

MANSFIELD – GUNDERMAN



Lindsey Mansfield and Daniel Gunderman have announced their engagement and upcoming wedding. The bride elect is the

daughter of Randy and Jan Mansfield. She graduated from Paulding High School Graduate, earned her Bachelor of Science in Finance from IPFW and is employed by Central Insurance Companies in Van Wert, Ohio.

The groom is the son of Debbra Lynn Ziegler (deceased) and Dana Gunderman. He graduated from Paulding High School and is employed by Adam's Farms in Oakwood, Ohio.

They will wed in a private ceremony at St. Pete Beach, Florida on January 16, 2020.

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PAYNE EXPANDING WITH NEW JOBS



An area known glass factory located in Payne, OH is announcing a \$1.5 million expansion that will be adding about 40 new jobs. Taylor Made Glass has been selected by parent company Lippert Components Inc. to get 3 new lines at the plant. There will be two glass fabrication cutters and one new wide format UV digital printer that will be replacing the silk screening glass printing that has been used for years.

The process for printing takes up quite a bit of space as each screen must be saved for clients when they reorder. It's not just a matter of hard drive storage, but takes up a lot of physical space in the storage room as there are many different patterns and prints that must be kept on hand in large wooden frames. The new printer will eliminate the storage needed and will all be done digitally, faster, with more abilities and less cleanup.

Taylor Made employs about 140 people in the area and they make window and glass systems for various types of vehicles in the marine, construction, agriculture and SUV industries. Lippert Components Inc is also shifting about 40 jobs from the Kendallville, IN operations that builds boat windshields.

The new jobs will begin to be filled after the New Year according to plant manager, Brian Lichty. The positions to be filled are in warehousing and operations.

REP. JIM BANKS ANNOUNCES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINEES

Congressman Jim Banks (IN-03) announced that he has nominated 12 students from Indiana's 3rd Congressional

District for acceptance to U.S. Service Academies as the Class of 2024.

Said Rep. Banks, "These twelve bright, young men and women represent the best northeast Indiana has

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• New Years Day Meat Shoot @ ACC, 12Noon
- January 5**
• Prayer Meeting @ Cecil Comm Church, 6pm
- January 8**
• Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm
- January 13**
• Pregnancy Loss Support Group @ Hands of Hope, Paulding, 6:30pm
- January 15**
• Venison Preparation & Canning Seminar @ Antwerp Conservation Club, 6-9pm
- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm
- Free To Grow group @ Cecil Comm. Church, 11:30am
- January 18**
• Beginner Reloading Class @ Antwerp Conservation Club, 9a-12p
- Van Wert Night w/FW Komets, 7:30pm
- January 22**
• Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm
- Free To Grow group @ Cecil Comm. Church, 11:30am
- January 24**
• Paulding Chamber Chili Cook Off @ Branch Christian Fellowship, 11a-1p

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OBITUARIES

OAKWOOD, OH
Edward W. Etter, 81 of Oakwood died Thursday, December 26, 2019 at his residence. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Monday December 30, 2019 at Heitmeier Funeral Home.

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATING DOUBLE FATAL

Tully Township - The Ohio State Highway Patrol's Van Wert Post is investigating a double fatal crash that occurred at approximately 8:05 P.M. on Tuesday evening, December 24, 2019, on U.S. 30 westbound at State Route 49 North in Van Wert County.

Unit 1, a 2019 Chevrolet Impala, driven by Brandon J. Lee, age 44, of Lima, Ohio, was southbound on State Route 49. Unit 2, a 2016 Chevrolet Cruze, driven by Nadia K. Truman, age 32, of Parma Heights, Ohio, was westbound on U.S. 30. Mr. Lee slid beyond the stop sign and came to a stop in the driving lane of westbound U.S. 30. Truman's vehicle struck Lee's vehicle. Lee's vehicle came to final rest on the north shoulder of U.S. 30. Truman's vehicle came to final rest in the passing lane of westbound U.S. 30.

Mary A. Lee, age 56, also of Lima, Ohio, was a rear seat passenger in the Lee vehicle. Both she and Brandon Lee were pronounced dead

at the scene by the Van Wert County Coroner, Dr. Norman D. Means. An additional passenger of the Lee vehicle was transported by Van Wert EMS to Parkview Regional Medical Center for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

Nadia Truman was transported by Convoy to Parkview Regional Medical Center for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

The crash resulted in a closure of U.S. 30 westbound at State Route 49 North during the crash investigation and scene clean up. The roadway has since been reopened.

The Van Wert Post was assisted on scene by Convoy Volunteer Fire Department and EMS personnel, Van Wert Fire and EMS, Ohio Department of Transportation - Van Wert Facility, Van Wert County Sheriffs Office, and Hague Towing.

Alcohol is not believed to be a factor. The crash remains under investigation.

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

JESUS - THE REAL GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

The real gift of Christmas is Jesus Christ. God had a plan for the Virgin Mary, she was chosen to be the mother of the Son of God. God's spirit came down shadow on Mary, Jesus was conceived and born

in Bethlehem. We don't know what month he was born so we celebrate his birthday on Christmas Day.

The love that flows at Christmas time should throughout the coming years. This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A free gift is Jesus Christ for the asking Repent and Believe in Jesus. God loved us and gave his Son for the sins of the world. Jesus was the sacrifice for all of us. Remember the gift and the giver and go to church. He paid the price. He was perfect, but we are not, just forgiven. God gave his only begotten Son. Would you do this? Keep Christ is Christmas

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Written by:
 Arlene Lee Bachman

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND DIRT AND WEEDS

By: Lonnie Lambert, Oakwood Church of Christ

Some of Jesus' sayings and parables are baffling at first glance. When we first hear Jesus characterize citizens of his kingdom as impoverished, sorrowful, happy-to-be-persecuted beggars, we might be confused. When he told people to eat his flesh and drink his blood - a metaphor for absorbing Jesus' life and teachings into themselves - many followers were disgusted and left him (John 6:66).

How do we comprehend these things? How do we better understand Jesus' words?

1) *The simplest explanation is usually the right one.* While on earth, Jesus chose things like dirt, weeds, and flowers to teach some of the greatest truths (Matthew 6:25-33). Jesus kept it simple. The common people - the average person - "heard him gladly" (Mark 12:37). They comprehended him easily. The spiritual elites believed the average, unlearned Israelite was incapable of understanding God's word (John 7:49). Who was right?

2) *Jesus meant to be understood.* Though Jesus kept his teachings veiled from those who meant him or his disciples harm, ultimately, he meant to be understood. This was prophesied (Psalm 78:1-2; Matthew 13:14-15; cf. Isaiah 6:9-10). The most important truths of Scripture are not hard to grasp. There are curiosities we may never have answered, but the truths we need to know are plain. Isn't it reasonable to assume that Jesus intended to be un-

derstood?
 3) *Hearing is a heart issue.* We can listen with our ears, but hearing is a spiritual exercise. It is a discipline. When one is convinced Jesus is the resurrected son of God, he will seek to understand Jesus more, rather than balk at the difficulties sometimes inherent in his words. If we complain about Jesus' words being too difficult, could we be revealing our own heart problem?

Do you understand dirt and weeds? Flowers and grass? What about ovens, salt, light, and taxes? One of the great questions we can ask ourselves is, "Do I really want to know?" Far more difficult than comprehending the words of Jesus is applying them.

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LOST AND FOUND

By: Doris Applegate

"As a bird that wanders from its nest and is vulnerable (Proverbs 27:8), so we as a nation have left the "nest" of our Judeo-Christian foundation where we once taught our children from the Holy Bible and they were graded in school on their knowledge of the scriptures.

Today we are teaching Islam in many of our schools while our children are denied Bible reading, prayer and learning the Ten Commandments and are learning many sexual and perverse abominations that God HATES!

Our children are illiterate in the things of God and we MUST pray fervently for change.

We have not only wandered from the "nest" we are LOST! Only God and His MERCY and GRACE can help with this problem. We have many good, godly men and women in our government who are standing in the GAP for righteousness and justice for which we are thankful.

As we realize how great the problem, fast and pray we will see God move for us! "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, THEN will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal this LAND!" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

It is time to seek the Lord. As the song "change our hearts, O God, make us ever true.; change our hearts, may we be like you." may this be

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

—John 16:33

CHRISTMAS CAROLING



The Oakwood Elementary fifth and sixth grade choir enjoyed caroling to local businesses on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 19th. Shown are some of the carolers at the library in Oakwood.

our heartfelt prayer as we seek our way as a nation that was founded on Godly principles.

As we lift "high the banner of truth and righteousness again" (Psalm 20:5) we will gather great momentum and begin to see others join in also.

Sorrow of heart, discouragement and a feeling of hopelessness will be overcome as we, the church of Jesus Christ encourage each other and do what is written in 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Amen!

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
 What does it mean in Matthew 1:19 when it says Joseph did not want to make Mary a public example?

God has always insisted on sexual purity. If a woman engaged to a man would have consensual relations with another man, the man to whom she was engaged had alternatives:

1. He could have her stoned as a public example to deter others from such immorality. (Deuteronomy 22) When Joseph was informed Mary was expecting, his mind had to be spinning with unbelief and confusion. He obviously still loved Mary and was not willing to have her put to death.

2. His second alternative was to put her away (or divorce her), as the engagement was as binding as a marriage. Joseph may have thought perhaps Mary found someone else she loved more, and the baby should not be denied its real father.

As Joseph thought on these things, an angel enlightened and instructed him to proceed and take Mary in marriage with God's blessing, "...because that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 1:20

Waiting on God during tough decisions is always the best part of wisdom.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION NORTHWEST OHIO CHAPTER OFFERS FREE CARE PLANNING FOR FAMILIES

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter is offering one-on-one consultations for families impacted by Alzheimer's disease or other dementias in Sandusky and Ottawa counties.

During the consultation, families can work with a trained social worker to build an individualized plan of care. The Alzheimer's Association can also connect families with other community resources that might be helpful.

In Sandusky County, the free consultations happen the fourth Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) Fremont Senior Center, 1101 Castalia St., Fremont, Ohio. To schedule a consultation, call 419-334-8181 and ask for Barb.

In Ottawa County, families can meet with an Alzheimer's Association social worker on the first Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Riverview Health Care Campus, 8180 West State Route 163 in Oak Harbor, Ohio. To schedule a free consultation, call 419-898-2851 and ask for Kim.

Special arrangements can be made if families need to meet at a different time. There are 32,000 individuals in Northwest Ohio with Alzheimer's disease, which is a fatal brain disease that cannot be prevented, cured or slowed.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. If you need immediate assistance, anyone can call the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

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MT. CALVARY YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT



30 young and old members of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church gathered together to spread some Christmas cheer on December 23. The church collected items throughout December for the PATH center in Defiance, Ohio and our church family graciously delivered these goods, along with monetary donations for this organization. Participants also served meals and shared in Christmas caroling with the families.

CARBON CREDIT PAYMENTS

Companies are now starting to pay farmers to build and store soil carbon. Starting in 2020, carbon credits will be publicly traded and farmers can sign up to get paid on an annual basis the soil carbon they store. Why are companies willing to pay farmers to put carbon in the soil? First, carbon dioxide is a major greenhouse gas that is regulated as a potential pollutant. It is extremely expensive for companies to reduce their carbon footprint or reduce the emission of atmospheric carbon dioxide. It is cheaper for companies to pay someone else to tie up carbon dioxide as soil carbon than it is for them to do it themselves. Carbon trading with verification is required for this transaction to occur. Since farming practices are variable, the payment needs to be verified over time.

Soil is a major storehouse for carbon and carbon dioxide. Approximately 2.5 times all the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere could be stored in the soil. Ohio soils originally had 5-6% soil organic matter in the top furrow slice (6.7 inches) of soil. Most Ohio soils today only have about 2-3% SOM, so an additional 2-4% SOM could be stored as soil carbon. While leaves take in carbon dioxide for photosynthesis and expel oxygen, roots do the opposite, taking in oxygen and expelling carbon dioxide. That's why the atmosphere is roughly 400 parts per million (PPM) carbon dioxide and the soil is 3,000 to 10,000 PPM.

A carbon credit is a generic term for any tradable certificate or permit representing the right to emit one tonne (metric ton) of carbon dioxide or the equivalent amount of a different greenhouse gas. One tonne of carbon dioxide trades for about \$15 per tonne or 1 carbon credit. Farmers could potentially get credit and paid for 2-3 carbon cred-

its per year if they adopt management practices that gains soil carbon.

Most companies are planning to pay only 1/10 the value of each carbon credit over a period of ten years due to verification. The first year, 2-3 carbon credits valued at \$15 are worth \$30-45 so a farmer would be paid \$3-\$4.50 per acre. The second year, if the farm gains another 2-3 credits, a farmer could gain \$3 to \$4.50 plus the first years second installment of \$3-\$4.50 or roughly \$6-9 per acre. As long as the farm can continue to gain or maintain carbon, they will get the graduated payments. Since carbon credits are traded on the open market, the value may fluctuate. Depending on supply and demand, low demand may mean carbon credit prices fall below \$15 per tonne, however most experts think the price may vary from \$10 to \$50 per carbon dioxide tonne or carbon credit.

The fastest way to lose carbon is to till the soil which results in the immediate loss of carbon dioxide from the soil. Tillage incorporates excess oxygen into the soil and speeds up the microbial decomposition of soil carbon by soil microbes. Raising low carbon crops like soybeans also results in a loss of soil carbon dioxide. Soil texture is important, with sandy soils being more permeable and able to hold much less carbon than clay or silty clay soils.

The fastest way to gain soil carbon and carbon credits is converting to long-term no-till, adding high carbon crops (corn and wheat), and adding cover crop mixtures high in carbon, (grasses primarily but also legumes to stabilize soil carbon). The majority (80-85%) of soil carbon is stored in the soil macroaggregates, so it is not the residue on the soil surface which is important, it's the roots. Adding root diversity or cover crop mixes allows a variety of roots (tap roots from broadleaves and legumes and fibrous roots from grasses)

to populate the soil year-round to increase soil carbon through root exudates (sugars and carbohydrates). Building soil carbon is a slow process because almost 60% to 80% of carbon in the plant residue, especially surface residue, is lost to the atmosphere each year. Since roots are more protected, the carbon in the roots make up the majority of soil carbon. For more information, look up carbon credits on the internet or check out the Indigoag.com website for more details.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS BY NHEG

Over fifty toys were distributed to the NW Ohio families for Christmas thanks to a collaboration between the New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) and two anonymous community sponsors. NHEG director Pamela Clark created a Facebook page seeking out families that needed food and gifts for Christmas. Pamela Clark stated, "This is the first time we have helped with this project, and it has been a truly beautiful experience. A parent contacted NHEG and stated that they needed help for Christmas. I thought that posting a page on Facebook titled "NW Ohio families in need of Christmas gifts and/or Dinner" might bring sponsorship for some of the families."

The total number of families helped through donations and/or sponsorship were fourteen families and forty-three children were given gifts. Pamela Clark connected with everyone that left a comment on the FB page. Because of the generous donors, NHEG was able to provide toys to the local families that left comments on the page. The remainder of the toys were given to Santa at the NorthTowne Mall for distribution.

SPORTS CARD SHOW

Saturday, January the 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Ramada Plaza Center and Travel Hotel (formally the Hotel Fort Wayne) located at 305 E Washington Center Rd (exit 312a off of I-69) in Fort Wayne, Indiana there will be a sports card and collectibles show. Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance with both sport and non-sport cards and collectibles. Featured will be vintage and new singles, hobby boxes

and supplies . . . attendance is free and the public is invited to attend.

Please feel free to bring your items in for appraisal. For more information please contact Brian Mayne at 260-824-4867 or mcs cards@icloud.com or on facebook at mcs cards.

PANTHERS FALL IN SEMIS

BRYAN - Fairview limited Paulding to a pair of points in overtime as the Lady Apaches recorded a 52-49 opening-round win over the Panthers in the Bryan Holiday Classic last week.

Paulding held a slim 13-12 lead after eight minutes of action before the black and gold rallied to grab a 22-20 half-time advantage.

After the maroon and white outscored Fairview 18-8 in the third quarter to seize a 38-30 margin entering the fourth quarter, the Apaches again responded. The black and gold picked up 17 fourth quarter points compared to nine for Paulding to knot the game at 47-47 at the end of regulation.

In the extra session, Fairview added five markers while holding Paulding to a pair in recording the 52-49 victory.

Riley Mealer topped the Lady Apaches with 20 points while Carrie Zeedyk added 14 and Kiersten Cline bucketed six.

Cassie Mavis and Michelle Marshall chipped in five markers apiece for Fairview, which improved to 6-3 with the victory. Kendall Baker also had two points for the black and gold.

Chelsi Giesige poured in 20 points to pace Paulding, which drops to 7-3 overall.

Leigha Egnor added nine markers for the Lady Panthers and Sydney McCullough scored six. Janae Pease and Sadie Estle each had four for the maroon and white while Jalynn Parrett and Audrey Giesige added three each.

A NEW WAY TO TURN HEAT INTO ENERGY

An international team of scientists has figured out how to capture heat and turn it into electricity.

The discovery, published this week in the journal Science Advances, could create more efficient energy generation from heat in things like car exhaust, interplanetary space probes and industrial processes.

"Because of this discovery, we should be able to make more electrical energy out of heat than we do today," said study co-author Joseph Heremans, professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering and Ohio State University. "It's something that, until now, nobody thought was possible."

The discovery is based on tiny particles called paramagnons-bits that are not quite magnets, but that carry some magnetic flux. This is important, because magnets, when heated, lose their magnetic force and become what is called paramagnetic. A flux of magnetism-what scientists call "spins"-creates a type of energy called magnon-drag thermoelectricity, something that, until this discovery, could not be used to collect energy at room temperature.

"The conventional wisdom was once that, if you have a paramagnet and you heat it up, nothing happens," Heremans said. "And we found that that is not true. What we found is a new way of designing thermoelectric semiconductors-materials that convert heat to electricity. Conventional thermoelectrics that we've had over the last 20 years or so are too inefficient and give us too little energy, so they are not really in widespread use. This changes that understanding."

Magnets are a crucial part of collecting energy from heat: When one side of a magnet is heated, the other side-the cold side-gets more magnetic, producing spin, which pushes the electrons in the magnet and creates electricity.

The paradox, though, is that when magnets get heated up, they lose most of their magnetic properties, turning them into paramagnets-"almost-but-not-quite magnets," Heremans calls them. That means that, until this discovery, nobody thought of using paramagnets to harvest heat because scientists thought paramagnets weren't capable of collecting energy.

What the research team found, though, is that the

paramagnons push the electrons only for a billionth of a millionth of a second-long enough to make paramagnets viable energy-harvesters.

The research team-an international group of scientists from Ohio State, North Carolina State University and the Chinese Academy of Sciences (all are equal authors on this journal article)-started testing paramagnons to see if they could, under the right circumstances, produce the necessary spin.

What they found, Heremans said, is that paramagnons do, in fact, produce the kind of spin that pushes electrons.

And that, he said, could make it possible to collect energy.

Ohio State graduate student Yuanhua Zheng is also an author on this work. The research was conducted in partnership with additional researchers at the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory and was supported by the National Science Foundation, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research and the U.S. Department of Energy.

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to offer. Because of their academic success, each one of them had the option to attend a wide-range of top tier universities. They have chosen to serve their country and commit themselves to the American military. It's remarkable to see such a strong sense of patriotism and duty at such a young age. I wish each of them the best of luck in the final stage of the admissions process.

BACKGROUND: Admission to a Service Academy is a two-tiered process. First, the applicant must directly apply to the Academy and meet the set minimum standards. These standards include, but are not limited to medical, physical, and academic qualifications. The second tier in pursuing admissions is the nominations process. A nomination does not guarantee admission to a service academy, but it's required to be considered. On November 16, 2019, Congressman Banks' U.S. Service Academy Advisory Board interviewed students seeking a nomination to U.S. Service Academies.

List of Indiana's Third District Nominees:

United States Military Academy: Abigail Buczak - Bishop Dwenger High School; Colby Fleming - Homestead High School; Ryan Schneider - Carroll High School (*Also nominated to the United States Naval Academy and

the United States Air Force Academy); William Schneider - Carroll High School (*Also nominated to the United States Naval Academy and the United States Air Force Academy); Bailey Spurr - Homestead High School (*Also nominated to the United States Naval Academy); McKenna Tuggle - Canterbury School (*Also nominated to the United States Naval Academy, United States Air Force Academy, and United States Merchant Marine Academy).

United States Naval Academy: Mark Dely - Homestead High School (*Also nominated to the United States Military Academy); Daniel Herschberger - Woodlan Jr/Sr High School (*Also nominated to the United States Military Academy and United States Merchant Marine Academy); Carter Roach - Homestead High School; Luke Stockel - Carroll High School (* Also nominated to the United States Merchant Marine Academy); Wilson Whicker - Concordia Lutheran High School (*Also nominated to the United States Military Academy, United States Air Force Academy, and United States Merchant Marine Academy).

United States Air Force Academy: Matthew Minnich - Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics & Humanities

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WINTER WINTER WINTER

By: Stan Jordan

Winter means different things to different people. I guess it's your age, your temperament, your health, your hobbies and really lots of things, and yes there are different parts of winter.

For kids, they like snow. Cold weather doesn't seem to bother kids, they like the snow, ice and sleet. First, school might be closed... a day of no classes. Mom gets tired of the kids in the house so she dresses them up in warm clothes and outside they go. Of course they track in water, snow and mud, plus some of the neighbor kids. If you're a hunter, you like a good tracking snow. If you have a snow mobile, you want plenty of snow and winter.

A farmer likes a good layer of snow on his wheat field. If he still has a crop in the field to harvest, he likes cold weather to freeze the ground, so no mud. If the snow comes after Christmas, the kids can use all the new sleds and toys they received.

An ice fisherman can make good use of very cold weather. They have all kinds of equipment to cut the cold air.

The men who own and operate snow moving equipment, they can use a little snow, maybe a lot of snow! The clothing store people like the cold and snow because they can sell heavy clothes, overshoes, boots, gloves, you name it. The garage people will tune up your vehicle and look at the radiator and battery. The natural gas people and the oil people need bad weather for them to make a living.

I guess this winter weather and what it brings is who and what you are and do.

I hate winter!
See ya!

OUR TRIP TO BEN'S

By: Stan Jordan

I remember one time, I went to see Ben Franklin, it was in the fall, and everyone was busy getting in the crops

and the wood and kindling for winter.

Well, Ben was glad to see me and Juan Valdez and we went down to a joint by the docks. This was Thanksgiving time in that area. Some folks were working hard and some were finished with their work and were having a good time.

Now the four of us, Juan, Ben, me and Ben's girl, sat in the corner and listened to some arguments about those lousy Englishmen. Both types were there; some talked about leaving the English rule and some were for staying with the status quo.

Now I'm telling you, the talk ran loud and long. We just listened and drank some home brew. Some young fellow making some good points on breaking with England, was named Nathan Hale. He was sitting at a table with a man named Paul Revere.

We sat there quite a while and the talk got louder so we got out of the back door before the tempers got worse. Ben was staying in an inn and we stayed in his room for the night. His girl friend lived on the other side of town, and she went on home.

The next day the town held a big dinner and celebration because all the work was done and time to rest. Everybody was to carry in some food of their liking.

There was potatoes, gravy, noodles, dressing, all garden vegetables, deer, bear, turkey, squirrel, crab, lobster, lots of pies, cakes and puddings. We were invited to dinner and it was an enjoyable time. All you can eat of everything.

Juan took some children a ride on his burro and that went over pretty good.

See ya!

ME ME

By: Stan Jordan

I was a rural letter carrier out of Antwerp from 1949 to 1981 and I liked that job and loved all of my 165 families. I watched them get older and all of their children grow up. Now the children have children and I am always glad to see and talk with one of those folks.

The whole month of December was different. In those years, everyone sent a lot of Christmas cards and other types of greetings and well wishes.

If the weather was good, sometimes people would go shopping and they might stop me along the road and pick up their daily mail, but they would always be in a gay mood. At that time Glen-

brook was the place to go and Pauline and I went there often.

At that time I always had mail for every box because of all the greetings and advertising. I always carried flag stamps but that time of year I would also have Christmas stamps and they weren't 50 cents each.

Over this century that I have lived, stamps have gone from one or two cents to over 50 cents, but I guess everything else has gone up also. If you go along with high tech, electric and hydraulic life it is pretty darned good.

People are different but they still are the same. We still celebrate Christmas with the tree and colored lights and that jolly seasonal feeling it there.

Here in town they collected for Christmas For Kids, Coats For Kids and boots and shoes for the needy. I am surely in favor of their volunteers, even food for the needy, yes I know that feeling should last all year but it is a good goal any how.

I am an old geezer but I still enjoy Christmas, the holidays, the lights, the colors and all that goes with the season, but there is still the loneliness.

See ya!

THIS AND THAT

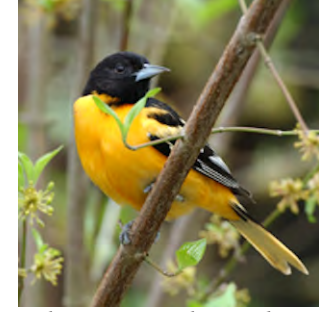
By: Stan Jordan

Well the Ohio State Buckeyes ran into the Clemson Tigers on Saturday night and were defeated in a close game, that ended the Buckeye's win streak at 19. That is still a fine record.

Louisiana State walked all over Oklahoma. If the boys would have won over Clemson they would have met LSU and I'm not sure how that would have been.

I understand that the Antwerp Archers won the SR 49 Tournament. That brings their win streak to 8 in a row.

CELEBRATING OHIO WILDLIFE: BALTIMORE ORIOLE



Baltimore Oriole, credit to ODNR.

By: Patrick Troyer, Paulding SWCD

"Take me out to the ball game, take me out to the crowd". Many of you are likely now wondering if this article is going to be about baseball or have something to do with nature. Rest assured it is the latter! For this week's article on Ohio Wildlife, we take a look at a member of the bird family that is also the mascot for a major league baseball team in Baltimore, Maryland, Sit back and relax as we learn about the Baltimore Oriole and its habits right here in Ohio.

The Baltimore Oriole is a member of the blackbird family which is one of the most numerous bird families that populate Ohio. According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), members of this family are medium in size

and come in a wide array of colors in addition to varying habits. Baltimore Orioles are easy to spot particularly the male that has a black head, bright orange breasts and tails with white patches on their wings. Females are not as vibrant as the males appearing in a dull year and brown color. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology notes that the vibrant whistling song of the oriole beaming from the treetops is a welcome sign of spring all throughout the eastern half of North America.

The nest of the Baltimore Oriole is one that bears quite a few unique qualities. ODNR writes that the oriole nest is a woven nest built six inches deep hanging from a tree limb with natural materials and even string or yard woven into the nest. On average, the Baltimore Oriole will lay around four to six eggs that incubate for eleven to fourteen days. The young depart the nest within two weeks after hatching. ODNR says that it is common to see the oriole much of the summer living in open woods that feature large shade trees such as elms.

How can you attract these beautiful birds to your backyard? One of the top suggestions is having plenty of ripe fruit available as a food source. Cornell recommends cutting oranges in half and then hanging them from trees as one way to attract them or you could even try putting out minimal amounts of jelly on the feeder. They also like to have fruits that are bright in color so try planting species that have flowers with nectar like raspberries or crab apples.

After reading this article, you may still be wondering how exactly the Baltimore Oriole received its name. According to Cornell, they received their name due to their bright orange and black feathers that bears resemblance to the crest of England's Baltimore Family. Who knew!

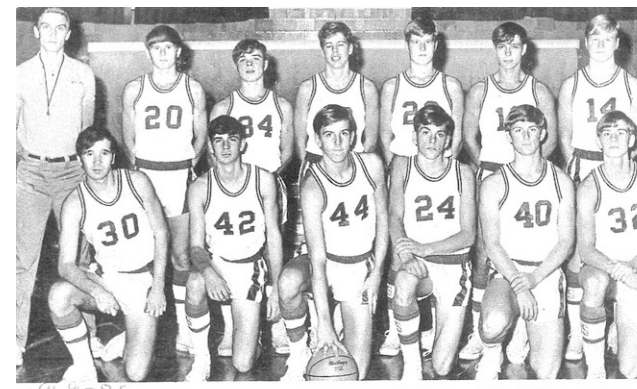
Have you seen a Baltimore Oriole before? If so, we would love to see your photos as part of our photo contest running now through June 8th. Grab those amazing outdoor shots and win money at the same time! Check out our website www.pauldingswcd.org or our Facebook page for complete details!

USDA OFFERS TRIBAL STUDENTS CAREER-TRACK SCHOLARSHIPS IN AGRICULTURE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the opening of the 2020 scholarship application cycle for the USDA 1994 Tribal Scholars Program. The program aims to increase the number of tribal college and university students studying agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, and other agriculture-related disciplines. The program is available through the USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE).

The USDA 1994 Tribal Scholars Program was established in 2008 in partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and 1994 institutions, tribally controlled colleges and universities with land-

OLD TIMERS



ANTWERP — The Antwerp Archers include: from left, first row, Jack Schill, Ed Jones, Dave Miller, Larry Atchley,

Rick Schlatter and Tim Peffley, and back row, Coach Lounie Bostelman, Dave McCalla, Mike Culler, Tom Sigg, Neil Ramsler, Steve Peters and Randy Hughes

By: Stan Jordan

This photo of the Antwerp Archers is maybe of the 1969-1970 school year.

I remember all those boys, but I'm just not sure about the date nor their game record for that season.

grant status. The program provides full tuition, fees, books, and workforce training to students pursuing degrees in agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or related academic disciplines. When the student has completed the academic and summer work requirements of the scholarship, USDA may convert the student to a permanent employee without further competition.

"The USDA 1994 Tribal Scholars Program is an important way to collaborate with Indian Country and its tribal colleges and universities. Together we can train the workforce for 21st century agriculture and promote tribal agriculture," said Mike Beatty, Director of USDA's Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement.

This program is among several USDA efforts to build the capacities of 1994 institutions. Since the passage of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 and the Federal Agriculture Improvement Act of 1996, USDA has supported scholarships, research, education, extension activities, and grants for facilities and equipment at these institutions.

Tribal colleges and universities (aka "1994s") play a significant role among tribal nations. These institutions serve as anchors in their communities, advance tribal health, promote economic opportunity, further environmental conservation, and prepare young people for the workforce. In addition to offering the distinctive land-grant mix of research, education and extension, they also frame that education in the context of

Native American history, indigenous knowledge, and traditions. Today there are 36 federally recognized tribal colleges and universities designated as land-grants.

The USDA 1994 Tribal Scholars Program is available to high school seniors entering their freshman year of college, and current freshman, sophomore, or juniors. General requirements include U.S. citizenship, a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and acceptance to, or currently attending a 1994 institution to study agriculture, food, and natural resources. The scholarship is renewable each year and is contingent on satisfactory academic performance and normal progress toward an associates or a bachelor's degree. Additional requirements are listed in the application package.

All application materials must be postmarked by February 09, 2020. See the high school application (PDF, 577 KB) and the college application (PDF, 592 KB) for details. For other questions, email 1994@usda.gov.

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"On behalf of the 113th Engineer Battalion, I would like to thank you for your thoughts and we look forward to completing our mission and coming home!"
 —CPT Timothy Lockie

IS MARKET TIMING A SMART INVESTMENT STRATEGY?



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

You may have heard that timing is everything. And in many walks of life, that may be true – but not necessarily when it comes to investing. To understand why this is so, let's look at three common mistakes investors make: Selling investments and moving to cash when stocks are predicted to drop – If you follow the financial news on cable TV or the internet, you're eventually bound to discover some "experts" who are predicting imminent, huge drops in the stock market. And on rare occasions, they may be right – but often they're not. And if you were to sell some of your stocks or stock-based investments

based on a prediction and move the money to cash or a cash equivalent, you could miss out on possible future growth opportunities if the predictor was wrong. And the investments you sold still could have played a valuable part in your portfolio balance. Selling underperforming assets in favor of strong performers – As an investor, it can be tempting to unload an investment for one of those "hot" ones you read about that may have topped one list or another. Yet there's no guarantee that investment will stay on top the next year, or even perform particularly well. Conversely, your own underperformers of today could be next year's leaders. Waiting for today's risk or uncertainty to disappear before investing – Investing always involves risk and uncertainty. Instead of waiting for the perfect time to invest, you're better off building a portfolio based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

of these stocks or funds has dropped, so you could end up selling investments that could still be doing you some good many years into the future. While trying to time the market is a difficult investment strategy even for the professionals, it doesn't mean you can never take advantage of falling prices. In fact, you can use periodic dips in the market to buy quality assets at more attractive prices. Suppose, for example, that you invested the same amount of money every month into the same investments. One month, your money could buy more shares when the price of the investment is down – meaning you're automatically a savvy enough investor to take advantage of price drops. While your money will buy fewer shares when the price of the investment is up, your overall investment holdings will benefit from the increase in price. Buying low and selling high sounds like a thrilling way to invest. But in the long run, you're better off by following a consistent investment strategy and taking a long-term perspective. It's time in the market, rather than timing the market, that helps keep portfolio returns moving in the right direction over time.

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PANTHERS NIPPED BY INDIANS

DEFIANCE - Paulding made the trip to Defiance College Friday night where the Panthers came up short in the opening round of the holiday tournament in falling to Wauseon 38-37. The maroon and white led after eight minutes of action 13-12 but the Indians limited the Panthers to three second quarter while scoring five for a 17-16 halftime advantage. Wauseon added nine more markers in the third quarter with Paulding picking up seven, giving the Indians a 26-23 margin entering the final stanza. Paulding did outscore Wauseon 14-12 in the fourth quarter but the maroon and white came up one point short of a victory.

Blake McGarvey led all scorers in the contest with 18 points and Seth Dysinger added nine for the maroon and white. Payton Beckman chipped in seven while Deyton Price scored two and Evan Edwards picked up one for the Panthers. Wauseon was led by Jonas Testor with 11 points and Tyson Britsch posted nine markers. Connor Penrod bucketed seven markers for the Indians followed by Sean Brock (six), Noah Tester (three) and Isaac Wilson (two) completing the scoring.

RAMS CRUISE PAST PANTHERS

DEFIANCE - Tinora cruised to a 49-24 win over Paulding in the consolation game of the Defiance College Holiday Tournament Saturday night in boys basketball action. The Rams used a dominating effort on the glass as the green and white outrebounded Paulding 29-15 in the contest. Tinora also shot 45 percent from the field in the contest (17 of 38) compared to the Panthers' 10 of 40 (25 percent). Tinora took control of the contest from the start, opening a 16-6 lead following eight minutes of play. The Rams pushed the margin to 26-11 at the midway point, outscoring Paulding 10-5 in the second quarter. In the third period, the green and white picked up 15 points compared to the Panthers' six as Tinora claimed a 41-17 lead entering the final stanza. Marcus Grube led the way for the Rams with 16 points and Nolan Schafer added 11 markers for Tinora, which improves to 5-4 on the season. Evan Willitzer bucketed nine markers and Eric Bohn added eight points for the green and white. Max Grube and Jacob Cramer also found the scoring column for Tinora with three and two points, respectively. Paulding was led by Payton Beckman with eight points while Blake McGarvey recorded five markers. Hunter Kauser (three), Alberto Martinez (three), Boston Pease (three), Seth

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We had a special request from a fifth grader at Cascade Christian School in Puyallup, WA. His letter stated the following:
 I am a student at Cascade Christian School, and I am writing a report on the state of Ohio. We are responsible for gathering as much information as we can about our state. If any of your readers would like to help me by sending any pictures, postcards, used license plates, facts, products, etc. from your state, it would be greatly appreciated!
 Thank you very much,
 Yours truly,
 Alex

If you would like to help Alex out you can send the items to:
 Cascade Christian School
 601 9th Ave. S.E.
 Puyallup, WA 98372
 Attn: Alex (5th grader)

Dysinger (three), Evan Edwards (two) and Caleb Manz (two) also scored for Paulding, which falls to 2-6 overall.

Paulding claimed the junior varsity championship of the tournament with a victory over Bryan in the title tilt.

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- Antwerp:** Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Home-town 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:** Maramart
- 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
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- Scott:** Scott Post Office
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ARCHERS, BULLDOGS WIN OPENERS



Antwerp senior Jacob Savina gets 2 points for scoring the layup against the Bombers in the Route 49 tournament at Hicksville on Friday night. More pictures at westbendnews.net

HICKSVILLE - Antwerp and Edgerton picked up opening round victories in the Route 49 Classic at Hicksville High School Friday night.

The Archers rolled to a 69-37 victory over Edon in the opener of the night before Edgerton shut down host Hicksville 44-31 in the nightcap.

Antwerp scored 24 second quarter points and add-

ed 21 more in the final period to cruise to the victory.

Jagger Landers paced the Archers with 18 points while Luke Krouse recorded 14 and Jayvin Landers posted 11. Jagger Landers also grabbed ten rebounds to lead the way for the blue and white.

Krouse and Jagger Landers each had four assists and three steals as well.

Jacob Savina chipped

in eight markers with Jake Eaken and Austin Lichty finishing with five each. Blake Schuette and Owen Sheedy recorded four points apiece for Antwerp.

Nathan Myers paced Edon with ten points and Drew Gallehue had nine.

Also scoring for the Bombers were Austin Kiess (four), Jack Berry (four), Tatum Schaffer (four), Connor Skiles (two), Henley Dye (two) and Shane Zulch (two).

The Bulldogs took a 10-7 advantage after one quarter and expanded the margin to 30-16 at the break. Edgerton led 35-24 at the end of three periods.

Logan Showalter topped Edgerton with 15 markers followed by Jaron Cape with ten and Noah Landel chipped in seven. Other scorers for the Bulldogs were Colin Gary (six), Arryn Pahl (five) and Troy Wolfe (one).

Showalter also had nine boards to lead Edgerton and Gannon Ripke picked up six while dishing out four assists. Gary also finished with two assists and three steals.

Travian Tunis paced the Aces with 11 points while Jackson Bergman chipped in nine markers while adding three steals and six rebounds. Jacob Miller (four), Josh Myers (three), Tyler Baird (two) and Landon Turnbull (two) completed the Hicksville scoring.

ROUTE 49 CLASSIC SEMIFINAL AT HICKSVILLE

Friday night, the last one of the year, was a perfect

backdrop for high school boys basketball. At the Route 49 Classic, Hicksville was season 2019's host. This match up - Hicksville versus Edgerton was one of the semifinal games that took place on December 27th.

Edgerton dominated this game leading the first half, 30-16. The Bulldogs let off the gas in the 2nd half allowing Hicksville to make up a couple of markers on the night. It wasn't enough to chalk up a win however. Final score of the night: 44-31. Edgerton moved onto the Finals against Antwerp on Saturday, December 28th.

Score by the Quarter:
Hicksville - 7 9 8 7 = 31
Edgerton - 10 20 5 9 = 44

ARCHERS ROUTE BULLDOGS FOR TOURNNEY TITLE

HICKSVILLE - Antwerp claimed the Route 49 Holiday Classic Championship on Saturday night as the Archers routed Green Meadows Conference rival Edgerton 57-28 at Hicksville High School.

The Bulldogs led at the end of one quarter, 11-10, but it was all Antwerp after that.

The Archers outscored Edgerton 16-4 in the second stanza to seize a 26-15 halftime advantage and Antwerp never looked back.

In quarter number three, the Archers bucketed 14 more points compared to nine for the Bulldogs to expand the margin to 40-24 at the end of three periods.

Antwerp then sealed any doubt in the contest by outscoring Edgerton 17-4 in the final period.

Jagger Landers topped the Archers with 13 points and brother Jayvin Landers chipped in nine for the Archers, who remain unbeaten at 8-0 on the season.

Austin Lichty and Jacob Savina also bucketed nine markers apiece for the Archers. Luke Krouse and Blake Schuette also scored eight points each with Owen Sheedy picking up the final Archer marker in the contest.

Edgerton was paced by Logan Showalter with 18 points while Gannon Ripke bucketed five markers. Jaron Cape and Arryn Pahl added three and two points, respectively, for the Bulldogs. Edgerton falls to 4-3 on the season with the loss.

The Archers will host Fairview (5-3) in the Green Meadows Conference opener on Thursday. Edgerton opens conference play with a road trip to Holgate (1-5).

HORNETS TOO MUCH FOR WARRIORS



Woodlan's Gabby Joyce comes up under the basket and scores for the Warriors! More pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODBURN - The Lady Hornets of Angola made the trip just west of Woodburn on Friday night and went home victorious as Angola defeated Woodlan 53-34 in girls basketball action.

The Lady Hornets doubled up the Lady Warriors in the opening quarter, outscoring Woodlan for an 18-9 lead after eight minutes of action.

After Woodlan trimmed the deficit to 23-18 at the intermission, the third quarter belonged to Angola.

Angola added 24 third quarter points to break open the contest, limiting Woodlan to six in the period, as the Lady Hornets seized a 47-24 margin entering the final stanza.

Woodlan did outscore Angola 10-6 in the fourth quarter but the Hornets cruised to the 53-34 win.

Gabby Joyce topped the Lady Warriors with eight points while Dakotah Krohn, Addison Bayman, Alicia McMahon and Avah Smith all chipped in six markers each.

Abbey Gentz recorded the remaining two points for Woodlan.

Ally Lorntz topped Angola with 13 points while Hanna Knoll and Lauren Leach also reached double figures with a dozen and ten markers, respectively.

Kayla Fenstermaker posted nine points for the Lady Hornets followed by Janna Fee with six and Dani Dunham with three.

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their business partners, service organizations and friends of the chamber for their support in 2019. The primary source of income for the Chamber is through its membership and without your support we would not be able to provide the events and projects that benefit our community.

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LADY RAIDERS WIN BIG OVER LANCERS



Wayne Trace's Claire Sinn steals the ball from her Lancer opponent. See more pictures at westbednews.net

Last Monday, right before Christmas Wayne Trace Lady Raiders hosted the Lincolnview Lancers in high school girls basketball. In Varsity play, Wayne Trace rammed bright through the Lancers leading the charge from the 1st quarter and letting that carry them through till the final buzzer. Final score: Wayne Trace 49, Lincolnview 16. Wayne Trace now stands with a 6-2 record and Lincolnview has earned a 0-8 record.

Scorers of the Game:
Lincolnview (16) - Brianna Ebel 2, Lana Carey 4, Makayla Jackman 0, Sami Sellers 0, Kendall Bollenbacher 7, Jordan Decker 2, McKayla Blakemeyer 0, Zadria King 1, Annie Mendenhall 0, Totals 6-40 3-8 16.
Wayne Trace (49) - Claire Sinn 10, Abby Moore 0, Katie Stoller 6, Miriam Sinn 6, Syd-

nee Sinn 0, Gracie Shepherd 11, Christina Kauser 4, Katrina Stoller 4, Rachel Stoller 6, Elise Miller 2, Abbie Stoller 0, Totals 20-44 9-12 49.

Rebounds - Lincolnview 13 (Carey 3); Wayne Trace 43 (C. Sinn 9, R. Stoller 8, Shepherd 8)

Turnovers - Lincolnview 16, Wayne Trace 16

Assists - Lincolnview 3 (Carey 2), Wayne Trace 8 (C. Sinn 3, M. Sinn 3)

Steals - Lincolnview 12 (Mendenhall 3), Wayne Trace 13 (C. Sinn 6, M. Sinn 3, R. Stoller 3)

Score by Quarters:
Lincolnview 3 4 5 4 = 16
Wayne Trace 16 11 18 4 = 49

Junior Varsity - Lincolnview 24, Wayne Trace 22

Lincolnview (24) - Carsyn Looser 6, Annie Renner 6, Makayla Jackman 5, Andi Webb 0, Emma Hatcher 1,

McKayla Blankemeyer 6, Courtney Minyoung 0, Totals 10-30 3-8 24.

Wayne Trace (22) - Rylee Troth 5, Abby Moore 4, Katie Stoller 3, Sydnee Sinn 2, Elise Miller 4, Christina Graham 0, Carlee Mead 0, Kara Stoller 0, Abbie Stoller 4, Hannah Maenle 0, Totals 10-30 1-3 22.

Rebounds - Lincolnview 26 (Blankemeyer 10, Renner 5), Wayne Trace 17 (A. Stoller 4)

Turnovers - Lincolnview 17, Wayne Trace 18

Assists - Lincolnview 4 (Webb 2), Wayne Trace 8 (Moore 2, K. Stoller 2, Miller 2)

Steals - Lincolnview 8 (Blankemeyer 5), Wayne Trace 10 (A. Stoller 3, Troth 3)

Score by Quarters:
Lincolnview 7 5 7 5 = 24
Wayne Trace 9 2 6 5 = 22

the tournament over Granville's Lucian Davis, Sylvania Southview's Jacob Schmidt, Mendon's Bodhi Miller and Findlay's Jimmy Phadphom.

The Raiders' Eli Moore also claimed fifth place in the 160 pound weight class.

Moore was victorious over Angola's Angel Ramirez, DeKalb's Mitch Snyder, Franklin's Jahmil Key and Swanton's Tyler Gowing.

Woodlan's Dan Herschberger claimed wins over Findlay's Logan Owens, Cincinnati Sycamore's Tom Coyne and DeKalb's Rafe Worman to place eighth at 152.

Wayne Trace's Hunter Long was voted the Most Outstanding Wrestler from the weight classes of 106 to 145.

SHOOTING WOES COSTLY IN LADY RAIDERS LOSS

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - Last Saturday the Lady Raiders welcomed in the Delphos St. Johns Blue Jays for an afternoon non conference basketball game. After an impressive first quarter by the Raiders the tide quickly turned in favor of the visi-

tors. St. Johns took care of the Raiders to post a 54-38 win to improve their season record to 7-5 while the red, white, and blue fell to 6-4.

In a game that saw St. Johns Paige Gaynier net 24 points and a cold shooting performance by the Raiders, it didn't take long in the second period for the Blue Jays to take control. In the initial quarter the Raiders were down just two points 21-19 but the second quarter was all Blue Jays scoring 17 points to just four for the Raiders. The halftime score had Wayne Trace on the short end 38-23. The second half was played mostly even with St. Johns scoring a total of 16 point to 15 for the Raiders. Wayne Trace scored 19 in the first period and only 19 more in the final three quarters.

Dismal shooting for the Raiders turned costly in the contest with Wayne Trace hitting 11-40 in two-point goals for 28 percent and 4-20 behind the arc for 20 percent. At the foul line the Raiders connected on 4-8 for 50 percent. For the Blue Jays, the visitors put up just 22 shots and hitting seven from the two-point area for 32 percent and 9-15 in three-pointers for 60 percent. The winners went to the line 19 times and

made 13 of their attempts.

Wayne Trace out rebounded the Blue Jays 41-30 and turnovers were nearly even with the Raiders committing 14 to just 13 for the winners.

Gaynier led all scorers with 24 on 7-13 shooting from the two-point area and 1-2 behind the arc while at the line she converted 7-9 free throws.

Gracie Shepherd turned in a double-double with 10 points to go along with 10 rebounds. Katrina Stoller finished with eight points, eight rebounds and five assists. Also scoring for the Raiders were Miriam Sinn with seven, Claire Sinn adding six, Katie Stoller chipping in three and Rachel Stoller with two.

The Wayne Trace Junior Varsity came away with a four point win 29-25.

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RAIDERS FARE WELL AT BORDER WAR INVITE



Pictured here are WT champions, Jarrett Hornish of the 113 lb bracket and Hunter long of the 132 lb bracket.

DEFIANCE - The Wayne Trace wrestling team fared very well over the weekend as the Raiders tied for seventh out of 43 teams in the Tri-State Border War Invitational at Defiance High School.

Wayne Trace tied for seventh with Napoleon at 115 points while Woodlan took 34th overall with 38-1/2 points. Antwerp also fin-

ished 35th with 38 points in the tournament.

Wayne Trace had a pair of individuals claim championships in the tournament as Jarrett Hornish and Hunter Long each took titles.

Hornish pinned his first three opponents in defeating Ottawa Glandorf's Justice Pope (:34), Antwerp's Eli Reinhart (3:07) and Edgerton's Hayden Herman (3:06). Hor-

nish then claimed the championship with a 16-6 major decision victory over Sandusky's Rico Cunningham to win the 113 pound weight class.

Long captured the title at 132 with five straight victories. The Raider grappler defeated Eastside's Tanner Wicker, Cincinnati Sycamore's Drew Kilgore, Indian Lake's Nathan Cummins, Defiance's Tristan Villareal and Lima Central Catholic's Chase Caprella to win the tournament.

Reinhart finished eighth at 113 for the Archers, posting victories over Fremont Ross' Yuseef Atkins, Defiance's Gavino Martinez and Otsego's Joe Manley.

Gabe Sutton of Wayne Trace took fifth at 120 following wins over Elida's Isaac Fredericks, Columbus Grove's Trever Wynkoop, Napoleon's Claude Buckmaster, Dowagiac Union's Tyler Huston and DeKalb's Braxton Miller.

At 126, Antwerp's Randall Mills recorded a fifth place finish.

Mills recorded wins in



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WHAT WAS PAULDING COUNTY LIKE IN 1820?



Original surveyors' notebooks from 1819 and 1820, found in the Paulding County Courthouse, reveal much information about what the county was like when it was organized 200 years ago. Photo courtesy Paulding County Bicentennial Committee.

By: Kim Sutton, Paulding County Bicentennial Committee

(Part of a series)

PAULDING - As we prepare for a yearlong celebration of Paulding County's 200th Anniversary, we can't help but try to imagine what this land we call home was like 200 years ago. This area was the last frontier to be settled in Ohio. The settlement of the swamp has been well documented by many authors over the years. We think we've heard it all, but did you know...

The Paulding County Engineer's Map Department has something very special in its vault. They have the original surveyors' journals. In 1819 Captain James Riley was appointed Surveyor of the land north of the 1795 Greenville Treaty Line, in particular the lands in the Maumee River Valley. These journals were carried in the breast pockets of the surveyors over 200 years ago. They were taken out and the surveys were penned in as the surveyors slogged along and trudged this miserable swamp, infested with mosquitoes, in order to lay out the township lines for what would be known as Paulding County.

The Great Black Swamp covered over 1,500 square miles and was created over

10,000 years ago after the glaciers receded and formed the Great Lakes. Paulding County, in its entirety, lay beneath the Great Black Swamp which is why today we are said to be the flattest county in the state of Ohio. In 1820, this densely forested, mucky swamp made



the settlement of this land unusually difficult and few were eager to take the challenge. Historic writings tell us the area was filled with all kinds of wildlife, some we still see today and some we can't imagine such as black bear, timber wolf, wild boar and bobcat.

By the Act of February 12, 1820, and to encourage the further settlement of the state, the Ohio General Assembly provided "That all that part of the lands lately ceded by the Indians to the United States, which

lies within this state, shall be, and the same is hereby erected into fourteen separate and distinct counties, to wit: Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Union, Van Wert, Williams and Wood." The boundaries of these counties were established on April 20, 1820, though several years elapsed before all were fully organized.

When James Riley and his deputy surveyors arrived, the only inhabitants were the Native American tribes of the area, who were forced to live here as a result of the Treaty of Greenville some 24 years earlier. In Paulding County, it was mainly the Ottawa and some Shawnee. The Shawnee had been run out of their lands and were taken in by the Ottawa.

From the surveyors' observations we can tell that our county had very few, if any, conifers and was mainly a deciduous swamp forest of giant oaks, hickory, walnut, elm, ash, beech, maple, birch, buckeye, cottonwood, sycamore and many others that created a dense canopy, keeping the sun from reaching the forest floor. As the leaves fell season after season into the standing waters, they rotted and formed a thick, oozing muck.

The surveys were done from tree to tree. For example, they would start at the north corner of the township line between sections 1 & 2 and set a post, thence run south 47 degrees, west 32 minutes for 120 chains to a white elm 18 inches in diameter; thence N 30 degrees, W 53 minutes, 75 links to a Hickory 10 inches in diameter and so on. They marked the trees setting the boundary lines of the townships and the sections within the townships.

The surveyors made note of the many Indian trails or roads they encountered while doing their work. It seems every township had an Indian trail/road. Sometimes they wrote trail and other times it was road. The dictionary defines trail: "a track made by passage through wilderness" and

road: "a wide way leading from one place to another."

Other notes included a description of their surroundings, such as "Land swampy," "Land not suitable for cultivation," "Land is level and swampy with much old timber down." Occasionally the surveyor would walk out of the water onto somewhat higher ground and this would be noted as well, "entered into brush prairie" and "Land rolling and rich." They documented the timber, the undergrowth and other vegetation types. They wrote of crossing the streams and rivers and noted their width. They often drew a sketch map to be used later by the General Land Office to draw larger maps.

One particular note is rather humorous: "Finding the marks cut out of the corner trees. I re-make them. All the marks on the Town lines have been cut out lately; and the marks we make one day are cut out the next." Why do I chuckle? Well, the only people who could've been watching the surveyors make their marks on the trees and then go in and cut them out were the Indians. I envision young braves, resentful for being pushed off their lands into this north-west corner of Ohio and now the surveyors were here once again laying lines which the Indians had to sense would mean being forced from their homes again. I imagine this was their way of showing frustration and disdain for what the white man had come to do.

To me, the most fascinating sentence in all of the surveyors' notes is found in the survey of the exterior boundary lines of Oquanoxa's Indian Reservation near Charloe. It starts out - "Began at the place pointed out by Oquanoxa, the Chief, as the center of the Town..." and goes on to give the metes and bounds description of the reserve. Local written history, which has been repeated time and again, told us that the Indians had been forced off their lands and went west in 1820. However, by this entry, we know that the Ottawa Indians were indeed still here. Oquanoxa himself pointed to the center of his Town for the surveyors. So, when did the Indians actually leave Paulding County? That is another subject for our historical articles to be written. Stay tuned.

Next time: The legacies of Anthony Wayne's army in 1794 and the War of 1812.

More information on the bicentennial can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PauldingCounty200.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP

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WASHINGTON TWP

12/23/19 Wilson Kevin E Wilson Cynthia D to Heier Matthew J Heier Sarah; 3914 Rd 151 Grover Hill Oh 45849; 8.205 acres; Pt Nw1/4 Nw1/4 Washington Twp Sec 19

COUGARS TAKE A HIT FROM BIG GREEN, BULLDOGS

On December 27th, the Van Wert Cougars played host to the Ottoville Big Green. Big Green was set on the win and they accomplished their task at this game. Final score of the night took a win from the Cougars record: 38-57.

Score by the Quarter:

Van Wert - 6 17 2 13 = 38
Ottoville - 19 15 9 14 = 57

Scorers of the Game:

Van Wert - Treece 21, K Brown 4, Jackson 3, Proffitt 2, Conrad 2, Place 2, E Brown 2, Hilleary 2

Ottoville - J Miller 13, Thorbahn 11, Swever 9, Manns 8, Kortokrax 4, Fisher 3, Langhals 3, Schlagbaum 2, W Miller 2, Trentman 2

JV - Van Wert 56, Ottoville 51

The next night, December 28th, Van Wert Cougars hosted the Columbus Grove Bulldogs. Bulldogs hit the court running ending the first quarter with a 9 point lead and the half lead, 37-25. Bulldogs cranked the mo-

mentum up a notch in the 3rd deepening their lead, and taking the win from the home team by the buzzer. Final score: 55-76.

Score by the Quarter:

Van Wert - 13 12 11 19 = 55

Columbus Grove - 22 15 22 17 = 76

Scorers of the Game:

Van Wert - Proffitt 10, Treece 10, Jackson 8, Hilleary 8, Place 7, Conrad 4, K Brown 3, Barnhart 3, Adams 2

Columbus Grove - Reynolds 30, Clement 11, Hopkins 10, Schneider 8, Halker 6, T Smith 5, Birnesser 4, Macke 2

JV - Van Wert 48, Columbus Grove 40

NEW HAVEN COMPETES IN HOLIDAY HOOPS TOURNAMENT

In the first match up of the Holiday Hoops Tournament, New Haven faced off against Merrillville. New Haven was able to hold off a strong Merrillville team. JaKar Williams led the Bulldogs with 31 points and 11 rebounds. Final score: 85-80.

Score by the Quarter:

New Haven - 18 25 20 22 = 85

Merrillville - 14 17 20 29 = 80

In Bulldog's final game of the tournament, they went up against a tough Warren Central team. New Haven dropped to 5-3 as they were best by a very good Warren Central team. Final score: 54-92.

Score by the Quarter:

New Haven - 17 9 16 12 = 54

Warren Central - 27 29 16 20 = 92

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Parcel No. 19-09S-013-00
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Each parcel shall be bid separately. The winning bidder shall purchase the real estate as a leased property for 36 months. At the end of the 36 months the property shall be conveyed to the winning bidder.

A packet containing the sealed bid auction rules, sealed bid agreement and the lease to purchase documents may be obtained at the Paulding County Commissioners office located 115 N. Williams Street, Suite B-1, Paulding, Ohio 45879, or the bid packets will be available online at www.mvpo.org/pclrc, you may go online and print off the bid packets. All sealed bids must be received no later than January 14th, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Office of the Paulding County Commissioners. Bids will be opened on January 15th, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

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PAULDING 7th BB VOLUNTEERS AT FOOD PANTRY



On Saturday, December 21st members of the Paulding Middle School 7th grade boys basketball team volunteered at the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry. Shown from left to right are Carter Evans, Luke Beckman, Brandon Schroeder, and Greyson Harder. Taking the photo of the boys is 7th grade boys basketball coach Corbin Edwards.

PAULDING CO. BICENTENNIAL NOTES

By: **Caroline Longardner**
"The Six-Mile Reservoir"

"In the normal operation of any artificial waterway, the assurance of an adequate supply of water in/at all seasons is of paramount importance. In addition, to losses through seepage and evaporation, enormous quantities of water were consumed by lockage of the boats. One lockful of water was used

in each operation of a lock. Thus, there was a constant flow of water from the upper level to the lower, requiring replenishment at the "top" of the canal.

The Summit Division of the Wabash and Erie Canal extended from the feeder dam on the St. Joseph River about six miles north of Ft. Wayne, Ind. to the west side of that city and then on both directions; west to Huntington, Ind., where there was another feeder dam on the Wabash River and eventu-

ally east to Antwerp, Ohio, where a large reservoir (Six-Mile Reservoir - after 1843), also stored up water sent down the canal from the St. Joseph feeder during the rainy spring season for use during the dry summer months.

At first Ohio was slow in starting the Six-mile Reservoir (just as it was slow in starting the canal). Canal contractors fought out the details about the filling of the Reservoir and eventually the Reservoir was built. The Wabash & Erie Canal needed a constant four foot depth of water to float the canal boats. The St. Joseph Feeder Canal was able to maintain this level to the west until the canal reached Huntington, IN. and to the east in Ohio by storing up water sent down the canal during the rainy Spring season in Six-Mile Reservoir just east of Antwerp, Ohio. There it joined other water that was caught and held from Six-Mile Creek in Ohio.

The Six-Mile Reservoir was located about 1 1/2 miles east of Antwerp, Ohio. It was surveyed at the same time as the canal, in 1826, but actual work was started in 1840/42 and completed in 1843. The reservoir measured about 2 1/2 miles from east to west, and about 1/2 miles north to south, covering 3,600 acres permanently and as much as 14,000 acres when full.

The banks were about eight feet high. In their construction, first a layer of oak planking was set edgewise on the center line of the bank. This "sheet piling" as it was called, would help make the bank watertight, as well as resisting the efforts of burrowing animals such as groundhogs and muskrats.

Next, earth was hauled to both sides of this tall fence-like structure and dumped against it until the sloped banks were formed. Then a layer of clay was placed on the inside slopes of the reservoir, mixed with water. Oxen walked back and forth over it until it created a cement-like layer known as "puddling" the clay mixture, this was to prevent seepage. The modern machine called a "sheep's foot roller" is used today for the same purpose as were the oxen.

The Antwerp (or Six-Mile) Reservoir was completed in 1843. It served its purpose well during the heyday of the Wabash and Erie Canal. In addition to supplying water for canal operation, the reservoirs provided a paradise for hunting, trapping and fishing. Thousands of waterfowl would stop on their migrations, and large catches of fish were taken from the Reservoirs. Unfortunately, there also were drawbacks.

As the county became more settled, the local farmers gazed longingly toward the thousands of fertile acres covered by the water of the reservoir. Those thousands of acres of stagnant water also provided a breeding place for swarms of mosquitoes, and were blamed for everything from malaria to ague, typhus, and other ailments. No doubt part of this reputation for unhealthfulness, shared with other canal reservoirs, was deserved, especially the malaria (aspect). The connection between stagnant water and malaria had long been

observed, though not yet provided by medical science.

In 1882 the canal bed through Fort Wayne, Ind., was filled by the Nickel-Plate Railroad and used as a base for the tracks, cutting off all boat traffic from the west. In the mid-1880's, when shipping on the canal had all but ceased, the citizens of Antwerp looked out over their gloomy and impenetrable swamp that was no longer a source of revenue and decided it was time to abandon the canal and reclaim the flooded land."--taken in part from a writing by Otto E. Ehrhart

Note: Early Paulding Co. histories talk about having to travel around the Reservoir to go to the Paulding Co. courthouse or otherwise do business in Paulding if you lived on the other side of the Reservoir. This was a great inconvenience at that time, traveling by horse and buggy or other means of that time. Even "going to the Co. Fair" could have been inconvenient with livestock. In the rainy season, several thousand acres were under water at times.

LATE TREY GIVES WARRIORS WIN OVER WT

WOODBURN - An Aiden Bayman three-pointer with 17 seconds remaining propelled the Woodlan Warriors to a 49-46 win over Wayne Trace in boys basketball action Saturday night.

The Warriors led at every stop, including posting a 16-9 advantage after one quarter before taking a 27-21 halftime lead.

Woodlan then carried a 36-32 margin into the final period but Wayne Trace would rally.

Treys from Cameron Sinn and Jace Vining pulled the Raiders into a 43-43 tie before a free throw by Joe Reidy and a basket from Mitch Mendenhall put Woodlan on top 46-43.

After a three-pointer by Nathan Gerber again tied the game at 46-46, the Warriors found Bayman late in the fourth quarter and the senior guard drilled the game winning shot.

Bayman led all scorers with 20 points and Mendenhall added 15 for Woodlan, which improves to 4-3.

Brennan Donovan (six), Reidy (five) and Colin Hahn (three) completed the list of Warrior scorers.

Vining topped Wayne Trace with 17 points while Cameron Sinn and Gerber both added nine markers.

Reid Miller (six), Trevor Sinn (three) and Alex Reinhart (two) also scored for the Raiders, who fall to 5-3.

In the junior varsity matchup, the Raiders posted a 58-23 win over the Warriors to improve to 7-1 on the season.

Trevor Sinn (13), Garrett Williamson (12) and Cameron Graham (10) all reached twin digits for Wayne Trace. Landyn Whitman (seven), Grayson McClure (six), Tyler Davis (four), Nate Sinn (four) and Joe Munger (two) also scored for the Raiders.

Woodlan scorers included Austin Saylor (seven), Dawson Lichty (six), Jaxson Fleek (four), DeJay Gerig (two), Will Elwood (two) and Luke Fox (two). The Warriors drop to 1-6 on the season.

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Case No. CI-19-175

Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman

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

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Unknown

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

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

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By: *Kate M. Pease*
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Respectfully submitted,

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Case No. CI 19 135

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
James L. Sadssano, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681

Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

CHEMICAL BANK, A DIVISION OF TCF NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

WANDA M. ZIEGLER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 19 152

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

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Parcel Numbers: 21-33B-003-00 and 21-33B-004-00

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.

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LOCAL STUDENTS BUILD ON EROSION KNOWLEDGE



Antwerp 4th grade students working together with the stream erosion table to design their town.

By: Patrick Troyer, Paulding SWCD

Fourth grade students at Oakwood Elementary, Antwerp Elementary, and Grover Hill Elementary have built upon their knowledge of erosion, weathering, deposition, and pollution via two presentations recently. First, students learned about the changing landscape of the Earth and the forces such as erosion, deposition, and weathering that work together to either construct or transform our environment via the Streamulator presentation.

In the "Streamulator" program, students learned that the surface of the earth is continually being changed via erosion, weathering, deposition in addition to earthquakes and volcanoes. Weathering is breaking down or dissolving rocks and minerals on the earth's surface. Agents of weathering include water, ice, salt, plants, animals, and temperature

fluctuations. Students were asked if weathering is constructive or destructive? It is in fact destructive as it is breaking rocks and minerals down. Erosion is another force changing the landscape of the Earth and is the process of carrying away sediment on the Earth's surface via water, wind, glaciers, or gravity.

Water erosion is one of the main forces of erosion at work. It is most destructive during heavy rain events that wash bare soil away to create scenes such as gullies in farm fields. Rivers have a steady flow of water and work to break up particles to carry them downstream or erode the coastline away. Wind erosion happens when the soil is dry and the ground has no cover which makes it very light and easily carried away by wind. Soil is removed from one area and deposited in another. A big example of wind erosion is the Dust Bowl that swept through in the 1930s.

Erosion can be reduced in

many ways. Cover crops can be planted to hold the soil in place from water or wind erosion or mulch can be applied around landscaping to have the same effect. Windbreaks can also be used which is simply a line of trees planted around a field or property to slow down the wind.

One way students visualized the power of erosion was via the Streamulator. Before viewing the Streamulator, students learned some basics about streams. Flowing water carries energy as it moves across the landscape which erodes a channel that creates bends called meanders. As water flows through these bends, some energy is lost. Meanders absorb the force of the stream moving through the landscape. Students learned some stream terms such as run, meander, deposition, riffle, delta, floodplain, and mouth as displayed on Streamulator.

It was up to the students to label the parts of a stream as they learned in the prior presentation. Students observed how a stream cuts its way through the landscape and forms meanders as well as how water will go to the lowest point in a normal flow and in a flooded environment. After seeing how a stream works, students were challenged to build their own stream & community on the Streamulator using the sand, buildings, bridges, and trees available. The goal was to build a community with a stream and see if their community survived under normal water flow and if a flood came. During the flooding event, students really visualized how powerful water is when it comes to erosion and transformation of the landscape.

If you would like this program for your classroom or group or a similar one, call the Paulding SWCD office at 419-399-4771 or email patrick.troyer@pauldingswcd.org!

KERRY KOONTZ NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL LIFECHANGER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Van Wert City Schools' Career Counselor, Kerry Koontz, has been nominated for the 2019-2020 national LifeChanger of the Year award.

Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, the national LifeChanger of the Year program recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 public and private school educators and employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence, and leadership.

Mr. Koontz was nominated by Bob Priest, Van Wert High School Principal, for pioneering a student internship program at Van Wert High School called the CEO

(Career Education Opportunities) Program. Mr. Koontz has over 30 years of experience in education, both in the classroom and as a counselor. To better prepare students for life after high school, Mr. Koontz wanted to improve the way in which students are educated in the demands of different career fields, the cost of college, and the various certifications and licensures required for employment.

In 2015, Mr. Koontz set out to create a program that offered high school students the ability to gain hands-on experience for high school credit in a career field they wished to pursue by presenting the idea of student-interns to local businesses. Needless to say, many of them had their reservations. The first year saw 11 businesses willing to work with 17 students. However, the CEO Program is currently in its fourth year and continues to grow as more businesses express interest in joining, and all seniors in Van Wert County are able to participate, regardless of which school they attend. The CEO Program is proud to say 45 businesses now work with over 75 students!

Principal Bob Priest had this to say about Mr. Koontz, "It is my privilege to have nominated Kerry Koontz for this award, as I have personally witnessed students make career decisions, which directly impact their lives, as a result of this program. Furthermore, I believe the CEO program has brought all stakeholders of Van Wert County together in a collaborative effort which is leading to better educated students who are more prepared for success after high school."

Each school year, the LifeChanger of the Year program receives hundreds of nominations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For 2019-2020, there will be a total of 17 individual LifeChanger of the Year awards. The awards structure is as follows:

- 1 National Grand Prize Winner
- 4 Grand Prize Finalists
- 10 LifeChanger Award Winners
- 1 Spirit Award Winner
- 1 Spotlight Award Winner

Each winner will receive a cash award that is split between the individual winner and their school. The national Grand Prize award is \$10,000. Winners are announced via surprise award ceremonies held at their schools. The top five winners will also be honored at a national awards ceremony in Palm Beach, FL. Winners will be announced in Spring 2020.

Winners will be chosen by a selection committee comprised of former winners and education professionals. Nominees must be school district employees. Award winners are selected based on the following criteria:

- A proven ability to make a beneficial difference in the lives of students
- An ability to positively add to the development of the school's atmosphere
- Is involved in leadership activities at the school and/or community level
- A demonstrative record of excellent performance at the professional level
- A commitment to producing a nurturing atmosphere
- Adherence to high moral

VANTAGE DONATES 220 PROM DRESSES FOR LOCAL EVENT



Vantage Health Information Management students fill a van with donated dresses which were delivered to Kaitlyn's Cottage located in Defiance.

Vantage Health Information Management (HIM) program instructor Ms. Diane Font and students collected homecoming, prom, and bridesmaid attire for the Tim Tebow Foundation who provides a yearly prom night experience for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. "A Night to Shine" is held in many cities and countries around the world. With the help of Vantage staff and student, as well as community members far and wide, Ms. Font and her students were able to collect an astounding 220 dresses, 104 of which were thoughtfully donated by Chris Edwards and Robin Kraner of The Shelly Company.

"On behalf of myself and The Health Information

Management students here at Vantage, we would like to send thanks to our students, homeschool communities, and partners for your donations and kind words of encouragement through another triumphant dress drive," said Ms. Font. "We were able to acquire 220 beautiful reminders that giving is the key to a full heart."

All dresses were transported to Kaitlyn's Cottage, located in Defiance, Ohio, who is hosting the annual event on February 7, 2020. If you would like to follow the journey of the Defiance "A Night to Shine" event, you can like and follow "Night To Shine, Defiance Ohio" (@defiancents) on Facebook or "NTS Defiance, OH" on Instagram.

and ethical standards

To support his nomination, VWCS invites anyone whose life has been influenced by Mr. Koontz to visit his profile page and post a positive comment. Comments are taken into consideration by the selection committee when determining winners, including the LifeChanger Spirit Award, which will be given to the nominee whose community demonstrates the most support. VWCS encourages you to share your support for Mr. Koontz across social media outlets with the hashtag #LCOY.

BENEFICIAL SOIL FUNGUS

By: James J. Hoorman; Hoorman Soil Health Services

There are several "key-stone" or critical soil or-

ganisms that are important to human's survival. Arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) fungi are a type of fungi that infect plant roots root to recycle soil nutrients that increase crop growth, vigor, and yield. About 250 AM fungi species infect 80-90% of all agricultural annual crops. This beneficial (symbiotic) association started over 450 million years ago, when newly evolving plants had few roots and relied on AM fungi to gather soil nutrients like phosphorus (P), sulfur, nitrogen, and many micronutrients. AM fungi form a mycorrhizal network with plant roots, extending out 6-18 inches from a root hair, increasing surface area for soil nutrient extraction by 20X. AM fungi hyphae are 1/10 the size of a root hair, so tiny AM hyphae ex-

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Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

KINDERGARTEN GINGERBREAD HOUSES



Shown are three Oakwood Elementary kindergarten students with the gingerbread houses they decorated as a Christmas project. Left to right are: Brielle Schlatter, Trevor Manz, and Isabelle Schlatter.

tract soil nutrients unavailable to plant roots. "There are 1 to 20 meters of AM hyphae in each gram (finger nail size) of soil or maybe 5 miles of AM fungi hyphae in a pound of soil" (Sylvia et al 2005). These keystone organisms are critical to human food production and crop growth.

How important are the AM fungi to plants? As much as 25% of total carbohydrates root reserves (plant sugars) are used to feed soil microbes. AM fungi perform many soil functions including nutrient recycling; carbon or soil organic matter (SOM) buildup and breakdown; water conservation; increased soil tilth; and they also produce plant hormones, antibiotics, and vitamins that promote plant growth and disease suppression (Ingham, 2009). Mycorrhizal fungi increase the efficiency of plant root nutrient extraction leading to increased growth and production by making infertile soils more fertile (Sylvia et al., 2005).

The AM fungi infect the roots and in exchange for plant sugars, supply the plant with water and nutrients. AM fungi can increase plant water absorption by 140% to 250%, reducing drought stress. During a drought, fungi grow when the bacteria do not. Fungi supply moisture to the plant roots by crossing cracking dry soils to obtain water not available to plant hair roots. AM fungi also supply nitrogen (N) to plants in dry soil, accumulating soil N to break down hard to decompose crop residues (Ingham, 2009).

AM fungi bring back 6X more phosphorus (P) than the plant can alone. AM fungi enhance soybean (legume) production by increasing P absorption, nodulation and N fixation. AM fungi enhance and

cultivate good bacteria, especially Rhizobia bacteria for N fixation, which help legume plants grow (Brady and Weil, 2009) by making P more plant available to soybeans.

AM fungi also produce a sticky substance called glomalin which enhances soil tilth, creating soil that crumbles. Glomalin is composed of sugars from the plant root and protein from the AM fungi forming a glycoprotein. In a good soil, glomalin may represent 1-5% of the total carbon in the soil and glomalin is 30% carbon, 1-2% nitrogen, and up to 5% iron, which gives it a reddish soil color (Lavelle and Spain, 2005).

In no-till agriculture, fungal populations dominate the soil food web (although they are less in number than the bacteria) and improve carbon buildup. AM fungi have a greater carbon use efficiency (40-55%) than bacteria (20-30%), so AM fungi build SOM. Bacteria species dominate in tilled soils and are less efficient at retaining carbon or SOM. AM fungi have higher carbon content (10:1 C:N ratio) and less nitrogen (N=10%) in their cells than bacteria.

There are several factors that decrease AM fungi in the soil. When excess nutrients like N and P are supplied by commercial fertilizer to plant roots, the AM fungi stop working. Tillage also decreases the effectiveness of the AM fungi by destroying the mycorrhizal network associated with plant roots. Mycorrhizal fungi may be harmed by many fungicides. So excess commercial fertilizer, tillage, soil compaction, pesticides (fungicides and fumigants like Benlate), short crop rotations, and long fallow periods tend to decrease fungal populations. Cereal crops and grass crops had

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three times higher density and length of fungi hyphae than land that was fallow or tilled (Lavelle and Spain, 2005). Practices like cover crops and long-term no-till greatly enhance AM fungi populations and help AM fungi remain a "keystone" soil organism important for human food production.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Chad L. Long, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Stephen D. Jackson, Indianapolis, IN; Drug paraphernalia; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Stephen D. Jackson, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Chad L. Long, Oakwood, OH; Inducing panic; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; 60 hours of community service; Write a letter of apology to the EPA; Risk assessment; May be released when conditions are met

Paul E. DeGrande Jr., New Baltimore, MI; No hunting license; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Paul E. DeGrande Jr., New Baltimore, MI; No hunting license; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Sydni A. Peel, Bryan, OH; Receiving stolen property; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Warrant shall be recalled

Stephen D. Jackson, Indianapolis, IN; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant may attend DIP in lieu of of 3 jail days; Proof of financial responsibility provided; 87 jail days reserved; Fines and costs to be taken from bond

Lendsey J. Ordway, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; ALS vacated; Pay or collections 12/18/20; Pay \$20 per month beginning 1/31/20; Community Control Two; Evaluation at Westwood; Secure a valid license; Remove from SCRAM today; 87 jail days reserved

Lendsey J. Ordway, Paulding, OH; OVI/refusal; Case dismissed at state's request

Lendsey J. Ordway, Paulding, OH; Driving under suspension; Pay or collections 12/18/20; Pay \$25 per month beginning 1/31/20

Lendsey J. Ordway, Paulding, OH; Loud exhaust; Case dismissed at

Sudoku solution from page 7

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court's request

Maya M. O'Dell, Greenville, TN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant took course

Steven M. Wright, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jorge B. Rodriguez, Indianapolis, IN; Driving under non fra suspension; Case dismissed at state's request

Blake K. Jordan, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

George W. Palmer, Sylva, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bryan D. Denney, Roann, IN; Unsafe vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cecilia A. West, Farmington Hill, MI; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Adam A. Wright, Cloverdale, OH; Possession of drugs; Defendant has been indicted; Case shall be bound over

Adam A. Wright, Cloverdale, OH; Forgery; Defendant has been indicted by Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Shawn M. Spencer, Defiance, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

NOTICE:

The following dates are for

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Commission's 2020 Board Meetings

- January 27
- February 24
- March 30
- April 27
- May 18
- June 29
- July 27
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