview events, attendees will be able to preview clips from the two-part, four-hour film by Ken Burns premiering on PBS Fort Wayne at 9pm on Mon. November 18 and Tues. November 19.

A 15th century polymath of soaring imagination and profound intellect, Leonardo da Vinci created some of the most revered works of art of all time, but his artistic endeavors often seemed peripheral to his pursuits in science and engineering. Through his paintings and thousands of pages of drawings and writings plus the commentary by experts on da Vinci, Leonardo

age of 67.5 million votes - nearly the same as what Harris received ... with the exception of 2020. Don't look at the obvious blip. 2020 shows an additional 12+ million ballots cast that were counted. In a hotly contested battle during lockdowns and questionable videos, etc., 12,000,000+ additional votes are tabulated? That is as many as New York and California Democrat votes COMBINED in 2024!

Before you start thinking that there were shenanigans happening in the Democratic Party, you need to look at another set of numbers.

Donald Trump also had interesting results in 2020. Clearly, 2024 was a more competitive battle as Trump received the most votes of any incumbent President, while at the same time, Biden broke official records too. This year the Republicans were telling every "buddy" that you better get out and vote because it's your fault he lost in 2020, and the news telling us of millions of new voter registrations for the party, how did that not add to 2020's count by millions?

In 2020, Trump picked up 74.2 million votes or 46.8% of the vote. In 2024, Trump had 73.4 million votes or 50.7% of the tabulation. How is it that Trump moved the percentage 3% in his favor with less votes? That is huge!

I'm not blaming any side because, as you can see, it appears both sides were given votes that didn't appear prior to or post-2020. Someone knows what happened, and it seems that someone is making sure they decided that election, and not the people.

Between the two candidates in 2020, there were over 12,000,000 more votes cast than in 2024? Where did all those voters go? You see, this anomaly that you are not allowed to question NEEDS to be questioned for what is now, obvious reasons. The media that says there is 'nothing to see here' are only gaslighting and are part of the cover-up... or they are just easily manipulated.

Any reasonable journalist needs to wake up and start asking these questions. Why? Because if you value your vote, you'll care, no matter what side you are on.

da Vinci — Ken Burns' first film looking beyond the United States — explores one of humankind's most curious and innovative minds.

These screenings are free to all attendees, but space will be limited and an RSVP for each location is required. To reserve your space at the sneak preview screening, visit <https://pbsfortwayne.org/engage/station-events/>

You can also RSVP by contacting PBS Fort Wayne's Membership Services Director Autumn Dixon via email at [autumndixon@wfw.org](mailto:autumndixon@wfw.org) or by calling PBS Fort Wayne at 260-484-8839, from 8:30am-5pm, Monday through Friday.

Locally, the broadcast of Ken Burns' Leonardo da Vinci is sponsored in part by Stucky's Furniture & Appliance and Purdue University Fort Wayne.

## Scripture of the Week

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

— Joshua 24:15

### PRAYER FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Father, we thank you for blessing this great nation. It is all because of you and your unfailing love. We thank you for blessing those in authority with Godly wisdom and in-

sight. We thank you for healing our people and our land from the residual of sin. We call forth a bumper crop of all good seed sown. We thank you for your truth being sown into every fiber of this nation. We thank you that we live out the true meaning of our creed. We thank you for the forgiveness of our sins.

We acknowledge you as our Lord and Savior and the head of this great nation. We love you and we seek your face over our own. We thank you for all that you have done for us. You have made our nation great and we thank you for your Mighty blessings forever being with us. In Jesus' mighty name Amen

Peace &amp; Love,

—Pastor Dwayne

### PARKVIEW HEALTH NAMED TO MOST WIRED LIST FOR 11<sup>th</sup> CONSECUTIVE YEAR

For the 11th straight year, Parkview Health has been recognized on the Digital Health Most Wired Survey by the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME).

In the 2024 survey, Parkview was once again certified at Level 9, the second-highest level, in both acute and ambulatory care categories.

Among the more than 48,000 facilities represented, Parkview distinguished itself by ranking above peers in critical categories such as analytics and data management, population health, infrastructure and patient engagement. The survey evaluates the adoption, integration and impact of technologies across healthcare organizations, from early-stage adopters to industry leaders.

"Technology is an integral part of providing high-quality care, excellent patient experiences and a great value," said Ron Double, chief information officer, Parkview Health. "By effectively utilizing the tools at our disposal — from patient portals to smart equipment to analytical and predictive models and more — Parkview is able to leverage the power of technology and data to increase efficiency, improve quality and provide robust security. We're proud to continually be recognized by CHIME for our commitment to effective tech."

"We are proud to recognize Parkview's exceptional dedication to digital health excellence," said CHIME President and CEO Russell P. Branzell. "Your pioneering performance in the industry not only inspires other organizations by example, but also pro-

vides patients around the world with better care."

In the face of escalating challenges like cybersecurity threats and evolving care models, the urgency for revolutionizing healthcare through technology continues to grow. The next 30 years will bring profound changes, driven by emerging technologies. We anticipate that advancements in digital health — facilitated by fully interoperable data, artificial intelligence, and secure platforms — will significantly transform the landscape of care. A strategic roadmap will be essential to navigate these changes.

Parkview's electronic health records system, Epic, provides an expansive suite of software and tools to assist both providers and patients, from point-of-care modules that doctors and advanced practitioners use during office visits to the MyChart portal for patients to engage with their health record.

Parkview Connect also allows hundreds of non-Parkview entities throughout the region and across the state to access and use patient health information to maintain a single story of care. This technology is used daily to deliver high-value care and an overall better experience for patients.

"Technology is a powerful tool in the modern-day physician's care bag, one that we rely on to help us deliver the best care possible to our patients," said Dr. Mark Pierce, senior vice president and physician chief information officer, Parkview Health. "The face-to-face connection with our patients remains the foundation of great care, and with the aid of tech behind us, doctors are empowered to deliver care that is safe, effective and efficient."



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## WHAT WE WANTED BACK THEN

**Penny For Your Thoughts**  
By: Nancy Whitaker

Oh I can't wait to get married, have a husband, a house and babies. I would like my own car too and come home when I please. This used to be every girl's dream. Well guess what!

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60\* years later. Who hoo I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month.

I have my own place. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and I don't have acne.

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers (no, no, I hope not).

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row. Here, here! I don't want to exercise.

I decided to stop calling the bathroom "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim (gym) this morning.

Now I have old age coming at a really bad time.

When I was a child I thought "nap time" was a punishment. Now it feels like a small vacation (is it nap time yet?) zzzzzzz

The worst thing I tell myself is... " I don't have to write that down, I'll remember it".

And I don't have gray hair... I have blonde, from a bottle, which is known as "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise.

Plus, if God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

Why do I have to press one for English when I just get transferred to someone I can't understand anyway?

Yep! Of course, I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.



I get lucky when I walk into a room and remember what I came in there for. Was I coming in or going out?

Oh, I have a pill bottle in my hand. Was I going to take my meds or did I already take them.

I have many friends but right now I can't remember their names. I may have known them from school. You?

Where's my cell phone? Where's my keys? Where's my glasses? Oh darn, I want to be young again! Do you?

All of these things occur as we grow older, but I don't want to get old. I would rather be back in the "Good Old Days."

If you agree with this, let me know and I'll give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

and if a collision is unavoidable, brake - don't swerve to stay in your lane.

Motorists are reminded they can safely dial #677 from their mobile device to be connected to the nearest Ohio State Highway Patrol Post during a roadway emergency.

A statistical map containing deer-involved crash information can be found here and additional information on crash statistics can be found on the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety (OSTATS) Dashboard.

ment plans. This event is open to the public and offered by the ProMedica Stroke Support Group, ProMedica Multiple Sclerosis Support Group and the ProMedica Critical Illness Support Group. Registration is not required.

November 19, 2024 - Women's Cancer Support Group - The Women's Cancer Support Group is a gathering of women who have a cancer diagnosis. It is a safe harbor to come to give or receive support. The group provides education, encouragement and sharing in an informal social environment. Meetings are on

the third Tuesday of every month at ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital's main campus, 4th Floor Conference Room A - 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

November 20, 2024 - Chronic Illness Peer Support Group - The Chronic Illness Peer Support Group provides an opportunity to engage with others to share experiences, wisdom, skills, and resources that can help in navigating your journey through chronic illness. The support group will take place at the ProMedica Neurosciences Center (2130 W. Central Avenue, Toledo, OH 43606) beginning at 6:00 p.m. The group is also open to friends and family. No registration is required.

## OHIO STATE'S WEEDS UNIVERSITY PROGRAM - REGIONAL LOCATIONS

By: Sarah Noggle, OSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources, Extension Educator, Paulding County, Alyssa Essman, Weed Science Extension Specialist

OSU Extension invites crop producers, CCAs, and agribusinesses to attend a regional at the Fall 2024 Ohio State Weeds University on Thursday, November 21, 2024, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The program will take place at six locations across the state. Locations include Darke, Highland, Sandusky, Licking, Paulding, and Mahoning counties. This program is designed to keep agronomic crop producers on the cutting edge of weed control for their operations. Topics addressed will include preharvest weeds survey results, drone applications of herbicides, burcucumber control, new herbicides, and new technology in weed science. Hands-on exercises such as weed ID with live plants will also be part of the program and tailored to local needs. This is an in-person event with a portion of the presentations being broadcast virtually at each regional location.

Featured presentations and speakers include:

- Drone Applications - Dr. Steve Li, Associate Professor & Weed Science Extension Specialist,

- Auburn University. Dr. Li's research evaluates weed control and herbicide usage in agronomic and emerging crops, as well as herbicide drift and off-target injury. His research program is also a nationwide leader in evaluating drones for agricultural applications.

- Burcucumber Control - Dwight Lingenfelter, Weed Science Extension Associate, Penn State University. Mr. Lingenfelter works in extension and applied weed science research at Penn State, including the herbicide evaluation program. He has conducted some of the most comprehensive research on the management of burcucumber, a species that is now a reemerging threat to crop production in Ohio.

- Ohio Agronomic Weeds Update - Dr. Alyssa Essman, Assistant Professor & Weed Science Extension Specialist, The Ohio State University. Dr. Essman provides leadership for an applied research and extension program for integrated weed management in agronomic crops. This talk will cover new herbicide products and EPA/ESA regulations

for the coming growing season.

- New Technology in Weed Science - Dr. Eugene Law, Assistant Professor, Weed Ecology, The Ohio State University. Dr. Law's research program is focused in the areas of weed science and ecology, and precision technology for novel integrated weed management. This talk will cover new and emerging technology options for weed management and their relative efficacy.

There is a registration fee per person and is due by November 18, 2024. This fee includes course materials and speaker Q&A sessions. On-site walk-ins are not available for this event and each site is limited to a maximum of 30 people. Commercial, Private Pesticide, and Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) credits will be available. For a link to the county registrations, go to <http://go.osu.edu/24FallWeedsUniv>.

For additional information on the event, contact the educator in the county in which you are attending:

- Sarah Noggle at [noggle.17@osu.edu](mailto:noggle.17@osu.edu) for the Paulding County event

- Caden Buschur at [buschur.46@osu.edu](mailto:buschur.46@osu.edu) for the Darke County event

- Ty Hamilton at [hamilton.949@osu.edu](mailto:hamilton.949@osu.edu) for the Highland County event.

- Al Gahler at [gahler.2@osu.edu](mailto:gahler.2@osu.edu) for the Sandusky County event

- Dean Kreager at [kreager.5@osu.edu](mailto:kreager.5@osu.edu) for the Licking County event

- Haley Shoemaker at [shoemaker.306@osu.edu](mailto:shoemaker.306@osu.edu) for the Mahoning County event

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Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.

## RAVENS CARE RECEIVES GRANT FROM DEFIANCE MOOSE LODGE




Congratulations to Ravens Care Inc. on the recent grant received from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094 for \$1,000. This grant money will be used to assist the community needs during crisis. Visit <https://www.ravenscare.org/> to learn more! Pictured receiving the grant are (l-r) Katie Polzin - Ravens Care Director and Bill Spencer - Moose Lodge President.

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## PROMEDICA COMMUNITY EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

November 14, 2024 - Neurosciences Therapy Open House - The Neurosciences Therapy Open House will take place at the ProMedica Neurosciences Center (2130 Central Ave, Toledo, OH 43606) from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Meet and interact with specially trained physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech therapists that specialize in treating neurologic diseases. Attendees can tour the therapy gym and learn about different exercises and treat-



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# BAUGHMAN TILE CO. MAKES DONATION TO PAULDING VETERANS MEMORIAL



Baughman Tile Company recently made a significant donation to the Paulding Veterans Memorial. The Paulding Veterans Memorial Project is focused on building a memorial park to honor those brave men and women from our community

who served in the armed forces of the United States of America.

For more information about supporting the Paulding Veterans Memorial Project, please contact John Daeger at the Paulding VFW Post or Mike Kauser at

Kauser Trucking.

Pictured above (l-r) are Baughman Tile Company President Eric Baughman, VFW Post Commander John Daeger; Paulding Veterans Memorial Co-Chairman Mike Kauser, and VFW Post Quartermaster Dan Wilder.

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infrastructure across the 24-mile rail line owned by the Sandusky County-Seneca County-City of Tiffin Port Authority and operated by the Northern Ohio & Western Railway. The total project cost is \$8 million. The FRA award is for \$6.4 million. The Rail Commission and the Port Authority will contribute the 20 percent non-Federal match of \$800,000 each.

- Rural Ohio-Appalachian

Rail Rehabilitation (ROARR) - This project includes track rehabilitation and grade crossing improvements at two locations on the R.J. Corman Railroad Group, LLC's Cleveland Line in Summit, Stark, and Tuscarawas Counties. The total project cost is \$4.9 million. The FRA award is \$3.2 million. The Rail Commission and R.J. Corman will contribute the 35 percent non-Federal match; \$244,000 from the Rail Commission and \$1.5 million from RJ Corman.

Cincinnati Rail Congestion Mitigation Plan - This project will develop the Cincinnati Rail Congestion Mitigation Plan; a planning project to be undertaken by the Rail Commission in partnership with Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS), CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX), Indiana & Ohio Railway Company, and the Central Railroad of Indiana. The total project is estimated at \$2 million. The FRA award is \$1.6 million. The project will develop a regional rail plan aimed at improving railroad fluidity and addressing blocked crossing concerns in and around Queensgate Yard in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Rail Commission, NS, and CSX will contribute the 20 percent non-Federal match; \$200,000 from the Rail Commission and \$100,000 each from NS and CSX.

Panhandle Upgrade and Capacity Project in Central Ohio - This project will upgrade the track infrastructure, expand capacity of Newark Yard, and install trespass prevention measures on the Columbus & Ohio River Rail Road (CUOH) line. The total project is estimated at \$19.8 million. The FRA award is for \$12.9 million. This project will increase capacity on the state-owned Panhandle Line and CUOH's Cambridge Sub-division to accommodate fu-

ture growth and promote more resilient infrastructure for communities in central and eastern Ohio. The Rail Commission and CUOH will contribute the 35 percent non-Federal match; \$1.7 million from the Rail Commission and \$5.2 million from CUOH.

• Napoleon, Defiance & Western Railway: Critical Safety Upgrade, Phase 3 - This project will replace deteriorating and broken rail and ties and expand capacity along the eastern half of the Napoleon, Defiance & Western Railway (NDW). The total project is \$16.2 million. The FRA award is \$12.2 million. This project is the third and final phase of the full corridor rehabilitation of NDW track. The project will improve safety, resilience, and operational efficiency which will benefit rail customers and service in Paulding and Defiance Counties. The Rail Commission and NDW will contribute the 25 percent non-Federal match, \$750,000 from the Rail Commission and \$3.2 million from the railroad.

The projects are funded using \$36.2 million in Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvement (CRISI) grants from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), \$10.9 million in railroad and port authority funds, and \$3.7 million in state matching funds.

## PAULDING COUNTY REPUBLICAN MEETING

Two days following the election, the Republican Party convened its final meeting of the year on Thursday, November 7, at their temporary headquarters. Stan Harman commenced the gathering with a prayer. Laurie Lucas presided over the meeting, introducing the members and guests. The treasurer's report was presented and duly accepted. The women's fund demonstrated remarkable financial success.

On Saturday at 1:00 p.m., the gun raffle concluded with the drawing taking place, attracting several winners. The ticket sales generated a substantial revenue range of \$2500 to \$3000.

It was noted the Ohio Supreme Court has established a clear Republican conservative majority, with a 6-1 vote.

Laurie Lucas expressed her relief that the election process has concluded. She acknowl-

# DEFIANCE MOOSE LODGE DONATES TO ST JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH



St. John's Catholic Church recently received a generous donation by the Defiance Moose Lodge #2094 for \$1,000 which will support the upcoming Renewal of Heart Men's Retreat. Pictured receiving the grant are (l-r) George Westrick - Retreat Director and Rick Speiser - Moose Lodge Trustee.

edged the demanding nature of the travel and events schedule. The election evening party was well-attended, and the pizza was highly praised. The 2024 election board held a voter turnout of 73%.

Jerry Zielke reported a significant improvement in his health.

Stan Harman expressed gratitude to the dedicated workforce.

On the first Thursday in December (December 6th), at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, the Christmas party will be held. Dave Yost will be in attendance. The maximum gift contribution is \$15 for either man or woman. Participants are encouraged to bring a potluck dish and three canned goods for the Caring and Sharing food pantry. An invitation will be disseminated via email.

New Business:  
Barry and Laurie have en-

gaged in discussions with Tony Schrader regarding the banquet speaker. The correspondence will be distributed next week. The banquet is tentatively scheduled for September 25, 2025.

A board member position must be appointed by the Republican Central Committee, as Dave Cline's term expires on March 1st. However, he retains the option to resign earlier. Penny Duer has been nominated by Stan Harman and has accepted the nomination.

Matt Miller from the prosecutor's office provided an update on the ongoing proceedings. Representative Roy Klopfenstein read a proclamation and presented it to Bryce Steiner from the Ohio House of Representatives. Roy also delivered a message prepared for all immigrants, similar to the measures implemented in other towns.

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## The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.

There are two basic services the agency provides:

1 - EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.

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**PAULDING COUNTY 2024 GENERAL ELECTION: A COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW**

In a significant turnout for Paulding County, the general election held on November 5, 2024, saw a voter participation rate of 73.18%, with a total of 9,268 ballots cast from a pool of 12,665 registered voters. The results showcased the democratic process in action across various key positions and proposals affecting the county.

Presidential and Statewide Races: Donald J. Trump, with Vice Presidential candidate JD Vance, secured a substantial victory in Paulding County, capturing 77.16% of the vote against their closest competitors. Meanwhile, for the U.S. Senate, Republican Bernie Moreno won decisively with 72.60% of the total votes, solidifying the party's position in federal representation.

Judicial Appointments and Local Offices: Local judicial races were equally contested. Megan E. Shanahan led the polls for the Supreme Court with 77.33% of the votes, and locally, numerous positions such as County Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney, and Sheriff saw incumbents and new entrants vying for critical roles, with most positions being retained or won overwhelmingly by Republican candidates, highlighting a strong GOP stronghold in the county.

Local Issues and Tax Levies: Voters in Paulding County were also faced with a series of tax levies and local issues, which saw mixed results:

- Several tax levies for

emergency services, schools, and municipal operations were passed, reflecting community support for local funding and infrastructure.

• The proposed bond issue for Wayne Trace Local School District was significantly rejected, with 72.75% voting against it, showing a critical pushback against additional local government borrowing.

Key Takeaways: The 2024 general election in Paulding County not only underscored the prevailing political leanings of the region but also highlighted the electorate's stance on key issues impacting their community. From overwhelming support for certain candidates to a cautious approach on fiscal matters, the voters of Paulding County have voiced their priorities and future direction.

As the county moves forward, the outcomes of this election will undoubtedly influence the local political and social landscape, setting the stage for future civic engagement and policy-making efforts.

**2024 GENERAL ELECTION OVERVIEW - DEFIANCE COUNTY, OHIO**

Defiance County reported a voter turnout of 71.33% with 19,126 ballots cast among 26,813 registered voters in the 2024 general election. Here's how the key races and issues fared:

**Presidential Race:**  
 Donald J. Trump (REP): 13,098 votes (68.98%)  
 Kamala D. Harris (DEM): 5,602 votes (29.50%)  
**U.S. Senate:**  
 Bernie Moreno (REP): 11,860 votes (64.19%)  
 Sherrod Brown (DEM): 5,808 votes (31.44%)

**Representative to Congress - 9th District:**  
 Derek Merrin (REP): 11,981 votes (64.90%)  
 Marcy Kaptur (DEM): 5,679 votes (30.76%)

**State and Local Judicial Races:**  
 \*\*Supreme Court Justice (Term starting 1/1/2025): Megan E. Shanahan (REP) won with 69.91% of the vote.  
 \*\*Supreme Court Justice (Term starting 1/2/2025): Joseph T. Deters (REP) won with 68.89% of the vote.

**State Legislature:**  
 State Representative - 81st District: James M. Hoops (REP) secured 80.31% of the vote.

State Representative - 82nd District: Roy W. Klopfenstein (REP) received 69.78% of the vote.

Local Government:

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**HOW CAN YOU PLAN FOR INCAPACITY?**

We all hope to enjoy long, healthy lives, retaining the ability to think clearly and make our own decisions. But life doesn't always work out that way — which is why you need to prepare for a potential incapacity that could affect your independence and possibly create financial problems for your family.

So, in thinking about incapacity planning, you may want to consider the following arrangements:

• **Health care power of attorney** – When you establish a health care power of attorney, you name someone, such as a spouse or adult child, to make medical decisions on your behalf, should you become incapable of making them on your own due to disability or illness. These decisions include choosing doctors, treatments and care facilities.

• **Financial power of attorney** – With a financial power of attorney, you designate someone to assume a variety of duties for you in case you become incapacitated. These tasks include investing, selling property, paying bills and debts, collecting Social Security benefits and adding or

changing insurance policies. When establishing a health care or financial power of attorney, you may need to decide whether it's "durable" or "springing." A durable power of attorney typically takes effect immediately after you sign it, have it notarized and witnessed. So, the person you've chosen to have power of attorney — sometimes called an "agent" — can act on your behalf whenever you choose. On the other hand, you could select a power of attorney that "springs" into effect only when you become incapacitated — hence, the "springing" designation.

One issue affecting a springing power of attorney involves the speed with which it can be enacted. Generally, it won't go into effect until a licensed physician declares in writing that the person granting the power of attorney is indeed incapacitated. This could cause a problem if your chosen agent needs to act quickly on your behalf. It's because of this potential delay that a durable power of attorney is often favored over a springing power of attorney. However, everyone's circumstances are different, so if you have a choice between a durable or springing power of attorney, you may want to

consult with an estate-planning professional for guidance. Apart from the health care and financial powers of attorney, you may also want to consider one other incapacity-related legal document — a living will. When you establish a living will, you describe the steps you would or wouldn't want taken to keep you alive, along with other medical decisions, including pain management and organ donation. Obviously, the decision to create a living will is highly personal, involving your feelings about self-sufficiency and the circumstances that define the quality of life you wish to have. But the mere fact of having a living will can relieve your loved ones of having to make potentially agonizing decisions. Planning for an incapacity may not be the most pleasant task — but it's an important one. Of course, you may never become incapacitated at all, but by making the proper arrangements, you can make things easier for yourself and your family — just in case.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Shout out to the library staff and all the awesome volunteers that power washed and landscaped the Antwerp Library. Your persistence in getting this much needed improvement accomplished is a job well done. If we are to advance and sustain as a community, we need to keep properties well maintained and updated. Much appreciation. It looks fantastic!

—Kathy Nern

Every major local office from County Commissioner to County Coroner was secured with 100% of the vote by Republican candidates, reflecting a strong GOP dominance in local governance.

**Charter Amendments:**  
 Six out of seven charter amendments were approved, indicating a proactive stance towards local governance and legislative adjustments.

Given that I cannot browse for additional details about the specific charter amendments without more information, they are not included in the detailed results.

**Conclusion:** Defiance County's election results mirror broader trends seen in other parts of Ohio, with strong Republican victories across the board. The county's high voter turnout highlights an engaged electorate poised to influence both local and national policies moving forward.



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- Cecil:** 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House
- Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
- Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carryout, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General (Clinton St), Junction Dollar General, Senior Center, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Marathon Main Stop, Rite Aid, Defiance Public Library
- Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept, H&W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
- Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library, Dollar General
- Hicksville:** Sailors, Vancrest, Shell Station, Citgo, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices, Johnson Memorial Library, Red Angel Pizza, McDonalds,
- Ney:** Marathon
- Oakwood:** Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Cooper Library, Landing Strip
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- 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
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- 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
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# PAULDING FFA MEMBERS RECEIVE FFA JACKET FROM BECK'S BLUE JACKET PROGRAM



Pictured left to right are first year members of the Paulding FFA who received a FFA jacket sponsored by Beck's Blue Jacket program: Owen Workman, Blake Trausch, Aly White, Delaney Johanns and Sal Biliti

By: Staci Miller, FFA Advisor

On November 5th, the Ohio Foundation announced the list of members who will receive a FFA jacket through the Ohio FFA Foundation's Blue Jacket program. The Paulding FFA had several first-year members apply to receive a jacket by filling out a few essay questions about their future plans in the FFA program. We are excited

to announce that five Paulding FFA members were selected to receive a jacket. Those members were Owen Workman, Blake Trausch, Aly White, Delaney Johanns and Sal Biliti. There were over 1,100 students across the state of Ohio who applied for a jacket. These members were part of the 324 jackets that were donated to first-year Ohio FFA members! Opportunities like this are not possible without

the generous support of our local Beck's dealers and donors across the state. These members were very excited to be selected and are looking forward to wearing their Paulding FFA jacket with pride throughout their high school careers. Congratulations again to all these members and a special thanks to Beck's Hybrids for sponsoring this program.

# GRANT TO FUND LIBERTY-BENTON SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT



Pictured are Liberty-Benton Local School students (from left back row) Michael Knapke, Eden Roberts, Rebekah Mast, Madelyn Jenkins, Zachary Campbell, Raksh Lalji, Tyler Nauert, Corbin Schworm (from left front row) Elizabeth Niese, Alexis Walker, Vivian McCartney, Brodie Stuhler, Alex Coldren, and Serielle Hablitzel. The students, who are now freshman, initiated a successful effort for a state-funded Safe Routes to School project in January 2024.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is funding a student-led Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project at the Liberty-Benton Academic Complex. Applying for a SRTS grant is an extensive process not commonly undertaken by students, but by school districts, local governments, regional transportation planning organizations, or community-based organizations.

The project consists of constructing a multi-use concrete path beside the Liberty-Benton schools. The path will be located along County Road 9 and State Route 12 and will include a pedestrian crossing on County Road 9 at Early Drive. The SRTS grant will provide \$462,945. Construction is planned for the summer of 2025. The students plan to apply again in 2025 for funding to extend the sidewalks to the nearby neighborhoods down Sandusky Street. A seventh-grade writing assignment that challenged them to consider what they would like to change in the world sparked the inspiration for pursuing the project. The

students wrote a letter to Mayor Christina Muryn and County Engineer Douglas Cade about their idea to place sidewalks from Liberty-Benton's K-8 school to Oakwoods Nature Preserve and Litzenberg Memorial Woods on U.S. 224. Cade met with the students to help their ideas come to fruition. He guided them through the development process and informed them about the SRTS program. To match their project to the grant guidelines, they condensed their plan to connect the neighborhoods around the school. The SRTS application requires a demonstration of community engagement and support for the project. To gain support, the students organized encouragement activities within their community. They held a coloring contest with the elementary students, a door-decorating contest, and a walk-a-thon, during which students walked a combined 534 miles. The students gained valuable skills throughout the process while making a difference in their community. The students behind this

initiative will have progressed to tenth grade by the time the first phase is completed and may not see the project's full fruition. Nevertheless, the students remain undeterred in their enthusiasm and commitment. Liberty-Benton freshman Liz Niese explained, "Even if we are not going to be around to use them, it is still betterment to our community and leaving a mark on our school." The SRTS program provides resources, technical assistance, and funding to enable students to get to and from school safely. Funds are available for infrastructure projects within two miles of schools serving K-12 students. Projects are selected based on their ability to demonstrate improved connectivity, safety, demand, and need. Within the \$500,000 limit, ODOT will reimburse up to 100% of eligible costs for all phases, including preliminary engineering, detailed design, right-of-way, construction, and construction engineering. Visit Safe Routes to School (SRTS) | Ohio Department of Transportation to learn more about the program.



## SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS: SHOP ANTWERP FIRST

In an effort to support the local businesses that make our small communities strong, Antwerp Chamber of Commerce announced it's first SHOP ANTWERP FIRST campaign to encourage residents to bring some of their holiday shopping to their local businesses. According to Pam Danzinger at Forbes, in 2023 alone, an estimated 108 mil-

lion consumers reported shopping or dining at local independently-owned businesses on Small Business Saturday generating roughly \$18 billion in reported revenues. It is estimated that for every \$1 spent locally, over 2/3rds of (\$0.68) stays in the community. As communities continue to unite around Shop Small in one way or another (check out Shop the Village in Paulding, on Page 7!), it is moving from a cause to a day of celebration for our smaller communities. 90% of people surveyed said that Small Business Saturday has had a positive effect in their community. Below are 6 reasons to support Shop Antwerp First:

1. You'll encourage new businesses to come to Antwerp.
2. You'll help create jobs in our community for our young

people.

3. Your tax dollars stay local and help with the fire, EMS and police departments, our roads and water systems and our school.
4. Small businesses give back to our neighborhood by supporting school activities, ball associations, boy and girl scouts, and 4-H.
5. Shopping at one local business helps other local businesses. If you stop in one, you are more likely to stop in another.
6. Small businesses offer more unique products, one of a kind item that you don't find in the box stores.

Please join the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce on November 23rd in supporting the small businesses in our community.  
 #ShopAntwerpFirst  
 #supportsmallbusiness  
 #shopsmall

## PANTHER SEASON ENDS AT BLUFFTON

In a battle of former Northwest Conference football squads, it was host Bluffton who recorded a 21-6 win over Paulding in Division VI, Region 22, playoff football action Friday night. The Pirates scored all the points they needed quickly in the first quarter as Noah Bricker returned the opening kickoff 75 yards for an early Bluffton touchdown. Jackson Brauen added the extra point kick to give the Pirates the 7-0 advantage that would still stand at the end of one quarter. Bluffton extended the margin in the second stanza, getting a 15-yard scoring strike from Tayte Giesige to Griffin Stackhouse. Brauen again split the uprights on the conversion kick to put the Pirates on top 14-0 at the intermission. The Allen County squad then added to the advantage in the third quarter. Parker Lovell sprinted eight yards out to find the endzone with Brauen's extra

point kick pushing the lead to 21-0 for Bluffton. Paulding picked up its only score of the night in the fourth quarter. Kane Jones hauled in a four-yard touchdown toss from Colten Hunt as the Panthers wrapped up the scoring in the 21-6 Bluffton victory. Bluffton outgained Paulding 278-156 in the contest as the Pirates racked up 110 passing yards and 168 rushing yards. The Panthers were limited to 189 passing yards and Paulding was held to negative 33 yards on the ground. Giesige finished the night 12 of 17 through the air for Bluffton with Lovell topping

the squad with four receptions. Stackhouse and Quinn Eachus each recorded three receptions for the Pirates. In the rushing attack, Lovell ran for 86 yards on 19 carries with Giesige totaling 49 yards over six attempts. Hunt ended the night 22 of 37 for the maroon and white with Blake Rhonehouse and Jordan Manz both finishing with six receptions. Jones and Jalen Manz added five catches each for the Panthers.

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# PJHS POSITIVE PANTHERS



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Positive Panther per grade level. These students are recognized for the positive character traits they exhibit as students of Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture from left are Biny Font (Grade 7), Makenna Adams (Grade 8), and Carlos Lechuga (Grade 6).

# PJHS ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Student of the Month per grade level. These students are recognized for being some of the top academic performers at Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture from left are Owen Stoller (Grade 8), Spencer Hubbell (Grade 7), and Teagan Bland (Grade 6).

# PJHS STUDENTS EARN PAULDING PRIDE CARDS



Each month students at Paulding Junior High School (PJHS) earn Paulding Pride cards for going above and beyond what is normally expected of Paulding Junior High students. Shown in the picture are the Paulding Pride card drawing winners for the month of October. From left the students are: Jordyn Hunter (Grade 7); Olga Padilla (Grade 6); and Trevor Naugle (Grade 8).

# WOODLAN FFA TRAVELED FOR NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

On October 23th through October 26th the Wood-

lan FFA traveled to be a part of the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. The FFA heard the national officers' retiring addresses as well as the national keynote speaker,

Kevin Wanzer.

Coming up on November 15 the Woodlan FFA will be holding their annual Chili Supper. Anyone and everyone is encouraged to come! The Chili Supper is held as a fundraiser for the Woodlan FFA. There will be multiple teams that will each make their own chili recipe. Now this is a contest, so there will be a winner. To vote on who has the best chili, each station will have a tip jar at their chili table. The votes will be counted by which station has the most money; therefore, you will give a cash donation to the team whose chili you liked best!

Some more of our November events are: our monthly chapter meeting which will be held on November 21st. Anyone in 7th grade and older is encouraged to attend! The Woodlan FFA is also cheering on our entomology, forestry, and crop teams as they compete on November 25th!

Happy Holidays!

# ANTWERP ZONING & PLANNING COMMISSION HOLDS MEETING ON SUBDIVISION ORDINANCES AND SIGN PERMIT ISSUES

The Antwerp Zoning and Planning Commission convened Thursday, November 7, to discuss proposed updates to subdivision ordinances, sign permit compliance, and additional zoning matters affecting local residents and businesses. The meeting was attended by Zoning Inspector Gabe Oberlin, Village Mayor Jan Reeb, Councilman Bill Boylan, Commissioner Mark Greenwood, and resident Bryce Steiner.

## Subdivision Ordinance Updates

During the session, Oberlin introduced proposed changes to the village's subdivision ordinances, specifically ordinances 94-17 and 94-16. These updates, described as "housekeeping" measures, aim to modernize and clarify subdivision rules. Council members highlighted that these updates had been suggested by residents and officials over the years to address outdated provisions and were expected to improve ordinance clarity. The village council will vote on the changes in the coming month.

## Sign Permit Compliance Near Dollar General

The committee reviewed an application related to a real estate sign located near the Dollar General store on South Erie. Zoning Inspector Oberlin reported that the sign did not comply with required setbacks and was installed without a permit. The current placement, closer than 65 feet from the street centerline, raised concerns regarding visibility and compliance with village standards.

Oberlin stated he would deny the current application and request resubmission with proper specifications, including measurements and photographs. Officials advised the property owner to obtain formal permission from the Antwerp Community Church, as the sign currently resides on its property. Additionally, an access road has been proposed for the area, further underscoring the need for a compliant placement.

Resident Concerns Regarding New Road Construction on South Erie

A new road near lot 614 on South Erie has prompted resi-

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North of Town:
 

- #14 Paulding Ace Hardware (7:30am-7:30pm) 2251 N. Williams St., Pldg
- #15 Hidden Treasures (8am-4pm) 1007 N. Williams St., Pldg -Artisan Market

By: Erica Noggle

The Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to kick off the holiday shopping season at the highly anticipated Shop the Village event on Saturday, November 23rd! Downtown Paulding will transform into a bustling marketplace featuring over 60 local vendors, offering one-of-a-kind gifts, festive décor, homemade treats, and more.

This is the perfect opportunity to find unique, meaningful gifts while supporting local businesses that are the heart of our community. From handmade crafts to locally produced goods, the selection at Shop the Village ensures that everyone can find something special this holiday season. Unlike typical store-bought items, each purchase at Shop the Village reflects the creativity and dedication of our local talented artisans and entrepreneurs.

An event map is now available on the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce website ([www.pauldingchamber.com](http://www.pauldingchamber.com)) and social media pages, navigating the event and finding your favorite vendors has never been easier. Whether you're seeking stocking stuffers, unique artwork, or gourmet treats, the event promises a fun and personalized shopping experience for all.

"Shopping local strengthens our economy and keeps small businesses thriving," said Erica Noggle, Chamber Director. "At Shop the Village, we encourage everyone to discover all that our local businesses and artisans have to offer. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the season while giving back to the community."

Don't miss out on the chance to support local businesses, connect with your neighbors, and make your

holiday shopping truly memorable. Mark your calendars for November 23rd and join us in Paulding for a day of community, creativity, and holiday cheer!

For more information, contact the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce at 419-399-5215 or [pauldingchamber@gmail.com](mailto:pauldingchamber@gmail.com).

Shop local, give unique, and make a difference this holiday season at Shop the Village!

# WOODBURN FALL CHALK BOARD WINNERS



Thanks to all who participated in the annual Fall Chalk Walk, sponsored by the Woodburn Lions Club. This year's winners included: Mae Wagner, Ages 6 and under; Madalyn Wagner, Ages 7 to 9; and Novily Ferguson, Ages 10 and up.

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# THE LEFT TURN



Local Dirt Late Model ace Rusty Schlenk headed to the Dome. Action Photos Ohio



Midgets at the 2023 Rumble in Fort Wayne. Photo by The Rumble



Carter Schlenk set to race against his toughest competition yet. Schlenk Racing photo

By: Ron Burt

I have big things going on at Ohio Sports Blitz on Facebook, which is a part of the Left Turn. All fall I have been going Facebook Live every Friday night announcing football scores. I'm currently announcing all the state football playoff scores live at 9:35 and 11:15PM on Fridays until the 7 State Champions are crowned. Right after Thanksgiving I will start giving women and then men's high school basketball scores every night there are games, like last year. Some weeks I have 6

nights of scoreboards. The basketball scoreboard will run all winter until the state finals are over in the spring. I give scores from over 20 high school conferences. Along with high school football and basketball, I cover the scores from NBA, NBA G League, NHL, ECHL, AHL, and NCAA Top 25 Men. Log onto [www.facebook.com/ohiosportsblitz/](http://www.facebook.com/ohiosportsblitz/).

The Rumble in Fort Wayne is getting closer. December 27th and 28th, some of the best open wheel drivers in the country will be at the Expo

Center at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. The Left Turn will cover these exciting two nights. Racing on concrete levels the playing field since most drivers are used to dirt or asphalt. Only in the winter indoor venues open for special racing events. Many of the drivers are getting in valuable track time and laps before many of them head to Tulsa for the prestigious Chili Bowl, January 13th-18th. USAC, WoO, High Limit, and even NASCAR drivers battle each other in several classes of cars with the highlight being the Midget Nationals.

The Gateway Dirt Nationals are less than a month away, December 5th-7th, with the prelims being Thursday and Friday. This is an indoor race for Dirt Late Models and UMP type Dirt Modifieds at the former home of the St Louis Rams, The Dome at Americas Center in St Louis. They build a dirt race track one week each year where NFL football was once played. Over 150 cars are expected. The local father and son duo of Rusty and Carter Schlenk are both scheduled to qualify during the Friday night prelims. Rusty has won many track championships in the tri-state along with several points championships. His son, Carter 14, is in his first full year racing a Late Model. Carter is a fan-favorite at Oakshade Raceway in Wauseon.

Rusty Schlenk has experience at Gateway which will be a big help for the veteran driver and car builder from McClure Ohio. He definitely will be coaching and giving young Carter pointers as they prepare for this challenge. The night of their prelim, World of Outlaw Late Model greats Ricky Thornton Jr. and Bobby Pierce will also try and qualify. It won't be easy for our two local drivers. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron Out!

## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

### Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

**Donald A. Fee Jr.**, Paulding, OH; Criminal Trespassing; Pled no contest, found guilty; 30 days jail, 30 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; 6 months probation; No contact with Chief Supermarket; Must have permission to shop on Mondays 10-11 am; Probation fees waived

**Joshua R. Houck**, Defiance, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived

by defendant

**Jessie A. Schluetter**, Paulding, OH; Assault; Case dismissed, with prejudice; Costs waived

**Dylan P. Ramer**, Arcadia, IN; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jose R. Bazaldua Gutierrez**, Columbus, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Derek P. Enmark**, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; No unlawful contact with victim; Remain medication compliant

**John J. Tuto**, Antwerp, OH; No operator's license, Guilty, Proof of insurance provided, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Distracted driving, Count C dismissed; Registration violation, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Haley S. Kupfersmith**, Paulding, OH; FRA suspended, Guilty, Proof of insurance, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Driving/texting, Count B dismissed

**Lucas J. Gerschutz**, Defiance, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state; Costs to be paid by the defendant

**Onja S. Reed**, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Daniel J. Damron**, Angola, IN; Violation of protection order; Guilty; 180 days jail, 174 suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; No contact with victim; Shall maintain general good behavior; To be released from jail on 11/4/24 at 8am

**Korbin L. Hartman**, Convoy, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Luciano Valdez Rangel**, Haviland, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Sara Campbell**, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**William F. Lloyd**, Antwerp, OH; Failure to control, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

**Bailey D. Combs**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Adrian G. Ruiz Torres**, Haviland, OH; Unsecure load; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

# CLOTHES FOR KIDS RECEIVE GRANT FROM DEFIANCE MOOSE LODGE



Congratulations to Clothes For Kids - Defiance Area Foundation on the recent grant received from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094 for \$1,000. This grant money will be used to purchase more clothing for the children in need, within our local school districts this season! Pictured receiving the grant are (l-r) Stacy McCartney - Defiance Moose Lodge Administrator and Katie Groff - Clothes for Kids Co-Chair.

## 2024 OHIO GENERAL ELECTION: A REFLECTION OF VOTER SENTIMENTS AND PRIORITIES

The 2024 general election in Ohio was marked by an active electorate, with a turnout of approximately 66% based on 8,159,946 registered voters, according to state reports. This significant participation underscores the state's engagement in both local and national matters.

Presidential Race: In a landmark decision, Donald J. Trump and JD Vance clinched the presidency with 55.23% of Ohio's votes,

demonstrating strong Republican support within the state. Their closest competitors, Democrats Kamala D. Harris and Tim Walz, garnered 43.88% of the vote, reflecting a divided but decisively leaning Republican electorate.

U.S. Senate Contest: The U.S. Senate race saw Republican Bernie Moreno narrowly defeating Democrat Sherrod Brown, taking 50.19% of the votes. This close race indicates a competitive political landscape in Ohio, highlighting the nuanced perspectives among Ohio voters.

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# PAULDING FFA RECEIVES AWARD AT 97<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FFA NATIONAL CONVENTION



Pictured here are the members of the Paulding FFA who attended the National FFA Convention with American Degree winners left to right Mason Schlatter and Carter Manz (not pictured Katelyn Beckman and Paige Jones) who were unable to attend the convention.

**By: Paulding FFA Reporter, Addison Hunt**

From October 22nd through October 26th, thousands of FFA chapters from across the nation, including 11 Paulding FFA members, traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 97th Annual National FFA Convention. Our members had a busy schedule full of educational and leadership experiences that allowed them to learn more about agriculture and FFA.

On October 22nd, members departed Paulding HS and stopped to tour Timber Ridge Wind Farm in Payne, OH. The members learned about the inside of a windmill as well as the work involved with the wind farm. They were also able to see a fan blade from a windmill up close and handle some of the equipment used to work on the windmills.

After the tour, students went to the Urban Air Trampoline and Adventure Park in Noblesville, Indiana. After the trampoline park they went to Texas Roadhouse for dinner, then went to the Airbnb to rest for the next day.

On October 23rd, the members started their day

with a tour of Beasley's Orchard in Danville, IN. At the orchard members were able to pick apples and learn about the different farming practices used in the orchard. They were then able to have downtime at the Airbnb until dinner from Spaghetti Warehouse came in. Then the members all went to an escape room to finish the night off.

On October 24th they woke up bright and early to attend the opening session of the FFA convention. They listened to Kevin Wanzer talk about important points of leadership. He mentioned that they are not just the future leaders, but also current leaders. Between sessions, the members had time to visit the convention expo center and get lunch. Then at 1:00pm they returned to the convention center for Session 2. During Session 2, the Paulding FFA was recognized as a 3-Star National Chapter, a long-time goal for our chapter, this is the 4th year the chapter has been Nationally recognized. Later that evening, the chapter went to a game show battle room to have a fun bonding experience.

On October 25, they traveled to Traders Point Cream-

ery in Zionsville, IN for a very hands-on tour of showing how their cattle are raised organically and the milking process. After students were done at the creamery, they went to get lunch and headed back to the air bnb for some downtime. Then later that evening members attended the World's Toughest Rodeo finals and enjoyed the wonderful show.

On the last day of the National Convention, October 26th, the members and advisors attended the American Degree ceremony, where they watched 4 Paulding FFA members receive their American FFA Degrees. The members were Carter Manz, Mason Schlatter, Paige Jones, and Katie Beckman who received the highest degree possible in FFA. The Paulding FFA Chapter is very proud of these four members and their accomplishments.

After the ceremony, the Paulding FFA headed back to Paulding after a fun-filled week. The Paulding FFA members would like to say a special thanks to the Paulding FFA Alumni for their support to the Paulding FFA Chapter and its members.

## 2024 GENERAL ELECTION SUMMARY FOR ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA

Allen County displayed a robust engagement in the 2024 elections, reflecting its critical role in Indiana's political landscape.

**Presidential Election:**  
Donald J. Trump & J.D. Vance (Republican) won the county with 55.5% of the vote, totaling 90,102 votes.

Kamala D. Harris & Tim Walz (Democrat) received 42.8% with 69,527 votes.

**U.S. Senate:**  
Jim Banks (Republican) defeated Valerie McCray (Democrat) with 57% of the vote or 89,641 votes to 40.6% or 63,872 votes.

**U.S. House of Representatives - Third District:**  
Marlin A. Stutzman (Republican) secured the seat with 57% of the votes, a total of 90,357 votes.

Kiley M. Adolph (Democrat) garnered 40% or 63,369 votes.

**State Offices:**  
Governor & Lt. Governor: Mike Braun & Micah Beckwith (Republican) won with 53.3% of the vote.

Attorney General: Todd Rokita (Republican) secured 56.7% of the vote against Destiny Wells (Democrat).

State Senator District 16: Justin Busch (Republican) ran unopposed and secured 100% of the vote.

**State Representatives:**  
Several districts saw a mix of contested and uncontested races with varying degrees of support for Republican and Democrat candidates.

**Local Government:**  
Allen County Commissioner, District 1: Ron Turpin (Republican) was uncontested.

Allen County Council Members at Large: Various candidates competed for at-large seats with varying degrees of success.

**Judicial and Administrative Posts:** Positions such as the Allen Circuit Court Judge and County Treasurer were filled, with some candidates running unopposed.

**Education:**  
School board elections across Allen County showed strong participation and in some cases, contested races indicating community interest in educational leadership.

**Conclusion:** Allen County's election results underline a strong Republican preference in federal and state elections, while local races show a mix of competition and uncontested positions, highlighting a diverse political engagement within the county. The results reflect a community actively participating in shaping its governance across multiple levels.

**Referendums and Judicial Retentions:**

**State Constitutional Amendment:**

- Question: Should the Constitution of Indiana be amended to remove the state superintendent of public instruction from the list of officeholders who discharge the powers and duties of the governor if both the governor and lieutenant governor are vacant?

- Result: Yes - 54.0% (78,486 votes) | No - 46.0% (66,910 votes)

**Supreme Court Justice Retention:**

- Mark S. Massa: Retained with 72.2% (90,230 votes)

- Derek Read Molter: Retained with 72.6% (91,257 votes)

- Loretta H. Rush: Retained with 74.4% (93,918 votes)

**Court of Appeals Judge Retention:**

- Rudolph Reginald Pyle III: Retained with 73.4% (91,771 votes)

These results indicate a strong favorability towards retaining incumbent justices, reflecting a stable trust in the judicial incumbents by the voters of Allen County. The approval of the constitutional amendment signifies a critical change in the state's succession plan, adjusting the line of succession in case both the governor and lieutenant governor's positions are simultaneously vacant.

**Conclusion:**  
Allen County's comprehensive election results illustrate a dynamic political environment with significant participation in state and local governance issues. The outcomes not only underscore a continuity in judicial leadership but also demonstrate proactive engagement by the electorate in shaping constitutional directives through referendums.

At the local level there was not a lot of contestants but there were a few that will change the course of the political future.

Allen County Coroner:  
• Jon Brandenberger (Re-

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# Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

publican): 61.3% with 94,661 votes

- Andrew Roberts (Democrat): 38.7% with 59,705 votes

Allen County Surveyor:  
• Michael R Fruchey (Republican): 100% with 110,981 votes

Allen County Commissioner, District 1:

- Ron Turpin (Republican): 100% with 109,502 votes

Allen County Council Member, At Large:

- Ken Fries (Republican): 20.5% with 71,410 votes

- Robert A Armstrong (Republican): 19.5% with 68,104 votes

- Lindsey Hammond (Republican): 18.2% with 63,415 votes

- Stephanie (Anie) Henry (Republican): 14.5% with 50,622 votes

- Nena Bailey (Republican): 13.8% with 48,155 votes

- Kevin Hunter (Republican): 13.4% with 46,877 votes

Allen County School Board Members:

- Multiple districts reported 100% votes for unopposed candidates, indicating uncontested races for school board positions in several districts within East Allen County School Board, Fort Wayne Community School Board, Northwest Allen County School Board, and Southwest Allen County School Board.

These results show a number of uncontested races and high levels of support for certain incumbents, indicative of strong party preferences in these local offices for Allen County.

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Submit your offer on the Bid Form provided. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate.

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## OHIO STATE LIMA THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES PRESENTS THE SNOW QUEEN



Lil' Robber Girl (Torca Frances), Kyle (Charley Cheeseman-Arme) and Kora (Jacqueline Lynch) worry about a friend around the camp fire in Ohio State Lima's The Snow Queen.

The Ohio State University at Lima's Department of Theatre, Film and Media Arts presents The Snow Queen the weeks of November 4 and 11, in the Martha W. Farmer Theatre for the Performing Arts in Reed Hall. Public performances are at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, November 16, 2024, and 2:00 p.m., Sunday, November 17.

Tickets are available at the Box Office, which opens one hour before each performance. Maps to campus are available at lima.osu.edu.

Hans Christian Andersen's classic children's story The Snow Queen is adapted for the stage by Dr. Maria Ignatieva, Martha W. Farmer Endowed Professor of Theatre, who also directs. Her adaptation tells the tale of a brave little girl determined to rescue her brother from the palace of the Snow Queen.

"This fairy tale has inspired a wealth of interpretations, among the most recent is Frozen, but ours also differs from the others," Ignatieva said. "One of the themes in the play, which is very dear to me, is the ability of the characters to change - to become braver, more generous. Even the Snow Queen has a chance to change."

The play is geared towards children K-4 and their families and will include both school visits and public performances. Run time is 40 minutes. The stage has transformed into a Nordic wonderland under the direction of guest designer and scenery builder Chris Anich.

"More than 50,000 elementary school children have attended our Theatre for Young Audiences productions in its 29 years of existence. Many were introduced to the art of theatre for the first time in Ohio State Lima's theatre," Ignatieva said. "The Ohio State Lima students and faculty have dedicated a lot of time and effort to creating their characters, working as crew members, running lights and sounds, and stage managing the production. We can't wait to welcome students to campus this year."

The Snow Queen is a production of the Theatre for Young Audiences program. More than 1,700 K-4 students will visit the Ohio State Lima campus over two weeks for school performances. Participating local schools include Allen County ESC, Anna, Bluffton, Cory-Rawson, Freedom Elementary, Holy Rosary, Liberty Arts Magnet, Lima Area Homeschoolers, Parkway, Perry, Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Rose, Shawnee Maplewood, Sidney, Spencerville and Waynesfield-Goshen.

The Theatre for Young Audiences program was established at Ohio State Lima in 1995 and has been welcoming elementary-aged children to its autumn performances in the Martha W. Farmer Theatre for the Performing Arts ever since.

Cast  
Gabe Hipsher (Lima, freshman in business) - Reindeer the Storyteller  
Ainsley Brinkman (Elida,

sophomore in psychology) - The Snow Queen

Jacqueline Lynch (Lima, senior in biology)/Kaylee Kee (Lima, freshman in social work) - Kora

Charley Cheeseman-Arme (Lima, sophomore in theatre) - Kyle

Bronson Mansfield (Tipp City, freshman in moving image production) - Chill the Troll

Torca Frances (Lima) - Lil' Robber Girl

*Editors' Notes: School performances are scheduled for 9:15 and 10:45 a.m., November 7-8 and 14-15. Wednesday 7-8 and 14-15 a.m. only. Please call ahead if you plan to attend.*

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL AT VWCT



Get ready for a hauntingly beautiful holiday experience! This Theatre, the Van Wert Civic Theatre proudly presents John Jakes' "A Christmas Carol", a captivating adaptation of Charles Dickens' timeless tale.

Under the direction of Deb Duncan-Faul, this heartwarming production features a unique twist: the curtain rises on Charles Dickens himself, inviting audiences into a world of festive cheer and cautionary tales. Watch as Dickens brings his beloved story to life, offering personal insights and weaving himself into the action! Witness Ebenezer Scrooge's unforgettable journey through Christmas Eve with the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future.

This faithful adaptation maintains the spirit of Dickens' masterpiece, emphasizing themes of redemption, generosity, and the importance of the holiday season. Be swept away by the timeless message, highlighted by an original carol, "God Bless Us Every One."

The cast includes Ken Markward as Scrooge, Jon David Faeth as Charles Dickens, along with Paul Briggs, Grayson Baker, Paul Bonifas, Jazmin Loaiza-Ordonez, Nick Long, Doug Grooms, Kory Allenbaugh, Jeaul Bonifas, Terry Plas, Seth Rollins, Ed Eichler, Stephanie Wagner, Dianna Hicks, Katelyn Knepper, Addison Gonzalez, Larissa Sterrett, Alyssa Taylor, Gabby Thomas, Alea Rex, Courtney Wendel, Lisa Eichler, Brayden Allenbaugh, Aubree Allenbaugh, and Kara Sterrett.

Shows will be performed December 5-8 and 12-15.

For information call 419-238-9689 or visit vwct.org. Don't miss your chance to celebrate the season with \*A Christmas Carol\*!

The Van Wert Civic Theatre, located at 118 S. Race Street in Van Wert, is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing high-quality theatrical productions for our community.

### FUTURE WEATHER OUTLOOK

Fall harvest is starting to wind down. For most farmers, the dry August-September weather hurt yields. I have

heard corn yields from 120-180 bushels and 30-60 bushels soybeans where moisture was limiting most of the summer. A few farmers tell me they got good rains until August and are getting 150-220 bushels corn with 50-75 bushels soybeans. One farmer had excellent yields, with good rain but also irrigation, so his yields were 250-270 on corn and around 70+ bushel on soybeans. Generally, rain makes grain if it comes in moderation.

For most of Ohio, especially Southeast Ohio, this was one of the worst droughts in many years. With improved genetics, crops have adapted to drier weather conditions, so crop yields generally are a little higher. However, with high fertilizer prices and low crop prices, even slightly lower yields are devastating to crop profits. In the agriculture world, ag is going through at least a recession if not a depression.

One thing farmers always talk about is the future and weather expectations. August, September, and October have been warmer and sunnier than normal with little rain. Soil moisture levels are very low. November is expected to stay warm and still dry. November generally is chilly and cloudy but not this year. However, the weather may start to change starting in December. December could be much colder in the Northern part of the USA, including parts of the Great Lakes region where we live. Most predictions call for much colder weather the further North you live.

NOAA outlooks call for a weak, short La Nina to develop which generally means cooler or colder temperature in the Great Lakes but also more moisture and wetter than average conditions this winter. There is about a 60% chance of this weak, short lasting La Nina weather event to occur. Farmers will need to regenerate soil moisture before spring, so this could potentially reduce, possibly even break the current drought cycle in a large part of Ohio, at least temporarily. However, at least 25% of the USA is in at least a moderate drought, especially in the Southern areas which are expected to stay dry. A large part of the USA may not get hardly any drought relief even if the Great Lakes and Ohio River Valley Regions gets some relief. So, for the Midwestern states like Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky; we may see wetter than normal conditions this winter while the rest of the country stays drier than normal.

Usually, around this time of year, farmers start ordering seed for next year. Keeping up on the weather is an important part of planning for future crops. The bad news is that a weak, short La Nina which generally brings moisture to our area may shift again back to a El Nino weather pattern in early to mid-spring. That could potentially mean less moisture going into the 2025 growing season.

Looking to the summer of 2025, it becomes more difficult to predict. Predictions are based on long-term weather trends. With a short, weak La Nina potentially developing, good moisture conditions could be over by planting time. Weak La Nina's are generally replaced by weak El Nino weather events. In the Great Lakes region (Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky), El Nino's

## COPSEY SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Tim Copsey, Director (Paulding County Economic Development, Paulding, Ohio) as the guest speaker at the October 31, 2024, club meeting.

Tim came at the invitation of John Daeger (Paulding VFW Post 587, Commander and Fellow Kiwanian). Tim spoke to the Kiwanians about the many benefits of Land Banks in Paulding County Ohio and how they help convert properties into assets that

revitalize communities. Land banks are public or community-owned entities that operate within a specific geographic area.

They have unique powers that vary by state, but generally include the ability to acquire tax-foreclosed property, sell property to a responsible buyer or developer, extinguish liens and clear title, and hold property tax exempt. The Paulding Economic Development has helped purchase and revitalize many properties throughout the county.

usually result in hotter, drier weather in the summer. It's possible we may need all the moisture gained this winter to sustain our crops into the summer.

While it becomes much harder to predict weather forecasts long term, this current weather pattern does line up with a 90-year long-term weather cycle. This is very similar to the droughts that occurred in the 1930's which lasted several years. Our sun solar activity is very high and expected to peak in the 2024-2025-year cycle. Northern lights and increased solar activity have a great impact and determine most of our current weather events. With weaker La Ninas expected, which typically bring more moisture to our region; we may have hotter and drier weather as we transition back to a weak El Nino next summer.

If there is any good news, this 90-year weather cycle has probably peaked and we should be headed towards more "normal" sun activity and weather. However, we still have to get by another 2-3 years yet of expected drier than normal weather. Best ad-

vice for planting crops if dry weather is expected: kill cover crops early, plant crops early, and conserve moisture. Let's hope we can some drought relief. Weather is hard to predict and it is usually not constant, even in certain regions. Someone always gets a little too much or not enough rain each year. Hopefully, next year is better!

—James J. Hoorman  
Hoorman Soil Health Services

## HELP WANTED

### THE VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE

The Village of Hicksville is accepting applications for a part-time cleaning person to clean Village offices and Park Pavilion building until November 15th. Applications are available online at:

[www.villageofhicksville.com](http://www.villageofhicksville.com) and at the Municipal Building 111 South Main St. For questions please call the Administrators office at 419-542-6138 ext.6.

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- 2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW
- 3rd Weekend- Payne ,  
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- 4th Weekend- Antwerp ,  
(13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

### New Schedule For Smaller Villages

- 3rd Wednesday of each month
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- Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)
- Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)
- Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)

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**BEN**

He argued that this was a God given right and no one could take it away. His brother James published 16 weeks of the articles until he realized that it was being written by his brother Ben.

Ben was a very talented poet, inventor, and patriot. He invented an electrical generator, a system of writing shorthand, and he charted the Gulf Stream. You might say he was somewhat of a dreamer. He was the writer of the declaration of Independence. Ben eventually bought out his brother's publication and became wealthy as one of the top publishers of his day. He is most known for Poor Richard's Almanac.

In 1752 Ben attended the Christ Church of Boston, which was the social and spiritual center of the city. It was attended by Washington, Adams, Penn, and many of our leaders. The church was a mammoth structure a quarter of a century old but it had no steeple. Ben was on a committee to raise money to build a steeple, by holding a lottery. Ben was adamant about this project, and they finally got it through to completion.

Ben had a secret reason for wanting to see the steeple built. He needed some place to do his experiments on electricity and lightning. By the time the steeple was built, he did not need it because he had finished his experiment and proven that lightning was electricity. How did he do it? Go fly a kite. He did his experiment with a simple common toy called a kite.

Time does not allow me to give all of his accomplishments so I will try to continue in another article.

"Day follows night, night

Today is Wednesday, November 6 [date of submission] and for some reason I am feeling patriotic. Let's talk about one of our most amazing forefathers. One of the most intriguing men in our nation's history. He was a newspaper publisher, poet, and inventor. He was a man with many hats. His dad was Josiah Franklin and he was one of 17 children.

When he was 12 he went to be an apprentice for his brother James who was the publisher of a weekly paper in Boston called the New England Courant. Ben wrote articles and gave them to his brother but his brother would not publish them. Through this he developed a scheme to get his writing published.

Ben began turning in articles written by an old lady by the name of Silence Dogood. She was the wife of a preacher. She had come from England, and had become an indentured servant to the man who paid her way here. The gentleman was a preacher and she eventually married him. She enjoyed studying and he had a large library.

She was an advocate of freedom of speech, and freedom of religion which was not always the case, as they were still under British rule.

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Sudoku solution from page 9

As sure as it's going to rain, the classifieds sell.

# HELP WANTED

## Full-Time Police Officer Position (Lateral Transfer)

The Woodburn Police Department is currently accepting applications for a Full-Time Police Officer. This is a Lateral Transfer position. Qualified candidates must have completed an Indiana "Tier 1" academy or an equivalent POST-certified academy from another state, and have prior experience with a law enforcement agency.

Interested applicants should submit their resumes to Chief Brad Parker via mail at PO Box 247, Woodburn, Indiana 46797, or via email at b.parker@cityofwoodburn.org. The application deadline is November 25, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

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## MUSEUM'S FESTIVAL OF TREES CONTINUES THROUGH SATURDAY



The annual Festival of Trees at Paulding County History Museum kicked off Thursday evening with a special Christmas tea and preview night. Guests got a sneak peek at the decorations in the museum's three buildings.

"Let's Trim the Tree" is the theme for the annual Festival of Trees at Paulding County History Museum in Paulding. The festival opened Nov. 8 and continues through Saturday, Nov. 16. It's not too late to enjoy the meals and local live entertainment on the schedule.

Admission and parking are free. Donations are greatly appreciated.

The festival is open daily. Explore 30,000 square feet of holiday trees, displays and decorations in three buildings. This year, an incredible 90 unique trees – the most ever – have been decorated by local individuals, families, organizations and businesses.

Don't miss the adjacent Barn 1 and Barn 2, both filled with trees, lights, animated figures, Nativity scenes, inflatable characters and 10 model train layouts.

The festival committee, led by co-chairmen Michelle Stanford and Elizabeth Miller, has been busy planning and preparing for the museum's largest event and fundraiser of the year. Museum volunteers started unboxing all the decorations September 24. The trees came out of storage on October 1, thanks to Paulding FFA students. It takes nearly six weeks to get everything ready to open the doors to more than 1,500 visitors.

Meals and special activi-



More than 90 decorated trees are on exhibit at Paulding County History Museum's Festival of Trees. Visitors also can view model train layouts, more than 100 Nativity scenes, Christmas collections, inflatable decorations and more.

ties are planned for almost every day. All meals are by free-will donation.

Monday, November 11, hours will be 4:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, hours are 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. A pasta dinner will be served starting at 4:00 p.m. The Paulding High School Jazz Band performs starting at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 13, is Ugly Sweater Night. The museum will be open 4:00-8:00 p.m. A barbecue pork sandwich dinner will be served, followed by the popular St. Paul Lutheran Church Bell Choir performing at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 14, hours will be 4:00-8:00 p.m. A chili and soup supper will be served, with Wayne Trace High School Band at 5:00 p.m. and Antwerp Community Band at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 15, the festival is open from 4:00-

## NILES PLACES 125<sup>th</sup> AT STATE MEET



Congratulations to Junior Katy Niles with Woodlan XC. She traveled to Terre Haute to run in the IHSAA State Cross Country Meet at the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course. She finished 125th in the state with a time of 19:44.60.

8:00 p.m. A Heavenly Dessert Bar will be open from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 16, is the final day of the festival. Hours are 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Walking tacos are on the menu for lunch. This will be the last chance to bid on the silent auction or enter the annual OSU raffle.

Several events will be held every day throughout the festival.

The museum is collecting nonperishable food items for the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry. Please bring an item or two to donate to the food pantry for those in need during the upcoming holidays.

Another feature continues to be the Memory Tree. Remember loved ones by adding their names to the revolving tree, located near the dining room.

The always-popular OSU Raffle sponsored by the Weidenhamer/Borkosky families is a chance to win a collection of Ohio State University merchandise and memorabilia. Raffle tickets may be purchased throughout the festival. The lucky winner will be drawn at 2:00 p.m. November 16.

Place a bid on one of the exciting items in the silent auction. Local businesses, individuals and groups have generously donated about 80 prizes that will go to the highest bidders. This year, some of the offerings include a pair of Sonny Bashore prints, toys, holiday decor, gift baskets, many hand-crafted items, memorabilia and more. The silent auction closes Saturday afternoon.

Visitors have the chance to vote for their favorite tree. Look for the jar under each tree and "vote" with coins, dollars or even checks. The tree that collects the most money wins a prize. A prize also will be awarded for the tree that best follows this year's theme.

Children can take part in the fun Mouse Hunt. Browse the museum's Country Store for some unique gift ideas, including some branded museum merchandise.

Remember to sign Christmas cards for U.S. servicemen and women. Look for the many military and patriotic themed trees on display at the museum. The Paulding County

## GUEST SPEAKER AT ANTWERP ROTARY MEETING: CAROL RAZO



Carol Razo was the guest of Rotary Member Kristine Sturtart at our meeting on 10-31-2024

Her program discussed the upcoming Crane Township Bicentennial, coming up in August of 2025.

Many activities such as Hog Roast, Homemade Ice Cream, and guided Nature Tours as Crane Twp. Turns 200 years old. This was a very great presentation by Carol telling us the History of Paulding County's oldest Township.

History Museum volunteers hope to see everyone this week. For any questions, call the museum at 419-399-8218 or email jphs45879@yahoo.com. Updates will be posted on the museum's Facebook page facebook.com/jphsmuseum.

## WOODLAN FFA ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER

The Woodlan FFA would like to invite you to their annual Chili Supper on November 15th. The chili sup-

per is a contest between multiple teams who make their very best chili recipe.

Each team will have a tip jar on their table. If you like the chili from a specific table you can add a donation into their jar, which counts as a vote.

At 6:30 p.m. the teams' tip money will be counted by the officers. The team with the most money collected is considered the best chili of the supper.

All money raised will be used for the future FFA activities.

# Fall

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