

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM PAYNE ELEM STUDENTS



Miss Belinda Miller's 1B class from Payne Elementary wishes everyone a Merry Christmas! Pictured here are (back row) Quincy Sutton, Ella Gonzales, Garry Mendenhall, Luke Shepherd, Zander Lelonek, Kennedy Childs, and Kohan Fore; (front row) Kaylee Miller, Mavis Hull, Adley Morehead

TRASH COLLECTION DELAYED

Due to Christmas holiday being Wednesday, December 25, 2019; trash pick up in the Village of Antwerp will be moved from Thursday to Friday, December 27, 2019.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS COMPLETES POST-ELECTION AUDIT

The Director and Deputy Director of the Paulding County Board of Elections announced the successful completion of an audit of votes cast in the November 5th General Election. The audit has confirmed the accuracy of the results.

Director Crawford stated "the post election audit of the November 5th General Election was held on December 2nd and 3rd. The post-election

audit was conducted by the Director, Deputy Director, and a bi-partisan team of precinct election officials following the guidelines set out in the Ohio Secretary of State Elections Official Manual. The paper ballot voting system purchased from Elections System and Software in June of this year was used for the first time in the November election. There were absolutely no inconsistencies found in the post-election audit."

In Ohio, post-election audits are normally required to be conducted following each general election in an even-numbered year and after each presidential primary election. However, with the implementation of new voting equipment in many Ohio counties in 2019, Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose directed all boards of elections

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WT SCHOOLS FOOD DRIVE COMPETITION



Grover Hill students collected 1,540 items for local food pantries.

The REAL winners are the local food banks. This year the Wayne Trace Elementary Schools decid-

ed to see which elementary school could collect the most canned food items during this year's canned food drive.

Students and staff at Payne and Grover Hill Elementary School, led by the student

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JOINT MEETING TO BE HOSTED BY HERITAGE LIONS CLUB

The Heritage Lions Club will host a joint meeting with the Monroeville Lions Club on January 14th, 2020 at 7 pm in the St John Lutheran Flattrack Church. District Governor Terry Marker will be the main speaker.

DON'T MAKE THE NAUGHTY LIST BY DRIVING DISTRACTED THIS HOLIDAY

The holiday season brings increased traffic to Ohio's roadways and additional distractions to motorists. There-

fore, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio State Highway Patrol are reminding drivers to stay off the distracted driving naughty list by putting their cell phones down and keeping their focus on the roadway. Troopers will be stepping up enforcement through the holidays so be good for goodness sake!

Last year, 13,713 traffic crashes in Ohio were a result of distracted driving. As inclement weather increases, it is imperative motorists focus on the roadway to ensure they arrive safely to their destination. Sending or receiving a text message takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equiv-

alent of driving the length of an entire football field when traveling at 55 mph.

"The holiday season is the perfect time to eliminate distractions, such as cell phones, while you drive," said Governor DeWine. "Protect yourself, your family, and others on the road by committing to safe driving habits."

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OBITUARIES

ANTWERP, OH

Carol L. Huss, 94, of Antwerp passed away Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019 at The Manor in Antwerp.

Carol was born in Paulding on January 28, 1925, a daughter of the late Madeline (Derck) and Lloyd Cottrell.

Carol farmed alongside her husband and was a member of the Antwerp VFW Auxiliary & American Legion Auxiliary.

She will be sadly missed by her daughter, Cathy Jo Huss; sister, Dorothy (Melvine) Diederich; grandchildren, John Huss & Angie (Scott) Kaufman; great grandchildren, Harlee (Zack) Walk & Jonathon (Bianca) Hudson; great great grandchildren, Hunter, Alaric & Clara.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; son, Wayne and brothers, Bill, Dick, Tom & Jay Cottrell.

Service is Saturday, 11 am with viewing one hour prior at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. She will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com



OAKWOOD, OH:

Armilda Faye Monhollen age 89 died Friday, December 21, 2019 at the Paulding County Hospital.

She was born April 21, 1930 in Bailey Switch, Kentucky daughter of the late John F. and Viola (Phipps) Vaughn. On October 10, 1948 she married Edd Lee Monhollen who preceded her in death on May 6, 2018.

Lovingly called Mom, Mamaw, or Mom-Mom, Armilda Faye was an amazing woman, wife, sister, mother and grandmother. She had a great love and passion

for gardening, baking, quilting, farming, nature, family and her faith. There are so many inspired great memories, she will be dearly missed.

She is survived by a son, Wendell (Angela) Monhollen, Grover Hill; daughters, Treva Bashore, New Carlisle, OH, Vera Miller, Antwerp, Clara (Randy) Pack, Ohio City; brothers, David C. (Peggy) Vaughn, Hicksville, John Vaughn, Butler, IN, Calvin (Charlotte) Vaughn, Corbin, KY, Edward Vaughn, Wisconsin; sisters, Violet Vaughn, and Lauretta Warren both of Corbin, KY; grandchildren: Kris, Candace, Kylie, Tim, Eric, Kerri, Brad and Marie; great grandchildren: Kyliya, Kaylena, Xavier, Janisha, Lexi, Libby, Carson, Amelia, Chase and Kaylynn; and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Friday, December 27 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will 6 - 8 PM Thursday, December 26 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation from 10 AM until time of services on Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation made to Paulding County Black Swamp Nature Center.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

DUPONT HOSPITAL STAFF PROVIDES HOLIDAY CHEER DURING DIFFICULT TIME

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Dec. 20, 2019) – A recent encounter with a patient in the midst of a trying time sparked staff at Dupont Hospital to do whatever they could to provide this patient with not only the best service possible, but also a special and memorable Christmas for her and her family.

The platform, “Positively LHN,” looks share mission stories and patient testimonials from each facility within the network. Visit www.lutheranhealth.net/positively-lhn regularly to follow along with stories like this:

Dupont Grants a Special Holiday

Any medical issue can

become increasingly more stressful when concerns from home are factored in. This was the situation for one patient at Dupont Hospital who broke down in tears while getting prepped for surgery. The patient, who had recently lost her job and home, told her nurses that she also had two young children she was struggling to put food on the table for. To make meals possible for them, she had not eaten in two days. She felt she was at a loss for what to do next and was currently staying at a friend’s home with her children. From there, the staff at Dupont did waste any time.

Within just two hours, staff in the OR and the Pre-Post PACU raised over \$300 for groceries to feed the family. Lisa Glass, clinical specialist in Pre-Post PACU, and Jack, a hospital volunteer, went out with the funds the staff had raised to purchase the groceries. After they filled their card and progressed to the registered, the cashier rung up a total, but before Lisa could pay, Jack stepped in to make the purchase with the money from his own pocket. He further explained that he wanted to use the money the team had raised to buy a gift-card so she could purchase Christmas gifts for her children this holiday season.

“I am so bless to be here at Dupont and work with such a great team,” Lisa stated. “This team has such passion for the patients they treat and it is so special to see that dedication within their work every day.”

PAULDING CO. BICENTENNIAL NOTES

By: **Caroline Longardner**
THE MICHIGAN SURVEY

This original historical land survey is located only two counties North of Paulding Co. in William, Fulton, and Lucas counties. It is a continuation of the federal rectangular surveys starting from the Michigan Meridian, located west of Detroit, and the Base Line located north-west of Detroit.

This was an ongoing controversy and political problem “to be solved” all the way from Congress and Andrew Jackson’s presidential Adm. until it was settled in 1973.

Due to misconceptions about the geography of the region at the time Ohio was going through the state making

process, controversy erupted over the proper location of the border between Ohio and Michigan Territory.

The controversy began and was traced to the assumption that an east-west line drawn through the southern extremity of Lake Michigan, as provided in the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, would give the “Eastern Division” (i.e. Ohio) the mouth of the Maumee River, clearly the most desirable feature of the region. This line was confirmed in the Ohio enabling act of 1802, but shortly thereafter it was discovered that Lake Michigan extended further to the south than had been assumed, and an east-west line from its southern extremity would intersect Lake Erie south of the mouth of the Maumee River.

With this info. the delegates to Ohio’s constitutional convention wrote into the new state constitution that, with the approval of Congress, Ohio’s northern border would be a line drawn directly from Lake Michigan’s southern extremity to the “most northerly cape of the Miami (Maumee) Bay.” Congress approved the constitution without either confirming or rejecting Ohio’s self-negotiated line.

In 1817, the Surveyor General of Ohio oversaw a survey by William Harris, who ran a boundary line (Harris Line) according to the language of the Ohio Constitution. Michigan objected and ordered its own survey, (known as the Fulton Line), according to boundary descriptions in the Northwest Ordinance and the Ohio Enabling Act of 1802. Land between the Harris Line and the Fulton Line, sometimes called the “Toledo Strip,” was hotly contested.

Both Ohio and Michigan Territory(s) threatened to occupy this land with militia, and each made other gestures by which they hoped to demonstrate control. The issue came to a head in the mid-1830’s as Michigan was preparing for statehood. Both Congress and Andrew Jackson’s presidential administration became involved in the dispute.

Ultimately Ohio’s superior political clout prevailed, and on June 15, 1936, Jackson signed a congressional act awarding the disputed region to Ohio.

Michigan achieved its main goal of statehood in 1837 and as consolation for loss of the “Toledo Strip,” was awarded 9,000 square miles which became it’s Upper Peninsula.

In 1915, Michigan and Ohio joined in a re-survey of the Harris Line that “satisfied” both states. However, where the Harris line touched Lake Erie’s shore, it was extended northeasterly to the Canadian boundary in Lake Erie, giving Ohio many Ohio many square miles of Lake Erie coveted by Michigan, which claimed the Harris Line should have been extended in a straight line to the boundary. This conflict was resolved in 1973 when federal courts ruled that the disputed area in Lake Erie belonged to Ohio.

The Michigan Survey is based on the Michigan Meridian and Base Line. Ranges are numbered from the Meridian in both an east and a west direction. Township numbering is uniquely irregular, but it is based on the line

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Luke 2:11-14 NIV

ANN’S BRIGHT BEGINNERS GET TO SEE SANTA!



Ann’s Bright Beginnings preschoolers were recently visited by Santa! It was a very exciting last day of school before Christmas break! These children are in our youngest class of three and young four year olds. Shown here with Santa are: Andrew

Wehrkamp, Allison Gamble, Damarion Rohdy, Da’Lonnice Banks, and Arlo Rohdy. Call 419-399-KIDS to sign your child up to join us in the new year! Your child must be 3 years! Old and able to help him/herself in the bathroom. We have openings!

of the 41’ parallel.

Paulding County was established in 1820 is located in Ohio’s “Congress Lands”.

Ref. Info. Taken from: “Ohio Lands Book” Ohio State Auditor

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Stormy and Jessica Doctor welcomed baby girl Jessie Ann Noel Doctor on December 18th. She weighed 8 lbs 2.6 oz and was 20.5 inches.

Her grandparents are: Bob & Karen Baughman, Paulding, OH and Daryl & Judy Bowman, Sevierville, TN. Jessie has two brothers: Dillon and Nolan.

ARCHERS ROLL OVER PIRATES

CONTINENTAL - Antwerp upped its record to 5-0 on the season with a 61-27 victory over Continental in boys basketball action Saturday night in Putnam County.

Turnovers were the big difference in the contest as

the Pirates committed 27 miscues while the Archers had only six turnovers.

The other big factor was an opening quarter that saw Antwerp pour in 29 points compared to host Continental’s nine.

Antwerp added 13 second stanza markers compared to the Pirates’ ten, pushing the Archer lead to 42-19 at halftime. The Archers then expanded the margin to 54-25 entering the final period.

Jagger Landers led the way for Antwerp with 21 points while Jacob Savina posted nine markers.

Austin Lichty chipped in eight points for the blue and white followed by Jayvin Landers (seven), Blake Schuette (seven), Owen Sheedy (five), Jake Eaklen (two) and Luke Krouse (two).

Gavin Huff bucketed a dozen points to top Continental with Mitchell Coleman chipping in 11 markers.

Gannon Prowant and Trevor Brecht added a bucket each as well for the Pirates.

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to conduct a post-election audit following the November 2019 election in order to further validate election results. With this additional process, voters of Paulding County can be confident in the accuracy of the election.

“As new voting machines come to Ohio, we want voters to have the utmost confidence in the accuracy of their elections,” said LaRose. “This

successful audit confirms the results were correct and goes a long way to ensure Paulding County will be ready for 2020.”

“The confidence of Ohio’s voters is a top priority, so this audit provides an additional assurance that their county’s results are accurate and honest,” said LaRose. “By requiring this audit, we’re taking that extra step and leaving no doubt that the winners are the winners.”

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CHRISTMAS LETTERS AT MT. CALVARY



Forty youth and children presented "Christmas Letters" on December 15 at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Antwerp. Christmas Candlelight is 7:00 p.m. on December 24. The community is invited.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
 Did the three wise men go to the stable where Christ was born?

We assume there were three because there were three gifts, but the Bible does not say how many wise men came. They probably traveled from Babylon, which is modern Iraq. They likely heard of the prophecies of Daniel, who was taken captive there about 600 years prior. Daniel 9:24-27 would have helped them determine the approximate time of the Messiah's birth, and the star was a special sign.

Matthew 2:11 says they came to a "house," not a stable. More than likely Joseph and Mary rented a house in Bethlehem where he worked as a carpenter until God told him to flee to Egypt.

It was likely several months to two years after Christ's birth that the wise men appeared. Notice in Matthew 2:11 that when they came, Jesus was then a young child.

The visit, gifts and worship given to the Christ Child all showed His deity, as did the name God demanded He be called, Emmanuel, which means "God with us." (Matthew 1:23)

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

THERMOMETERS OR THERMOSTATS?

By: Lonnie Lambert, Oakwood Church of Christ

When it comes to how we live, we tend to either be like thermometers or thermostats. In clear terms, the New Testament informs us that we should be similar to the last one and not the first.

As we all know, thermometers react to their environment. They do this by internally responding to how hot or cool their surroundings are. Thermometers announce to the world in no uncertain

terms what the temperature is around them.

On the other hand, thermostats seek to regulate the temperatures around them to be what they should be. While they too are aware of their environment, they are set to an ideal temperature. Is it getting too hot? The thermostat will turn on the air conditioner.

When someone mistreats us, our natural tendency can be to simply react by lashing out. When someone cuts us off in traffic, perhaps suddenly our blood pressure resembles a thermometer peaked to explode as the attitude, "I'll teach him" takes over.

Rather than merely reacting to our environment and achieve the work of the evil one, Jesus counseled a different way, the way of the thermostat. We know his words well.

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, do not resist the evildoer. But whoever strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other to him as well. And if someone wants to sue you and to take your tunic, give him your coat also. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two" (Matthew 5:38-41).

In fact, Jesus pointed out that if our character fails to seek to regulate our environment toward good, how are we different from the rest of society? "For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Even the tax collectors do the same, don't they? And if you only greet your brothers, what more do you do? Even the Gentiles do the same, don't they?" (Matthew 5:46,47).

Paul would echo Jesus' teachings when he taught that we should not allow the evil done to us to overcome us, but rather we should overcome that evil with good (Romans 12:21). This would require blessing those who persecute us, giving our enemy drink and food, and not repaying anyone evil for evil (Romans 12:14, 17,20).

God's people are to make a difference for God in the world, a difference that brings a blessing and orientates our environment toward wholeness, love and peace. By keeping our eyes on this goal, we are less likely to be thermometers and more likely to be like thermostats.

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT TWIN OAKS UMC

Please join us for a 7:00 p.m. candle light Christmas Eve service at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood, Ohio located at 200 E. Harmon St.

The beautifully decorated sanctuary sets the scene for the arrival of the Christ Child.

SIGN UP NOW FOR FREE VENISON PREPARATION AND CANNING SEMINAR

Outdoor enthusiasts interested in learning to prepare and can white-tailed deer meat are encouraged to attend a free informational seminar in Paulding County on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

The seminar will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Antwerp Conservation Club, located at 17814 Road 53, Antwerp 45815. It is free of charge, but preregistration is required by Jan. 14, as space is limited. Interested individuals can register at <https://apps.ohiodnr.gov/wildlife/educationregistration/>.

Personnel from the Ohio Division of Wildlife and Antwerp Conservation Club will cover topics including how to pressure can venison, a great way to save freezer space and preserve meat, and how to make venison jerky, which is a delicious way to use all cuts of meat. Wild game smoking techniques and additional venison preparation recipes will also be shared.

For more information on venison meal preparation and other wild game recipes, visit the Wild Ohio Cookbook.

The mission of the Ohio Division of Wildlife is to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all. Visit wildohio.gov to find out more.

LADY RAIDERS FALL TO OTTOVILLE IN OT

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

OTTOVILLE - The Lady Raiders traveled to Ottoville last Saturday for an afternoon battle with the Big Green and a battle it was. After 32 minutes of basketball nothing had been settled and it was on to overtime. Both teams entered the extra session with score knotted at 53 a piece but it would be the Big Green who would go ahead of the Raiders in overtime to capture a hard fought 63-57 win.

The game was close throughout with Ottoville holding a 10-8 lead after one quarter and a slim three-point margin at the break 27-24. The Raiders made up the deficit in the second half, outscoring Ottoville 19-17 in the third frame and by a single point in the fourth 10-9 to force the overtime.

Wayne Trace outscored Ottoville in two-point field goals hitting 17 shots to just 10 for the Green but the winners made up for it from behind the arc and at the free throw line. Ottoville canned eight long range three-pointers to just three for the Raiders while at the foul line Ottoville delivered 19 points at the charity stripe to 14 for the red, white and blue.

Wayne Trace out rebounded their opponent 38-26 and turnovers were close with Wayne Trace committing 23 mistakes to 21 for Ottoville.

The Raiders scoring leader was Claire Sinn who finished with 23 and seven rebounds and was the only Raider in double figures. Miriam Sinn (8-8 at the foul line) and Gracie Shepherd totaled eight a piece with Katie Stoller and Rachel Stoller each chipping in seven. Katrina Stoller rounds out the scoring for Wayne Trace with five. Katrina also collected eight rebounds and six assists in a solid afternoon of work. Shepherd finished with seven boards as did Katie Stoller along with four assists.

Ottoville was led in scoring by the 21 points from Nicole Knippen followed by Jocelyn Geise with 14 and Kylee Hoersten adding 11 along with team mate Alexa Honigford with 11. Rounding out the Big Green scoring was Tori Thomas with six.

The Junior Varsity Raiders came out on top in their contest 26-22.

The Raiders are busy through the end of the year with home dates on Saturday with Delphos St. Johns at 12:00 noon and a Monday night contest (Dec. 30) with Woodlan.

BULLDOGS COAST PAST PANTHERS

COLUMBUS GROVE - Paulding made the long trip to Columbus Grove Thursday in Northwest Conference girls basketball action and it was all Bulldogs as the hosts rolled to a 52-31 win over the Panthers.

Columbus Grove posted an 11-5 advantage after eight minutes of action before breaking the game open in the second stanza.

The Lady Bulldogs added 19 points in the period com-

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS



Members of the Paulding Middle School 7th grade girls' basketball team that volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry on Saturday, December 14th. Pictured from left to right are Brooklynn Bakle, Ameah Carr, Grace Goyings, Coach Clark and her daughter Madison.

pared to seven for Paulding, pushing the margin to 30-12 at the intermission.

Columbus Grove then posted a 46-25 lead going to the final stanza.

Kenzie King paced the Lady Bulldogs with 20 points and Angel Schneider bucketed a dozen markers.

Erin Downing (seven), Savannah Ridenour (six), Abigail Gladwell (five) and Sydney Witteborg (two) completed the Columbus Grove scoring.

Janae Pease, Chelsi Giesige and Audrey Giesige all scored seven points for the maroon and white with Sadie Estle adding four markers. Leigha Egnor and Jalynn Parrett added three markers apiece for Paulding.

BULLDOGS TOO MUCH FOR PANTHERS

PAULDING - Highly touted Columbus Grove made the trip to Paulding Friday night in Northwest Conference boys basketball action and the Bulldogs showed why they have high expectations.

Columbus Grove outscored the host Panthers 69-43 in the final three quarters

as the Bulldogs cruised to an 86-54 win over the maroon and white at the 'Jungle.'

The Bulldogs led 17-11 after one quarter and expanded the margin from there. Columbus Grove added 26 second quarter points compared to Paulding's 13, pushing the Bulldog halftime lead to 43-24.

Columbus Grove then poured in 24 more points in the third quarter while limiting Paulding to 18, widening the advantage to 67-42 at the end of three periods.

Tayt Birnesser topped the Bulldogs with 23 points while Blake Reynolds and Evan Hopkins both recorded 18 markers.

Gabe Clement also reached double figures with ten points for Columbus Grove.

Alex Schneider (nine), Ethan Halker (four) and Tanner Smith (four) rounded out the Bulldog scorers.

Blake McGarvey paced Paulding with 21 points followed by Seth Dysinger with 15 and Payton Beckman chipped in ten.

Other scorers for the maroon and white were Hunter Kauser (four), Evan Edwards (two) and Caleb Manz (two).

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council collected food items for Neighbors in Need. The winner is Payne Elementary which collected over 1800 canned food items while the Grover Hill students collect-

ed 1540 items. The Payne Students have been declared the winners, but the real winners are the local food banks. Thanks to all who made this year's drive a huge success.

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Mrs. Casey Baldauf and Mrs. Wendy Baker Fourth grade teachers at Grover Hill Elementary participated in a pajama drive sponsored

by Scholastic Book Club. As a group, the class donated over 48 pajamas. The Pajama Program is a non-profit organization who provides new

pajamas and new books to children in need. All pajamas donated during this drive will stay in the Paulding County community.

YEAR-END - TIME FOR SOME NEW YEAR'S FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

Have you thought about your New Year's resolutions for 2020? When many of us make these promises, we focus on ways we can improve some form of our health. We vow to get more physically healthy by going to the gym, or we promise to improve our mental health by learning a new language or instrument. But it's also important to think about our financial health - so it's a good idea to develop some appropriate resolutions for this area, too.

What kinds of financial resolutions might you make? Here are a few suggestions:

Increase your retirement plan contributions. One of the best financial moves you can make is to take full advantage of your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you contribute pre-tax dollars to your plan, the more you put in, the lower your taxable income will be for the year,

and your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. So, if your salary goes up in 2020, increase the amount you put into your plan. Most people don't come close to reaching the annual contribution limit, which, in 2019, was \$19,000, or \$25,000 for those 50 or older. You might not reach these levels, either, but it's certainly worthwhile to invest as much as you can possibly afford.

Use "found" money wisely. During the course of the next year, you may well receive some money outside your normal paychecks, such as a bonus or a tax refund. It can be tempting to spend this money, but you may help yourself in the long run by investing it. You could use it to help fund your IRA for the year or to fill a gap in another investment account.

Don't overreact to market downturns. You've probably heard stories about people who lamented not getting in "on the ground floor" of what is now a mega-company. But a far more common investment mistake is overreacting to temporary market downturns by selling investments at the wrong time (when their prices are down) and staying out of the market until things calm down (and possibly missing the next rally). The financial markets always fluctuate, but if you can resolve to stay invested and follow a consistent, long-term strategy, you can avoid making some costly errors.

Be financially prepared for the unexpected. Even if you're diligent about saving and investing for your long-term goals, you can encounter obstacles along the way. And

one of these roadblocks could come in the form of large, unexpected expenses, such as the sudden need for a new car or some costly medical bills. If you aren't prepared for these costs, you might have to dip in to your long-term investments to pay for them. To prevent this from happening, you may want to keep sufficient cash, or cash equivalents, in your investment accounts. Or you might want to maintain a completely separate account as an emergency fund, with the money kept in low-risk, liquid vehicles. If possible, try to maintain at least six months' worth of living expenses in this account.

It will take some effort but following these resolutions could help you move closer to your financial goals in 2020 - and beyond.

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NSSC FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$5,000 GRANT TO CONDUCT SUMMER CAMP

The Northwest State Community College Foundation received a \$5,000 community grant from the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), to conduct a three-day Cybersecurity and Telecommunications summer camp for high school students in northwest Ohio in 2020. Per FRS, the camp will "instill cybersecurity awareness, spark interests and provide hands on technical skills."

Robbin Wilcox, Execu-

tive Director for Development and the NSSC Foundation, noted that the grant "provides another exciting opportunity for Northwest State to provide high school students from our area with engaging, hands-on learning opportunities in high-tech areas." Wilcox also noted her appreciation for the Foundation of Rural Service and their ongoing commitment to engagement efforts in rural communities.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION FOR RURAL SERVICE (FRS)

FRS is the philanthropic arm of NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association, which includes Farmers Mutual Telephone Company as a member. FRS advances the quality of life in rural communities through programs that support young people in rural areas, encourage community development, and help the public - especially policymakers - better understand the challenges that rural communities face.

The dates and details of this summer camp are not yet confirmed. Once finalized, complete information on the Cybersecurity and Telecommunications summer camp will be available at NorthwestState.edu/Events.

WAYNE TRACE GETS PAST MILLER CITY BY 18

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - The Wayne Trace Raiders placed just five players in the scoring column but it was enough as the red, white, and blue handled Miller City 60-42 in non conference basketball last Friday at the home of the Raiders. With the win the Raiders improve their season mark to 4-2 while Miller City evens their record at 3-3.

The Wildcats enjoyed a one-point advantage after one quarter of play 12-11 but the remainder of the contest belonged to the Raiders who doubled-up the second half scoring 20-10 to take a 31-22 lead to the locker room at the break.

Senior Nate Gerber secured a double-double on the night with 19 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Raiders offensive attack. Another senior, Jace Vining, continued to have a hot-hand from long range finished with 16 points including a perfect 4-4 behind the three-point arc along with with three assists.

Reid Miller contributed eight points while adding

ANTWERP'S CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY RECEIVES DONATION



Becky Schutt of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church (right) presents a check in the amount of \$1000 to Eva Elkins (left), Coordinator of Antwerp's Christian Food Pantry.

five assists to his stat sheet. Rounding out the Raider scoring was Alex Reinhart with nine and Cameron Sinn chipping in eight.

Wayne Trace shot 15-32 in two-point goals for 47 percent and 8-17 in three-point field goals, also for 47 percent. At the free throw line the Raiders connected on 6-11 and finished with 36 rebounds. For the Wildcats, Austin Ruhe led his team in

scoring with 15. Miller City shot 10-29 from the two-point area for 34 percent and 6-17 behind the arc for a 35 percent clip. At the charity Miller City went to the line just five times hitting four attempts and finished with 29 rebounds.

In the Junior Varsity contest the Raiders fell to the host Wildcats 28-22.

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Over the last five years, between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day, there have been 1,171 crashes involving a distracted driver. These crashes have resulted in two deaths and 276 injuries. Last year, 47 fatal traffic crashes attributed to distracted driving caused 51 deaths on Ohio's roads.

"Those numbers aren't just statistics, they represent lives - parents, spouses, siblings, and friends," said Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol superintendent. "Distracted driving is unsafe and irresponsible, and in a split second, the consequences can be devastating for families."

Distracted driving is any non-driving activity with the potential to distract a per-

son from the primary task of driving and increase the risk of crashing. Distractions can be visual, taking eyes off of the road; manual, taking hands off the wheel; or cognitive, taking the mind off driving. Texting while driving is an example that results in all three types of distraction.

As a reminder, Ohio law bans all electronic wireless communication device usage for drivers under 18. Texting while driving is illegal for all drivers and is a secondary offense for adults 18 and above.

For a statistical map regarding distracted driving and a county-by-county map of distracted driving crashes, please visit: https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/Distracted_Driving_HolidayUpdate_2019.pdf.

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FISHING

By: Stan Jordan

The other night Pastor Rick Grimes, one of his buddies, my son Gale, one of his buddies and I gabbed for a while about the new and old types of fishing here in the Maumee River.

Rick was telling about fishing at night for big flat-head catfish and the bait and tackle he uses. He said that he cleaned one just under 40# and inside was a smaller catfish. Now, I never knew a catfish would eat another catfish. Maybe that is the reason there is hardly any channel cats or blue catfish in the Maumee now.

I was telling about when I was young, we had good sized yellow belly bull heads, channel cats, carp suckers, red horse and about 1938 the river was stocked with large mouth bass. Sometime later, eel pouts showed up in the river and some crappie and rock bass.

I remember one time, about 1938, my two little sisters and I were in the boat and dad was using a push pole and moving the boat from the rifle, east of the park going up stream and one black bass jumped over the boat and one landed in the boat. These were yearlings and had plenty of zip.

I have lots of good memories of times on the Maumee, but then fishing any place and time is memories, and most of them are good.

Rick said he fished the Maumee as a boy and will never forget those times. I remember his dad, Jerry, fished the Maumee a lot.

We sat and talked for an hour about the good times. See ya!

GO BUCKS!

By: Stan Jordan

The Ohio State Buckeyes season is over, they had a final record of 13 - 0. They won every game and the Big Ten Championship.

Now the CCS (CCS is short for College Championship Series) play offs are down

the road on Saturday, December 28th. The Buckeyes have a great team, but so does the other team. Ohio State will play Clemson, and they, also, are undefeated. Each team has a few days left to finish getting in shape.

LSU will play Oklahoma in one of the big bowl games on December 28th, then those two winners will play each other on January 11th for the National Championship.



THE TWO BEST STORIES OF 2019

An old cowboy walks into a barbershop for a shave and a haircut.

He tells the barber he can't get all his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age. The barber gets a little wooden ball for a cup on the shelf and tells the old cowboy to put it inside his cheek to spread out the skin.

When he's finished, the old cowboy tells the barber that was the cleanest shave he'd had in years, but he wanted to know what would have happened if he had accidentally swallowed that little ball. The barber replied, "Just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does."

A guy stuck his head into a barbershop and asked, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber looked around the shop full of customers and said, "About 2 hours." The guy left. A few days later, the same guy stuck his head in the door and asked, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber looked around at the shop and said, "About 3 hours." The guy left.

A week later, the same guy stuck his head in the shop and asked, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber looked around the shop and said, "About an hour and a half." The guy left. The barber turned to his friend and said, "Hey, Bob, do me a favor, follow him and see where he goes. He keeps asking how long he has to wait for a haircut, but he never comes back." A little while later, Bob returned to the shop, laughing hysterically. The barber

asked, "So, where does he go when he leaves here?" Bob looked up, wiped the tears from his eyes and said, "Your house!" See ya!

WHAT IS A ROD?

By: Stan Jordan

As I understand a rod is 16 1/2 ft. The old timers always used that as most any field measurement.

I think those boys said 8 corn rows, 80 rod long was an acre. Who was I to doubt that.

A friend asked me what a rod was and I told him 16 1/2 ft and then we talked about the other uses of the rod.

A rod could be a hand gun; a hopped up roadster; a rod to hold up clothes in a closet; a rod might even be used for discipline (Spare the rod, spoil the child). A rod might be a fishing pole; used in a plugged drain; or short for Rodney. The tile in a well drained field are one rod apart. The old muzzle loader used a ram rod; thy rod and thy staff.

I find now that the word and measure of a rod have been used since the Holy Roman Empire. But we Americans, me especially, are very reckless with the king's english. We beat the snot out of it and then add our own. We add new words everyday. This computer business has a language all of it's own. Heaven help us!

See ya!



PAULDING COUNTY BICENTENNIAL HISTORY SERIES INTRODUCED

PAULDING - We are counting down the final days and hours of the year as we get ready to welcome 2020. The new year is even more eagerly anticipated than usual because it will mark the 200th birthday of Paulding County.

The Paulding County Bicentennial Committee, through the Paulding County commissioners' office, has been making plans to help celebrate this milestone over the next 12 months. One project is being undertaken by three local history buffs and authors - a series of articles exploring the rich and varied past of the land within our borders.

"The only thing new in the world is the history you do not know," said President Harry S. Truman. Learn something new every other week starting Jan. 1 about topics such as what Paulding County was like in 1820, canals, railroads, timber industry, ghost towns, one-room schools, the county fair, special visitors and epic events.

The topics have been carefully chosen to explain the county's development and growth, and their impact on its settlers and communities. New research by the writers will add some additional detail and depth for readers.

Did you know Paulding County has two founding dates?

The county was established by the Ohio Legislature in 1820; however, residents here didn't observe a centennial in 1920 but a sesquicentennial was held in 1970.

Early settlement was slow, so the sparsely settled county didn't become self-governing until 1839; a huge three-day centennial celebration was held in 1939. A local newspaper reported 20,000 people attended the event.

The 1939 centennial generated much excitement and enthusiasm. One paper, in boosting the plans, reminded residents: "It will be the only 100th birthday party we will be able to attend in person. When the next one comes ... we wonder if those living then will think enough of the occasion to celebrate it."

The "Centennial Celebration and Homecoming" was billed as a countywide event organized by committees and individuals from all parts of the county working together. They invited all to attend, saying "We are proud of our county and our hearts are warm and friendly towards you all."

We are still proud of our county and look forward to commemorating our 200th birthday. The Bicentennial Committee hopes everyone will enjoy the article series throughout 2020.

More information on the bicentennial can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PauldingCounty200. Look for the official bicentennial logo, featuring the courthouse dome and our slogan, as we "Celebrate Paulding County" - past, present and future.

Next week: What was Paulding County like in 1820?
—Kim Sutton, Jane Nice, Melinda Krick, Paulding County Bicentennial Committee

ARCHERS DOMINATE WILDCATS

DELPHOS - After playing even through one quarter, the Antwerp Archers dominated the final three quarters in routing Delphos Jefferson 81-50 Saturday night in boys basketball action at Delphos Middle School.

The two teams were tied at 16-16 at the end of eight minutes but it was all Archers after that.

Antwerp outscored the Wildcats 23-12 in the second quarter to take a 39-28 halftime advantage. The blue and white followed that up by adding 23 more points in the third quarter compared to nine for Delphos Jefferson giving the visitors a 62-37 lead entering the final stanza.

Jagger Landers topped three players in double figures for Antwerp with 23 points while brother Jayvin Landers scored 21. Luke Krouse also hit twin digits with 11 points.

Austin Lichty chipped in eight markers followed by Owen Sheedy (five), Hunter Grant (five), Jacob Savina (four) and Blake Schuette (four).

Colin Bailey paced the Wildcats with 16 points with Hunter Mericle adding 13 and Trent Teman posted 11.

Also scoring for Delphos Jefferson were Ashton Moore (six), Doug Long (three) and Seth Estle (one).

ANTWERP LOCAL SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Antwerp Elementary School held its spelling bee on Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Fourth grader Brayden Fuller was the winner after he spelled the word "remarkable" correctly. Fifth grader Briley Bagley was the runner-up. Fuller will represent Antwerp Elementary School at the Paulding County Spelling Bee on February 6, 2020.



Antwerp Middle School held its spelling bee on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. Sixth grader Estee Lichty was the winner after she spelled the word "staggered" correctly. Eighth grader Hannah Molitor was the runner-up. Lichty will represent Antwerp Middle School at the Paulding County Spelling Bee on February 6, 2020.

ARCHERS, LOCOS SPLIT

MONTPELIER - Antwerp hit the road to Williams County on Thursday night as the Archers visited Montpelier in junior high girls basketball action.

Antwerp's eighth graders posted an 18-14 win over the Locomotives behind 11 points from Aewyn McMichael.

Emma Townley chipped in three points while Samantha Sheedy and Caydence Shull added two each.

The Lady Archer seventh graders came up short against the Locomotives.

Jessica Thornell topped the blue and white with ten points and Caroline Rohrs finished with seven.

JH ARCHERS GET BIG WIN FROM INDIANA RIVAL

On December 17th, the 8th grade boys basketball team from Antwerp faced off against the Woodlan Warriors. The Archers dominated the court reeling in a big win for Antwerp: 50-32. 8th grade team moves to 6-0 record. Leading scorers: Landon Brewer 23, Carson Altimus 14, Camden Fuller 7

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

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

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VANTAGE STUDENTS IN A SEASON OF GIVING



Vantage students and staff raised over \$3,600.00 to purchase and donate toys for the local Toss A Toy project in partnership with Lee Kinstle GM Sales and Service.

Christmastime will be much merrier for local children of families in need as Vantage Career Center's Interact students held several fundraisers, raising over \$3,600.00 to go toward the annual Toss A Toy event. Fundraisers included a \$1.00 jeans day, \$1.00 ugly Christmas sweater contest, classroom Christmas

carolers with the option of Grinch Insurance, and a change stall. With the collected funds, students and advisors organized a field trip to Wal-mart where they purchased 3 truckloads of toys for local families and children in need. A very special thanks to Van Wert Wal-Mart and Lee Kinstle GM Sales and Service who

provided transportation of the toys to the Salvation Army.

The Vantage Interact club is a student led club that encourages leadership and responsibility, promotes student collaboration among various labs and home-schools, and supports student civic involvement to benefit our communities.

4H COMMUNITY SERVICE



Local 4-H Group, the 5H 4H Saddle Club donates toilet paper to help out the food pantry.

DORRANCE NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN & DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY WOOSTER CAMPUS

Plant pathologist Anne E. Dorrance has been named to the top leadership position at The Ohio State University Wooster campus.

On January 1, 2020, she will begin a four-year term as associate dean and director for the Wooster campus and associate director for the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station in Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

When announcing Dorrance's new position, Cathann A. Kress, vice president for agricultural administration of Ohio State and dean of CFAES, said "Dr. Dorrance's appointment to this position is essential to the continuing success of our Wooster cam-

pus and the college."

In her new role, she will also serve on the Vice President and Dean's Administrative Cabinet, providing leadership and oversight for the Wooster campus. The campus is home to both the two-year Ohio State ATI and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC).

Dorrance has been a faculty member in CFAES' Department of Plant Pathology and based in Wooster since fall 1997. She currently serves as a professor in the department and was the director of the CFAES Center for Soybean Research.

She has developed a nationally recognized research and outreach program on the management of soybean diseases that impact Ohio producers. Her main responsibilities are in soybean and field crop research, with emphasis on soybeans, wheat, and corn. She also co-teaches

the Diseases of Field Crops course, educating students on key diseases impacting crop plants, with an emphasis on identification and management strategies.

Dorrance's educational activities also involve statewide Ohio State University Extension programming for production agriculture, intensive soybean disease short courses, development of OSU Extension literature, and extensive participation in county and statewide educational sessions. OSU Extension is CFAES' statewide outreach arm.

She and her students have contributed to identifying and characterizing new sources of resistance to many soybean pathogens evaluation of new chemistries for effectiveness, focusing primarily on those that are soil-borne as well as determining when host resistance and/or chemistries are needed to manage the predominant soybean pathogens in Ohio.

Dorrance earned an associate degree in biology from Herkimer County Community College, Herkimer, NY; a bachelor's degree in forest biology from SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry, Syracuse, NY; a master's degree in plant pathology from University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA; and a PhD in plant pathology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA. She also was a post-doc in plant pathology at Washington State University, Pullman, WA.

She has received several awards including the Ohio Soybean Council's Outstanding Achievement Award (2002), the American Soybean Association's Special Meritorious Award (2008), and the American Phytopathological Society Excellence in Extension Award (2009). She was also designated a Fellow in the American Phytopathological Society (2016).

Leadership of the Wooster campus was most recently held by long-time director David Benfield, who is retiring this month. Benfield has been a professor in the OARDC Food Animal Health Research Program since 2002, where he has conducted research in virology, immunology, and microbiology.

MARY PENROSE WAYNE CHAPTER — FT. WAYNE, IND. DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEETS

The Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution met Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Ft. Wayne Allen Co. Public Library at the downtown plaza Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chapter Regent, Linda Stafford. Patriotic exercises were led by the Regent and Chaplain to include the singing of the National Anthem, the Pledge to the Flag of the USA and Prayers. Our US Patriots were asked to be remembered as well as all of our Men and Women serving in the US Armed Forces.

The President General's Message accentuated not forgetting our troops overseas at this time of year or at any time. One of the Chairman gave out pins to give to Viet Nam Veterans to thank them for their service. These can be given out to those Veterans who might have never been thanked for their service.

The National Defense Report was on Arthritis Research and other funded programs on disease control and grants for Arthritis.

The minutes are sent out on E-mail to each member and are approved as received and brought up at the meetings. Approved as they stand presently.

On January 24 on Friday, at 1:00 there will be a Good Citizen's Awards Ceremony.

Membership stands at 172 members, with a number pending. The Regent spoke on the number of supplementals that are pending at the National office. This chapter meets the 2nd Wed. in a.m. at the Ft. Wayne Library — Gen. Dept. to help with Apps and papers.

Scholarships are encouraged and for help to get people citizenship. Contact these chairmen for more information.

Flag of USA Chairman spoke and said that US Flags are available thru her for anyone who needs to present one. Please let her know of your needs and she will get it to you.

Members are urged to keep track of ALL OF YOUR SERVICE HOURS to EVERY ORGANIZATION. Service hours can be kept track of on the computer for DAR.

The guest speaker was Lettie Haver who gave an interesting program on ACRES LAND TRUST. There are several local areas that have been designated as protected areas for natural habitats for plants and animals. This organization PRESERVES, PROTECTS, & MANAGES. It is for the protection of our natural heritage.

There was election of Nominating Committee. The election of officers is in April 2020.

It was recommended that the chapter donate \$300 to the President General's Project in Washington D.C.. No second was needed. Motion carried. This will be for the refinishing of seating at the Hall. Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter Indiana Society will be recognized on

GROVER HILL SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary held its annual Spelling Bee on December 20th, 2019. Winner was 6th grader, Riley Manz, son of Greg & Julie Manz. The winning word was "legend." Runner up was 5th grader, Colton Kimmel, son of Carrie Kimmel & Joshua Kimmel. Great job, boys!

the Donor Wall.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Chapter meeting is Feb. 8. 1:00 p.m. Allen Co. Library — Theatre, 900 Library Plaza FW, Indiana. Program: David Dew, George Washington

Respectfully Submitted by: Member Caroline Longgardner

Note: If you are a direct descendent of an American Revolutionary Patriot or a person who helped with the Revolutionary war effort and would like to find out more about the Daughters of the American Revolution, please contact the DAR at the Ft. Wayne Library address.

WARRIORS ROLL PAST PATRIOTS

MONROEVILLE - Addison Bayman scored 13 points and Woodlan blanked Heritage in the second quarter as the Warriors got past the Patriots 39-21 in ACAC action Saturday.

Gabby Joyce chipped in nine markers and Dakota Krohn scored seven as Woodlan improved to 10-3 overall and 5-0 in the ACAC.

Taya Kitzmiller also had four points with Abbey Gentz and Evah Smith bucketing three markers each.

The Lady Warriors led 15-11 at the end of one quar-

ter before outscoring Heritage 9-0 in the second quarter for a 24-11 advantage.

Woodlan then expanded the margin to 34-16 at the end of three periods.

Bayman also recorded eight rebounds and picked up six steals while dishing out a pair of assists. Smith hauled down seven boards and added three steals with Kitzmiller posting four rebounds and four steals.

In earlier action last week, Woodlan cruised to a 64-21 win over Southern Wells on Thursday.

The Lady Warriors led 17-5 at the end of one quarter and took a 35-10 victory at the midway point. Woodlan held a 50-14 margin entering the final period.

Alicia McMahon bucketed 19 points to top Woodlan while Gabby Joyce reached double figures with 13 markers.

Other scorers for the Lady Warriors were Addison Bayman (six), Evah Smith (five), Dakota Krohn (five), Lydia Dyer (four), Abbey Gentz (four), Taya Kitzmiller (four) and Ella Smith (two).

McMahon also led Woodlan with seven rebounds while Bayman and Joyce each hauled down six boards. Krohn and Kitzmiller each dished out three assists with Bayman recording five steals and Kitzmiller had four.

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ACES WIN ROUTE 49 TITLE



Antwerp senior Alyvia Devore attempts a basket while Aces' Molly Crall jumps to block the shots. More pictures at westbendnews.net

EDON - The Hicksville 49 Tournament Championship on Saturday with a 33-31

win over Antwerp in the title game at Edon High School.

The Lady Archers posted an 11-8 after one quarter and led 22-20 at halftime. After Hicksville rallied to tie the game at 25-25 at the end of three periods, it was the Lady Aces who outscored Antwerp 8-6 in the final stanza to post the two-point victory.

Kenzie Schroeder paced Hicksville with 11 points in the contest while Avery Slatery recorded nine markers and Molly Crall chipped in eight.

Kennedey Villena and Izzie Smith finished with a basket each and Lindsey Bergman added a free throw.

Antwerp was paced by Karsyn Brumett with 14 points while Heather Oberlin added 13 markers. Astianna Coppes and Alyvia Devore also recorded two points each for the Lady Archers.

In the semifinals, Antwerp defeated the host Bombers 51-42 on Friday evening.

The first quarter belonged to Edon, which opened a 19-6 advantage after one quarter. Edon still led 25-11 at the end of the first half but it was all Archers in the second half.

Antwerp outscored Edon 21-7 in the third quarter to tie the game at 32-32 entering the final period, where the Lady

Archers picked up 19 points compared to the Bombers' ten.

Oberlin led the way for Antwerp with 18 points while Coppes bucketed 16 and Brumett chipped in nine.

Tiera Gomez (four), Alyvia Devore (two) and Lydia Brewer (two) completed the Antwerp scoring.

Edon was paced by Claire Radabaugh with 11 points and Paige Briner added nine markers. Carlie Kiess chipped in six points for the Bombers followed by Riley Blair (five), Sydney Bignell (five), Kerrin Towes (two), Zoe Maier (two) and Natasha Warner (two).

ARCHERS, WARRIORS SPLIT CROSS-STATE MATCHUP

The Hoosier-Buckeye rivalry was renewed again last week as Woodlan and Antwerp squared off in junior high girls basketball action.

Antwerp captured the seventh grade game 36-14 with Caroline Rohrs scoring 17 points and Jessica Thornell bucketed 15 for the Archers. Maylynn Carnahan and Madisyn Peters each picked up two markers for Antwerp.

Woodlan's eighth grade squad won 34-31 over the Archers.

Aewyn McMichael had 15 points to top the blue and white with Samantha Sheedy adding nine and Caydence Shull bucketed four. Meagan Pendergrast chipped in two markers and Emma Townley scored one.

KNIGHTS RALLY FROM EARLY DEFICIT FOR WIN OVER WARRIORS

OSSIAN - Woodlan got off to a good start in its girls basketball non-league contest at Ossian Tuesday night as the Lady Warriors jumped out to a 17-13 lead after eight minutes of action.

However, the second quarter was another story.

Norwell limited the Warriors to nine second quarter points while scoring 16 and pulled away for a 59-41 win over Woodlan.

The Knights rallied to take a 29-26 halftime advantage but Woodlan answered by winning the third quarter 12-11, trimming the deficit to 40-38.

Norwell, though, dominated the final period by outscoring the Warriors 19-3 to finish off the victory.

Kaylee Fuelling scored 16 points to pace the Lady Knights while Lauren Bales added 15 markers. Maiah Shelton added a dozen and Breann Barger bucketed ten for Norwell with Grace Bradtmueller posting six.

Evah Smith led the way for Woodlan with a dozen markers and Addison Bayman reached double figures with 11 points.

Dakota Krohn chipped in eight followed by Alicia McMahon (six), Taya Kitzmiller (three) and Gabby Joyce (one).

WARRIORS NIP FLYING JETS



Woodlan Senior Mitch Mendenhall gets a shot in under the basket, scoring two points for the Warriors! More pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODBURN - Woodlan improved to 3-3 overall and 2-0 in the ACAC by holding off Adams Central 47-45 in boys basketball play Friday night.

The Warriors won for the third time in four games following two losses to start the season, giving up an average of less than 49 points per game in this current stretch.

Joe Reidy led the way for Woodlan with 19 points while Mitch Mendenhall chipped in 16 for the Warriors.

Colin Hahn (seven), Aidan Bayman (five) and Trevor Wiedenhoef (two) complet-

ed the Warrior point scorers.

Adams Central was paced by Lucas Van De Weg with 17 points while Angel Torres chipped in 11 markers. Ethan Poling posted five markers for the Flying Jets, who fell for the third straight game in dropping to 2-4 on the year.

Woodlan returns to action on Saturday as the Warriors welcome in Ohio rival Wayne Trace, which is 5-2 on the season and riding a five-game winning streak.

Adams Central welcome in county rival Belmont on Friday before hosting Norwell Saturday.

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ONE & ONE FOR RAIDERS WRESTLING AT HOME



Wayne Trace's Eli Moore gains 3 points and wins by technical fall as he surpassed his Fairview Opponent by 15 points. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace hosted a Wrestling tri-match on December 17th with Fairview and Tinora.

In the Fairview match up, Wayne Trace won with a score of 43-24.

132 - Moore, WT, won by pin 3:48, Pettit, FV

138 - Long, WT won by score 5-1, Blair, FV

145 - Boroff, WT won by score 13-5, Sprague, FV

152 - Rupp, WT won by score 2-1, Bennett, FV

160 - E Moore, WT won by score 17-0, Blair, FV

170 - WT forfeit to Krill, FV

182 - WT forfeit to Bowers, FV

195 - WT forfeit to Spangler, FV

220 - Woolbright, WT pinned 1:02 by Bowers, FV

285 - Graham, WT pinned 6:53, Martin, FV

106 - James, WT won by score 12-4, Hetrick

113 - Sutton, WT pinned 0:26, Bates, FV

120 - Hornish, WT pinned 1:42, Betz, FV

Next, Wayne Trace faced off against Tinora. Tinora toppled Wayne Trace in this dual, 19-45.

113 - Sutton, WT won by score 8-3

120 - Hornish, WT pinned 1:59, Hoffman, TI

126 - WT forfeited to

Reynolds, TI

138 - Long, WT won by score 5-0, Friedrickson, TI

145 - WT forfeit to Short, TI

152 - Rupp, WT, lost by score 5-10, Schlegel, TI

160 - E Moore, WT, TF 3:24, Dachenhaus, TI

170 - WT forfeited to Meyer, TI

195 - WT forfeited to Florey, TI

220 - Woolbright, WT was pinned 1:22, Gaines, TI

285 - Graham, WT was pinned 4:52, Z Gaines, TI

106 - James, WT was pinned 1:17, Cramer, TI

RAIDERS SWEEP BY WILDCATS

Wayne Trace took on Kalida last week in junior high girls basketball action with the Wildcats taking home a pair of victories.

The Lady Wildcat eighth grade team defeated the Raiders 29-27, rallying from a six point deficit after three quarters.

Ava Zartman led Wayne Trace with 13 points while Kaitlin Slade and Larissa Whitman.

Allison Noggle scored four points to top the Lady Raiders in the seventh grade game but Wayne Trace came up short to the Wildcats.

APACHES SWEEP WT

Fairview picked up a basketball doubleheader sweep of Wayne Trace Monday night in junior high girls action.

The Apache seventh graders defeated the Raiders 32-18. Harper Myers had ten points for Wayne Trace and Kathleen Stoller chipped in four markers.

Fairview also won the eighth grade contest 51-23 with Ava Zartman leading the Raiders with nine points. KatieAnna Baumle added five points and Kaitlin Slade recorded four for the red, white and blue.

RAIDERS, COMMODORES SPLIT

The Wayne Trace junior high girls basketball teams made the long trip to Lima Perry recently where the Raiders and Commodores split a pair of games.

Wayne Trace's seventh graders recorded a 22-17 win over Lima Perry, led by Tianna Sinn with seven points and Harper Myers

chipped in six. Tori Young also had four markers.

The Lady Raider eighth graders dropped a 27-18 decision to the Commodores. Ava Zartman led the red, white and blue with eight points with Kaitlin Slade and KatieAnna Baumle scoring four each.

WILDCATS RUN PAST PANTHERS

MILLER CITY - In non-league boys basketball action on Monday, the host Miller City Wildcats cruised to a 57-41 over visiting Paulding.

The Wildcats controlled the game from the opening tip, taking a 16-9 lead after eight minutes of action before expanding it to 34-15 at halftime.

Paulding did get to within 46-34 at the end of three periods but the Wildcats coasted through the fourth quarter to seal the win.

Austin Ruhe led the way for the blue and gold with 18 points, including a pair of three-pointers, while Nick Gable chipped in ten markers.

Jacob Koenig scored nine points for the Wildcats followed by Ross Niese (seven), Jon Burgei (six), Zach Fillingier (five) and T.J. Michel (two).

Fillingier, Koenig and Niese also had three-pointers for Miller City.

Payton Beckman topped the maroon and white with 19 points while Hunter Kauser chipped in ten and Blake McGarvey scored nine. Seth Dysinger (two) and Evan Edwards (one) picked up the remaining Paulding points.

Kauser and McGarvey each hit a pair of three-pointers for Paulding and Beckman added one

chipped in six. Tori Young also had four markers.

Miller City won the battle of the boards in the contest, 26-16, and also had fewer turnovers, 10-15.

Paulding's junior varsity squad recorded a 46-31 victory over the Wildcats.

COUGARS TOPPLE REDSKINS

Van Wert hosted Wapakoneta in high school girls basketball on December 19th at the Van Wert High School gym.

In the JV match up, Van Wert won: 38-27 keeping their record flawless at 7-0.

Moving onto varsity action, Wapakoneta was ready for some play as they took 6 points compared with Van Wert's 3 in the first quarter. Redskins' lead continued narrowly to the half, ending at 11-12. In the 2nd half, Wapakoneta sustained their momentum edging their lead higher at the end of the 3rd: 17-20. Van Wert made a resolve for the final quarter marking 16 points as opposed to Wapakoneta's 3 which was just enough for the Cougars to claim the victory. Final score of the night: 33-23.

This moves the Van Wert girls varsity team's record to 2-6.

Score of the Quarter:
Van Wert - 3 8 6 16 = 33
Wapak - 6 6 8 3 = 23

ACAC TOURNEY PAIRINGS SET

DECATUR - The oldest conference basketball tournament in Indiana will again take place in the ACAC as the 97th version of the boys bracket and 46th version of the girls bracket saw its draws take place on Monday, December 16, 2019.

The brackets are the same for both boys and girls and will start on Tuesday, January 14, with the girls games at 6:00 p.m. while the boys games follow that same evening.

Opening round matchups will feature Heritage at Adams Central while Woodlan will host Jay County locally. The other first round match-up will see South Adams visit Bluffton.

Second round play on January 17 will see Southern Wells visit either Heritage at Adams Central, with the winner of the first round matchup between the Patriot and Flying Jet boys game hosting the evening's contests.

The other second round game on Friday, January 17, will take place at either South Adams or Bluffton, with the winner of the boys' opening round game hosting. The visiting teams will come from

the winners of the Jay County and Woodlan matchups.

Consolation round matchups will take place at Bluffton beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 18, with the championships at South Adams that same day at 6:00 p.m.

EDGERTON HOLIDAY DUALS

Paulding Panthers Wrestling team competed in the Edgerton Holiday Duals this past weekend. Paulding had a good showing at this tournament. They went 3-2 on the day beating Patrick Henry, Bryan and Montpelier. Paulding lost a close match to Parkway and had a tough showing despite the team score against Fremont. Two wrestlers went 5 and 0 on the day earning an undefeated record. Brody Fisher and Jordan Mudel looked tough this weekend and wrestled very well. I was happy to see those two go undefeated this weekend after how hard they have been working this week in the practice room. Jordan continues to step up his offense and grow each week. Brody was a pleasant surprise this weekend with his record because he has been trying to outwork the upper classmen this week.

Brody looked good from his feet today and wrestled well from top to gain a few pins. Over all still have a lot to work on and need to gain some momentum for a few of our wrestlers. We look forward to a long break now to re teach, regroup and get after it.

Match Results:
PAU 39, PW 42; PAU 60, PH 16; PAU 36, MT 33; PAU 53, BRY 24; PAU 22, FRE 57

BULLDOGS TOWER OVER BRAVES IN FIRST CONFERENCE WIN

Friday evening began Winter Break for many students in the Northeast Indiana / Northwest Ohio area. This excitement spilled over onto the basketball court everywhere. New Haven gets its first conference win with a hard fought win over a scrappy Belmont Braves team. New Haven had four guys in double figures. Thomas Latham 14 points, Donovynn Lewis 13, JaKar Williams 12 and Darion Brooks 10. Final score: 59-49.

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 14 16 14 15 = 59
Bellmont - 11 13 13 12 = 49

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BULLDOGS PINNED BY LIONS



On December 14th, mat face off for high school wrestling saw Leo and New Haven going head to head. Pictured above is New Haven's Dom Lee (220) as he gets ready to wrestle his Lion opponent. Photo by Melissa Amstutz.

PANTHERS ROLL PAST TIGERS



Paulding junior Sadie Estle gets under the basket and puts up two points for the Panthers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - The Paulding Lady Panthers continued a tremendous start to the season as they rolled past visiting Holgate 61-31 in non-league action Tuesday night at the 'Jungle.'

The maroon and white limited the visiting Tigers to four points in the first quarter and five in the second to take control of the contest.

Paulding had a commanding 15-4 advantage after eight minutes of action before scoring 14 more in the second quarter, seizing a 29-9 half-time margin.

The Lady Panthers followed up with a third quarter that saw them outscore Holgate 18-12 to post a 47-21 lead entering the final frame.

Chelsi Giesige scored 20

points to pace the maroon and white with Leigha Egnor chipping in nine markers. Sadie Estle added six for the Panthers, who improve to 7-1.

Jalynn Parrett, Sydney McCullough and Janae Pease all scored four points for Paulding. Audrey Giesige, Alivya Bakle, Brooke Ankeney, Maggie Manz and Katie Strayer recorded two markers apiece as well for the Lady Panthers.

Raena Willett had a dozen points for Holgate and Justine Eis finished with ten. Lexa Schuller (four), Elizabeth Willett (two), Carissa Meyer (two) and Madison Clark (one) rounded out the Holgate scoring.

VINING LEADS RAIDERS TO FIFTH STRAIGHT WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

VAN WERT - After dropping their first two games to start the season the Wayne Trace Raiders have reeled off five consecutive wins with Van Wert being their latest victim. Last Saturday the Raiders made the short trip south on US 127 and slipped past the Cougars 64-57 to improve their season mark at 5-2 while Van Wert falls to 2-4.

The first half play by Wayne Trace proved to be more than the Cougars could overcome as the red, white, and blue posted a 13-9 lead after one quarter of play and then increased their margin to take a 34-22 lead to the locker room at half time. Both teams played even in the third period with both squads scoring 16 points. The fourth stanza saw the Cougars make a little run at the Raiders but could never quite get over the hump as Head Coach Jim Linder's crew outlasted the home team to take a seven-point non conference win.

The offensive punch for Wayne Trace came from the hot hand of senior Jace Vining. On Friday night against Miller City Vining canned 4-4 behind the arc and then came back on Saturday to hit 2-2 behind the arc along with 8-9 in two-point goals - finishing with 24 to lead the Raiders scoring attack.

Wayne Trace place three additional individuals in double digits with Nate Gerber chipping in 14, Reid Miller adding 12 and Alex Reinhart totaling 10. Reinhart also grabbed 12 rebounds for a double-double on the night. Miller led in the assist department dishing out six to his team mates.

As a team the Raiders shot 57 percent (16-28) in two-point goals and behind the arc the Raiders canned 5-10. At the foul line Wayne Trace stepped at the charity stripe 21 times and made 17 for 81 percent. While the Raiders seemed to have their way at the foul line the Cougars managed just 1-4 but connected on 14-36 three-pointers. Wayne Trace won the battle of the boards 29-23.

Van Wert placed just four Cougars in the score book led by the 30 points from Owen Treece. Others scoring were Keaton Brown 13, Jake Hilleary eight, and Nathan Jackson six.

The Wayne Trace Junior Varsity also came away with a huge win as they eked past Van Wert 41-39.

The Raiders will be in action one more time before the new year rings in when they

VANTAGE WINTER SPORTS SPIRIT DAY



Vantage students in winter sports and extracurricular activities celebrated Winter Sports Spirit day last week. Students representing all 13 of our associate school districts came together to show their homeschool pride by wearing their win-

ter sports jersey or t-shirt!

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The Vantage school day begins at 8:23 a.m. and ends

at 2:34 p.m., specifically designed for students to remain connected to their home school by making it back in time for practices. Best of luck to all of our Vantage winter sport student athletes!

travel Woodlan High School just across the Indiana state line on December 28.

RAIDERS GET PAST WILDCATS

Wayne Trace's seventh grade girls basketball team posted a 27-23 win over Delphos Jefferson Thursday in Delphos.

Harper Myers scored seven points to lead the Raiders with Kathleen Stoller bucketing five and Tori Young added four. Allison Noggle also scored three points for WT.

The Raider eighth graders came up short to the Wildcats. Ava Zartman had two points for the red, white and blue with Kaitlin Slade adding one.

LADY RAIDERS OVERPOWER COUGARS

On December 17th the Lady Raiders of Wayne Trace traveled to Cougar country in Van Wert for some JV and varsity girls basketball action.

In JV play, Van Wert edged by Wayne Trace in a narrow win: Van Wert 31, Wayne Trace 28.

Over to Varsity action, Lady Raiders were slow to start trailing the Cougars by 1 at the end of the first quarter. After that, Wayne Trace set the pace for the rest of the half and into the 3rd quarter. The Lady Cougars attempted a 4th quarter rally, but it just wasn't enough. Wayne Trace took home a win this night, 40-32.

Score by the Quarter:

WT - 9 13 12 6 = 40

Van Wert - 10 4 8 10 = 32

NARROW VICTORY FOR BULLDOGS

New Haven High School Boys Varsity Basketball beat Wayne High School 78-71 on December 18th.

New Haven won a hard fought battle against an exceptional Wayne High School team. The

Bulldogs had balance scoring with Donovynn Lewis leading the way with 18 points followed by Freshman Darrion Brooks making his season debut with 17 points Dre Wright 14 and Jamarr Hutchins 13. Thomas Latham has 9 points 15 rebounds and 7 block shots.

Score by the Quarter:

NH - 29 12 20 17 = 78

Wayne - 20 12 21 18 = 71

HUGE FIRST QUARTER PROPELS RAIDERS TO WIN



Wayne Trace Junior Katrina Stoller jumps in the key and scores for the Raiders! See more pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - The Lady Raiders got out of the gate quickly last Thursday in their home game with winless Fort Jennings. The Raiders took a commanding 24-6 lead after the initial eight minutes of play and never looked back. With the 60-32 win the Raiders improve their record to 5-1 while the Musketeers, still looking for their first win, falls to 0-9.

The Raiders place two in double figures led by the 18 points from Claire Sinn. The senior sizzled from the two-point area hitting six of her seven tries. Gracie Shepherd also had a solid shooting performance hitting 7-12 of her two-point tries and finishing

with 15 points.

Rounding out the Raider's scoring was Rachel Stoller with seven, Miriam Sinn and Katrina Stoller each adding six a piece, Katie Stoller chipping in four and Sydnee Sinn and team mate Carlee Mead each with two.

Miriam Sinn dished out nine assists to lead the Raiders. Wayne Trace connected on 24-44 shots from the two-point area for 55 percent. Wayne Trace totaled 34 rebounds while turning the ball over 17 times.

Kristen Luersman led the Musketeers scoring with 14 points.

In the Junior Varsity game the Wayne Trace Raiders came up short, falling to the Musketeers 28-22.

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For applications, see your local high school guidance counselor, call or stop by your respective electric cooperative, or visit www.nwec.com or www.ppec.coop.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I did not like his TV show, his name calling, or his interrupting during the debates.

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December Payne Elementary Students of the Month are: Back Row: Summer Gilbert, Brinna Collins, Hannah Ross, McKenzie Johnson, Kaden Wilcox, Clay Stoller. Front Row: Leonard Valdez, Aubree Lamb, Quincy Sutton, Nuria Valdez, Lucy Hull, Gabe Wenzlick.

I certainly did not vote for him. I had always voted republican. When he got elected the democrats did not give him any recognition. They have given him all kinds of problems through his Presidency, then they expect him not to flub up or do wrong. He's human! No human being should have to go through what they have put him through over there in Washington D.C.

Donald J. Trump is doing everything that he campaigned that he would do. He is building that wall to keep the bad people out. He has our economy doing really well. We have 6.6 million jobs that have been created since he has become president and 75 thousand automotive jobs in the works. Each auto worker in Toledo is supposed to get a \$7000 bonus. We have gotten 6 million people off of the government pay role. Whether you like it or not he is our President.

His administration has sent me two cards and two letters. You should call your congressman and tell them what you think. You can get their phone number off of the computer or at the public library. Congressman Bob Latta (202-225-6405), Senators Sherrod Brown (202-224-2315) and Rob Portman(202-224-3353).

—Chris Dietrich

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

12/18/19 - An important date in history: Trump is

impeached, Bob Latta votes against impeachment. Republican party votes Trump over our constitution. Their reasoning is Trump did nothing wrong.

Being a compulsive liar is not ok. Holding back appropriated money from an ally fighting Russians is not ok. Denying congress records, blocking witnesses from testifying is not ok. Trying to bully foreign leaders into going along with Trump's made-up allegations against a "possible" opposing candidate is not ok. Trying to hide Russian involvement in the 2016, and now the 2020 elections is not ok.

So why did Bob Latta vote lockstep in favor of crimes? It's simple: as a recipient of Russian campaign funding through the NRA, he is complicit in the Russianizing of the Republican party! The NRA is in court in the state of New York as we speak for laundering Russian money into Republican candidates campaigns in 2016.

Not only is the no vote on impeachment like spitting on the constitution of the United States, it's also a slap in the face of our military veterans and active! They swear an oath to uphold and protect our constitution, just like Bob Latta does every time he is sworn in.

I was a registered Republican years ago, before they started selling off our nation to the highest bidder, starting with NAFTA! Before blowing our national treasury on "oil

Wars" in the middle east! Before bankrupting our nation both financially and morally to appease their "base!" Legislating morality doesn't repair our infrastructure, supporting a president trying to divide our nation by being a racist-bigoted fascist who splits families at our border like the Nazis did to the Jews is not ok!

I ask the Republicans in our 5th district 'do you support these policies, and criminal activities?' Do you think it's ok to allow these things to happen? Do you tell yourselves "there's nothing we can do about it?" Do you go to church on Sunday, and turn your heads to these wrongs the rest of the week?

There is a way to fix these wrongs, starting by replacing the cause of many of these wrongs! Replace the congressman who's only concerned with the rich, and filling his own checkbook! He's up next year, before you only vote for name Latta, look up and see what he stands for...it's not ok!

—Mike Porter

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Pictured are the D.A.R.E. graduates of Paulding Exempted Village School.

On December 16th and December 17th, 2019, the Paulding County D.A.R.E. Program had graduation for the 5th graders of Antwerp Local Schools and Paulding Exempted Village Schools. The road to graduation expands over 12 weeks and in the end, the students have to write an essay. The essay allows the kids to reflect on the lessons and how they can use what they have learned to be safe and responsible in the fu-

ture. Deputy Mendez said the essay also shows him who's ready to be responsible since it's the student's responsibility to complete. To conclude their time in D.A.R.E. the 5th graders have a graduation party. "Graduation is a time for the D.A.R.E. Program to reward the kids for their hard work and for making a responsible choice by turning in an essay", says Deputy Mendez. During graduation, the stu-

dents receive pizza or donuts, a t-shirt, and a certificate. The essay winners receive an extra prize which is a gift card. The essay winners for Antwerp Local Schools were Gabriella Snyder, Maclaren Ehrhart, Aiden Hook, Keira Spyker, and Michael Rhors. For Paulding Exempted Village Schools the essay winners were Molly Hull, Audrey Stoller, Max Daeger, Rose-lynn Bowser, and Trenton Tressler.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Mauranda R. Huffman, New Haven, IN; Loud exhaust; Guilty; Pay or collection 6/26/20, beginning 1/31/20; Financial responsibility was provided
Mauranda R. Huffman, New Haven, IN; No opera-

tor's license; Guilty; Pay or collection 6/26/20 beginning 1/31/20
Scott A. Smith, Lima, OH; Driving under suspension; Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility not provided; Pay or collections 1/31/20
Lucas R. Stevens, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Aaron T. Powell, Defi-

ance, OH; Zoning violation; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Clean up property; Found guilty by jury trial; 30 days jail; Shall pay for stay; Fine may be suspended if property is cleaned up within 90 days of release from jail
Tracey M. Phlipot, Paulding, OH; R.R. crossing; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Cody A. Worman, Paulding, OH; Felonious assault; Case dismissed without prejudice as to refileing; Costs waived
Juan E. Barahona Pantoja, Indianapolis, IN; No operator's license; Case dismissed at state's request
Alysha R. Long, Delphos, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Steven D. Johnson, Paulding, OH; Possession of drugs; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over
Steven D. Johnson, Paulding, OH; Weapon under disability; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over
Jeremy E. Shaffer, Oakwood, OH; Felonious assault; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over
John D. Lengacher,

James R. Prescott, Hicksville, OH; Receiving stolen property; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over
Nathan K. Edgell, Antwerp, OH; Possession of drugs; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over
William Patterson, Huron, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Bradley L. Baughman, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Dereck A. Stewart, Continental, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Allen R. Carlisle, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Brett E. Klopfenstein, Defiance, OH; Assault; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Placed on standard probation; No contact with victim; No alcohol; No drugs; No bars or taverns; May not be released from probation until divorce is final; Maintain general good behavior
Robert W. Bowers, Antwerp, OH; Assault; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; No unlawful contact with victim; Complete 20 hours community service; Mental health evaluation; Thinking For A Change; Risk assessment
Robert W. Bowers, Paulding, OH; Aggravated menacing; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Placed on standard probation; 20 hours community service; Shall be removed from EMHA today; Shall maintain general good behavior
Brandon L. Berridge, Paulding, OH; Confine of dog; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Defendant appeared at 1:30, no warrant shall be issued; Shall maintain general good behavior
Brandon Gibson, Hicksville, OH; Physical control; Guilty; Defendant may attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; Operator license suspension for 6 months; ALS suspension vacated immediately; Pay or collection 2/28/20; 87 jail days reserved
Terry Brown, Fort Wayne, IN; Reckless operation; Guilty; Pay or collections 6/26/20; To pay \$50 per months commencing 1/31/20; ALS suspension terminated immediately
Jael Jones, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Jackson S. Meter, Defiance, OH; Following too close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Lyndon J. McKennie, Lexington, MS; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Kirk A. Stoller, Latty, OH; FRA suspension; Case dismissed at state's request
Edward Miller, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case dismissed at state's request
Craig Prince, Heath, OH; Following too close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
John D. Lengacher,

Spencerville, IN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Driver took course
Mychal E. Herring, Indianapolis, IN; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ptntptne1/4 Latty Twp S-26
PAULDING TWP
 12/16/19 Chantilly Acquisition LLC to Dangler Jay; 342 W Wall St; 0.2 acres; Lot 13 Olds And Prentice Add Paulding Vill

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP
 12/16/19 Garbani Farms LLC to Grimes Martin E Grimes Michelle A; Sr 637; 28.239 acres; Pt Sw1/4 S-21 Auglaize Twp
BENTON TWP
 12/16/19 Higdon Dwayne E to Bauman Shelby N Merriman Matthew J; 2498 Sr 613 Payne Oh 45880; 1.5 acres; Pt W1/2 Ne1/4 Benton Twp S-5
 12/16/19 Crawford Connie S & Develvis William A To Devford Properties Llc; 301 W Townline St; 0.3333 Acres; Lot 5 55Ft Ws Block G Outlots Payne Vill
CARRYALL TWP
 12/17/19 D&L Properties To Smith Michael R; 616 Erie St; 0.4972 Acres; Lot 15 60Ft Ne Block F Antwerp Vill
HARRISON TWP
 12/16/19 Crawford Connie S & Develvis William A to Devford Properties LLC; 322 N Main St; 0.1667 acres; Lot 11 Birkhold Add Payne Vill
 12/16/19 Crawford Connie S & Develvis William A to Devford Properties Llc; 235 N Maple St; 0.3392 acres; Lot 24 Pt W Pt Block D Payne Vill
 12/16/19 Crawford Connie S & Develvis William A to Devford Properties LLC; 401 Merrin St; 0.1578 Acres; Lot 1 Emigh Add Payne Vill
 12/16/19 Crawford Connie S & Develvis William A to Devford Properties Llc; 113 S Main St; 0.1 acres; Lot 32 N1/2 O.p. Payne Vill
 12/16/19 Crawford Connie S & Develvis William A to Devford Properties Llc; 119 S Main St; 0.1 acres; Lot 32 S1/2 O.p. Payne Vill
LATTY TWP
 12/19/19 Coburn Lisa A to Hale Shane W Hale Shannon W; 17508 Sr 114 Grover Hill Oh 45849; 0.409 acres;

TWO INJURED IN A CRASH AT STATE ROUTE 309 & NAPOLEON ROAD

Auglaize Township - The Lima Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is currently investigating a two vehicle, injury crash which occurred on December 19 at approximately 11:45 AM. The crash occurred on State Route 309 in the intersection of Napoleon Road in Allen County. A 2005 Chrysler Town & Country, driven by Robert M. Boyle, age 65, of Kenton, was eastbound on State Route 309. A 2008 GMC Acadia, driven by Kyle J. Williams, age 20, of Lima, was southbound on Napoleon Road, failed to yield the right of way, and was struck by Mr. Boyle. Mr. Boyle and a passenger, Emma R. Hutchinson, age 44, of Alger, were transported by Lafayette-Jackson Township EMS to Mercy Health Saint Rita's Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Mr. Williams was not injured in the crash. Alcohol or drugs are not suspected to be a factor in the crash. The use of safety belts by the occupants of both vehicles minimized the injuries which were sustained. The Lima Post was assisted at the scene by Lafayette-Jackson Township Fire and EMS, Minich Towing, and A&D Towing. The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorists never drive distracted or impaired and always to wear a properly adjusted safety belt.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
HSBC BANK USA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
 vs.
GEORGE WINNIE, ET AL., Defendants,
 Case No. Cl 19 135

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 16th day of January, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., the real estate located at:

15373 US 127, Cecil
Parcel Numbers: 13-24A-019-00; 13-24A-020-00; and, 13-24A-021-00

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse. Said premises appraised at One Hundred Eighty Thousand and No/100 (\$180,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 30th day of January, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

The purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

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

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued.

The successful bidder will have 30 days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the successful bidder has 30 days to file a written motion requesting the sale shall be set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed 90 days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.

Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds.
 Sheriff Jason K. Landers
 Paulding County, Ohio
 www.pauldingohsheriff.com
 James L. Sadssano, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
CHEMICAL BANK, A DIVISION OF TCF NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff,
 vs.
WANDA M. ZIEGLER, ET AL., Defendants,
 Case No. Cl 19 152

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 16th day of January, 2020 at 10:05 a.m., the real estate located at:

15864 State Route 613, Paulding
Parcel Numbers: 21-33B-003-00 and 21-33B-004-00

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse. Said premises appraised at Forty-eight Thousand and No/100 (\$48,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 30th day of January, 2020 at 10:05 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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AP STUDIO STUDENTS AS GUEST ARTIST



AP Art Studio students Ashlynn and Brayson Parrish visited the Grover Hill 21st Century program on Tuesday, December 17th as guest artists to lead the students in creating an acrylic

painting of a winter scene. Senior Ashlynn created the scene and prepared all of the supplies while sophomore Brayson assisted with demonstrating techniques and assisting students with

their work. Thank you Ashlynn and Brayson for taking time out of the busy holiday season to share your talents with these young Raiders!

2 - TWO VEHICLE INJURY CRASHES IN DEFIANCE COUNTY

Defiance - The Defiance Post is investigating a serious injury crash that occurred on Domersville Rd and Behrens Rd in Adams Township. The crash happened at 2:22 PM on December 20, 2019 and involved a 2009 Saturn Aura

and a 2009 Chevrolet HHR. The Chevrolet HHR was traveling southbound on Domersville Rd. The Saturn Aura was traveling northbound on Domersville Rd and failed to yield while attempting a left turn onto Behrens Rd. Both vehicles were then forced off the roadway.

The driver of the Saturn Aura, Emily Meyer, age 16, of Defiance and the passenger, Collin Meyer, age 14, of Defiance were both taken to Defiance Regional. The driver of the Chevrolet HHR, Tabitha Morales, age 41, of Archbold, was also taken to Defiance Regional. All the occupants were wearing safety belts.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Defiance County Sheriff's Office, Jewell Twp Fire and Rescue, Defiance County Fire and EMS, and South Richland Fire and Rescue.

The Defiance Post is also investigating a second serious injury crash that occurred on US 24 at Jewell Rd, near milepost 30. The crash happened on December 20, 2019 at 5:36 PM in Richland Township, Defiance County. A 2012 Dodge Avenger was traveling southeast attempting to cross US 24 at Jewell Rd. A 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer was traveling northeast on US 24. The Dodge Avenger failed to yield from a stop

sign and was struck by the Chevrolet Trailblazer. The Dodge Avenger then traveled off the roadway striking a traffic sign and a tree. The Chevrolet Trailblazer traveled off the roadway and overturned.

The driver of the Dodge Avenger, Julia Vore, age 16, of Defiance was taken to Defiance Regional and the passenger, Mackenzie Biliti, age 16, of Defiance was flown to Mercy St. Vincent's Medical Center in Toledo by Mercy Life Flight. The driver of the Chevrolet Trailblazer, Thomas Kaczynski, age 64, of Napoleon was transported to Defiance Regional and the passenger, Tammy Wright, age 55, of Napoleon was flown to Mercy St. Vincent's Medical Center in Toledo by Mercy Life Flight. All the occupants were wearing safety belts.

Assisting on the scene were the Defiance County Sheriff's Office, Jewell Twp Fire and Rescue, Richland Twp Fire and EMS, and Mercy Life Flight.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol encourages drivers and occupants to always wear their safety belts, and to never drive distracted or impaired.

OHIO PREP SPORTSWRITERS ASSOC. TO WELCOME DUNN, GALBINCEA & HUBER TO HALL OF FAME

Craig Dunn (Logan), Pat Galbincea (Cleveland) and Mark Huber (Wilmington) will enter OPSWA Hall of Fame March 21

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The officers of the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association (OPSWA) have announced the 2020 OPSWA Hall of Fame induction class, which includes Craig Dunn from The Logan Daily News, Pat Galbincea from the Cleveland Plain Dealer and Mark Huber from the Wilmington News Journal.

They will join 67 sports writing greats previously enshrined in the OPSWA Hall of Fame during ceremonies on Saturday, March 21 at the OHSAA boys basketball state tournament at the Schottenstein Center.

Biographical information for all three inductees is

below. The OPSWA inducted its first Hall of Fame class in 1983. The complete list is posted at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA/HOF>

The OPSWA was created in 1972 to support, promote and recognize the coverage of high school sports across Ohio. More information is available at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA>

Annual Writing and Photography Contest

Writing and photography entries for the annual OPSWA contest must be received at the OHSAA office by February 18, 2020. There are four divisions based on circulation size, with categories including investigative/enterprise, news story, feature story, column, game story, action photograph and portrait photograph. The contest is open to articles and photos that were published (in print or online) from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2019. Additional contest details will be sent to OPSWA members in late December.

2020 Statewide Meeting Set for April 29

The annual OPSWA statewide meeting will be held Wednesday, April 29 at the OHSAA office (4080 Roselea Place). The results of the annual writing and photography contest will be announced, officers will make announcements and future initiatives of the OPSWA will be discussed. A complimentary lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Tim Stried. There is no cost to attend the meeting for OPSWA members.

2020 Hall of Fame Inductees

Craig Dunn was 15 years old when he began working part-time at The Logan Daily News and then in 1977 became the youngest sports editor of a daily newspaper in Ohio at the age of 17. Dunn also worked at the Pike County News Watchman, The Lancaster Eagle-Gazette and Hocking College before returning to the Daily News in 2004. In addition to winning awards from the Associated Press, the OPSWA and the OHSAA's Southeast District Athletic Board, he was the director of the Logan Bobcats youth basketball program from 1979-2002 and coached Katie Smith when she was a fifth and sixth-grader before she went on to a prolific career at Ohio State, the WNBA and the Olympics and is in the OHSAA Circle of Champions.

Mark Huber became the sports editor of the Wilmington News Journal in 1987 after working at the newspaper since the late 1970s as a part-time sportswriter. While at the News Journal, he has served in various capacities, including editor, assistant editor, general assignment reporter and in the graphics department. In his 25 years as the sport editor, Huber has earned numerous awards from the Associated Press, the OPSWA and across the newspaper company. He lives in Wilmington with his wife, Elizabeth, and children Gehrig, Adalee and Aaron.

Pat Galbincea was hired by The Plain Dealer in Cleveland as a sports reporter in 1969 because of his wrestling knowledge, which he learned under three Ohio

THE WEST BEND NEWS

Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

Hall of Fame members - coaches Gene Gibbons and Dick Bonacci and official Al Carroll. While he covered virtually all sports, wrestling was his specialty, earning several national awards for his wrestling coverage, including the Bob Dellinger Award as National Wrestling Writer of the

Year by Amateur Wrestling News and Journalist of the Year by the National Media Wrestling Association. In 2018 Galbincea was selected to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Galbincea has been married 29 years to his wife Barbara and they have a daughter, Kristin Watkins.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, Plaintiff, vs. Roy Wendt, et.al. Defendants,

Case No. CI-19-175 Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman

TO: Roy Wendt, Unknown Spouse of Roy Wendt, Unknown heirs, Administrator Executors or Assigns of Roy Wendt

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Unknown

Please take notice that an amended complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against Roy Wendt, et.al. seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Roy Wendt, to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by them.

The real property in question is situated in the Village of Cecil, and the State of Ohio and more fully described as follows:

Situated in the Village of Cecil, County of Paulding, State of Ohio, described as follows: The North half of Lot Fourteen in the original plat of the Village of Cecil, Paulding County, Ohio. Subject to all legal highways and easements or of the record.

Parcel No. 15-05S-017-00 Property Address: 208 N. Main Street, Cecil, Ohio 45821

You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication hereof, or a default judgment seeking sale of the real estate will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Ann Pease, Clerk Court of Common Pleas Paulding, County, Ohio

By: *Kayla Deitrick* Deputy Respectively submitted, Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106) Paulding County, Ohio Prosecuting Attorney 120 S. Walnut Street Paulding, Ohio 45879 419-399-8270

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO - Juvenile Division - Cases No. 20182114, 20182115, 20182117

THE MATTER OF: SYMPHONY FACKLER ADJUDICATED UNRULY/ DELINQUENT CHILD

TO: Edward Trueman, Last Known Address: 1400 Milwaukee Ave., Defiance, Ohio 43512

Please take notice that a Notice of Hearing on an Amended Motion to Implement Planned Permanent Living Arrangement, and the Request for Hearing has been filed in the above-captioned matter.

You may attend the hearing scheduled for February 5, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Said hearing will be held at the Paulding County Juvenile Court located at 115 N. Williams St., Suite 202, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Please be advised that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel, and if you are unable to retain legal counsel due to indigency, you have the right to have legal counsel appointed to you. If you are indigent and would like to have legal counsel appointed, please contact Kayla Deitrick, Deputy Clerk, at 419-399-8255.

Kayla Deitrick, Deputy Clerk Juvenile Court Paulding, County, Ohio

By: *Kayla Deitrick* Deputy Clerk

Respectfully submitted, Joseph R. Burkard (0059106) Paulding County, Ohio Prosecuting Attorney 120 South Walnut Street Paulding, Ohio 45879 419-399-8270

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2019-24 on December 16, 2019, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$38,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$38,000.00 from the General Fund to the Police Fund to provide necessary funding for the operations of the police department.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2019-25 on December 16, 2019, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance establishes the compensation and wage rates for Village officials, employees, appointees, and volunteers effective January 1, 2020.

The publication of these Ordinances is by summary only. The complete text of the Ordinances may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

AgCREDIT AWARDS \$84,000 IN GRANTS TO RURAL AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS



Cardington Vocational Agriculture Farm Assoc.



Putnam County Ohio Swine Improvement Committee

AgCREDIT, one of northern Ohio's largest lenders for farmers, rural homeowners and agribusiness, is pleased to announce the 2019 recipients of its Mission Fund.

Now in its second year, the grant program was created to support AgCREDIT's commitment to investing in the future of agriculture and positively impacting the quality of life in rural Ohio. Applicants were selected to receive funding based on meeting criteria in four focus areas:

- Education - Educating young, beginning or future farmers.
- Environment - Maintaining or improving the quality of the rural environment.
- Technology - Supporting the advancement and use of technology for the benefit

of farmers and rural communities.

- Quality of Rural Life - Sustaining programs, projects or initiatives that enhance the quality of life for farmers and rural communities.

This year's Mission Fund grant recipients are:

- Cardington Vocational Agriculture Farm Assn., Morrow County, \$15,000
Maintain the farm and reduce the impact of a loss of crop income due to extreme weather issues.
- Putnam County Ohio Swine Improvement Committee, Putnam County, \$15,000
Improve the livestock barns and show arena at the Putnam County Fairgrounds.
- Ohio FFA Foundation, Franklin County, \$15,000
Send 78 FFA students to

the Ohio FFA Convention, Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum and Washington Leadership Conference.

- Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department, Sandusky County, \$14,905
Purchase an agriculturally focused rescue trailer.
- Van Wert County Junior

Fair Board, Van Wert County, \$10,000

Convert an existing structure at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds into an indoor livestock show arena.

- Pemberville American Legion Post #183 Calf Club, Wood County, \$7,095
Strengthen the roof struc-

ture and increase ventilation of an existing barn.

Parker's Purpose, Sandusky County, \$7,000

Purchase iPads for parents and educators to help children with autism better communicate.

"We at AgCREDIT believe that giving back is the best investment for the future of agriculture and our rural communities," says Brian

Ricker, AgCREDIT President and CEO. "We look forward to many more years of awarding grants to worthy groups such as these. Their commitment to improving our communities is priceless."

Organizations can apply for Mission Fund grants for up to \$15,000 per year. The 2020 application process will begin in March. For more information, visit AgCredit.net.



Ohio FFA Foundation



Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department



Van Wert County Junior Fair Board



Pemberville American Legion Post #183 Calf Club



Parker's Purpose

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEET FOR DECEMBER

The Board of Education for the Antwerp Local School held their December meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2019.

Financial Report:
The financial summary provided by Christine Stuart.

Income: \$527,675.59
Expense: \$862,767.99
Interest: \$12550.70

Bob Herber gave the report on the Senate bill 830 is considering to have all schools in Ohio start no earlier than 8:30 am. California recently passed this bill and a senator introduced this immediately after that according to Herber.

Dennis Recker recognized the Vantage Blue Chippers who have not missed any days of school this year.

Travis Lichty, HS principal, said the winter sports are in full swing. AP test retaking has taken place and he said hopefully all the kids will get at least a 3. The music concerts have all taken place and they did a great job. Estee Lichty won the spelling bee and will be representing Antwerp at the county bee in February. Next Friday and Saturday, Dec 27 and 28 will be the

route 49 tournament for the boys.

January 4 is the only home wrestling meet at the school this year.

Elem Principal Tracey Stokes: First graders caroled at the Antwerp manor. The fifth graders went to science Central and the PTO were able to take kids to the Antwerp bowling alley. The DARE graduation is Monday. Brayden Fuller will be in the Paulding County Spelling be on February 6. Over half of the kids passed the fall portion of the testing taking place for the elementary. The same test will be taken in the spring to check for improvements.

Marty Miller, superintendent, said the project for the south area of the campus will implement a new playground and Dangler Excavating has the contract to move the dirt. The storage shed at the football field will be updated for equipment storage. This will also need permits and architect drawings, even though it will only be a "pole" barn. The other project is to get access to the field house restrooms during spring sports. The architect is designing the renovations with permits. The Innovation Center is on the path to proceed and are now investigating another school that is just being finished.

Harold Gottke said they met with a company named Palmer-Hamilton about how they can work with the school on designing. Some of the computers hit their 5 year mark and they will be replaced soon. Some of the bus radios have not worked right. Harold is working with the company from Fort Wayne so they can work soon. Smart Valves can save money and there was a test demonstration put in to save water. It will be read as a normal valve for one month and then as a smart valve for once month.

Harold and Marty will be going to Florida in January for the Discovery Conference and then there will be training at the school in the next month for the STEM program.

The calendar was introduced for the next school year.

There is a seminar that Marty sat in that will be introducing an exchange teacher from China.

New year, NEW DEALS!

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PAINT THE TOWN DECEMBER



The Oakwood Elementary Fourth graders performed "Paint the Town December" for a packed audience on Tuesday, Dec. 17th.



Zachary Barton performed as Mr. Scrooge



Quinton Laker played the role of Luke.



Lyndi Lamond, Ava Leatherman and Addy Gribble performed "The Colors of Las Posadas"

OAKWOOD THIRD GRADERS SHARE THEIR STORIES WITH FIRST GRADERS



Oakwood Elementary third graders wrote and illustrated their own Christmas stories. Some of the third graders are shown reading their stories to Mrs. Caroline Arend's first grade students.

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I love to drink eggnog this time of year, and hollandaise sauce is a rich indulgence that puts me in the holiday mood. While I typically make my own egg-

nog and hollandaise sauce using raw eggs, this year my wife has asked me to avoid the raw eggs. What's wrong with using raw eggs in those recipes?

Count me in among those hundreds of thousands of consumers who indulge in rich, creamy, delicious eggnog this time of year! In fact,

GLASS DROPPED FROM RECYCLING THROUGH THE WMEA PROGRAM

Due to unexpected marketing changes, glass recycling will no longer be offered through the WMEA program. The program provides drop off sites throughout the county. Those sites are: the first Saturday of each month at Grover Hill, Haviland, and Scott; the second Wednesday in Junction; the third Saturday at Payne, Briceton, and Latty. If you need any information, please contact the WMEA Program at 419-399-3630.

Koharts Salvage did away with collecting glass in 2012.
RECYCLING ITEMS STILL TAKEN AND HOW TO PREPARE THEM

- Newspaper**
- Mixed papercan be regular copier paper, notebook paper, magazines
- Cardboard**please break it down
- Plastics**#1 and #2 rinsed and caps put back on to bottle
- Aluminum cans**rinsed
- Steel cans**rinsed

ITEMS WE DO NOT TAKE
 Candy wrappers; Trash of any kind – no used paper plates, used Kleenex, paper towels, old pens, etc; Styrofoam – of any kind-cups or otherwise
 All other plastics 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Note – look on bottom of container, find triangle and locate number inside. We only take #1 and #2.

Any questions, call the WMEA Program at 419-399-3630 or 419-399-7135; email at wmea@bright.net
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some 135 pounds of eggnog is consumed in this country each year, according to research from Indiana University.

But, if you are making your own eggnog—which is a sweetened, dairy-based drink traditionally made with milk, cream, sugar, whipped eggs, and spices—you should make sure that it is safe to drink. You can do this by using pasteurized eggs, which you can find in any grocery store, next to the regular eggs.

Another way to ensure safety is by cooking the egg mixture for homemade eggnog to 160 degrees Fahrenheit, according to Food-safety.gov, which offers food safety information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This is because raw eggs can contain salmonella, said Sanja Ilic, Food Safety State Specialist, Ohio State University Extension. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

"Cooking the egg mixture for homemade eggnog, hollandaise sauce, and other egg-based treats will kill dangerous bacteria that can cause food poisoning," Ilic said.

That's an important step, considering that salmonella typically causes a million foodborne illnesses in the United States each year, resulting in some hospitalizations and even some deaths, according to the CDC.

Salmonella infection can cause diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps within 12 to 72 hours of infection, with the symptoms typically lasting four to seven days. In some people, the disease can be so severe that it leads to hospitalization or even death, the CDC says.

So how do eggs become contaminated with salmonella?

Poultry can carry bacteria such as salmonella, which can contaminate the inside of eggs before the shells are formed. Eggshells can also become contaminated with salmonella from poultry droppings (feces) or from the area where they are laid, according to the CDC.

"However, it's important to know that eggs are safe and nutritious when you cook and handle them properly," Ilic said.

The CDC advises that you avoid using raw, or undercooked, unpasteurized eggs as part of your holiday treats. The agency instead recommends that you use pasteurized eggs in your recipes that call for raw eggs. Pasteurized eggs are those that have been heat-treated to kill harmful microorganisms.

Here are some other CDC suggestions when using raw

Sudoku solution from page 13

4	9	8	3	6	7	5	2
2	3	7	9	1	6	8	4
8	6	4	2	4	7	3	9
3	8	3	1	2	7	9	6
6	9	3	5	9	8	7	2
7	9	2	6	8	3	4	1
1	6	7	8	5	2	4	9
2	7	9	4	1	6	8	3
9	8	3	2	7	9	4	6

eggs:
 Cook eggs until both the yolks and the whites are firm. Egg dishes should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160 degrees or hotter.

Make sure that foods containing raw or lightly cooked eggs, such as hollandaise sauce, Caesar salad dressing, and tiramisu, are made only with pasteurized eggs.

Eat or refrigerate eggs and foods containing eggs promptly after cooking. Do not keep eggs or foods made with eggs warm or at room temperature for more than two hours, or one hour if the temperature is 90 degrees or hotter.

Wash your hands and all items that come into contact with raw eggs—including countertops, utensils, dishes, and cutting boards—with soap and water.

Please note: Don't lick the bowl or eat raw dough when you are making cakes, cookies, brownies, or other foods that contain raw, unpasteurized eggs!

Although you might be tempted to lick a batter-laden spoon or a bowl filled with raw dough or batter, it's best to avoid this practice to lessen your chances of getting a foodborne illness.

STRYKER PANTHERS TOPPLE ACES

On December 16th, the Lady Aces of Hicksville traveled to Panther territory of Stryker. Stryker was out to defend the home country and succeeded in both JV and varsity play.

In JV action, Stryker won over Hicksville, 22-19.

Score by the Quarter:
 Stryker – 5 2 9 6 = 22
 Hicksville – 2 6 5 6 = 19

In Varsity play, the Panthers were on par, only trailing the Aces in the 1st and 4th quarter. The middle quarters were enough to pull out a slim win: 32-29 over the Hicksville Aces.

Score by the Quarter:
 Stryker – 6 6 16 4 = 32
 Hicksville – 8 4 7 10 = 29

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