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LADY RAIDERS GMC CHAMPS; CLAIRE SINN HITS 1,000 POINT MARK



Wayne Trace's Claire Sinn puts up a 3 point basket, scoring her 1000th point in this game against Hicksville! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

HAVILAND - It's what dreams are made of - a script you can not write. A win to end the regular season, a

conference title, recognizing the seniors, and then the icing on the cake - in front of the home crowd, a 1,000 point scorer. It all happened

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PPEC MEMBERS DONATE \$12,360 TO 9 LOCAL GROUPS



Small coins make a big difference when Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative members join together to fund change in their communities. More than \$12,300 in fourth-quarter grants was

distributed to 9 local organizations through the co-op's Operation Round Up program.

Participating members "round up" their monthly electric bills to the next dol-

lar, with the extra pennies being used to help fund community charities and groups.

Since Operation Round Up's inception in 2010, it has provided more than \$404,806

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2019 CABIN FEVER THIRTY ONE BAG BINGO

Are you tired of the cold, snowy, icy, foggy, rainy days, join us for Convoy Community Days "CABIN FEVER THIRTY ONE BAG BINGO" on Saturday March 9, 2019 at the Edgewood Park Building, Convoy OH, doors open 9:30 a.m., bingo starting at 10:00 a.m.

There are twenty games to win a Thirty One Bag filled with goodies from local businesses. Bag sponsors are Dowler Heating & Air, Mercer Landmark of Convoy, Sophisticut, Betty Miller, Kathy Miller, Lexie & Dani Miller, Hoover Garage, Convoy Tastee Freeze, Gibson Barnyard BBQ, Dealey Accounting Firm LLC, Shear Magic Barber Styling, Bright Eyes Catering, Jane German Psi Iota Xi Beta Delta Chapter, Sister's Embroidery & More, Mercantile Goodz.

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LOCAL RESIDENTS RECOGNIZED AT MERCY ST. VINCENT LIFE FLIGHT PARTNERS FOR LIFE CONFERENCE



On Wednesday February 6, at the Mercy St. Vincent's Life Flight's Partners for Life Conference, in Sandusky, Ohio the first responders of Antwerp Fire and EMS, the Hicksville Fire and EMS, along with the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, 911 Dispatch and the Paulding County EMA were recognized for their efforts in the successful outcome of a horrific semi accident, north of there Village of Antwerp, Ohio, on State Route 49 on August 2nd, 2018. The agencies, received the Dr. Frank Foss

Award for Excellence in pre hospital care under extreme circumstances.

The semi truck was attempting to pass an ODOT Road Sweeper, when he struck the vehicle, went off the roadway and flipped over onto it's top crushing the cab of the semi onto the driver. The ODOT worker was quickly transported to Hicksville Hospital with minor injuries. The agencies involved were recognized for the efforts they put forth in extricating the semi

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Community Calendar

February 19

- Tween Taffy Party @ Cooper Comm. Library, 5:30pm

February 20

- Indoor Pickleball @ MAC gym, Antwerp, 6-8pm

February 21

- Paulding Chamber Annual Banquet @ Grant's Catering, 6pm

February 23

- Willy Wonka Jr. @ Huber Opera House, 7pm
- Annual Euchre Tournament @ Zion Lutheran Church, 5:30pm

February 24

- Willy Wonka Jr. @ Huber Opera House, 2:30pm
- Christian Music/light refreshments @ Cecil Community Church, 6pm

February 25

- Vantage Open House, 5-7pm

February 26

- "How to Speak So People Will Listen" Workshop @ 1st Pres. Church, Paulding, 8am

February 27

- Senior Luncheon @ The Gardens of Paulding, 11:30a-1p
- Indoor Pickleball @ MAC gym, Antwerp, 6-8pm

March 1

- Hicksville K of C Fish Fry @ St. Michaels Church, Hicksville, 4:30-7pm
- St. Patrick's Glass City Dance Party @ Holland Gardens, Holland, MI, 8-11:30pm

March 2

- Trivia Night @ Oasis Bar & Grill, Antwerp, 8pm
- Training Garrison @ Old Fort Wayne, 10a-5p

March 6

- Indoor Pickleball @ MAC gym, Antwerp, 6-8pm

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TRAINING GARRISON FOR 18th CENTURY SOLDIERS AT OLD FORT

Wintertime was hard on man and beast. Sometimes surviving it was a victory against mother nature. Now the Colonial soldiers must get ready for the struggle against England as they repair their equipment and practice their

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WELCOME GOLFERS TO THE 2019 GOLF SEASON, WE WILL OPEN APRIL 1ST, 2019!

(Earlier if weather permits.)

Keep checking the website, our facebook page and call anytime!



We look forward to seeing you all again soon and can't wait to meet new members of our community. We look forward to serving you and hope to provide a fantastic place for you to enjoy the incredible beauty of our area. We are excited about some changes we have incorporated

this year and hope you are too!

Call today to take advantage of your final chance at our 2019 Early Bird Membership Rates! If you're interested, please call or mail in a payment of at least \$200 to take advantage of the savings. All early bird memberships must be paid in full by March 31st, 2019 or by your first round of golf. We offer flexible monthly payment plans for our regular members as well. Don't forget to book your corporate, fundraising, or family outings too! We would love to host a fun-filled event for you and your friends, family and/or co-workers.

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PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY CENTER

2/20 - Drumming 9:00 a.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Birthday & Anniversary celebration; BUNCO; Grocery shopping 1:30 p.m.
 2/21 - Toe nail clinic 9:00 a.m.; Exercise 10:00 a.m.; Americare health check 11:15 a.m.; Euchre 9:45 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 p.m.
 2/22 - Bible study 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11-2; Bingo/Antwerp Manor at noon
 2/25 - Tax clinic 8:45 - 4; Exercise 10:00 a.m.; Polish and shine 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.; Steering Committee Meeting 12:00 p.m.
 2/26 - Euchre 9:45 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 p.m.

DEFIANCE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY CENTER

2/20 - Cards 9:30 a.m.; Crafts 10:00 a.m.; Kroger shopping 12:30 p.m.
 2/21 - Cards 9:30 a.m.; Stretch band exercises with Brookview 10:00 a.m.; Zumba 10:00 a.m.; B/P checks with CHP 10:45; Shop at Meijer 12:30 p.m.; Bingo Twin Rivers 12:30 p.m.; Yoga 4:00 p.m.
 2/22 - Cards 9:30 a.m.; Tai Chi 10:00 a.m.; Crafts 10:30 a.m.
 2/25 - Zumba 10:00 a.m.; Nails & Tails with Dawn Ludwig 10:00 a.m.; Bingo with Senior Services 12:30 p.m.; Yoga 3:00 p.m.
 2/26 - Shop at Aldi's 9:45 a.m.; Bible study - reflection room 10:00 a.m.; Tai Chi - auditorium 10:00 a.m.; Yoga 4:00 p.m.

HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY CENTER

2/20 - Chair exercise 10:00 a.m.; Cards & Games 10:30 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 - 2:15 p.m.
 2/21 - Chair exercise 10:00 - 10:15 a.m.; Ladder ball 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.; Grocery shop 12:00 p.m.
 2/22 - Dancing to the oldies 10:00 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 - 2:15 p.m.; Enjoy free popcorn and pop after lunch
 2/25 - NEW! Canasta 10:00 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 - 2:15 p.m.
 2/26 - Dominoes 10:00 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 - 2:15 p.m.

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU

2/20 - Chicken noodle soup, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, pea salad, apple juice, diced peaches, yogurt; Salad Bar in Café
 2/21 - Meatloaf, Harvard beets, garlic mashed potatoes, raisins, dinner roll, granola bar
 2/22 - Pork loin, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, tropical fruit, dinner roll
 2/25 - Fish sandwich, sweet potato fries, brussel sprouts, mandarin oranges, grape juice
 2/26 - Swedish meatballs over noodles, Lima beans, carrots, banana, wheat bread

2019 ANTWERP MANOR KING & QUEEN



Antwerp Manor is proud to announce their 2019 Valentine Queen and King. Voted on by their peers,

Betty Bessette was elected Queen and Dick Gasser was elected King. Congratulations to our royal couple!

OHIO TAKES FIRST STEP TO CREATE A STATE PLAN FOR ALZHEIMER'S TO ADDRESS NEEDS OF OHIO FAMILIES

Ohio is poised to take its first step in developing a comprehensive state plan to address the growing impact of Alzheimer's disease on Ohioans and the state's public health systems.

In a bi-partisan move, State Senator Steve Wilson (R-Maineville) and Ohio Senate Minority Leader Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights) reintroduced legislation to create a process that would lead to an official plan of action to help Ohio confront the sweeping economic and social impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

"Alzheimer's disease doesn't care if you are Republican or Democrat. It will impact everyone regardless of economic status too. This is the right thing to do, and we will get support from both sides of the aisle," Senator Yuko said.

Currently 220,000 Ohioans live with Alzheimer's, a progressive brain disease that is fatal. For each one, there are 2-3 caregivers, who also need support, making an estimated one million Ohioans directly affected by the disease. By 2025, an estimated 250,000 Ohioans aged 65 and over will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease - a 13.6 percent increase. Last year, Medicaid costs associated with Alzheimer's stood at a staggering \$2.36 billion.

However, Ohio is the only state without a plan to address the growing health crisis caused by Alzheimer's and other forms of demen-

tia, and the only state without a formal process to create a plan. Senator Wilson said, "We have to get out of last place and take action now."

"We have a runaway train coming at us fueled by demographics," he added.

Among the issues Ohio's state plan could take up are Alzheimer's as a critical public health issue, the importance of early detection and diagnosis, resources for caregiver support, as well as safety concerns like wandering and driving.

Julia Faulkner Pechlivanos, Executive Director of Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter, said having a state plan will help guide the Alzheimer's Association's work to provide and enhance care and support for all affected and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Currently in Northwest Ohio, almost 32,000 people are living with Alzheimer's disease, and 96,000 family and friends are providing care.

"We are excited about the momentum we are seeing on Ohio's Alzheimer's State Plan. Tens of thousands of families in Northwest Ohio will benefit from the plan when its key elements move from the plan into action," she said.

To connect with the Northwest Ohio Chapter, visit alz.org/nwohio or call the 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900.

About the Alzheimer's Association®

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's. For more information on the Alzheimer's Association, call 1.800.272.3900, or visit alz.org.

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SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
 —Romans 8:38-39

VANTAGE POETRY OUT LOUD COMPETITION & BPA COMPETITION



Congratulations to the Vantage Business Professionals of America (BPA) regional competition winners on their accomplishments! Out of the 77 students who attended, 36 were given awards in their division and 25 will move on to state competition held in Columbus, Ohio. Good Luck to all of the Vantage BPA state qualifiers.



Vantage Poetry Out Loud winners - Congratulations to first place winner, Junior Network Systems student, Gunnar Stemen (Delphos St. John), second place, Junior Criminal Justice student, Sabastian Umfleet (Delphos Jefferson), third place, Junior Criminal Justice student, Violet Taylor (Parkway), and fourth place, Junior Auto Technology student, Nathan Brown (Delphos Jefferson) finish in the Poetry Out Loud contest held recently. Gunnar advanced to the Regional competition in Findlay. Left to Right: Nathan Brown, Gunnar Stemen, Sabastian Umfleet, and Violet Taylor.

OHIO STATE RESEARCHER CREATES INNOVATIVE MEDICAL GLOVES

WOOSTER, Ohio—An Ohio State University researcher and her team have created a medical glove that can block radiation while meeting federal guidelines and not triggering allergic reactions.

This glove also will eliminate the need for medical professionals working with radiation to double-glove when using natural latex gloves to follow the federal requirement that they protect against both bloodborne pathogens and radiation.

"Wearing two different gloves on each hand is like doing surgery in boxing gloves," said Katrina Cornish, an Ohio Research Scholar and holder of the Endowed Chair in Bio-based Emergent Materials at the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

The awkwardness of wearing two different gloves leads some medical professionals to use only one set of gloves.

"Then they're putting themselves at risk," Cornish said.

The Radiation Attenuation (RA) medical glove Cornish and her team developed uses rubber from guayule, a shrub native to the southwestern United States and northern Mexico. While there are already several types of RA gloves currently on the market, the glove that

Cornish and her team have created uses guayule natural rubber, which is a renewable resource.

This is significant because medical professionals typically prefer gloves made from natural rubber because they are stronger, provide better protection against pathogens, and cause less hand fatigue. RA gloves are required for medical professionals performing procedures such as X-rays or radiation treatment of a tumor.

Historically, natural rubber gloves have been problematic for people with latex allergies. A Type 4 latex allergy, the more common type, can cause a rash and skin cracking, while a Type 1 latex allergy can be life-threatening.

Gloves made from synthetic rubber typically don't cause life-threatening allergic reactions, but are thicker, less stretchy, and do not offer as much protection against diseases, Cornish said.

"With our glove, you can get all the properties in one glove, and no allergies," she said.

Besides not causing aller-

gic reactions, the advantages of guayule rubber are that it's soft, stretchy, and strong.

Using the rubber from guayule, Cornish and her team were able to produce a glove thick enough to block radiation and strong enough to block pathogens, yet thin enough to be flexible and stretchy, making it easy for professionals to work with precision while wearing them.

"You could make a glove 2 inches thick and you would meet the (required federal) specifications, but you can't move your hand while wearing them," she said.

As an added benefit, guayule is grown in the United States, while the bulk of the rubber currently used nationwide is imported from Asia.

The glove was developed in partnership with EnergyEne Inc., a Wooster-based startup led by Cornish.

"This is going to be enormously helpful for medical professionals because they'll only have to wear one set of comfortable gloves and they won't have to worry about getting allergies," Cornish

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ANTWERP CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT: SARAH J MOWERY, DDS

In 1964, William S. Bricker, DDS opened a dental office at 203 S. Cleveland St. in Antwerp. As he approached retirement, he began looking for a like-minded provider to take over his practice. This person had to be someone who was comfortable working in a small town, would carry on the practice that he had built, and would come to love this small town as much as he did. Lucky for Dr. Bricker's patients, and the residents of Antwerp, he found that provider in Sarah Mowery. As Sarah took over the business, the name became Sarah J. Mowery, DDS.

Sarah had grown up with many dental issues of her own, some of them good and some of them not so good. She knows firsthand how important is it to have a good relationship with your dentist and she genuinely wants to provide a positive experience for her patients. After completing her undergraduate studies at Butler University, she continued her studies and graduated from the Indiana University School of Dentistry in 2008. Eventually she, along with her husband Tyson, took advantage of the opportunity presented to them and moved to Antwerp where they live with their two daughters, Annabelle and Lillian.

Sarah and her team specialize in beautifying smiles, maintaining your dental health and helping you improve your appearance. Whether you need a veneer,



crown, filling or bridge, they promise to make your teeth look as good as or better than the teeth that Mother Nature gave you. You can expect them to spend much individual time with you, educating you on good oral hygiene and addressing any concerns you or your family may have. They strive to provide a stress-free environment and you can expect to hear her staff and their patients laughing during their dental appointment as it happens multiple times each day. This is exactly the reason people travel from Fort Wayne, Toledo, Lima and Indianapolis to her practice right here in Antwerp.

Sarah is most proud of her staff because they are the "salt of the earth" type of women who care about their patients and their wellbeing. They have all been in the chair and they know how it feels and how stressful it can be. None of them EVER want to be the reason that a child or an adult

who are afraid to come back to the dentist.

Sarah also enjoys working with children often treating children as young as a few months. Children should begin seeing a dentist at age 1 or when their first tooth comes in. Many times, these visits are done with the child sitting on the mother's lap in the dentist chair. She loves to coach anxious children through their fears and leave the office with bright happy smiles. Sarah likes to tell the story of when she was a child and was having some crown work done, when her dentist pulled his hands out of her mouth, his gloves were red. Having some unhappy experiences in the past Sarah was concerned about all of the red and her dentist said that when the crown is put on, it turns your spit red for a short time. Well, that settled that!

She appreciates when the whole family is involved in healthy dental habits. She be-



lieves that if everyone in the household is on board with good dental hygiene habits, then great smiles will come easily.

One of the new investments that the Mowery's have made in the practice was the purchase of a Solea CO2 laser unit. The laser makes it possible to cut or vaporize many types of tissue around the teeth and gums to perform reliably anesthesia free treatments that help to make patients more comfortable during procedures. Blood free, suture free and pain free treatments making fillings, root canals and biopsies extremely easy and with a shorter recovery time. Lasers are used to remove decay within a tooth prior to a filling procedure. Lasers are also used to reshape gums and remove bacteria during root canals.

One other aspect of Sarah's business is the identification and release of tongue tie. Tongue tie is a hereditary condition marked by thickening or tightening of the tissue that connects the tongue to the floor of the mouth thus

restricting the movement of the tongue. A tongue tie can often be the reason that some babies have difficult breast feeding. Tongue tie can also cause improper speech development especially with articulating the letters "r" and "l". A tongue tie is treated by a minor surgical procedure called a frenectomy that can be performed quickly, with a laser, in the dentist office.

The dentistry can also make custom mouth guards for sports activities. A mold is cast from a soft rubber/gum-like material that the person bites into. After the cast hardens it will be put into a machine that will heat a clear or colored rubberized plastic and then vacuum fit to the cast so it is always a perfect fit! Companies or schools can even have their logo formed into the mouth guard at the same time, completely customized for the end user!

Throughout the lobby and the halls you will notice that is is a very warm and pleasing environment. Pictures and art are well placed with an emphasis on classic wood-



work, yet modern interior decoration. The thought put into décor is also educational. In the north hall you will find a display showing different common beverages with the amount of sugar in each, that you may not realize the effect on your dental health.

One tip that she wants to share with you to improve your experience is do not lie about flossing! They know and they can tell from the other side of the room whether or not you are a flosser.

One little known secret about the field of dentistry that most of you do not know is that the Gatorade, energy drinks, and soda pop is nearly as corrosive as battery acid! It doesn't take long or with much exposure to damage teeth and cause other health problems with these drinks.

Sarah J. Mowery, DDS is a member of the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce, which seeks the betterment of the community through strong businesses such as this. If you would like to know more of the Antwerp Chamber please visit our Facebook page. If you would like to join, email at antwerpchamber@gmail.com

Sarah wants to leave you with this: Life is short, smile while you still have your teeth!

said. Cornish will be pursuing Food and Drug Administration approval of the glove, then likely a licensing agreement to commercialize it. It likely will be on the market within three years, she said.

Along with making medical gloves, Cornish and her research team are creating other rubber products from guayule, including condoms and weather balloons. They also are working on products that can be made from the rubber in a specific kind of dandelion, a cousin of the common garden dandelion.

COLD, PAINFUL FINGERS CAN MEAN A SERIOUS DISEASE

(NAPS) — "Zombie Hands." That's what can happen to an estimated 5 to 10 percent of the population when temperatures start to fall.

In a typical case of Raynaud's phenomenon, also known as Raynaud's disease

or syndrome, sufferers experience numbness and pain in their fingers, toes and other extremities. Fingers turn white, blue or red as the small blood vessels go into spasm within minutes of exposure to cold or stress, and they appear to be "dead" as blood flow is constricted.

Named for the French physician Maurice Raynaud, who first recognized the condition in 1862, it causes an interruption of blood flow to the fingers, toes, nose or ears. There may be associated tingling, swelling or painful throbbing. The attacks may last from minutes to hours. In severe cases, the area may develop ulcerations and infections, which can lead to gangrene.

Raynaud's can occur as a "primary" disease—that is, with no associated disorder—or as a "secondary" condition related to other diseases, such as scleroderma, lupus, and rheumatoid arthritis.

"Ninety percent of Raynaud's sufferers don't seek

treatment and too many physicians pay short shrift to those who do," says Lynn Wunderman, founder and chair of the Raynaud's Association. "Treatment is important because some sufferers may have an underlying condition such as systemic scleroderma or lupus. Awareness of such a problem may allow for earlier medical intervention." Simple blood tests can rule out the presence of antibodies associated with diseases that have Raynaud's as a component.

What's Being Done To help, the Raynaud's Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit health organization, launched a new and assertive campaign, "Don't Turn a Cold Shoulder to Painful Fingers," to urge those with the disorder—and their doctors—not to dismiss the pain that Raynaud's sufferers endure, or the lifestyle adjustments they make to minimize exposure to cold or stress.

Although there is no known cure as yet, treat-

ment options such as calcium channel blocker drugs have been clinically proven to alleviate symptoms by opening up the blood vessels so blood

DR. & MRS. MOTT VISIT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Dr. and Mrs. Mott came to teach first graders at Oakwood Elementary about Dental Health. Pictured with them are Balan Miller and Gracie Elkins.

circulates more freely. How To Lend A Warm Helping Hand

You can support the Raynaud's Association with a tax-deductible donation.

(Continued from Page 1) skills. British soldiers from the late 1700's will be training at the Old Fort this weekend. The Fort will be open to the public: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 2. Admission: Freewill donation. For more information, tune in to AM 1640 Old Fort Radio, or check out our website at www.oldfortwayne.org or call (260) 437-2836. The Old Fort is located at 1201 Spy Run Ave Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at Headwaters and Lawton Parks.

About Historic Fort

Contributions help fund member mailings, the website, awareness-building efforts, and thousands of educational materials distributed each year to sufferers.

Wayne, Inc.: Founded in 2004, Historic Fort Wayne is a Non-Profit Organization that manages the Old Fort in Fort Wayne, IN. Our goal is to educate the community about Historic Fort Wayne and its significance to the Northwest Territory, the State of Indiana, and the United States during the 17th and 18th centuries through interactive programming. We are a 100% volunteer organization. Most of our events are free to the public. All programming is funded by private and corporate donations.

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PARSON TO PERSON

By: **Dr. James Bachman**

*Dear Parson,
Does the Bible say anything about the transgender mess we face today?*

God made us either male or female and said it was very good. Genesis 1:27 - "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." Genesis 1:31 - "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day." He created woman, among other reasons, to help man and to reproduce. Genesis 1:28a - "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it." Genesis 2:18 - "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."

When God says something is right or wrong, it stays right or wrong. Psalm 33:11 - "The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations."

Like the homosexuals, the transgender have become vain in their imaginations. They have rebelled because they do not like to retain God in their knowledge, so He turns them over to a reprobate mind. They can still repent, but few do. Romans 1:15-18 - "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which were not convenient;"

God made it easy to tell by the human plumbing if the baby is male or female, but now we are supposed to wait for the child to decide how he feels.

God says in Proverbs 14:12 - "There is a way which seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

GETTING TO KNOW JESUS

Presented by the Oakwood Church of Christ

By What Authority? Read Matthew 21:23-27.

16. The ones who demanded to know the authority behind his preaching were: a) Roman officers; b) the chief

priests and elders; e) his disciples.

17. Jesus agreed to tell them if: a) they would answer a question he would ask them; b) they would leave him alone; c) give something to his disciples.

18. What did he ask them about the baptism preached by John? a) Was it water baptism? b) Was it from heaven or of men? c) It was practiced in the temple?

19. T/F. This question ("from heaven or of men") referred to the authority behind it.

20. They would not say it was from heaven because: a) they had not believed John; b) they did not know; c) the people thought John was an imposter.

21. On the other hand, they would not say it was from men (without God's approval) because they feared the reaction of the people: a) who hated John; b) who held that John was a prophet; c) who did not understand the question.

22. TIF. Because they did not answer his question, Jesus refused to tell them by what authority he preached.

23. Things practiced in religion should always be by the authority of: a) the government; b) councils and conventions; e) heaven.

They had asked a legitimate question, but Jesus did not answer it because he knew they had the wrong motive. By putting them to silence he prevented their criticism and interference with his work. We know, of course, that Jesus preached by the authority of his Father in heaven. It is important that we remember that the only things that are acceptable in religion are things authorized by God. The correct authority in religion is God's word, the Bible. A modern example of disregard for the Lord's teaching on baptism is the practice of infant baptism. The Bible authorizes the baptism of believers (Mark 16:16). However, there is no authority for the baptism of infants, who are too young to believe. Long ago the prophet Isaiah said: "If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20). Peter wrote: "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles (words) of God" (1 Peter 4:11).

ANSWERS: 16. B; 17. A; 18. B; 19. T; 20. A; 21. B; 22. T; 23. C.

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ZION LUTHERAN LADIES AID SUPPER & EUCHRE TOURNEY

The Zion Lutheran Church Ladies Aid, 7616 Bull Rapids Road, Woodburn, is sponsoring a spring fund-raising supper and Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 23 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Includes meal, awards, and many door prizes, good fellowship and

WITNESSING & SERVING: LOCAL STUDENTS IN MISSIONS



Blessings and Prayers for Tana and Leah Who Are Dominican Republic Bound!

Congratulations and many blessings to Leah and Tana Maassel who will be a part of a short term LCMS mission team in the Dominican Republic beginning in early August 2019!

Once a year, all of the Latin American and Caribbean missionaries gather with their families for a conference. This time of renewal incorporates worship, study, rest,

snacks. Please call Carol Martin @ 260-433-1901 or Cathy Keifer @ 260-341-0126 for information.

THE BOND OF LOVE

By: **Doris Applegate**

Recently on a sunny and extra warm day for January my neighbor took her eleven year old granddaughter to Fox Island to hike the trails and enjoy God's creation. Many questions were asked for grandma to answer about different leaves, animals, frogs and humans, also questions about the sex of different animals and humans. Why grandma could love people who had hurt her, why so many people don't love Jesus and what she (granddaughter) would do if grandma died!

Many times during this question and answer period the granddaughter would say, "I just love you grandma!" Such a bonding between old and young is not always found in today's society. How many "sixty plus" grandmas hike over three miles of hilly trails with their grandchildren that you know? Of course there are many other ways to bond with grandchildren, but the important thing is to DO IT! What wonderful memories are given to those who are so blessed. This girl learned more on this hike than a week in school. She certainly learned how much she was loved. My grandmas died before I had an opportunity to be with them and I missed out on this blessing. When we walk these "earthly trails" with Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord we also have a BOND greater than any human one.

You have heard the song: "And He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own, the joy we share, no other has ever known" It is such complete joy to know the Lord, that I trust everyone reading this has or will experience it. Jesus loves all of us so much that He was willing to die for our sins to be forgiven and to bring us into this fellowship with Him. Another song we sing is: "Sweeter as the days go by richer, fuller, deeper, Jesus love is sweeter, sweeter as the day go by" What else can I say (write) about this wonderful "trail walker"? Words fail to describe this gift sent from Heaven, don't

and fellowship. The adults have a program of scheduled studies, but it is important to LCMS that the missionary children are also cared for the fed spiritually.

Tana and Leah will work with a team to prepare and lead a Vacation Bible School event for the missionary kids, ranging in age from infants to teens.

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison said, "Every baptized Christian is a "spiritual priest" called to bear witness to Christ in the context of his/her vocations in life. Congratulations, Tana and Leah, on your worthy effort to serve as "spiritual priests" and many blessings to you and the team you will be traveling with!

1 Chronicles 16:24

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leah and Tana Maassel are members at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Antwerp.

you agree? Bonded in a love so great is beyond the greatest imagination.

Amen.

INTELLIGENT LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS EXPLORED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

Whether intelligent life exists in other places in the universe, and what the search for that life is revealing, will be discussed at Lifetree Café on Wednesday, February 20 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The program, titled "We're Not Alone? The Search for Intelligent Life on Other Planets," features a filmed interview with Dr. Seth Shostak, senior astronomer at the SETI Institute and author of Confessions of an Alien Hunter: A Scientist's Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

"One-third of the population believes some of the thousands of UFOs people report seeing each year are alien craft," says Shostak, who is optimistic that his search for alien intelligence will one day pay off.

Participants in the Lifetree program will have an opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences related to the topic.

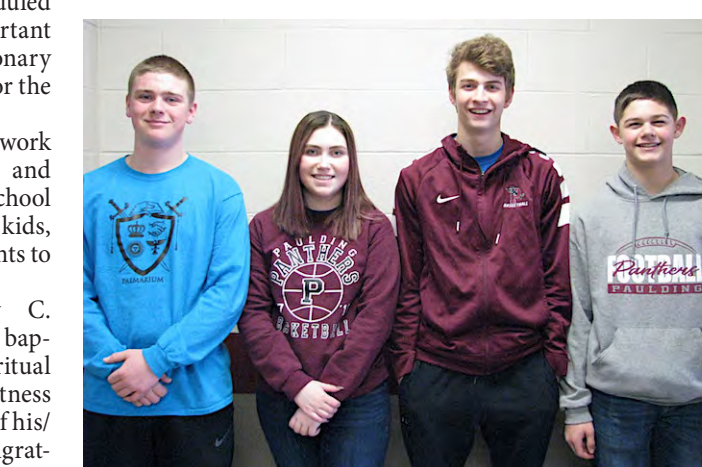
Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at the Bachwell Center, 116 N. Washington Street, Van Wert, OH. Please enter on Court Street and park behind the Courthouse.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual, comfortable setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to First United Methodist Church at 419/238-0631 or firstchurch@wcoil.com

QUILT SHOW AT PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The Missions Committee at Paulding Church of the Nazarene will be hosting a quilt show. It will take place at the church, 210 Dooley Drive, on March 30th. They are looking for quilts to display. If you or someone you know loves to quilt, please contact the church office at 419-399-3932 for information on how to enter your quilt in the show. Please include a brief written history or some interesting details to display with the quilts. All proceeds

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL SOM



Paulding High School announces their House Students of the Month. They are from left to right: Palmarium - Samuel Woods, Excellentia - Allison Reineck, VVV - Bailey Manz, and Stupendum - Logan Tope.

from the quilt show will go to missions around the world.

BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY NAMES PAULDING RESIDENT TO FALL 2018 DEAN'S LIST

Bellarmine University has named Paulding resident Erin Johans to the dean's list for the fall 2018 semester. Johans is a Senior Physical Therapy, Early Entry major who previously attended Paulding High School.

Bellarmine's dean's list recognizes students who receive a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Bellarmine University is an independent Catholic university in Louisville, Ky., preparing students for lives of leadership and service to others. Bellarmine offers more than 60 majors, as well as graduate and doctoral degrees. Forbes Magazine, the Princeton Review and U.S. News and World Report rank Bellarmine among the nation's best colleges. For more information, visit <http://www.bellarmine.edu>.

USDA TO RELEASE COMPLETE SET OF TABLES FOR AGRICULTURAL PROJECTIONS TO 2028

On February 14, 2019 at 12 p.m. EST, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released the complete set of tables prepared for the upcoming USDA Agricultural Projections to 2028 report. The new tables included projections for farm income, U.S. fruits, nuts, and vegetables supply and use, and global commodity trade. Tables containing long-term supply, use, and price projections to 2028 for major U.S. crops and livestock products as well as supporting U.S. and international macroeconomic assumptions were released on Nov. 2, 2018. Short-term projections from the Oct. 11, 2018 World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report are used as a starting point.

"The baseline tables provide important data to many stakeholders. We had to delay their release due to the lapse

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in federal funding, but I am pleased to announce they will be available to the public in few days," said USDA Chief Economist Rob Johansson.

The tables will be in MS Excel format and posted to the USDA Office of the Chief Economist's (OCE) website.

The complete USDA Agricultural Projections to 2028 report will be released on March 13, 2019 and will include a full discussion of the projections for U.S. commodity supply and use, farm income, and global commodity trade.

USDA's long-term agricultural projections represent a departmental consensus on a ten-year representative scenario for the agricultural sector. The projections do not represent USDA forecasts, but rather reflect a conditional long-run scenario based on specific assumptions about macroeconomic conditions, policy, weather, and international developments, with no domestic or external shocks to global agricultural markets. The Agricultural Act of 2014 is assumed to remain in effect through the projection period.

Background on USDA's long-term projections and past issues of the report are available at the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) website.

M'COLLEY REINTRODUCES BILL TO CUT BURDENSOME REGULATIONS, IDENTIFIED AS A TOP SENATE PRIORITY

State Senators Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) and Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) today introduced Senate Bill 1 in a continued effort to cut government red tape and reduce overly burdensome or unnecessary regulations on Ohio businesses.

"As lawmakers, it is our duty to put in place ideal policies for economic success and job growth in our state," said McColley. "Overly burdensome regulations are a barrier to that end, and are clearly limiting opportunities for many of Ohio's businesses. This is why I am glad to see this legislation reintroduced as one of the Senate's top pri-

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ENJOY MO WILLEMS BOOKS



Students in Mrs. Chelsea Miller's kindergarten class at Grover Hill Elementary enjoy listening to Mo Willems books. Pictured: Sawyer Schlatter, Grayson LaBounty, Morgan Silance, Kastin Eblin, Brynlee Maenle and Paisley Greear.

GROVER HILL JANUARY SOM



Grover Hill student of the month for January are: Front L-R Haylee Bland, Elana Bidlack, Aubree Miller, Caitlyn Mead, Anna Merez and Sirus Jackson. Back L-R Easton Golliver, Grayson LaBounty, Khloe Bidlack, Ashlyn Manz, Addy LaBounty, Drew McClure, Tylan Sinn and Shawna Stoller.

orities for the 133rd General Assembly, and I hope to see swift consideration and passage."

Specifically, the legislation will require Ohio's state agencies to reduce the overall number of state regulations by 30 percent over three years. It is targeted at eliminating outdated, unnecessary red tape and bringing Ohio's regulatory environment more in line with national averages. If agencies are unable to meet the 30 percent requirement, a "2-for-1" strategy would be implemented by which two regulations must be eliminated for each new one created.

"Unnecessary red tape and regulation stifles the potential of Ohio's small businesses, limiting job opportunities for Ohioans," said Roegner. "We have a responsibility to ensure that any rules or regulations set by state government have a specific purpose and intent and do not create needless barriers to growth for our economy."

Senate Bill 1 will now be referred to committee for further consideration.

STATEMENT FROM SECRETARY LAROSE ON INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILL 30

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose released a statement in response to the Ohio Senate's introduction of Senate Bill 30, legislation that will

create a Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission. The following may be attributed to Secretary LaRose.

"I want to thank Senate President Obhof, Senator Williams, and Senator Kunze for introducing Senate Bill 30, and starting the process to implement the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission as Ohio prepares to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women finally winning the right to vote.

"For decades, Ohio women fought for a right that so many today take for granted. As we honor the grit and determination it took to make the 19th amendment a reality, we're provided another opportunity to inspire Ohioans young and old about just how special the right to vote is as we continue the grand experiment that is America.

"I'm hopeful that this worthwhile legislation will be swiftly passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by Governor DeWine."

RAIDERS UPSET HICKSVILLE TO CLAIM ANOTHER GMC TITLE

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

Hicksville - Call it an instant classic, a come-from behind miracle, our backs were against the wall sort of thing, or even an early birthday present - it had it all Friday night when Wayne Trace

stood the test and defeated Hicksville in overtime 67-62. Much was on the line as both teams battled for 36 minutes.

First things first, with the win the Raiders captured their seventh consecutive Green Meadows Conference title. It also marked their 30th during the 48 year history of the league. On this particular night the Aces sported a lofty No. 9 state ranking and had an impressive 17-1 record. Needing to win at home in the conference finale the Aces would be conference champs - the Raiders had other ideas. It just took a little extra time and yes, maybe a miracle or two.

The "miracle worker" was Reid Miller. One of the shortest players on the floor but one with the biggest heart. The 5-10 junior took over in the final seconds of regulation. With 17.5 seconds remaining and the Raiders trailing by six 55-49 Miller stepped to the line and drained two free throws - Raiders down 55-51. Following a Parker Thiel free throw that put the Aces up by five 56-51, Miller would again answer with an old fashion three-point play - down by two 56-54 with 8.2 seconds showing on the clock.

Hicksville did the unthinkable, mis-communicated on the in bounds pass. Wayne Trace recovered and had one last chance with 4.8 seconds remaining. Miller again was the hero, hitting a buzzer beater to send the game in overtime. Miller, who was scoreless in the first half finished with 20 including the team's final seven in regulation.

In overtime the Raiders quickly established themselves as a team on a mission, scoring the first five points, a Nate Gerber three-pointer, a Josiah Linder free throw and two free throws from Miller. With the Raiders on top 61-56, the Ace's Mike Myers drained a long triple to trim the Raider advantage to 61-59. Much like the fourth quarter, Reid Miller would lead the Raiders in the final minute hitting five free throws including the final two with three seconds remaining.

"We did not panic," said Raider Head Coach Jim Linder. "We have been in several games this year that went down to the wire and I think those types of games prepared us for this tonight."

The conference showdown was a battle all night. Wayne Trace led after the first quarter 10-7. Trae Sinn opened up the second quarter with a tree-pointer to put the Raiders up 13-7 but Hicksville answered with a 9-0 run to regain the lead 16-13. Nate Gerber, who finished with 22 to lead all scorers rattled home a three-pointer with 1:35 remaining in the second quarter followed by a Jace Vining bucket and the Raiders carried a single point lead to the locker room at the break 23-22.

The third period saw the Raiders increase their margin to as many as seven 36-29 with just over three minutes remaining but the Aces would answer, scoring the final six points in the period to knot the score even at 41-41 heading into the fourth. Hicksville appeared to get the upper hand when broke out to a 46-41 advantage

STEAM NIGHT AT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY



Joe Allen demonstrates hand-crafted airplanes which he has designed and created.

after scoring the first five points. Wayne Trace narrowed the Ace's lead to three when Josiah Linder connected on a free throw at the 3:33 mark. Trailing 48-45, it would be "Miller time" down the stretch as Raiders would improve their mark to 16-5, 6-1) and conference champs!

"Reid (Miller) really stepped it up late. He showed a lot of courage out there. Everyone played a part in this win. Jace (Vining) played steady, Nate (Gerber) always takes the opponents best shot and Trae (Sinn) usually guards the opponents best player. Everyone did their job tonight," Coach Linder said after the contest.

Joining Gerber with 22 and Miller with 20, Raider scoring included Jace Vining 14, Josiah Linder seven, and Trae Sinn adding four. It was a double-double night for both Gerber and Linder with Gerber owning 10 rebounds and Linder leading the board attack with 12. From the free throw line Miller finished with 12-15 and Vining collecting four in four attempts.

Hicksville placed four players in double-digits, led by Michael Myers and Landon Turnbull, each with 15 and Travian Tunis chipping in 11 and 10 points for Thiel.

On Sunday, two days following the big Raider win, Reid Miller celebrated his birthday. With Raider Nation in the house, the celebration started a littler sooner, say, about 9:30 Friday night. After all, a miracle had just been witnessed, so why wait?

The Junior Varsity also picked up an impressive win 40-22 over Hicksville to run their mark to 18-3.

The Raiders close out their regular season this Friday when they host Ottoville on senior night.

HOST MUSTANGS WIN NWC TITLE

HARROD - Allen East totaled 296-1/2 points and the Mustangs went on to win the Northwest Conference wrestling championship Saturday at its home gymnasium.

Bluffton finished second with 270 points while Columbus Grove recorded 216 to place third.

Delphos Jefferson grabbed fourth with 130 points followed by Spencerville (75), Ada (56), Paulding (51) and Lincolnview (18).

Pirate senior Deandre Nassar was named Wrestler of the Year after finishing his career with his fourth league championship, this year at 195. Bluffton head coach Jeff Kleman was voted as the Coach of the Year.

Senior Adrian Simonin captured the championship at 182 for Paulding Paulding freshman Brody Fisher placed fifth at 138



Recently, Grover Hill Elementary held a very successful Family STEAM Night. Throughout the evening, families participated in many hands-on learning activities to learn more about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics.

while freshman Jeremiah Smith took sixth at 145. Panther sophomore Koyla Paschall picked up a sixth place finish at 160.

Senior Sloan Foster also grabbed sixth at 285 for the maroon and white.

Lincolnview sophomore Brok Bill took fourth at 182 while sophomore Louis Ulrey finished fourth at 195 for the Lancers.

"We had one conference champion today at 182, Adrian Simonin. We are still making minor improvements to get Adrian to the next level he needs to be at. Adrian is working very hard to achieve his end of the year goal which is to wrestle at State. Adrian has been coming around and really pushing himself as well as his teammates to ensure everyone is getting better as well as making himself better in the process. Adrian has been one of our better captains and leaders for the under-classmen thus far. Overall as a team we took 7th place, and with low number due to some injuries, I told the team we were not wrestling to place high. I explained to them we were wrestling to place individually today. We have improvements to make in order to get better and stronger for next year, but numbers still really kills us overall. Next year,

we will have a very young team, with better numbers to fill a lot more weight classes. From this point on we have our eyes set on getting better for sectionals, and hopefully a good showing at districts and state," commented Coach Brian Jacobs.

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to over 125 organizations in Indiana and Ohio. The most recent recipients are Putnam County 4-H Council's Farm Safety Program, Paulding Elementary School's Science Olympiad Team, Payne Fire Department, American Red Cross, Cornerstone Youth, East Allen Family Center's LEARN Resource Center, Continental Community Library, Quarry Farm Nature Preserve and Conservation Farm, and Paulding Soil and Water Conservation.

A board of trustees, composed of co-op members and separate from the PPEC board, oversees the application process. Organizations can apply for Operation Round Up assistance by contacting Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op at 1-800-686-2357 or visiting www.ppec.coop/operation-round-up. To view the photos, names, and details about what each grant will purchase, check out PPEC's Facebook.

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WHAT GOOD IS SNOW?

By: Stan Jordan

Yes, what good is snow? Now let's be fair about this. The farmers like on the wheat, a good cover of snow in weather like this last week of January is good for the wheat, for this extreme cold.

And a good snow fall will close the school for a few days and make the kids happy.

A good snow is needed for the skiers, sled boards, snow mobiles and maybe an old sleigh ride. Some hunters like a good tracking snow, the man who just bought his own snow plow, the artist likes to see snow in the peaks, kids like to play in the snow, some snow is better to play in than others.

Find some clean snow and a kid can make some homemade ice cream. A good snow covers up a lot of sore spots.

Maybe you can go on? See ya!

THE OTHER SIDE

By: Stan Jordan

I hate snow! It's a four letter word, it is too bright for your eyes and most times it is too cold for your hands.

A snow fall ruins lots of plans. A good snow fall can close school and puts the kids at home under your feet. You must buy extra clothes for snow. Snow turns to water and water turns to mud, the kids track both into the house that causes extra work and short tempers.

If you get a good snow fall, you have to shovel the walks, you will probably get stuck in your car. With a good snow fall, you can't go anywhere.

The highway people put out traffic orders, your driveway is drifted shut. The kids want to go somewhere and can't, that causes a little boredom.

Maybe you can go on. See ya!

CANCER

By: Stan Jordan

I am very upset with what I heard on the news this morning. The man said one out of five children has cancer. Here

it is 2019 and the number of cancer patients is many times worse than when I was a child back in the 1920's and 1930's.

I know breast cancer has been helped in that type and that is good news. It seems that the medical people have been working on eliminating cancer and its trauma, but it seems we have more cancer now then ever.

The laboratories and medical groups are all over the nation, do they exchange notes and findings? It seems to me that they have been in testing and suppositions for 70 years. Yes, they have helped but American people have donated billions of dollars for research and it seems that 1 out of 5 children is way too high.

I'm just thinking. See ya!

SNOWY OWLS

By: Stan Jordan

I sure had a nice evening last night, let me tell you about it.

Gale and I went to the "O" for supper. There was Dan Bowers and his folks, Judy and Kenny, Gale, Jim Pendergrast and myself. A real nice lady came over and asked, "Are you the man who writes for the paper?" I said, "Yes ma'am, I am." She said, "I read all of your writings and I like your little paper." I thanked her for the kind words and I said, "I like you, who are you?" She said, "My name is Girardo." Of course I forgot her first name. She was telling me about seeing a snowy owl up on State Line Rd and then a little south. He was on a telephone pole. She was amazed at how big he was. Now that is the same area as Roger Lilly was telling me about and the rural letter carrier from Payne was also telling me about. We are pretty sure that there is a nest in that area.

Jim Pendergrast was telling about a mile this side of Tipton, he saw a male snowy owl right in the middle of the road, and he didn't seem anxious to fly away. All of these people remark how big these birds are.

I remember Tipton was about 3-4 miles east of Payne on the Nickel Plate Railroad, just an elevator and a ball diamond. I think years ago, Tipton had a very good girls softball team.

We are getting more and more reports of sightings of the snowy owl. I'm wondering if they stay here the year around. Some animals do change their habits.

Or maybe they have mi-

THE CITY HALL



By: Stan Jordan

This is the second city hall for Antwerp. The first one was down on the southeast corner of Stone and Erie Street. I don't know when it was built. There was a lot of people who didn't want to spend the \$8000 for a new city hall, but after three tries, the issue passed and in February of 1908, the above city hall came in to being.

The building shows that it did have big glass windows, but they were replaced in the 1950's or 60's. When I first remember it, about 1930, the lower left window was the police station and the big right hand door housed the fire fighting equipment. The local fire bell was in a small cupola on the roof.

The new fire house was built about 1963 and a lot of renovations were done on this building. As I remember the new, bare building cost \$32,000. I will tell more about that later.

After the fire trucks were moved out, it held Mr. Ehrhart's collection of taxidermy animals and bugs and it was very interesting, but the state inspectors closed it up because of the chemicals Mr. Ehrhart used.

Over the early years, the town hall was pretty busy. I attended a few square dances there and some dance lessons, a couple of wedding receptions and some important meetings. The boy scouts used to use it for their Halloween ghost thriller.

Now all the space is used, it is a very busy establishment and very neat and well governed.

Just to the south of the town hall, in my time, was an electrical warehouse, owned by Frank Armstrong. Then later on, just before WWII, about 1940, Bert Majors Sr. had a small restaurant there on the right. Later on that building were torn down and Bert had a shoe repair shop in Defiance. Hobos were allowed to sleep downstairs in cold weather.

See ya!

grated south to us.

See ya!

SHOWERS LIMITING DAYS FOR SPREADING LIVESTOCK MANURE

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Rain falls, and that might make some farmers happy, depending on the time of year.

Then, a lot of rain falls, off and on, for months, and not only do fields fill up with water, but so do manure ponds and lagoons, and that might make some farmers a bit nervous.

Ohio had the third wettest year ever in 2018, and there's been little letup since then, leaving farm fields across the state saturated. For farmers with a lot of livestock, spreading manure onto wet land as fertilizer is not an option right now, and manure ponds are filling up fast.

Because manure ponds and lagoons are outdoors and uncovered, they collect not only animal waste from livestock housed inside, but they also collect rainwater. Indoor pits located under livestock holding facilities, such as hog barns, also collect manure; those are also reaching capacity.

"Week after week and month after month have gone by, and there have been very few opportunities to get the manure applied," said Glen Arnold, a manure management specialist with The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Typically, farmers with a lot of livestock, such as dairy cows or hogs, pump out their

manure ponds and pits in the fall, after harvest. The ponds then fill up through the winter, when farmers are limited in terms of spreading manure on fields as fertilizer due to runoff concerns. But harvest got delayed last year because of rain.

Even after harvest, there were few days when manure could be applied to fields because the land was already saturated with rainwater. And in Ohio counties with tributaries that flow into Lake Erie or Grand Lake St. Marys, state laws limit when farmers can apply manure or other fertilizer to prevent the nutrients from getting into the water.

With so few opportunities to spread the manure, many manure ponds, lagoons, and pits didn't get fully emptied before winter arrived. And since then, opportunities to spread the manure have been few. It is very unusual for farmers to have so few days to apply manure, Arnold said.

"You're sitting there with a large amount of manure that needs to be applied to the land, and all you're seeing is rain. I would say it's a top concern," said Sam Custer, Ohio State University Extension educator in Darke County, which has a significant number of hog producers. OSU Extension is CFAES' outreach arm.

Arnold and Custer are working with farmers to consider options and find additional times during the growing season to apply manure. Last year, they field-tested a method found to be effective for applying manure in the

spring on fields with growing corn.

For now, farmers can pay the expense of pumping and transporting their manure to other ponds with more space; expand their ponds; or just wait, hope the rain stops, and then begin spreading their manure onto drier fields.

SECRETARY PERDUE STATEMENT ON THE AMERICAN BROADBAND INITIATIVE MILESTONES REPORT

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue issued the following statement regarding the American Broadband Initiative Milestones Report.

"Last year, I presented the findings of the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to President Trump at the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention. The report showed how broadband e-connectivity is essential for achieving rural prosperity in the 21st Century, and it has guided work across the U.S. government this past year. The American Broadband Initiative Milestones Report reflects that work on behalf of taxpayers and displays the federal government's commitment as a strong business partner in deploying broadband infrastructure. The American Broadband Initiative also reaffirms this Administration's commitment to reducing regulatory barriers and improving the quality of life for those living in rural America.

"Reliable broadband is critical for nearly every aspect of life, from education to health care to agriculture and beyond. By working across the federal government and by harnessing public-private partnerships as USDA has done for decades, we are doing all we can to bring reliable, affordable broadband to homes, farms, ranches, schools, and healthcare sites throughout rural America."

Background:

On April 25, 2017, President Trump signed an Executive Order establishing the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity "to ensure the informed exercise of regulatory authority that impacts agriculture and rural communities." As Secretary of Agriculture, Perdue served as the task force's chairman and identified over 100 recommendations to help improve life in rural America. The recommendations centered around these five areas: E-Connectivity, Quality of Life, Rural Workforce, Technology, and Economic Development.

The American Broadband Initiative Milestones Report is a product of the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity and outlines a vision for how the Federal Government can increase broadband access and actions that Agencies are taking to increase private-sector invest-

ment in broadband. Previous attempts to expand broadband connectivity have made progress and provided valuable lessons that guide this initiative. The report's recommendations are grouped into three categories: streamlining federal permitting processes to speed broadband deployment, leveraging federal assets to lower the cost of broadband buildouts, and maximizing the impact of federal funding.

LAROSE BEGINS UNPRECEDENTED EFFORT TO SEND VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS TO NON-RESPONSIVE "LAST CHANCE" ADDRESSES

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose began the process to send voter registration forms to addresses which did not respond to "last chance" postcards sent by their local county Board of Election.

This morning, the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office issued a request of county boards of elections to provide the voter ID numbers of those who did not respond to "last chance" postcards at the request of the previous administration. These voter ID numbers will be used by the Secretary of State's office to send voter registration cards to each of the addresses provided.

This is the first time an Ohio Secretary of State has taken this additional step to provide another registration opportunity to addresses who were sent "last chance" postcards.

"Ohio is once again taking an unprecedented step to ensure everyone who wants to be registered to vote gets that opportunity," Secretary of State LaRose said. "Our state has long been a leader in making elections both accessible and secure, and this effort will continue that strong tradition."

OHSAA ANNOUNCES 2019 BASEBALL & FOOTBALL STATE TOURNAMENT SITES

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors voted Thursday to approve the Executive Director to complete contracts for the 2019 baseball state tournament and the 2019 football state championships. The baseball state tournament will move to Akron, while the football championships will stay in Canton.

The board's vote was unanimous at 8-0 on both issues, with one member absent.

The baseball state tournament will be held at Canal Park in Akron, home of the Akron RubberDucks, the Double A minor league affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. The baseball state tournament has been held at Huntington Park in Columbus, home of the Clippers, the Triple A affiliate of the Indians, since the stadium opened in 2009, but the Clippers have home games

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Shown in the picture are (front, l-r) Manager Megan McKinney, Manager Careen Winans, Miriam Sinn, Sara Edwards, Sadie Sinn, Kaylee Shepherd, Claire Sinn, Manager Caroline Winans, Manager Megan Parker. In the back row are (l-r) Varsity Assistant Coach Mike Priest, Katie Stoller, Kenadie Daeger, Rachel Stoller, Christina Graham, Tiffany Sinn, Katrina Stoller, Junior Varsity Coach Lindsay Schultz and Head Coach Bethany DeJarnett.

on Valentine's night as the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders accomplished so much. For starters, the team played Hicksville and a win would crown the Raiders conference champions for the third consecutive year. It wasn't much of a game as far as being close, or a down-to-the-wire - last-second-shot, if it goes in we have a winner. Rather, the Raiders were in control from the opening tip-off and cruised to a 61-20 drubbing of the Aces. With the win - conference champs with a record of 6-1. Fairview and Holgate at 5-2 finished second followed by Ayersville (4-3), Edgerton (2-5), Tinoora (2-5), Hicksville (2-5) and Antwerp (2-5).

Prior to the start of the game the Raiders recognized their three seniors - Sadie Sinn, Kaylee Shepherd and Sara Edwards. All three started in their final game on the Raider home court and all three scored. Sadie finished with seven, Shepherd six and Edwards added three. The team win, conference title, and special recognition was highlighted by the accomplishments from junior Claire Sinn. Going into the contest Sinn had netted 998 career points and it didn't take long for the long range sharp-shooter to hit the 1,000 point mark. With 5:50 showing on the clock in the first quarter, Sinn lifted one of her

patent three-pointers that hit nothing but net. A brief celebration erupted from the Raider's student section as confetti shot through the air and a large sign stretched across the students proclaiming "Claire Sinn 1,000 points". As Raider Nation celebrated, Sinn raced up the bleachers to a group of family well wishers for a moment of celebratory hugs. Sinn completed the night with 16 to give her 1,014 for her career and moves her into fourth place in most points scored. The top three scorers are Erin Mohr (1,447); Natalie Davis (1,175); and Kacey Hockenberry (1,040). With one more year and barring injury, Sinn would be projected to break the record next season.

"We had to deal with a lot of emotions tonight. That's the way it is with senior night along with Claire getting her points. With all that was going on we had to really work at staying focused and I thought we did a great job," said Head Coach Bethany DeJarnett. The Raiders were up 10-7 after one quarter of play, but stretched their lead out in the second period to take a 30-14 halftime lead. "Our defense ignited our offense in the second quarter. We stopped their momentum and took control in the second quarter," said DeJarnett.

The second half was all Wayne Trace as their defense continued to shine, holding the Aces to just four points in the third and two points in the fourth quarter. With the win the Raiders finish the regular season at 19-3.

Miriam Sinn, also a junior, finished with 13 points along with five rebounds, three assists and four steals. Katrina Stoller chipped in eight, Katie Stoller four, Tiffany Sinn two and Christina Graham two, Rachel Stoller did not score but finished with five rebounds.

When commenting on her trio of seniors, DeJarnett had high praise for each of them. "When I look at Sadie, Kaylee, and Sara, I see a high level work ethic. They always came to practice ready to work and with positive attitudes. You can't ask for anything more." Looking ahead to the upcoming tournament, the Raiders will play this Saturday (Feb. 23) at Paulding at 8:00 p.m. The Raiders will face the winner of the Continental verses Crestview match up.

"I like the way we are playing right now. I think we are peaking at the right time and we are looking forward to the tournament and seeing how far we can go," DeJarnett said. The Junior Varsity Raiders finished their season with a win over the Aces 33-8.

cheduled during the 2019 OHSAA baseball state tournament. "The Clippers and Huntington Park have been great hosts, but our baseball season is a week later now and it conflicts with the Clippers' 2019 home schedule," said Jerry Snodgrass, OHSAA Executive Director. "We looked at many sites, but for several reasons, including similar schedule conflicts at other locations, we believe that Canal Park is the best choice." The 2019 football finals will remain in Canton at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium. Canton hosted the championships in 2017 and 2018 after the finals were held at Ohio Stadium in Columbus in 2014,

2015 and 2016. "We have a great site in Canton for the football finals and we are pleased to return there in December," Snodgrass said. "We will continue to talk with Ohio State and the Greater Columbus Sports Commission about hosting in the future, but we wanted to make a decision this winter regarding 2019 and we would need more time to come to an agreement with Columbus. In Stark County, we have great hosts with Visit Canton and the Pro Football Hall of Fame and we are fortunate to stay there another year." The football finals were held in Stark County from 1990 through 2013 after being held at Ohio Stadium in Co-

lumbus throughout the 1980s.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held its regularly scheduled February meeting Thursday, February 14th at the OHSAA office. The following are highlights from the meeting. Complete meeting minutes will be posted at OHSAA.org.

- By an 8-0 vote, the Board approved the OHSAA Executive Director to complete contracts for the 2019 baseball state tournament in Akron and the 2019 football state championships in Canton. Details are included in this separate release: <https://bit.ly/2N7b0d1>

- By an 8-0 vote, the Board approved the 2020-21 and 2021-22 season calendars for wrestling and basketball. Note that in 2020, 2021 and 2022, the wrestling and girls basketball state tournaments will be held on the same weekend. Future calendars are posted at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/calendar/Future-Dates>

- Since the Board's last meeting, five member schools were penalized for committing infractions of OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. The list of infractions and penalties is always included in the complete meeting minutes, but media members may request the list in advance from Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Communications, at tstried@ohsaa.org.

- The Board reviewed the attendance and financial reports from the 2018 football playoffs. The total attendance for all five rounds was 379,587, which marked the lowest since the tournament expanded in 1999 to include eight teams per region.

- The Board also reviewed the attendance and financial reports for the regional and state cross country and volleyball tournaments. In cross country, due to flooding on the course, the state tournament was postponed one week, which resulted in increased expenses and lower attendance, which was 9,602, down from 12,054 in 2017. In volleyball, the state tournament attendance was 13,386 and the regional tournament attendance was 26,131.

- The Board approved additional referendum items that OHSAA member schools will vote on during the annual referendum voting period in May. The total approved items now include two constitution proposals, 12 by-law proposals and two bylaw proposals specifically for 7th and 8th grade schools. Each member school principal is responsible to vote on behalf of the school and voting will be conducted electronically for the first time in 2019. Details are posted at: <https://ohsaa.org/School-Resources/referendum-voting>

- The Board accepted the 2017-18 OHSAA audit report, which was completed by independent firm Schneider Downs and reviewed by the OHSAA Audit Committee. The report is posted at: <https://ohsaa.org/Portals/0/About-the-OHSAA/Audited-Financial18.pdf>

- The Board reviewed the list of 2019 inductees going into the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame.

LADY RAIDERS USE BALANCED SCORING FOR ROAD WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

MIDDLE POINT - The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders were on the road last Monday as they traveled to Crestview High School for their final non conference game of the regular season. In a competitive game for all 32 minutes the Raiders squeaked past the Knights 51-46. When all was said-and-done, and the final buzzer sounded, the first quarter play would proved to be the difference.

The Raiders jumped out to a much better start than Crestview to take a 12-5 advantage after the initial eight minutes of play. The Knights turned up their offensive output in the second frame with 18 points but the Raiders were not far behind scoring 17. Both teams were even in the third stanza with each team putting 16 points a piece on the board. Wayne Trace entered the fourth quarter holding a 45 39 lead but the

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Shown is Dave Foltz as he presented Sue Crossland with an award for 40 years of service to Paulding EMS.



In the picture: Ed Carlisle - 25 years of service to Paulding EMS; Deanna Rhonehouse - 30 years of service to Paulding EMS; and Kara Burak - 5 years of service to Paulding EMS. Not pictured is Andy Rager and Thomas Shrider who also earned their award for 5 years of service to Paulding EMS.



Pictured is: Danny Workman - 40 years of service to the fire dept; Todd Weidenhamer - 25 years of service to the fire dept; Brian Tope - 20 years of service to the fire dept.

final period proved to be a low scoring affair with the Raiders six.

The 18-3 Raiders placed Claire Sinn, and senior's Sadie Sinn and Kaylee Shepherd in double figures. Claire Sinn, a junior for the Raiders led the trio with 15 points with Sadie adding 11 points and Shepherd chipping in 10. Finishing out the scoring for the victors were Katrina Stoller with eight and Miriam Sinn bucketing seven.

The Raiders shot 16-40 from the floor for 40 percent while hitting 14-21 from the free throw line for a 66 percent clip. Individually, Sadie Sinn shot very well on the night hitting 3-5 from the two point area and 5-6 from the charity stripe. Sadie also finished with seven rebounds. Kaylee Shepherd connected on 3-6 of her two-point goals and at the foul line was 4-6. Katrina Stoller picked up seven rebounds with team mate Miriam Sinn dishing out five assists.

Crestview falls to 13-6 and was led by Lexi Gregory who finished with 22 points. The sharp shooter connected on

5-7 behind the arc and 3-4 on her two-point goals. Also in double digits was Olivia Cunningham with 14. Cunningham was perfect from the floor with a solid offensive performance. Cunningham dialed in all four of her three-point attempts and was perfect on her two-point bucket. The two double figure players didn't get much support as four Knights managed the rest of the teams 10 points.

The Raiders shot 14-34 from the floor for 41 percent and from the foul line 10-16 for 63 percent. The Raiders won the rebound battle 28-22 with Crestview turning the ball over 17 times to 14 for the Lady Raiders.

The Raiders also captured the Junior Varsity contest in easy fashion 56-21.

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LADY ARCHERS PICK UP PAIR OF VICTORIES



Antwerp Senior Chelsea Johanns scores with this layup as she plays in her last homegame for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

EDGERTON - Antwerp closed out the regular season with a pair of victories as the Archers hit the road to Edgerton and West Unity and brought wins home from each.

On Thursday, the Lady Archers closed out the Green Meadows Conference portion of their schedule with a 41-37 win over Edgerton.

Karsyn Brumett scored 20 points to pace the way for the Lady Archers while Heather Oberlin added eight and Astianna Coppes posted six.

Chelsea Johanns and Alyvia DeVore recorded four and three points, respectively.

The two teams were tied at 5-5 after one quarter before Antwerp jumped out to a 21-14 halftime advantage.

Edgerton trimmed the deficit to 30-29 at the end of three periods but Antwerp outscored the Bulldogs 11-8 in the final period to seal the victory.

Emma Siebenaler bucketed ten markers to top the Lady Bulldogs while Bree Hug added seven and Ally

Cape chipped in six.

Rylei Moreno (four), Halle Siebenaler (four), Megan Sullivan (three) and Clair Flegal (three) completed the Bulldog scoring.

Antwerp then wrapped up regular season action by defeating Hilltop 56-49 on Saturday.

Scoring for the Lady Archers were Karsyn Brumett (21 points), Chelsea Johanns (nine), Heather Oberlin (nine), Astianna Coppes (nine), Tiera Gomez (six) and Lydia Brewer (two).

Antwerp finishes the regular season with a record of 7-13 overall and 2-5 in the Green Meadows Conference.

The Lady Archers open tournament play on Saturday when they battle Ottoville at 2:45 p.m. at Defiance High School.

SALEEM'S LAYUP SNAPS LOSING SKID FOR THE EXPRESS

By: Chris Schmidbauer, Sports Information Director

Toledo, OH -- In what will be classified as a rebuilding year for the Owens Men's Basketball program where wins have been hard to come by, Sharif Saleem's layup with 2.5 seconds left in the game gave Owens a 66-65 win over Hocking College on Saturday afternoon. The win is the Express's third of the season and their first conference win this year.

The Express jumped out to an early double digit lead against the Hawks. Jordan Grayson's three at the 11:27 mark of the first half gave the Express a 16-4 lead. Owens would maintain a lead

ARCHERS WRAP UP GMC PLAY WITH WIN



Antwerp's Ty Rebber puts up a shot for two points! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Antwerp improved to 14-5 overall and 4-3 in the Green Meadows Conference with a 41-27 victory

over Edgerton Friday night in boys basketball action at the home of the Archers.

The Archers jumped out to

in double figures for most of the half, leading by 18 at one point.

Owens would lead 31-13 with 3:24 to play in the half after Ka'von Gainer buried a jumper from the right wing. Hocking would not go down easily though, as the Hawks closed the half on a 9-2 run to trim the halftime deficit to just 11 points at 33-22.

The Express would score the first two baskets of the second half on a pair of layups from Saleem and Aamir Solomon, but the Hawks kept Owens within their sights. Two threes by Jose Deleon bookend a pair of free throws by Dalane Browns to pull Hocking to within single digits of Owens at 37-30 with 17:10 to play in the half. Owens would push their lead back to 10 after a hoop and harm from Aamir Solomon, but the Hawks kept chipping away at the Express lead.

Hocking would cut their deficit to just five points after

a three from Azende Johnson made the score 42-37 with 14:32 to play in the sec-

ond half. Just a minute later, layups by Deleon and Johnson trimmed the Owens lead

a 9-3 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before taking a 19-13 advantage at the intermission. Antwerp posted a 27-21 lead entering the final period.

Luke Brewer topped the Archer cause with 11 points while Jayvin Landers added eight markers.

Austin Lichty posted six points for the blue and white followed by Keaton Altimus (four), Ty Rebber (four), Cole Seslar (three), Blake Schuette (three) and Luke Krouse (two).

Braydon Cape had 13 points to top Edgerton, which falls to 10-9 in all games and 3-4 in the league.

Logan Showalter added nine markers for the Bulldogs with Greg Roth bucketing three points and Jaron Cape recording two free throws.

The Archers outrebounded the Bulldogs 25-22 in the contest but also committed one more turnover, 11-10.

Antwerp finished the game 11 of 34 from the field (32 percent) compared to Edgerton's 10 of 38 (26 percent).

The Archer junior varsity was also victorious on the evening, posting a 42-27 win over the Bulldogs.

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to just one at 42-41.

On the Express's next possession. Grayson would hit a clutch three to make the Owens lead four points. The Express and Hawks would trade baskets much of the rest of the half, with Owens holding a slim lead.

The Express led 59-53 after a layup and one from Saleem with 6:13 to play in the game, and the Hawks would go on a run. Owens would go cold from the field for the next two and a half minutes, while the Hawks would take the lead on a Jarell Giles three ball with 4:30 to play. Hocking would get a layup 28 seconds later to lead 62-59 with 4:03 to play.

Thirty seconds later, Grayson would hit another clutch three to re-tie the score at 62-62, and a minute and a half later, Aamir Solomon's layup on the fast break would give Owens a 64-62 lead with two minutes left on the clock.

On the next Hocking possession, the Hawks would hit a big three of their own, when Azende Johnson drilled a shot from beyond the arc at the left point. Hocking had the lead at 65-64 forcing an Owens timeout.

The Express and Hocking would each turn the ball over on their next possessions. The Express would get the ball back with 26 seconds left in regulation. Owens elected to run the clock down to settle for a final shot. Solomon would attempt a layup for Owens that was blocked out of bounds by Hocking's Dalane Brown.

Owens would take their final timeout to set up the game winning basket.

Ka'von Gainer would inbound the ball to a leaping Saleem, who was able to lay

the ball in with 2.5 seconds remaining to give Owens a 66-65 lead.

Jose Deleon's half court heave would hit off the backboard as time expired to give Owens the one point win.

Sharif Saleem was a force inside for Owens. He led the Express in scoring with 20 points on 9-4 shooting and he grabbed a game high 13 rebounds. It represented Saleem's second double-double this week and his seventh of the year.

Aamir Solomon was the only other Owens' player in double figures with 11 points. Jordan Grayson also had eight points off the bench for the Express. Both Jacob Cousino and Ka'von Gainer each finished with 0 rebounds a piece as well.

Owens shot 45.8% (27-59) from the floor for the ball game, while Hocking shot 39.3% (24-61) in the contest.

The Express now improves to 3-25 overall and 1-13 in the OCCAC. Hocking fell to 7-18 overall and 3-12 in conference play.

Owens will wrap up the home schedule for the season on Wednesday night when they welcome in Edison. The Chargers are 21-4 overall and 8-3 in the OCCAC. Tip off is schedule for 7:30 PM from the SHAC.

VAN WERT CLAIMS HOME WIN AGAINST CELINA

On February 15, 2019 Van Wert boys basketball played host to the Celina Bulldogs. The Cougars took the offensive route from the start claiming a large lead after the first period. Celina couldn't make up the difference as

SHULL LEADS PANTHERS PAST APACHES



Caleb Frank from the Apaches attempts to score from inside the key while Paulding's Payton Beckman blocks the shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - Carson Shull hit a quartet of three-pointers and scored 20 points overall to lead the Paulding Panthers to a 61-55 win over Fairview at the Jungle Monday night.

Fletcher Cook added 17 for the Panthers, who out-

scored the Apaches 19-12 in the fourth quarter to post the win.

The two teams were tied at 7-7 at the end of eight minutes of action before Paulding took a slim 19-18 lead at the intermission.

Fairview rallied to out-

the buzzer rang at half-time: 38-22. This home team momentum continued in the 3rd and 4th quarters giving way to a Cougar victory. Final score: 64-45. Their record now stands at 12-8.

Scorers of the Game:

Van Wert - Treece 9, Place 12; Barnhart 2, Williams 11; Henry 9; Blackmore 3; Hilleary 2; Bagley 16

Celina - Schwieterman 7; Okeley 5; Kuchne 2; Cotterman 6; Eichenauer 3; Yenser 11; Murphy 8; Langenkamp 3

Score by the Quarter:

Van Wert - 27 11 17 9 = 64

Celina - 12 10 15 8 = 45

JV score was Van Wert 64, Celina 45. Their record now stands at 11-9

NEW HAVEN BEATS HERITAGE

Friday night high school boys basketball was on fire at the Bulldog gym where New Haven hosted the Heritage Patriots. The first half was dominated by the guest team outscoring the Bulldogs by 5 at the half-time buzzer. New Haven outscored Heritage 34-23 in the second half. The Bulldogs were led by Deante Causey 17 points and 14 rebounds. Final score of the night: 61-56.

Score by the Quarter:

New Haven - 13 14 20 14 = 61

Heritage - 15 17 10 13 = 56

WT WRESTLING CLUB RESULTS

The Wayne Trace Wrestling Club has recently completed in three different tournaments.

At the Defiance tournament - placing first was Grady Helms and Tatum Sheets. Placing second was



Paulding sophomore Payton Beckman is fouled and sent to the line where he scores for the home team! More pictures at westbendnews.net

score Paulding 25-23 in the third quarter as the Apaches posted a 43-42 advantage entering the final period.

Jaret Miller added seven markers for the maroon and white while Payton Beckman chipped in six and Blake McGarvey recorded five. Bailey Manz and Jacob Eblin recorded four and two points,

respectively, for Paulding.

The Apaches were led by Chayse Singer with 13 points and Caleb Frank bucketed 11 for the black and gold.

Russ Zeedyk added nine for Fairview followed by Cade Polter (six), Luke Timbrook (five), Keenan Jackson (five), Cade Ripke (four) and Riley Lucas (two).

Levi Ankney. Placing third was Witt Stoller, Nicole Gerschutz, and Blake Schultz. Fourth place finishers were Jackson Gabrioand and Mason Evans.

At the Fairview tournament - placing first was

Tatum Sheets and Daniel Clark. Placing second was O'Connor Feeny, Witt Stoller and Zavian LaFountain. Placing third was Braxton Schnipke, Kamden Fore, Jerrick Johnson, Blake Schultz, and Arinn James.

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REINHART HAS HISTORIC WEEKEND



Pictured here are some of the placers for the day at Junior High District Wrestling tournament. Second from left is Eli Reinhart who earned a 5th place finish for the day and will continue on to State in March.

Antwerp 8th grade wrestler Eli Reinhart recently competed in the Junior High District Tournament at Oregon Clay on Sunday, February 17, 2019. Reinhart won 4 matches (2 by pin) to only 2 losses to earn a 5th place finish in the 104-pound weight class and thus earning him another trip to the OAC Junior High State Tournament in Youngstown, OH on March 16-17, 2019. Amazingly, this is

Reinhart's 7th consecutive year of qualifying for the OAC state tournament, making him the only Archer wrestler in history to qualify for the state tournament every year he has attempted. Congratulations Eli on breaking another Antwerp wrestling record and setting a great example for all future archer wrestlers to aspire to. We wish you the best as you prepare for the state tournament.



74 pound Zavian LaFountain wrestling in his semi-final match. LaFountain won the match 4 to 0.

Good luck and GO ELI! The Wayne Trace Jr High wrestling team also had a few guys go down to Jr High districts in Oregon Clay. Connor Blankenship, Nyle Stoller, Samuel Moore, Kaden Woolbright and Zavian LaFountain. Zavian LaFountain took 4th place. Kaden Woolbright took 2nd place and will be wrestling in young's town at the Jr high state tournament.

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have, what you earn and what you'd like to leave behind. That's why it's a good idea to become familiar with the various types of insurance and how they can address short- and long-term needs.

For starters, consider life insurance. You may have important long-term goals, such as leaving an inheritance for your family and providing resources for your favorite charities. You may be able to fulfill some of these through the death benefit on your policy.

You can also purchase life insurance to help fill the gap

between the amounts you have saved and what your family would need if you died unexpectedly. Thus, insurance can pay for liabilities (such as a mortgage, car payments, student loans and other debts), education expenses (such as college for your children) and final expenses associated with your passing.

Next, consider disability insurance. If you were injured or became ill and couldn't work for a while, the loss of income could be a big problem for your family members - in fact, it could disrupt their entire lifestyle. Even a short-term disability could prove worrisome, while a long-term disability could be catastrophic. Your employer might offer short-term disability insurance, and that could be enough - but do you really want to take that chance? To protect your income if you were out of work for an extended period, you might need to supplement your employer's coverage with your own long-term disability policy. Long-term disability insurance, which generally kicks in after you've used up your short-term benefits, may pay you for a designated time period (perhaps two to five years) or until you reach a certain age, such as 65. Long-term disability insurance likely won't replace your entire income, but it can go a long way toward helping you stay "above water" until you recover.

You may also want to think about long-term care insurance. Despite its name, a long-term care policy could meet either short- or long-term needs. On the short-term end, you might need the services of a home health care aide to assist you in your recovery from an injury such as a broken hip. On the other end of the long-term care scale, you might someday need an extensive stay in a nursing home, which can be extremely expensive and which isn't typically covered by Medicare. But in either case, you might be able to benefit from a long-term care insurance policy, or possibly a long-term care rider attached to a life insurance policy. And the earlier you take action, the better, because long-term care insurance, in particular, generally becomes more expensive the older you get.

This list of insurance policies, and the needs they can help meet, is certainly not exhaustive, but it should give you an idea of just how important the right insurance coverage can be for you - at almost any stage of your life.

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ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB RESULTS

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently competed at Fairview on Saturday, February 16, 2019. Of the 10 wrestlers competing, 8 of them were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Placing 4th was Cy Zuber and Griffin Kosch. Earning 3rd place finishes on the day were Logan Parisot, Carsyn Baer, Nico Moreno, Riley Smith, and Brody Smith. Ending his day with a 2nd place finish was Ethan Thomas VanKirk. The wrestling club coaches would like to congratulate all the club

wrestlers for their hard work over the weekend and a special shout out goes to Brody Smith on earning the 1st win of his very young career as well. GO ARCHERS!!

OWENS CAN'T PARLAY HALFTIME LEAD INTO A WIN

By: Chris Schmidbauer, Sports Information Director

Toledo, OH -- After securing a three point lead at halftime, the Owens Men's Basketball team could not hold a lead against Bryant & Stratton, as the Bobcats' De'Sean Reed scored 24 of his game high 31 points in the second half to lead his team to victory.

Both teams got off to a slow start as there were just ten total points scored over the first five minutes of the game, but the Express would kick it into gear at the midway point in the first half. Owens trailed 19-18 before a DiMarius Hill layup gave the Express a one point lead at 20-19. The Bobcats would retake the lead a possession later, but a Jordan Gray three gave the Express a two point cushion with 8:25 to play in the first half. The Express would go on a 10-1 run over the next three

and half minutes, taking a 33-22 lead with five minutes to go before the break.

The Bobcats would answer back with a run of their own, going on a 12-2 run to climb within a point with 1:27 to play in the first half. The two teams would trade buckets before Amir Solomon capped the scoring for the Express with a layup with 1.2 seconds left to give Owens a 39-36 advantage heading to the locker room.

The second half, though, belonged to Bryant & Stratton's De'Sean Reed. Reed would score all but 17 of the Bobcats' second half points, using his inside and outside game to flummox the Express defense. Owens would hang tough over the first half of the second, but anytime the Express would get some momentum going, Reed had the answer.

The Express would trail by ten points with a little over five minutes to play in the game, but Owens would close the gap to four after a six point swing from Jordan Grayson. Grayson would make a layup and get fouled for the old fashioned three point play, and on the next Owens possession, he would bury a three from the right corner to make the score 64-60.



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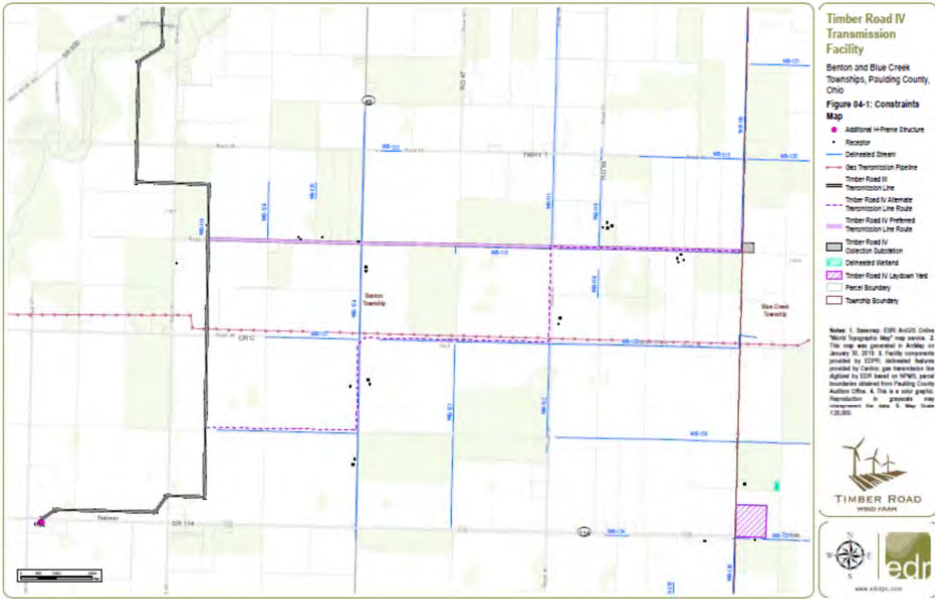
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR PROPOSED UTILITY FACILITY

Paulding Wind Farm IV LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of EDP Renewables North America LLC, is proposing to construct a 2.9-mile, 138-kilovolt transmission line and associated laydown yard in Benton and Blue Creek Townships, Paulding County. The transmission line is associated with the Timber Road IV Wind Farm, which is also in Paulding County. The following map shows the proposed layout of the transmission line facility.



Paulding Wind Farm IV LLC filed an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for a certificate to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facility in OPSB Case No. 18-1293-EL-BTX. The application is currently pending before the OPSB. A local public hearing, where the OPSB will accept written or oral testimony from any person, will commence at 6:00 p.m. on March 5, 2019, at the Ohio State University Extension Building, 503 Fairground Dr., Paulding, OH 45879. Subsequently, an adjudicatory hearing will commence on March 19, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., 11th floor, Hearing Room 11-D, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215. The initial notice regarding the proposed facility and hearings was published in the West Bend News and The Paulding Progress on January 15 and 16, 2019, respectively.

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That was the closest the Express would get. The Bobcats would finish the game on a 13-7 run, and they would win the game 77-67.

Four Express players would finish in double figures scoring wise. Grayson would lead Owens with 18 points on 6-9 shooting, including 5-8 from beyond the arc. Di-Marius Hill would finish with 15 points over 30 minutes of play, and Ka'von Gainer would finish with 10 points, after shooting 50% from the floor. Sharif Saleem would finish with a double-double, his sixth of the season, scoring 10 points and grabbing 14 rebounds.

As a team, the Express shot a shade above 40% (28-69) from the floor for the game while the Bobcats shot 45.2% (28-62).

Owens falls to 2-25 overall while Bryant & Stratton improved to 2-17 overall.

WORKS IS SENSATIONAL ON SOPHOMORE DAY

By: Chris Schmidbauer, Sports Information Director

Toledo, OH -- On a day meant for the Owens Women's Basketball team's only sophomore, Taylor Works showed why she has made such an impact in her short time in an Express uniform. The sophomore had 36 points to help the Express to a 111-32 victory over Hocking College on Saturday afternoon.

The Express were dominant from the opening tip against the Hawks. Owens began the game on a 25-0 run

PANTHERS NIP LANCERS FOR NWC WIN



The Lady Panthers wins in double overtime! Shown here is Audrey Geisige shooting to score for Paulding! More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - The Lady Panthers of Paulding posted a 38-37 win over Lincolnview

Thursday night in Northwest Conference girls basketball action as the two teams

before Hocking scored their first basket with just ten seconds remaining in the first quarter. Owens would outscore the Hawks 28-9 in the second quarter as well. Owens would head to break up 53-11. Works and Whitney Thames each had 16 points

at halftime to lead all scorers, while Shyah Wheeler had 10 points at the midway point.

The Express would not let up in the third. Owens would start the quarter on a 14-0 run that was capped off by a pair of Works layups with

wrapped up regular season action.

The Lady Lancers took a 10-6 lead at the end of one quarter before Paulding rallied to take a 15-13 advantage at the midway point.

Paulding expanded the lead to 23-16 entering the final stanza before holding on for the one-point victory.

Chelsi Geisige topped the maroon and white with nine points followed by Audrey Geisige with eight and Bri Townley with seven.

Janae Pease (six), Sydney McCullough (four), Sadie Estle (two) and Asia Arellano (two) completed the Lady Panther scoring.

Adia Welch paced the Lady Lancers with 13 points while Lakin Brant added eight markers.

Annie Mendenhall (seven), Sierra Adams (five) and Lana Carey (four) also found the scoring column for Lincolnview.

Townley led the Lady Panthers on the boards with 13 rebounds and Chelsi Geisige picked up seven boards. Chelsi Geisige also finished with three assists and two steals.

Janae Pease dished out three assists and Sydney McCullough picked up two assists.

6:32 to play in the third. The Express would finish with their best offensive quarter of the day, outscoring Hocking 30-9 in the period.

The fourth was the most competitive quarter of the contest, with Owens outscoring Hocking 28-12. The point total would give the Express a 79 point win over the Hawks.

Four of the Express's players finished with 20 or more points. Works, as stated earlier, led all scorers with 36 points on 16-30 shooting from the field. Her 36 points tie her for second for most points scored in a game. She ranks behind Da'Vina Shelton, who scored 40 points last year in a game against Hocking on February 10, 2018. She is tied with Amy Amstutz, who scored 36 points in a game against Clark State on February 10, 1999. Works also finished with eight rebounds, five assists, and four steals for the game.

Shyah Wheeler had her best game in an Express uniform on Saturday too. The Elida native had 28 points on

a very efficient 13-17 shooting. She also garnered a double-double, grabbing a game high 18 rebounds. Her outing on Saturday is her fourth double-double of the season. She also finished with five assists and five steals.

Whitney Thames had another double-double as well on Saturday. The freshman scored 20 points and grabbed 15 caroms. It was her fifth double-double this season. Fellow freshman, Moreina Moore, finished with 20 points as well. She also had six rebounds and six assists on the afternoon.

Owens shot 58.1% (50-86) from the floor for the ball game. Owens also had a whopping 88 of their 111 points scored in the paint and they also outscored Hocking 38-0 on the fast break during the contest. The Express also finished with 16 total steals an forced 21 turnovers by the Hawks too.

Hocking would shoot just 21.4% (12-56) for the game.

Owens now moves to 19-8 overall and 12-2 in the OCCAC. The Hawks fell to 1-18 overall and they remain winless in the conference at 0-13.

The Express will next be in action this coming Wednesday against Edison. The Chargers are 21-4 overall and 8-3 in the OCCAC. They will be looking to avenge their earlier season loss to the Express from back on January 23, when Owens won 84-64. It will also be the final regular season home game for the Express as well. Tip off is scheduled for 5:30 at the SHAC.

WARRIORS COME UP SHORT TO EASTSIDE, NORWELL

WOODBURN - The Woodlan boys basketball team came up on the short end of a pair of games last week as the Warriors fell to Eastside and Norwell.

Against the Blazers, it was Eastside who jumped in front early on and cruised to a 75-59 win over the Warriors.

Eastside took a 17-10 advantage at the end of one quarter before the Blazers pushed the margin to 39-21 at the half. Eastside widened the lead to 56-34 at the end of three periods.

Alex Yoder paced the Blazers with 26 points while Chase Franz bucketed 13 markers for Eastside.

Noah Johnson and Phoenix Smith each added ten points for the Blazers followed by Gabe Trevino (nine), Gavin Pfefferkorn (five) and Colton Burch (two).

Woodlan was led by Mitch Mendenhall, who scored 23 points, while Joe Reidy added 22 points for the Warriors.

Aiden Bayman finished with nine markers and Trevor Wiedenhoef posted five points to wrap up the Woodlan scoring.

In other action last week, the Warriors fell to Norwell 70-48 on Saturday.

Woodlan will finish up regular season play on Friday when it hosts Leo.

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, Genesis House, Pit-Stop, Subway, Manor House Assisted Living

Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart, Bryan Hospital

Cecil: Maramart, Vagabond

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Store, Werlor's Waste, Advanced Auto, Great Clips, Meijer Great Clips, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid

Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Utilities Office, Napa

Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop

Hicksville: Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, Senior Center, Community Memorial Hospital, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway

Latty: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center

Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store

Ney: Marathon

Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware, Dollar General

Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hard-

ware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. OSU Extension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Past Time Cafe, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital

Payne: Blueberry Pancake House, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza

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

Scott: Scott Post Office

Van Wert: Family Video, Orchard Tree, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market - Chief, Walmart

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Walmart, Walgreens & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Great Clips

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

Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, First Merchant Bank

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General

New Haven: Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber, Crumback Chevrolet. Hahn Systems, The Duce.

Woodburn: Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Woodburn Branch Library, Financial Partners, Love's Travel Center, Woodburn Meats & Produce, Heckley Outdoor

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driver and sustaining his life. He was flown to UTMC Hospital in Toledo where he underwent surgery that saved his leg and allow him to walk out of the hospital a week later.

This was one of two incidents that were recognized at the 2019 Dr. Frank Foss Award's ceremony Wednesday night. The other incident recognized was an industrial accident in the Village of Archbold, Ohio. The Archbold Fire and EMS, Archbold Police Department, Fulton County Life Squad 1, and the Fulton County 911 Dispatch were recognized at an incident that took place on March 27th, 2018, when an individual got his sleeve, then his arm caught in a machine, that detached the arm. Extreme efforts were made to keep the individual alive and be flown to Mercy St.Vincent's Hospital in Toledo. After being taken into surgery, the doctors were able to save the person's life but not able to save his arm.

The efforts of these first responders will be considered for the State of Ohio's Star of Life Award in Columbus, in May.

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Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:
LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,
vs.
GREGORY L. KUTZLI, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 18 159
Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

204 East Daggett Street, Antwerp
Parcel Number: 12-11S-014-00

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OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JANUARY CHARACTER BUILDERS



Students at Oakwood Elementary who have shown character building traits (Perseverance) for January 2019.
Morgan Snyder, KA; Elizabeth Boff, KA; Corbin Gibson, KB; Coal Stewart, KB; Logan Caudill, 1A; Eliza Rodgers, 1A; Bristol Biliti, 1B; Samantha McCray, 2A; Allie Parks, 2A; Lily Leatherman, 2B; Jensen Mann, 2B; Ashley Smith, 3A; Kyler

RAIDERS PICK UP NON-LEAGUE WIN OVER FT. JENNINGS

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

HAVILAND - In a game originally scheduled for January 19 but was postponed due to weather conditions, the Wayne Trace Raiders and Fort Jennings finally hit the hardwood last Tuesday, February 12 at the Palace. After a slow start by Wayne Trace the Raiders kicked it up a notch or two in the second half to soundly defeat the Musketeers 60-39.

With the win the Raiders improve their overall mark to

Foor, 3A; Izzie Bowers, 3B; Ava Leatherman, 3B; Matthew Carpenter, 4A; Maizy Ripke, 4A; Michael Clifford, 4B; Marcello Rohda, 4B; Xander Schwab, 5/6A; Jonah Cohan, 5/6A; Adrieana Biliti, 5/6B; Hayden Elston, 5/6B; Allison Carnahan, 5/6C; Brandon Humphrey, 5/6C; Max Stork, 5/6D; Logan Gerschutz, 5/6D

15-5 while Fort Jennings fall to 3-17.

The Musketeers led after the first quarter of play 16-13 and the second frame was a low scoring tussle with the Raiders scoring just six points but held their opponent to half as many at three. Both teams were even at the midway point at 19-19.

After halftime the Raiders methodically took control and outscored the Musketeers in the third 17-10 to enter the fourth quarter holding a 36-29 advantage. It was all Raiders in the final eight minutes of play with the Raiders exploding for 24 points while holding Fort Jennings to ten

to secure the 21 point win. The Raiders place three in double figures, led by Josiah Linder with 19 points followed by Nate Gerber with 17 and Jace Vining adding 10. Linder was a perfect 4-4 from the two-point area while hitting 2-3 behind the arc and 5-5 from the charity stripe along with eight rebounds.

Also scoring for the red, white and blue was Reid Miller six, Trae Sinn four, Alex Reinhart two and Caleb Yenser two. Carson Kazee led the Musketeers with 10 points.

From the floor the Raiders connected on 23-42 for 55 percent while Fort Jennings managed 14-36 for 39 percent. The Raiders won the battle of the boards 26-19.

In the Junior Varsity contest the Raiders earned a 10 point win over Fort Jennings in a low scoring contest 28-18.

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted 15 persons on Thursday, February 14, 2019

Tracy A. Wagner, Paulding Co. Jail (7/11/65); Illegal conveyance of weapons, drugs or other prohibited items onto grounds of detention facility of institution, F3; Possession of Methamphetamine, F5

Charles M. Reed, Jr., Toledo, OH (2/7/92); Improper handling of firearms in a motor vehicle, F4

Lester E. Sulfridge, Jr., Paulding Co. Jail (2/19/59); Operating while under the influence of alcohol or drugs-OVI, F3

Nicholas W. Lowe, Stryker, OH (3/31/92); Possession of Methamphetamine, F5

Aaron S. McMillan, Scott, OH (2/5/82); Possession of Methamphetamine, F5; Tampering with evidence, F3

Jeremy L. Akers, Address unknown (11/19/81); Theft, F5; Receiving stolen property, F5; Failure to appear, M1

Kayliene M. Schweitzer, Address unknown (1/9/84); Failure to appear

Andrew Schweitzer, Address unknown (2/20/80); Failure to appear, F4

Kyle D. Kapperman, Address unknown (8/22/85); Non support of dependants, F5

Taylor M. Gobmeier, Address unknown (7/1/99); Burglary, F2; Theft, F3

Dakota J. Siefke, Address unknown (1/18/96); Burglary, F2; Theft, F3

Jonathan E. Maxwell, Address unknown (10/8/86); Non support of dependants, F5 (two counts)

Robin D. Ratliff, Address unknown (5/29/81); Non support of dependants, F5 (two counts)

Thomas M. Meagher, Lima, OH (0/31/85); Theft, F4 (two counts)

Thomas E. Anderson, Address unknown (2/8/95); Unlawful sexual contact with a minor, F4

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Timothy S. Kelly, Meridian, MS; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jack R. Clark, Russiaville, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tyler J. Maugherman, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David R. McStoots, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Malik D. Smith, Detroit, MI; DUS-non FRA; Defendant pled no contest, with counsel, Mr. Vigorito; fine/costs to be taken from bond

Malik D. Smith, Detroit, MI; Viol being pass; Count B dismissed

Malik D. Smith, Detroit, MI; Driving/texting; Count C dismissed

Brandy J. Smith, Oakwood, OH; Attempted theft; Defendant appeared in open court with counsel; Pled no

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.

WAYNE J. BRONSON, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. CI 18 150

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 14th day of March, 2019 at 10:20, the real estate located at:

11779 Road 169, Oakwood
Parcel Number: 08-08S-004-02

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 Ninety Thousand and No/100 (\$90,000.00) 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 28th day of March, 2019 at 10:20. 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
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Tina Woods, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
THE STATE BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,
vs.

TRENT A. WELLS, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. CI 17 098

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 14th day of March, 2019 at 10:25, the real estate located at:

802 West Jackson Street, Paulding
Parcel Number: 30-07S-055-00

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 Twenty-four Thousand and No/00 (\$24,000.00) 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 28th day of March, 2019 at 10:25. 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.

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Tina Woods, Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:
LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,
vs.
SONYA M. GECKLE, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 18 161
Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

402 West Jackson Street, Paulding Parcel Number 30-06S-107-00
A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Court-house.

Total amount of judgment is Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-four and 29/100 (\$5,434.29) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:10 a.m. at the East door of the Court-house in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 14th day of March, 2019, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 28th day of March, 2019 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

Payment in full is due at the time of the sale and the purchaser(s) 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX LIEN THAT MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE SALE, AND PURCHASERS OF ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY ARE URGED TO SEARCH THE FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX THAT IS KEPT BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TO DETERMINE IF NOTICE OF A FEDERAL TAX LIEN HAS BEEN FILED WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
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100 DAYS OF SCHOOL



Pictured here are Colt Lockhart, Makenzie Muir, and Aubree Feehan.

In honor of the 100th Day of School at Antwerp Elementary School, Mrs. Kennedy's, Mr. Lee's and Mrs. McMichael's kindergarten classes collected items for the Antwerp Food Pantry. They collected 146 items and counted them together on Friday, February 8th.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES JANUARY SOM



Pictured here are the January students of the month for Oakwood Elementary: (front, l-r) Blane Eitnrear, Kinlee Sherry, Elliette Roughton, and Madison Durham; (middle, l-r) Avery Akers, Tori Schlatter, Trinity Starr, and Sophia Booher; (back, l-r) Addy Hunt, Hunter Harwell, Alexis Wharry, and Anna Clemens.

beginning 3/29/19
William R. Winkler, Paulding, OH; FTY/intersect; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court, pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 7/26/19
Keri S. Reinman, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Denise M. Coleman, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Alecia A. Schroedel, Eaton, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
Jimmy A. Stephey, II
310-B, E Jackson St.
Grover Hill, OH 45849
Plaintiff,
-v-
Rhonda J. Stephey
Address Unknown
Defendant.

Case No. DIV 19 009
Judge Tiffany R. Beckman
COMES NOW the Plaintiff, by and through the undersigned counsel, and for cause of action against the Defendant, states as follows:

1. Plaintiff has been a resident of the State of Ohio for at least six (6) months, and a bona fide resident of Paulding County for at least ninety (90) days, both immediately preceding the filing of this Complaint.

2. Plaintiff and Defendant were lawfully married on July 25, 2001, at Van Wert, Ohio; and there are no children as issue of this marriage. Plaintiff is not now preg-

nant.
3. Plaintiff says that the parties are incompatible, and that the parties have lived separate and apart without cohabitation for at least one year.
WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands that he be granted an absolute divorce from Defendant; that an equitable property division be made; that Plaintiff be awarded a reasonable amount for attorney fees and further expenses incurred herein; that the costs of this action be assessed against Defendant; and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:
LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,
vs.
SIX MILE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 18 170
Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

Address: Emerald Township, Road 210 Parcel Number: 16-20S-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 Court-house.

Total amount of judgment is Seven Hundred Sixteen and 33/100 (\$716.33) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:00 a.m. at the East door of the Court-house in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 14th day of March, 2019, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 28th day of March, 2019 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

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Richard L. Froelich, Cecil, OH; Disorderly conduct; Defendant appeared without counsel; Pled no
Dwight S. Doctor II, Antwerp, OH; Vandal wildl pr; Defendant appeared in open court without counsel; Pled no contest; Pay or collection 2/22/19
Benjamin C. Smith, Hagerstown, MD; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Marc M. Ferguson, Jonesville, MI; Seat belt/ drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Brilysa R. Love, Fishers, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Trina M. Moss, Lima, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Harold E. Hundley, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Larry L. Green, Columbus, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BENTON TWP
2/11/19 Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Theresa J Trustee to Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Eric D Trustee; Rd 52; 40 acres; E1/2 E1/2 Ne1/4 Benton Twp S-13
2/11/19 Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Theresa J Trustee to Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Eric D Trustee; Rd 52; 40 acres; W1/2 E1/2 Ne1/4 Benton Twp S-13 Easement Ref

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

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2/11/19 Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Theresa J Trustee To Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Eric D Trustee; Rd 49; 23.58 Acres; Pt E S E1/2 Ne1/4 Benton Twp S-15 Easement Ref V 586 P 1133
2/11/19 Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Theresa J Trustee To Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Eric D Trustee; Rd 52; 81.458 Acres; W1/2 Ne1/4 Benton Twp S-15 Easement Ref V 586 P 1133
2/11/19 Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Theresa J Trustee To Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Eric D Trustee; Rd 33; 38.936 Acres; Sw1/4 Sw1/4 Benton Twp S-27
2/12/19 Gilbert Zachary D To Gerardot Justin J Gerardot Anne J; 614 Plainfield Dr; 0.2652 Acres; Lot 12 Townline Acres Addpayne Vill
BLUE CREEK
2/11/19 Mielke Kenneth R & Mielke Lee Ann to Mielke David J Mielke Deborah K; Rd 87; 15.079 acres; S Pt Sw1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-3
2/11/19 Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Theresa J Trustee to Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Eric D Trustee; Rd 67; 80 acres; W1/2 Se1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-7
2/11/19 Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Theresa J Trustee to Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Eric D Trustee; Rd 48; 78.442 acres; E1/2 Sw1/4 Less 1.558A Blue Creek Twp S-18
2/11/19 Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Theresa J Trustee

to Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Eric D Trustee; Rd 59; 33 acres; Nwfr1/4Sw1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-18
CARRYALL TWP
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CARRYALL TWP
2/12/19 Milford Mark Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District o Milford Mark Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District; E River St; 0.2376 acres; Lot 14 S10'&Lot 15 85'Ws Smith Add Antwerp Vill
PAULDING TWP
2/11/19 Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Theresa J Trustee to Rager Roy J Trustee Rager Eric D Trustee; Rd 71; 80 acres; N1/2 Se1/4 S-18 Pldg Twp
2/11/19 Reinhart Clint to Haller Jonathan D; 720 Hoover Ave; 0.1653 acres; Lot 54 Noneman Subdiv Paulding Vill

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PHS AG STUDENTS MAKE A LAKE IN A BAG



By: Patrick Troyer, Paulding SWCD

Exactly how do we, as humans, have an impact on the quality of our water through our day? Students in the Paulding High School Ag Education Program learned this fact and much more during recent programs. Students in the Greenhouse Management enjoyed the "Lake in a Bag" program offered by the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District, which provided hands on opportunities for students to learn about the water quality issues which affect them on a daily basis.

Every day, all life on Earth depends on water for its survival and life cycles. Animals such as fish depend on a clean supply of water in lakes and streams for their survival as do frogs starting out as eggs laid in the water. Humans use water in a variety of different ways each day with reliance on a clean supply of water but each time that we use water, we are changing it in some way that often leads to pollution. How do we use water every day? We brush our teeth, bathe, cook, clean, take care of pets/livestock, water plants, wash our cars, and so much more.

To help understand how we impact our water quality, it was important that students understood how water moves through the environment. Watersheds describe an area of land in which all the water within the given area drains to a common body of water such as a river or a lake. These areas can be as small as a few acres or stretch across several states depending on the scope of the area involved. Movement of water through a watershed is determined by

the basics of the water cycle. Some major watersheds in our area include the Upper Maumee and Auglaize River.

The focus of the Lake in a Bag program was on water quality and the various ways that it is impacted by actions of humans or natural causes. One of the main things that students learned was the difference between point and non-point pollution which are the two ways water pollution is categorized. Point pollution is the type of pollution where the source is known with great certainty and is easily traceable. Common point sources include factory drain pipes or sewage ditches.

Tracking pollution is not always that easy though because generally what it seen is non-point source pollution. This type of pollution is much harder and trickier to track because the cause of the pollution could be coming from a wide variety of different sources. The pollution could be coming from the agricultural fields or homeowners using fertilizers and pesticides, cities. They all could be contributing or some could be contributing, the only way to know is through more extensive investigation.

To help learn about water quality and how it is easily impacted, the greenhouse students took part in an activity called Lake in a Bag. Students were given a small baggie with a clean lake (hair gel/hand sanitizer) which easily became polluted with grass clippings (glitter), animal waste (brown bead), fertilizer/pesticide (red bead), and car chemicals/soaps (blue food coloring). Once all the pollutants were added, we added a few drops of sunshine (yellow food coloring) to provide light for the algae to grow. Finally, we added some wind to mix up all of our pollutants and cause algae blooms. After students were done, their lakes were not so clean!

What is the impact of the pollutants and added nutrients? As many of us are well aware, algae blooms on Lake Erie. Eutrophication occurs when the environment becomes enriched with nutrients that fuels the growth of algae that cover the water in a thick green slime blocking sunlight and also depriving the water of oxygen. Block-

ing sunlight prevents aquatic plants from completing photosynthesis so they cannot make their own energy and fish then die when there is no oxygen for them to take in. In addition, water becomes unsafe for contact so beaches are closed and fisherman cannot venture out.

With each pollutant, we talked about a good practice to employ that would reduce the impact of pollution such as soil testing to determine fertilizer rates or picking up after our pets and even making sure farmers are properly storing their manure from their livestock. We all can do our part to make sure our water quality is always the best it can be! If you would like this program or another one, contact Patrick Troyer at 419-399-4771 or patrick.troyer@pauldingswcd.org so you too can join in the fun!

CUFFS & COLLARS

Field reports from ODNR Division of Wildlife Officers

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

While on patrol during the deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Tony Zerkle, assigned to Fairfield County, contacted a group of hunters returning to their vehicles after a deer drive. After checking licenses and deer permits, Officer Zerkle observed an untagged deer in the bed of a truck and asked who had shot the deer. One of the men admitted the deer had been loaded into the truck and driven from Licking County to Fairfield County without a temporary tag. The hunter was issued one summons for transporting the deer without having a tag filled out or attached. He was found guilty in the Fairfield County Municipal Court and paid \$275 in fines and court costs.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

During the 2018 deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Ryan Kennedy, assigned to Hardin County, received a complaint of someone hunting without permission. The complainant was hunting on property where he had permission and had come across another hunter who did not have permission to hunt the property. Officer Kennedy responded to the call and located the suspect, issuing the man a citation for hunting without permission. He pleaded guilty and paid a \$250 fine plus court costs.

In November 2018, State Wildlife Investigators Matthew Fisher and Jason Hadsell, both assigned to the Lake Erie Unit, were contacting waterfowl hunters when a boat with four people on board approached the ramp. Investigators Hadsell and Fisher asked to see the hunters' licenses, state and federal waterfowl stamps, and proof of HIP survey. While the four occupants were getting out of the boat, Investigator Hadsell saw a dead grebe laying on the floor. He asked who had shot the bird and one hunter indicated that he had, and it was only bird killed that day. Investigator Hadsell asked if he knew what kind of bird it was, and the man said it was a merganser. He informed the man that it was a grebe and was not legal to hunt in Ohio. Investigator Fisher searched the Ohio license system and found that one of the oth-

er hunters did not possess a valid federal duck stamp which is required to be carried while hunting waterfowl. That hunter was charged with hunting without having a federal stamp in his possession, and the other hunter was charged with killing a non-game bird for shooting the grebe. The hunter that had shot the grebe pleaded guilty to the charge in Conneaut Municipal Court and paid \$345 in fines and court costs. The case is still pending for the hunter that did not have his federal waterfowl stamp.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Jason Warren, assigned to Ashtabula County, and State Wildlife Investigator Brian Keyser were on patrol when they observed a vehicle lose traction in the snow and become stranded on railroad tracks. The officers then heard a train whistle in the distance. The two officers ran to the car and noticed that the car's tires were resting in deep groves that had been cut in the snowpack by train traffic. Officer Warren was able to quickly contact the Conneaut Police and the railroad company about the situation, and the train was stopped before the crossing. Another driver with a truck approached the crossing and pulled the vehicle free of the tracks. The driver of the vehicle thanked the officers for their assistance as they drove away.

In the evening following the last day of the deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Nick Turner, assigned to Harrison County, was on patrol in an area of suspected spotlighting activity. After dark, he observed a truck on the opposite ridge spotlight several fields. As the truck approached his position, Officer Turner could see the spotlight was being cast from the driver's side of the truck. He performed a traffic stop and uncovered multiple violations. Two Pennsylvania residents in the truck were in possession of a loaded rifle and an untagged deer. They also admitted to hunting deer all week without a non-resident hunting license or deer tag. Both individuals were charged and ordered to appear in court. Both men were convicted and ordered to pay a total of \$2,750 in fines, court costs, and restitution. In addition, their hunting privileges were revoked for six years, and the rifle, spotlight, and deer were forfeited to the ODNR Division of Wildlife.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

During the 2018 deer season, State Wildlife Officer Wes Feldner, assigned to Monroe County, was working an area known for spotlighting activity. Long after dark, Officer Feldner noticed a vehicle turning sideways in the road several times. Officer Feldner conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and the driver admitted to looking for deer in the field. A rifle was found inside the vehicle. The driver was cited for spotlighting and ordered to appear in the Monroe County Court. The individual pleaded guilty to the violations and was ordered to pay \$355 in fines and court costs. They were also sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended, and had their hunting license suspended for one year.

State Wildlife Officer Chris Gilkey, assigned to

Meigs County, and his K-9 partner Mattis were called to Muskingum County to assist with a ginseng case in the summer of 2018. Officer Gilkey and K-9 Mattis joined State Wildlife Officer Brad St. Clair, assigned to Noble County, to track the suspects from their last known location. The officers discovered several pieces of evidence, including an energy drink that K-9 Mattis indicated on. The officers tracked the suspects back to a road where it was later determined the individuals had been picked up by an accomplice. State Wildlife Officer Jeff Berry, assigned to Muskingum County, was able to use the energy drink can to identify a suspect from a surveillance video at a local gas station. The suspects were located and confessed, resulting in multiple charges.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

Earlier this winter, State Wildlife Officer Scott Cartwright, assigned to Carroll County, State Wildlife Investigator Kevin Behr, assigned to southwest Ohio, and ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft Investigator Troy Newman patrolled Brush Creek State Forest to address a Turn In a Poacher (TIP) report of unlawful all-purpose vehicle activity. A total of seven individuals were contacted and multiple violations were documented, such as operating an all-purpose vehicle in a non-designated area, placing bait on a public hunting area, and hunting white-tailed deer with more than one hunting implement. Four summonses were issued, and one handgun was seized. The individuals found guilty paid a total of \$940 in fines and court costs.

USDA AWARDS AGRICULTURAL TRADE PROMOTION PROGRAM FUNDING

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has awarded \$200 million to 57 organizations through the Agricultural Trade Promotion Program (ATP) to help U.S. farmers and ranchers identify and access new export markets. The ATP is one of three USDA programs created to mitigate the effects of unjustified trade retaliation against U.S. farmers and exporters. USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) accepted ATP applications between September 4 and November 2 - totaling nearly \$600 million - from U.S. trade associa-

tions, cooperatives, and other industry-affiliated organizations. USDA has released a list of the ATP funding recipients.

President Donald J. Trump authorized up to \$12 billion in programs to provide assistance to U.S. agriculture through a trade mitigation package announced by Secretary Perdue on September 4, 2018. In addition to the \$200 million allocated to the ATP, the package also included the Market Facilitation Program to provide payments to farmers harmed by retaliatory tariffs, and a food purchase and distribution program to assist producers of targeted commodities.

"At USDA, we are always looking to expand existing markets or open new ones, so we are proud to make good on the third leg of the President's promise to America's farmers," said Secretary Perdue. "This infusion will help us develop other markets and move us away from being dependent on one large customer for our agricultural products. This is seed money, leveraged by hundreds of millions of dollars from the private sector, that will help to increase our agricultural exports."

All sectors of U.S. agriculture, including fish and forest product producers, were eligible to apply for cost-share assistance under the ATP. FAS evaluated applications according to criteria that included the potential for export growth in the target market, direct injury from the imposed retaliatory tariffs, and the likelihood that the proposed project or activity will have a near-term impact on agricultural exports.

"We were pleased to see the large demand for participation in the program, and truly got some out-of-the-box ideas that we are hopeful will expand our global footprint," Perdue said. "We examined all applications carefully, considered our ranking criteria, and awarded the funds in order to make the best use of taxpayer dollars in growing agricultural trade."

WORKS AND MOORE LEAD EXPRESS PAST BOBCATS, 84-56

By: Chris Schmidbauer, Sports Information Director

Toledo, OH -- After a difficult first quarter, the Owens Women's Basketball team hit the accelerator and blew past Bryant & Stratton on Wednesday night to win by 28 points.

The Bobcats were the ag-

LAND AUCTION
MONDAY FEBRUARY 25TH @ 6PM
AUCTION LOCATION: WOODBURN, IN EAST ALLEN COUNTY
 • Zion Lutheran Church, 7616 Bull Rapids Rd. Woodburn, IN
PROPERTY LOCATION:
 • 20,000 Block of Ward Rd. Woodburn, IN
 • Located 1/4 mile East of Bull Rapids Road in Woodburn, IN.
TRACT DESCRIPTIONS:
TRACT 1: 40 ACRES± ALL TILLABLE!
 This tract has approximately 475 feet of road frontage along Ward Road and runs back approximately 2600 feet. The soils are predominantly Hoytville Silty Clay with a strip of Nappanee silty clay that crosses towards the front of the tract.
TRACT 2: 36.94± ACRES ALL TILLABLE!
 This tract has approximately 240 feet of road frontage along Ward Road and also runs back approximately 2600 feet. This too is mostly Hoytville Silty Clay soils with a couple of small areas of Nappanee silt loam.
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PAYNE STUDENTS LEARN DURING LIBRARY TIME



Devon Tumblin puts the finishing touches on the Balance game "Suspend" while friend Olivander McCague watches his progress. The library has MakerSpace projects such as a Marble

run wall, Keva contraption blocks, Lego wall, magnet building pieces and more. Payne Elementary students LOVE coming to the library not only for books, but to use their building skills.

gressor in the first period, leading the Express by five points at 14-9 with 3:10 to play. After a 30 second Bobcat time out, Owens would close the quarter on an 8-0 run to take a 17-14 lead into the second period.

The Express would make good use of the second quarter as well. Owens would outscore the Bobcats 24-8. The closest the Bobcats would get would be four points, after a three point basket by Rachelle White with 6:52 remaining before halftime. Owens would close the quarter on a 19-4 run to make the score 41-22 heading to the locker room.

The Bobcats would claw their way back in during the third quarter. Bryant & Stratton would go on an 8-0 over a two minute stretch to cut the Express lead to just single digits at 50-41 with 2:09 to play in the third. Taylor Works and Shyah Wheeler would finish the third with a pair of buckets to send Owens to the fourth with a 13 point lead.

Moreina Moore would take over in the fourth, scoring nine of her team high 23 points in the period. Owens would outscore the Bobcats 28-15 in the fourth period to take their 84-56 victory.

As stated, Moore led all scorers with 23 points on 8-15 shooting. She also finished with six steals and four rebounds. Taylor Works fin-

ished with 20 points on 6-10 shooting and she was efficient at the charity stripe, shooting 7-8. She also netted a double-double with 11 assists, which is a season high for the sophomore.

Shyah Wheeler, who was the offensive catalyst early in the ball game, finished with 19 points. The Elida native also grabbed six boards. Both Whitney Thames and Tori Kopp would end up with double digit rebounds. Thames had 13 while Kopp had 11 caroms on the night.

Liliana Velazquez contributed 11 points off the bench, including shooting three of four from beyond the arc.

As a team, Owens shot a shade below 50% at 49.2% (30-61) while Bryant & Stratton would finish shooting 34.9% (22-63) from the floor for the ball game.

The Express are now 18-8 overall on the season, while Bobcats fell to 2-19 overall.

Owens garnered its third consecutive OCCAC Player of the Week as Whitney Thames claimed the honor for the second time in three weeks. Thames was rewarded for her 15 point and 15 rebound effort against Lakeland last Saturday. She also had 10 rebounds in limited action against Sinclair the previous Wednesday. Owens has now had a player win the award five times this season. Thames is the first player to

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have won it twice this season for the Express. The other winners were Taylor Works, Shyah Wheeler, and Moreina Moore.

SHULL'S BIG NIGHT LIFTS PANTHERS PAST LANCERS

VAN WERT - Carson Shull hit five three-pointers and poured in a game high 32 points to lead the Paulding Panthers to a 66-52 win over Lincolnvew in Northwest Conference boys basketball action Friday night outside of Van Wert.

Shull hit a trio of three-pointers in the opening quarter and scored 11 points in all as Paulding grabbed a 17-14 advantage after one period.

The Lancers outscored the Panthers 16-6 in the second stanza to go on top 30-23 at the intermission.

Paulding then exploded for a 30-point third quarter, half of which were scored by Shull, as the maroon and white rallied for a 53-42 lead entering the final period.

Fletcher Cook scored 16 points to aid the Panther cause, hitting a trio of treys, while Jaret Miller bucketed 11 markers.

Blake McGarvey and Jacob Eblin also scored for Paulding, picking up five and two points, respectively.

The Lancers were paced by Alek Bowersock with a doz-

en points while Zane Miller and Ethan Kemler chipped in eight markers each.

Logan Williams (seven), Creed Jessee (six), Jake Bowersock (six) and Jorge Salinas (five) rounded out the Lincolnvew scorers.

Paulding, which is 9-9 overall and 4-3 in the Northwest Conference, committed only eight turnovers in the contest compared to Lincolnvew's 19.

The Lancers won the battle on the boards, 30-22.

From the field, the Panthers were 24 of 45 from the field for 53 percent compared to Lincolnvew's 21 of 51 (41 percent).

Paulding picked up the win in the junior varsity contest, capturing the 43-40 victory.

GOLDEN BEARS ROLL PAST PANTHERS FOR VICTORY

BRYAN - Host Bryan jumped in front of visiting Paulding and never looked back as the Golden Bears cruised to a 59-39 victory over the Panthers in non-league boys basketball action.

Bryan opened a 14-8 advantage at the end of one quarter before the Golden Bears expanded the lead to 32-13 at the intermission.

Paulding did outscore the Golden Bears 11-9 in the third period but Bryan still took a 41-24 advantage into the final period.

The biggest difference in the game came in the rebounding department as Bryan dominated the boards 40-12 in the contest. Bryan was 22 of 50 from the field, good for 44 percent, while Paulding was 13 of 39 from the field (33 percent).

Paulding committed fewer turnovers in the contest with only five compared to the Golden Bears' 11.

Caleb Zuver topped the Golden Bear attack with 21 points, all coming on three-point shots.

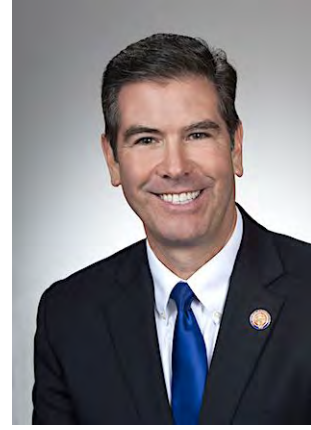
Reese Jackson added ten markers for Bryan while Titus Rohrer chipped in nine.

Other scorers for the Golden Bears were Connor Arthur (six), Adam Queen (six), Connor Shirkey (three), Canon Lamberson (two) and Conner Lemons (two).

Paulding was paced by Fletcher Cook with 11 points while Carson Shull added ten and Jaret Miller bucketed six markers.

Blake McGarvey chipped in four points followed by Seth Dysinger (three), Payton Beck-

REP. RIEDEL ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS



Representative Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) announced his committee assignments for the 133rd General Assembly:

- Higher Education (Vice Chairman)
- Economic and Workforce Development
- Commerce and Labor Speaker of the House
- Householder (R-Glenford) made the committee appointments this past Friday for the 133rd General Assembly of

man (two), Bailey Manz (two) and Hunter Kauser (one).

The junior varsity Panthers picked up the victory by defeating the Golden Bears 46-28.

ALLEN EAST WINS NWC TITLE

Allen East scored a total of 296.5 points to take the 2019 Northwest Conference Wrestling Championship held at Allen East High School. Bluffton finished second in the tournament with 270 points while Columbus Grove took third at 216 points. Repeating as conference champs for the third year in a row, Allen East's title was their eighth overall NWC wrestling championship.

Bluffton senior Deandre Nassar (195) was named Wrestler of The Year in the NWC as he became a 4-time champion in the event. Jeff Kleman of Bluffton was voted by his peers as NWC Coach of The Year.

Repeat winners from last year included Tayton Kleman (BL-106), Drake Carmean (AE, 113), Deandre Nassar (BL-195) and Dylan Sargent (CG-220). Bluffton led the way with 5 individual champions while Columbus Grove and Allen East each had 4

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

the Ohio House of Representatives.

"I am happy and excited to be a part of these three very important committees," Rep. Riedel said. "My 27 years of private business experience will be beneficial in these policy areas. In addition, it is a real honor to be selected as the Vice Chairman of the Higher Education Committee."

Representative Riedel is serving his second term in the Ohio House of Representatives. He represents Ohio's 82nd House District, which includes Defiance, Paulding and Van Wert counties, as well as part of Auglaize County.

individual champions in the tournament.

Individual high school champions are listed below:

- 106 - Tayton Kleman, 10, BL
- 113 - Drake Carmean, 10, AE
- 120 - Caleb Langhals, 12, CG
- 126 - Jeremy Sturgeon, 10, BL
- 132 - Brocke Sargent, 9, CG
- 138 - Josh Mehaffie, 10, BL
- 145 - Chase Miller, 9, AE
- 152 - Blake Hershberger, 10, AE
- 160 - Jackson Wilson, 9, BL
- 170 - Ezra Jones, 10, CG
- 182 - Adrian Simonin, 12, PL
- 195 - Deandre Nasser, 12, BL
- 220 - Dylan Sargent, 11, CG
- 285 - Brennan Davies, 11, AE

Team Standings:
VARSITY - Allen East 296.5; Bluffton 270; Columbus Grove 216; Delphos Jefferson 130; Spencerville 75; Ada 56; Paulding 51; Lincolnvew 18

JUNIOR HIGH - Spencerville 283; Allen East 280.5; Columbus Grove 201.5; Lincolnvew 145; Bluffton 125; Paulding 125; Ada 32.5

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Sheriff Deputy Position

Paulding County Sheriff's Office is currently seeking candidates for full-time Road Patrol Deputy, a union/classified position. A job description is available at the Sheriff's Office.

Applicants must possess a high school diploma or general education degree (GED). Must have a valid driver's license & Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission's Basic Police Training Certificate.

Applications are available at the office or www.pauldingohsheriff.com under General Information. Deadline is 9 a.m. on Friday, March 1, delivered to 500 East Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Please include daytime phone number, five year work history, copies of training certificates and three references with contact information.

CARL LINK RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO PORK INDUSTRY



Carl Link, Live Production Manager at Cooper Farms, was the recipient of a prestigious honor at The Ohio Pork Council's annual awards luncheon on Wednesday, Febru-

ary 13. The OPC Service Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates outstanding commitment and contribution to the pork industry.

Link has served the Ohio pork industry at the local, state and national levels, including service on the 15-member National Pork Board.

Executive Vice President of the Ohio Pork Council, Bryan Humphreys, believes Link personifies this award, and being the recipient was a long time coming.

"The OPC Service Award is presented to someone who has spent a lifetime giving back to the pork industry, and Carl Link is overdue for years of dedication," he said. "Not only promoting pork, but serving the industry as a whole through producers and growers."

Link has been with Cooper Farms for an astounding 50 years, beginning his career at St. Clair Mills before it became Cooper Farms in 1976.

Link is currently tran-

sitioning into a part-time role as he moves closer to a much-deserved retirement.

About Cooper Farms:

Keeping healthy live turkeys, hogs, chicken egg layers and producing quality food products has been a tradition for the Cooper family of Northwest Ohio for four generations. Founded in 1938 by Virgil and Virginia Cooper, Cooper Farms is still family owned and operated. Today, with the help of our team members, Cooper Farms is a leading food supplier, selling a variety of delicious fully cooked and ready-to-cook turkey, ham and chicken products, as well as table eggs and liquid egg products to customers throughout North America. Visit www.cooperfarms.com or www.facebook.com/cooperfarms for more information.

ROTARY WELCOMES WIZARD OF OZ CHARACTERS



The Antwerp Rotary was introduced to a preview of the upcoming play at Antwerp High School - The Wizard of

Oz. The young people from the school did a short number and talked about the play to the Rotarians!

ANTWERP CHAMBER HOSTS TRIVIA NIGHT

Tired of waiting for Frosty to melt; Jack Frost have you down? The Antwerp Chamber has the cure! Shake off those winter blues with a warm cozy fun night of trivia. Trivia Night is being hosted by Antwerp's own "boy genius" Josh Hahn. It will take place on March 2, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. at the Oasis Bar & Grill. Teams need to register at the Antwerp Chamber Facebook page. It will be five rounds with five questions each round plus bonus questions. Dust off your thinking cap, grab your smartest neighbor or friend and come join the fun!

TRULY DIVINE HOSTS TOWN HALL MEETING WITH STATE REP. CRAIG RIEDEL IN MARCH

Coffee with Craig! Meet Representative Craig Riedel & discuss important state issues impacting your life over a cup of joe. March 8th, 9:00-10:30 a.m. 117 W. Main St. Van Wert, OH 45891.

VANTAGE OPEN HOUSE & "TASTE OF VANTAGE"

Vantage Career Center will hold an Open House and Taste of Vantage on Monday, Feb. 25, 2019 from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. to celebrate National Career and Technical Education Month, which runs through February.

The Open House will highlight both the high school and Ohio Technical Center adult education programs, and is open to the public. "Vantage is opening up the building so our local communities we serve can see and experience how our high school and adult students learn every day" according to Community Relations Coordinator Miriam Owens. "This is a chance for prospective and current high school students and their parents, community members, business partners, alumni, and interested adult learners to see what opportunities are available to them at Vantage. We're also highlighting our newest OTC Adult Education Fire-fighter program and have local employers stationed throughout the building to speak with our guests. Any community member inter-

ested in touring our labs will not want to miss this opportunity to attend the Open House."

Vantage high school and OTC Adult Education instructors will be in their career technical labs, while students demonstrate the skills they've learned. An important student / parent informational session will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for any high school student wanting to apply for the 2019-2020 school year.

Career technical education is a strong force that contributes to the support of the local economy. It allows students an opportunity to be career and college ready, graduating with industry certifications and credentials, college credit, and hands-on experience in

their field. For graduating seniors and adults who are looking to continue their education, the Ohio Technical Center at Vantage provides an opportunity to advance your career path in a short amount of time, for a nominal amount of money.

The popular "Taste of Vantage" will be held in conjunction with Open House. Six area restaurants will be offering a delicious sampling of some of their most talked about cuisine. All proceeds support the Vantage school-wide Student Activity Fund. Enjoy chicken wings from Millie's Café in Ottoville. Taste a pork slider from Gibson's Barnyard BBQ from Convoy. Try a variety of meatballs from Van Wert's Black Angus on Main. Warm

up with a cup coffee and sweet cinnamon roll from Brewed Expression of Van Wert. Try award winning ice cream from The Creamery of Delphos. The Vantage Culinary Arts program will be serving their fabulous homemade Mexican chips and salsa. Don't be late because the food goes fast!

You could be the winner of a wooden Vantage bench being raffled off, DJ Ron Burt from Magic Moment Entertainment will be the emcee for the evening and will announce the special demonstrations and activi-

ties going on throughout the building. Listen for WERT Radio to come to you LIVE with several interviews from our amazing administrative team members and instructor.

To learn more about the

Vantage Open House, visit vantagecareercenter.com or the Vantage Career Center Facebook page.

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