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WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL NAMED JOSTENS 2019 NATIONAL YEARBOOK PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE



Jostens, the leading producer of yearbooks and student-created content, today announced that Wayne Trace's yearbook program has been named a 2019 Jostens' National Yearbook Program of Excellence. The National Yearbook Program of Excellence recognizes engaging yearbooks that reflect a broad representation of the student body while helping students develop 21st century skills such as communication, collaboration, and information and communication technologies (ICT) literacy.

The Wayne Trace Jr. Sr. High School's award winning yearbook program is comprised of 7th grade through Senior students under the direction of Christina Sinn, Wayne Trace High School's yearbook adviser.

Jostens' National Yearbook Program of Excellence Awards are presented twice a year, in spring and in fall for yearbooks delivered during the school year. The Award was presented to the (name of school) yearbook program for achieving the defined criteria in each of three following categories:

creating an inclusive yearbook, generating school engagement, and successfully managing the yearbook creation process.

"Jostens is proud to recognize those individuals who have acted as wonderful stewards by creating an exceptional yearbook for their school and community," said Tammy Whitaker, Jostens VP and COO Yearbook Division. "Yearbooks are a critical part of telling a school's story, and Jostens is dedicated to supporting yearbook staff

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OHIO EMA OFFERS REBATES TO HOMEOWNERS FOR TORNADO SAFE ROOMS

Homeowners throughout Ohio now have the opportunity to apply to receive reimbursement for the purchase and construction/installation of a tornado safe room inside or outside their homes.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency began accepting applications for its Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program today. A safe room is a structure specifically designed to provide near-absolute protection in extreme weather events. The Ohio EMA's rebate program provides a rebate of up to 75 percent to homeowners selected

for the program.

"The entire state of Ohio is vulnerable to tornadoes," said Governor Mike DeWine. "Safe rooms are costly, but they can save lives - which is why we want to help homeowners with the expense."

In May, more than 900 homes and buildings were destroyed or significantly

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONER, TONY ZARTMAN, TO FILE FOR RE-ELECTION BID



Tony Zartman plans to run for another term as Paulding County Commissioner. "It's been a passion and privilege to serve the people of Paulding County. My sole purpose in life is serving God, and I feel the best way to continue to glorify his name is by continuing to serve the great people of Paulding County."

Zartman has served 12 years as Commissioner. Prior to becoming a County Commissioner, he farmed for 20 years and has managed a construction company now for over 25 years. While in office, he has worked on key projects improving quality of life, and he hopes to continue that good work.

Some of the most recent projects include the creation of the Paulding County Landbank, which originated from a state grant, but now relies on local dollars to continue. The program obtains deeds to blighted properties and then demolishes and revitalizes the site for resale. So far, in the last two years, 23 properties have been revamped in

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ADMISSIONS & CONFESSIONS FROM EDITORS OF WEST BEND NEWS

In the proofreading and copy editing process of any publication, many actions take place to get ready for "going to press". Grammar checking, spell checking, fact checking and content approval are the four main components that we focus on when collecting articles and press releases for publication in West Bend News. We do our best to publish a good clean newspaper that projects "Good News for Good Communities". This is our motto and a moral compass in which we live our professional and personal lives.

Now, does this mean that we always get all the mistakes, all the wrong information corrected? No, we are human with flaws, full of distractions and busy minds.

In this last week's publication, it has been brought to our attention that some swear words and less-than-upstanding material went through proofreading without being considered for clean content and was published. This has caused offense and hurt feel-

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Community Calendar

January 14

- FW Farm Show @ FW Coliseum, 9a-5p
- Flatrock/Auglaize Steering Comm. meeting @ FW Coliseum, 1:30-3pm

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
- FW Farm Show @ FW Coliseum, 9a-8p

January 16

- FW Farm Show @ FW Coliseum, 9a-4p

January 18

- Beginner Reloading Class @ Antwerp Conservation Club, 9a-12p
- Van Wert Night w/FW Komets, 7:30pm
- Sports Card Show @ Ramada Plaza Ctr, FW, 10a-3p
- Round & Square Dance @ St. Michael Cath. Church, Hicksville, 7-10pm
- Free Dance Lessons @ Huber, 9:30am

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

January 25

- Free Dance Lessons @ Huber, 9:30am
- CMH Found. Make It & Take It Craft @ CMH, Hicksville, 10z-2p

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The family of MAURIE WANNEMACHER would like you to join them in celebrating Maurie's 80th birthday on 1/14/20. He is the BEST dad, grandpa and great grandpa we could've asked for, and he is loved beyond measure! If you see him around, be sure to wish him a Happy Birthday.

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JANUARY HAPPENINGS AT THE MANOR HOUSE



Pictured is Annette Beck and Lee Hiser. Both of these ladies have been with us for many years after living in Indiana most of their lives. You can see in the picture how much their friendship means to them.

Welcome to Antwerp Manor Assisted Living located at 204 Archer Drive in Antwerp, Ohio. Once again we say thank you to the many volunteers and friends who assisted us in 2019. We look forward to a growing year in 2020 and we welcome new friends and volunteers.

Please remember that Antwerp Manor is a warm, safe, fun place to live if you are looking for respite care during the winter months. We also have apartments available for those who would like to call it their permanent home. Contact Jennifer Ramsier @ 419-258-1500 if you are interested in information or a tour. She will be happy to speak with you.



Pictured is Mrs. Betty Shellenbarger who works diligently each day making sure our flowers and plants look beautiful in the hallway. Betty has lived at Antwerp Manor since September 2013 and she is a wonderful asset to our family!

Have Something to sell?

Classified ads are \$8.50 for 20 words or less and only \$.15 for each additional word.

(Continued from Page 1) members with state-of-the-art tools and resources that help celebrate moments that matter."

The Wayne Trace yearbook program will receive a gem-studded recognition pin and a banner to display in school, so the entire school community will be aware of the outstanding achievement.

Founded in 1897, Jostens has produced school yearbooks for over 60 years. Schools rely on Jostens and their local Jostens represen-

tatives to provide a combination of journalism education and technology tools to deliver a learning experience that helps students develop 21st century skills in journalism, photography, writing and design, leadership and business while creating the permanent record of the school year. Jostens invests in state of the art technology, best in class service, educational curriculum and award winning print manufacturing platforms to plan, design, build and produce yearbooks.

WHEN COLLEGE STUDENTS POST ABOUT DEPRESSION ON FACEBOOK

When college students post about feelings of depression on Facebook, their friends are unlikely to encourage them to seek help, a small study suggests.

In fact, in this study, none of the 33 participating students said their friends told them they should reach out to a mental health professional to discuss their problems.

Instead, most friends simply sent supportive or motivating messages.

But that may not be good enough for people who are truly depressed - as some of the people in this study probably were, said Scottye Cash, lead author of the study and professor of social work at The Ohio State University.

"It makes me concerned that none of the Facebook friends of students in this study were proactive in helping their friend get help," Cash said. "We need to figure out why."

The research, published online recently in the journal JMIR Research Protocols, is part of a larger online study of health outcomes of 287 students at four universities in the Midwest and West. This study included the 33 students in the larger study who reported that they had "reached out on Facebook for help when depressed."

The students reported what type of post they made and how their friends responded. They also completed a measure of depression.

Results showed that nearly half of the participants reported symptoms consistent with moderate or severe depression and 33 percent indicated they had had suicidal thoughts several days in the previous few weeks.

"There's no doubt that many of the students in our study needed mental health help," Cash said.

The two most common themes in the participants' Facebook posts were negative emotions ("I just said I felt so alone," one student reported) or having a bad day ("Terrible day. Things couldn't get any worse," one wrote). Together, those themes appeared in about 45 percent of the posts the students reported on.

But only one of the students directly asked for help and only three mentioned "depression" or related words, Cash said.

Many participants found ways to hint at how they were feeling without being explicit: 15 percent used sad song lyrics, 5 percent used an emoji or emotion to indicate their depressed feelings and another 5 percent used a quote to express sadness.

"They didn't use words like 'depressed' in their Facebook posts," Cash said.

"It may be because of the stigma around mental illness. Or maybe they didn't know that their symptoms indicated that they were depressed."

Students reported that the most common responses from their friends to their posts about depression (about 35 percent of responses) were simply supportive gestures. "All my close friends were there to encourage me and letting me know that everything will be okay," one student wrote.

The next most common response (19 percent of posts) was to ask what was wrong, which participants didn't always take positively. "It is hard to tell who cares or who's (just) curious this way, though," one participant wrote.

The other three most common responses (all occurring 11 percent of the time) were contacting the depressed friend outside of Facebook, sending a private message within the app, or simply "liking" the post.

Although participants reported that none of their friends suggested they get help, Cash said she is sympathetic to the plight of these friends.

"For the friends reading these posts, they often have to read between the lines since few people came right out and said they were depressed," Cash said.

"Many people used quotes and song lyrics to talk about how they're feeling, so their friends really had to decode what they were saying."

Cash said the findings point to the need for more mental health literacy among college students and others so they know how to recognize the signs of depression and how to respond.

"Both Facebook and colleges and universities could do more to give these students information about resources, mental health support and how to recognize the signs of depression and anxiety," she said.

"We need to increase mental health literacy and decrease mental health stigma."

Co-authors of the study were Laura Marie Schwab-Reese of Purdue University; Erin Zipfel, a former graduate student at Ohio State; and Megan Wilt and Megan Moreno of the University of Wisconsin.

URL: <http://news.osu.edu/when-college-students-post-about-depression-on-facebook/>

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"... that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

2 Corinthian 5:19-20 NIV

DOCTOR'S 100th WHIPPLE PROCEDURE WITH LHN LEADS TO PATIENT'S COURAGEOUS STORY ON FIGHT WITH CANCER



Dr. Neal Agee, MD

A cancer diagnosis can be a challenge, both mentally and physically. After hearing the word "cancer," one patient's journey led her to Lutheran Hospital and fellowship-trained surgical oncologist, Neal Agee, MD.

Dr. Agee performed his 100th Whipple procedure with Lutheran Health Network on this patient, giving her a strong advantage in her fight with this disease.

Robin Eagleson's story began with a possible cancer diagnosis, which led to an internet search for a surgical oncologist offering complete cancer care paired with the convenience of being close to home. Shortly into her search, the Ohio resident discovered Lutheran Hospital's surgical oncologist, Neal Agee, MD, and after doing some research, knew this was her answer. "I truly believe I was led to Dr. Agee and his staff," she stated. "This was right where I needed to be at this time."

Pancreatic cancer can be a quiet, inconspicuous form of the disease, generally disguising symptoms in its earliest stages to model other conditions. According to the American Cancer Society, pancreatic cancer diagnoses are on the rise and have recently surpassed breast cancer cases, but there is an answer for patients faced

with this difficult diagnosis - right in Fort Wayne.

An option for some patients who have been impacted by a possible pancreatic cancer diagnosis is the Whipple procedure. This complex operation removes the head of the pancreas, the first part of the small intestine, the gallbladder and the bile duct and can often result in the return to a state of normalcy for patients who undergo the procedure. Eagleson not only underwent this extensive surgery, she was also Dr. Agee's 100th Whipple procedure patient with Lutheran Health Network; a milestone which speaks volumes to the complexity of the operation itself and the comprehensive cancer care offered by a team of board-certified specialists at Lutheran Hospital.

"The knowledge that the tumor was gone was such a relief," she stated. "Had he not found it when he did, I might be sharing a different story right now."

After undergoing the Whipple procedure, Eagleson and her family know they are headed in the right direction. "I wouldn't be where I am today without Dr. Agee's in-depth knowledge; his entire team was everything you could ever ask for and I could not praise them enough," she stated. To this day, not only has she enjoyed the feeling of normalcy that has resulted from the surgery, she is also feeling mentally and physically great - and people are taking notice.

"It was after I received my diagnosis, the staff told me, we are family, we will face this together and will get through it someday, somehow - hearing that gave me everything I needed for this fight."

The "Positively LHN" platform serves to provide mission stories and patient testimonials for each facility in the network. For more stories like this one, visit www.lutheranhealth.net/positively-lhn.

(WBN ... Cont'd from Page 1) ings among some of our readers.

This oversight was unacceptable and we want to take this time to offer our sincerest apologies to all for allowing this to happen. A newspaper is a public place for civilized conversation, not 'table talk'. The language and content which was published last week was not appropriate for civilized conversation and we want to assure all of our readers that this does not reflect the views or values of West Bend News.

—WBN editors

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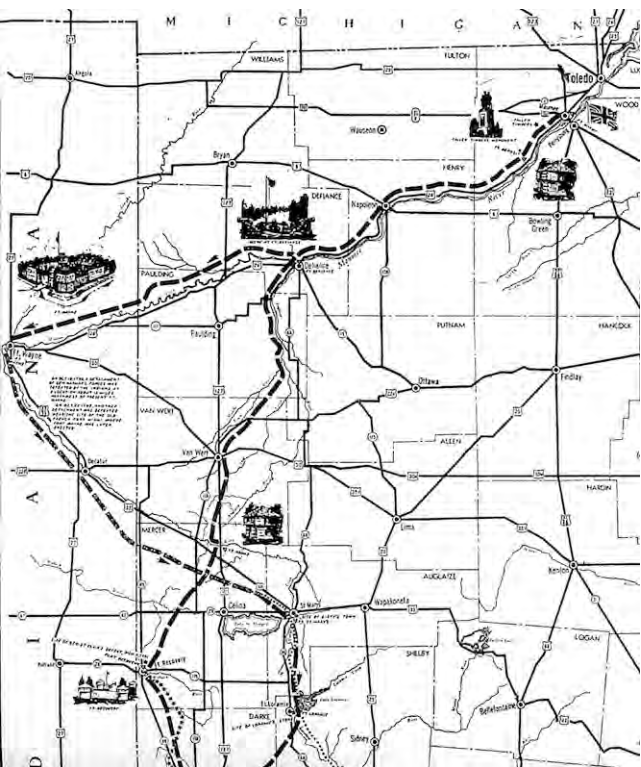
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THE LEGACIES OF WAYNE & HARRISON



This map of General "Mad Anthony" Wayne's campaign against Native Americans in 1794 shows his route into northwest Ohio through Paulding County. The map was drawn in 1944 for a report on the Anthony Wayne Memorial Parkway Project.

By: Melinda Krick, Paulding County Bicentennial Committee

Part of a series

PAULDING - Did you know the path from Ohio's transformation from a frontier wilderness to 17th state and 'Heart of It All' cuts through Paulding County? There's important history in our own backyard.

Before the counties of northwest Ohio were established 200 years ago, before Ohio was even a state, before the Constitution was ratified, before the Treaty of Greenville was signed, this

1785 to defend their territory.

President George Washington ordered the American army to secure control over the new Northwest Territory, which included the land we now call Ohio. The first two military campaigns in 1790 and 1791, led first by General Josiah Harmar and then by Major General Arthur St. Clair - governor of the Northwest Territory - resulted in humiliating losses to the combined native forces, led by Miami leader Little Turtle and Shawnee leader Blue Jacket.

St. Clair's defeat, near Fort Recovery, had a casualty rate of 97 percent killed or wounded, making it one of the most disastrous defeats in U.S. Army history.

In 1792, President Washington then called Anthony Wayne out of retirement to replace his failed generals. Wayne had been one of the most successful military officers during the Revolutionary War, with his boldness and bravery earning him the nickname "Mad Anthony."

For more than a year, Wayne organized and trained his newly established Legion of the United States, while the government continued peace negotiations with the confederation.

Where the first two campaigns had been poorly planned, organized and

supplied, Wayne meticulously crafted a well-trained and disciplined army, conducting drills of both men and officers himself.

Wayne's Legion moved from headquarters at Pittsburgh down the Ohio River to a camp near Cincinnati in May 1793. In the late fall, after peace negotiations had failed, the Legion began moving northward into the heart of the confederation.

Wayne built the heavily fortified Fort Greenville, which served as their winter quarters. An expedition was sent about 20 miles northwest of the fort to the site of St. Clair's Defeat, where the soldiers buried the hundreds of men who had fallen three years earlier. Wayne directed a fort be built there, to be named Fort Recovery, a symbol that the U.S. Army did not accept the defeat.

During that winter, Wayne had numerous roads cut in different directions from Fort Greenville to confuse the native forces. Would the white soldiers head northwest along the St. Marys River to the villages of Kekionga (present day Fort Wayne), or northeast along the Auglaize River to Fort Miamis (near present day Maumee)?

On July 26, 1794, the Legion was joined by an experienced militia from Kentucky. Two days later, they set a course north toward the confluence of the Maumee and Auglaize rivers. They covered 76 miles in 11 days through heavy, unbroken forests and swamps, cutting roads and fording streams and rivers along the way. This unconventional and unexpected route certainly surprised and confounded the native leaders.

After pausing to construct Fort Adams on the St. Marys River (near U.S. 127 between Van Wert and Celina), the Legion advanced due north until they reached what was Town Creek or Middle Creek in central Van Wert County. They followed the creek in a northeasterly direction toward the Little Auglaize River and entered Paulding County on Aug. 6.

One soldier wrote in his journal: "The soil fertile and rendered beautiful by the lofty timber it produces. One battalion mounted volunteers and a party of spies proceed to an old Indian town [Charloe] a few miles in our front, and not meeting any part of the enemy, returned the same afternoon."

The Legion camped overnight on the Little Auglaize and continued marching the next morning, on Aug. 7. The same soldier wrote, "... we arrive at the Grand Glaize [Auglaize] River, a delightful stream, at this place about 100 yards wide, passing thro' a country the soil of which is fertile and its situation pleasant. The right wing crossing and passing down the stream, enter the old Indian town spoken of in the entry of yesterday, and in which are the ruins of eight or ten cabins."

No evidence suggests Wayne's men constructed any type of fort or structure in this area.

Still in Paulding County, the Legion continued a few miles downriver and camped for the night at the mouth of Flat Rock Creek, south of what is now Five

Span Bridge. There, the soldiers found corn, beans and potatoes.

On Aug. 8, the army began encountering miles of native settlements and cultivated fields along the Auglaize all the way to the Maumee River. There, at the confluence of the Auglaize and Maumee - where the largest native conference ever had been held in 1792 - Wayne chose to build a large fortification with earthworks. He had cut through the middle of enemy territory before the confederation knew what happened and built a great outpost halfway between their most important strongholds.

The legion quickly built Fort Defiance, so named because Wayne remarked, "I defy the English, Indians, and all the devils in hell to take it." To which a subordinate replied, "Then call it Fort Defiance."

Days later, they advanced down the Maumee toward Fort Miamis at Maumee, occupied by the British. On Aug. 22, near the fort, the Legion engaged native warriors and Canadian militiamen in an area where a tornado had toppled hundreds of trees, leaving them in tangled piles that provided defensive cover. Here, at Fallen Timbers, about 1,500 warriors led by Blue Jacket, initiated an attack against about 3,000 soldiers. With the well-prepared army appearing victorious after a brief battle, Blue Jacket's men fled to the fort and attempted to gain entry, but were locked out.

Wayne's Legion camped for three days within sight of the fort. After burning the nearby native villages and crops, the Legion withdrew and marched back up the Maumee, continuing to burn homes and fields along the route until they reached Kekionga, where they built Fort Wayne.

The march upstream again passed through Paulding County, on the north side of the Maumee River. During the three-day trek from Fort Defiance to the headwaters, the army camped here once, near Antwerp. Local legend tells us a detachment passed up Flat Rock creek and camped a few days about a mile southwest of Paulding, near what is known as "Lovers Lane" (Road 132) southeast of the county hospital.

There's also stories that Wayne's men buried a cannon along the way. A newspaper article printed in 1909 stated a local man claimed the carriage of a cannon broke down during the march, according to two of his uncles who had served with Wayne. The cannon supposedly was buried on the banks of the Flat Rock 25 miles east of Fort Wayne, but was never found.

Wayne's Legion returned to Fort Greenville in November and went into winter quarters. The following year, Wayne negotiated the Treaty of Greenville between the U.S. and the confederation, which relinquished their claim to two-thirds of Ohio.

In less than 20 years, the United States was at war again. The conflict with Great Britain touched every part of the nation, from the Gulf of Mexico to Mackinac Island, from the Atlantic

Ocean to the Great Lakes, including the Maumee and Auglaize valleys.

The War of 1812 reignited hostilities along the frontier with Native Americans, many of whom were allied with the British. Most of the Northwest Territory had not been ceded by the Indians to the U.S.

General William Henry Harrison - also governor of the Indiana Territory and a future president - was named commander of the Army of the Northwest after General Hull surrendered Fort Detroit to the British without a fight. Numerous forts were built in western Ohio to help protect settlers, to store supplies and to protect supply routes. One blockhouse was constructed at the confluence of the Auglaize and Little Auglaize rivers in Paulding County, and named Fort Brown in honor of its commander or builder, variously referred to as Captain, Colonel or General Brown.

Fort Brown was part of a supply route that included Fort Jennings and Fort Amanda (Wapakoneta) to the south, and Fort Winchester at Defiance to the north. All the outposts supported Fort Meigs near Perrysburg, a pivotal strong-

hold from which Harrison recaptured Fort Detroit and defeated the British and the native leader Tecumseh in Ontario, Canada.

Many stories indicate two or three soldiers, possibly more, were buried at Fort Brown, with their grave markers visible to early settlers.

According to other records, another supply fort was built at this time in what would become Paulding County - one dubbed Fort Junction at the mouth of Six Mile Creek near what is now Auglaize Golf Club. This fort, like Fort Brown, supposedly was a supply blockhouse constructed by Kentucky militia.

The site of Fort Brown was commemorated with a stone monument in 1953 as part of the Ohio Sesquicentennial Celebration. Markers note the site's importance in the War of 1812 and to the Native Americans of the region, as well as a brief stop for Wayne's Legion en route to the Battle of Fallen Timbers.

Next time: When the Indians left Paulding County.

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

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damaged when 21 tornadoes tore through Auglaize, Darke, Greene, Hocking, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Muskingum, Perry, and Pickaway counties.

"Safe rooms offer protection to a tornado's strong winds and resulting airborne debris and provides near-absolute protection for occupants," said Steve Ferryman, Ohio EMA mitigation branch chief. "We urge Ohioans to apply for these grants."

This is the eighth year for the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program. To date, more than \$1.5 million in rebates have been awarded to homeowners for the construction of more

than 200 safe rooms across the state.

Safe rooms can be constructed/installed in one of several places in the home, including in the basement; beneath a concrete slab-on-grade foundation or garage floor; or in an interior room on the first floor. A safe room may also be buried in the yard or be a stand-alone structure near the home.

The deadline to apply to participate in the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program is April 6 at 5 p.m.

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PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

SAVE ME ONE

By: Nancy Whitaker
One thing you should know about me is that, "I am a foodie." I like southern food, fast food, fair food and church carry in food.

Of course, no one likes to gain weight, but sometimes it is worth the extra pounds to just eat anything you want.



I remember as a youngster, my grandma was a wonderful cook. My favorite meal then was: Country fried ham, mashed potatoes, red eye gravy, and buttery corn on the cob. It makes me hungry just writing about it.

But let's face it, everything seems better when it is homemade and with ingredients you can control yourself.

I have never been a so-called crafty person, but I do love to go into my kitchen and try various recipes. In addition to being a foodie, I am also a dedicated fan of the Food Network.

I will admit, I try some of their recipes, but my food just doesn't look like it does when Bobby Flay (Food NetWork) cooks it.

I recently came across a food blog called Heart, Hands and Home. In a section there was interesting information called Making Mixes 101.

This caught my attention, because I thought if I could make some of my own mixes, it would save me time and money and I would not have to fight lines at the grocery store.

The one mix that I decided to try was a homemade brownie mix. Now,

who doesn't like brownies? I could eat a whole pan. Shhhh! Chocolate in fact is my best friend.

If you are making this bulk mix, you can whip up a batch of these delicious sweet treats and have them on the table and in your tummy within a half hour.

Now, I normally don't keep 10 pounds of sugar or flour in my cupboards, but I had enough ingredients to make 6 jars of brownie mix.

By making my own mix, I could use ingredients and make them gluten or sugar free. Are you interested in making this mix? Then let's get started:

1. First of all, wear an apron, because if you are like me, I had flour from one end of the kitchen to the other.

2. Choose how you want to package your mix. I used mason jars, but you could also use zip lock bags which stack very well. 3. Then make sure you have all of the ingredients. You will need flour, sugar, cocoa, baking powder and salt. (this mix they say can also be used to make Texas Sheet Cake.)

Ingredients for brownie mix

- 8 cups of flour
- 6 cups sugar
- 2 cups cocoa powder (such as Hersheys)
- 1 1/2 TBS baking powder
- 1 TBS salt

4. Mix all these ingredients together in a big bowl until everything is combined. Using a whisk is a good tool. Make sure all of the ingredients are well mixed.

5. The next step is putting your mix into containers for storage. Since the brownies require 2 1/4 cups of the brownie mix, I measured the correct amount into my jars. Oh, they look so good, I just had to try making a pan.

So to my 2 1/4 cups of mix, I added 2 eggs, 1/3 cup of oil, 2 tsp vanilla, and optional ingredients such as nuts or chocolate chips. (if you want a cakeier brownie, use 3 eggs, instead of 2.)

Cut some parchment paper and put into an 8x8 square pan, spray bottom with cooking spray, spoon brownie mixture into pan and bake 30-35 minutes at 350*

Cool, cut and eat!!
I think I will try the Texas Sheet cake recipe later, but right now my brownies are done and I might just eat the whole pan.

Do you like brownies? What goes good with brownies, milk or coffee? Have you ever met a brownie you didn't like? If you try this recipe, let me know and I will give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

BUSINESS OWNERS: PLAN FOR NEXT PHASE OF LIFE



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

As a business owner, you're always thinking of what you need to do now. But you can't forget about the future - yours and that of your business. So it may be a good idea to consider your personal retirement plan and business succession strategy.

Let's start by looking at a few retirement plan possibilities:

Solo 401(k) - This plan, which is also known as an Owner-only 401(k), is available to self-employed individuals and business owners with no full-time employees other than themselves or a spouse. A Solo 401(k) offers many of the same advantages of a traditional 401(k): a range of investment options, tax-deductible contributions and the opportunity for tax-deferred earnings growth. You may even be able to choose a Roth option, which allows you to make after-tax contributions that can grow tax-free. Your Solo 401(k) contributions consist of two parts: salary deferral and profit sharing. In 2020, you can defer up to \$19,500 of income, or \$26,000 if you're 50 or older. Your profit-sharing contribution is based on your earnings. The sum of your salary deferral and profit sharing can't exceed \$57,000 (or \$63,500 if you're 50 or older). If your spouse is employed by your business, you each can contribute the maximum amount allowed.

SEP IRA - If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, you may want to think about a SEP IRA. You'll fund the plan with tax-deductible contributions, and you must cover all eligible employees. (Employees themselves cannot contribute.) You can generally contribute up to 25% of compensation, up to \$57,000 annually. And you can fund your SEP IRA with virtually any type of investment.

Solo defined benefit plan - Not many businesses still offer pension plans, also known as defined benefit plans, but

you can set one up for yourself if you're self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and your contributions are typically tax-deductible.

A financial professional can help you choose the appropriate retirement plan. But you'll still need to think about succession planning. Of course, you can always sell your business outright at any time you like. Or you could leave your business to your children in your will, but if you give it to them gradually during your lifetime, you can become more confident they'll be able to manage the business on their own.

Another alternative might be to transfer the business with a buy-sell agreement, which allows you to determine when, to whom, and at what price you can sell it. Because you can establish the purchase price as your business's taxable value, a buy-sell agreement is useful in estate planning. If you want to keep the business in your family, you might want to consider funding the buy-sell agreement with life insurance, so family members can use the death benefit proceeds to buy your ownership stake.

In any case, given the complexities and tax issues involved with succession planning, you'll need to consult with your legal and tax advisors when creating a strategy. But don't wait too long. You can't predict the future, but by planning ahead, you can help achieve the outcomes you desire.

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WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE FLATROCK CREEK/AUGLAIZE RIVER WATERSHED

The Allen County, Indiana Soil and Water Conservation District has received a Water Quality Planning Grant from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to develop a watershed management plan for the Flatrock Creek/Auglaize River watershed. This watershed is located in the SE corner of Allen County, Indiana, the NE corner of Adams County, Indiana, and portions of Paulding and Van Wert Counties in Ohio.

The watershed management plan will be a work plan for achieving water resource goals that provides assessment and management information for the Flatrock Creek/Auglaize River watershed. It is developed using a watershed planning process that includes steps to characterize existing conditions, identify and prioritize problems, define management objectives, and develop protection or remediation strategies.

This planning effort will be led by a Steering Committee comprised of local stakeholders (citizens, businesses, governments, non-governmental organizations...) who are most knowledgeable of the needs of the watershed. We are currently seeking Steering Committee members. The public is strongly encouraged to participate in the project to voice their con-

cerns and ideas regarding water resources within the watershed. The first Steering Committee meeting will be held during the Fort Wayne Farm Show on Jan. 14, 2020 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm in the Applesed A conference

room in the War Memorial Coliseum. If you live, work or have a vested interest in the watershed, we invite you to contact Sharon Partridge, Assistant Program Administrator at the SWCD office for more information.

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Paulding County.

Commissioner Zartman has been an advocate for the Paulding County Vision Board, which is made up of representatives throughout the county. It's formed by dedicated and concerned citizens on a mission to collaborate, strategically plan, and secure funding to create an even better Paulding County community. So far, over 12 projects have been identified to improve quality of life assets in the county. "I believe this is the first time a movement like this has happened in Paulding County, and I'm very honored to get to work with such a diverse team to make noticeable differences," added Zartman.

Another targeted quality of life project was the development of the new EMA Training Center, along Fairground Drive in Paulding. Phase 1 for this first responder training center has been completed through a state grant. This center is on its way to becoming one of the best comprehensive training centers in the region, if not the state, according to Zartman.

As far as goals for the near future, Zartman wants to improve response time of first responders by starting the conversation and assisting in formulating a plan. Another key issue is employee retention. "Right now, neighboring counties pay much higher wages than Paulding County. While we have a very loyal team, eventually economics overrun dedication. We need to devise a plan to retain the great leaders we already have in place."

Zartman has also been a persistent voice in support of making Paulding County wind-friendly. The revenue generated back to the County

from the wind companies has allowed for new services and expansion of existing services across all demographics in the County.

Zartman also serves on several boards and committees. He is a member of the Maumee Valley Planning Organization, a regional planning and development organization that brings together leaders from Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding and Williams Counties to address issues that affect all of Northwest Ohio. He is the Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, where he has arranged for Ohio Governor Mike DeWine to make a special appearance on February 12th at 6pm at Branch Church in Paulding. He has been appointed by all other Commissioners in the State of Ohio to CORSAs (Counties of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority). The knowledge learned from being on this board has helped keep the county's insurance premiums at a lower rate, with no increase for the past 10 years.

"My priorities for the next four years will continue to help lead quality of life initiatives. Three of my four kids have moved away. You better believe my wife and I wish they lived closer to us. I think there are many others in our age group who feel the same way. We must figure out a way to retain our youth. As Commissioner, I'm working with other strong leaders to tackle this issue. Clearly, our work isn't done. We can't take our foot off the gas pedal just yet," stated Commissioner Zartman.

For more information, or if you would like to get involved in efforts mentioned above, please contact Commissioner Tony Zartman at tony.zartman@gmail.com.

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A NOTE FROM STAN

**All of the old pictures in this week's West Bend News are taken from the John Paulding Historical Society and we are very proud to run them. We tried to explain them the best we could.*

ME AND THE HOLIDAY

By: Stan Jordan
I don't know where to start with this because Christmas time and all the good feeling and anticipation and joy that goes along with it, starts before Thanksgiving. Now, I'm not knocking it, I enjoy all of that five or six weeks. I guess I am a 95 year old kid.

Our family always decorated our house with colored lights and would go around to see the other lights and figurines that decorated other folks yards. I done that till I could no longer get out of the automobile.

I even enjoyed shopping

for everything and anything till I was too banged up physically - I was going to say too old, but you never get too old for any or all of the holiday feeling, if you are a mind too.

Our family got together for a fine dinner, conversation and gift giving at Christmas time.

Now, I was never much for New Year celebration. As long as I can remember, we were in bed by 10:00. I always looked forward to a new year, but it always arrived without my help. I was never much for New Year Resolution because I never would keep them, then it is a good time to turn over a new leaf and start a new you.

Looking back, 2019 was a good year for me. I didn't fall or stumble once, I never got sick all year. Oh, you know, a few "blue days", a number of heartaches that come along. I enjoy my days here at the West Bend News. I love all these people and you people that read my columns.

Basically, I hope the new year - 2020 - is as good as 2019 was for me, and I hope you can say the same thing.

See ya!

GOODBYE 2019

By: Stan Jordan

We had some good days out of those 365, and there are some we'd like to forget, and some we never will forget.

The spring days were the wettest ever, lots of farmers didn't get all of their ground planted, just too much rain, but the wheat did pretty well in volume and moisture content. The corn that did get planted did very well and the soybeans also, but the acres that didn't get planted didn't bring in any revenue and that was bad, but I think all the crops were harvested.

Antwerp got some new waterlines. They repaired some of the manhole covers on North Main Street - Glory be! There were a number of new houses built and some that are not finished. It seems that every man, woman and child has a telephone, so we should be well informed. But there in, is the cause of some

of our cares and woes and worse. It seems that often leads a motorist to distraction too many times.

It seems that there was an awful lot of terrorist acts, way too many of senseless killings and shootings and different types of weapons, but the officials seem to be going on these types of people.

We had a fine summer, not an overly number of 90 degree days, we had rain to make the grass grow and your flowers.

Out at the high school, the girls softball won the state in their division. The boys baseball went to the state final four. The boys softball is doing very well, so far they are 8 - 0. I always read the Dean's list - the kids are doing great.

Basically, I think now everybody had a good year, probably you would call what it was about normal, some good and some not so good.

But, back up and think it all over, you probably had a good year to end the decade.

See ya!

THE OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

By: Stan Jordan

On Saturday night, December 28th, the Buckeyes' football season came to a sad end. They were No. 2 in the nation and Clemson was No. 3. It was a good game, well played, but in the jest of it all, getting close to the end of the game, their quarterback threw a long pass into the middle of three bucks and the Clemson boy caught it and that is the way it ended. I still think one of the Ohio Buckeyes could have blotched that play, but I guess that is what makes a contest.

In looking back, their record is great. Since Coach Ryan Day took over, they have won 19 games in a row and in the middle of that is the Big Ten Championship for 2019.

Yes sir, the boys had a great year and a great record that will stand for a long time. There has to be a winner and a loser in every contest.

There are a number of good players on the team. They are all American - 3 men are on the second team all American.

Besides the quarterback was nominated for the Hiezman trophy, Chase Young was also nominated as a linebacker.

They have beaten Michigan Wolverines every year since Urban Meyer took over as head coach. That in itself is a good record. We have about five starters that graduate this year. We will miss them, but there is a lot of boys who want to play and I understand No. 2, Dobbins, is turning pro.

See ya!

FARM BILL EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS TO BE HELD IN NW OHIO

By: Sarah Noggle, OSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources, Paulding, County

Ohio State University Extension and the USDA Farm Service Agency in Ohio are partnering to provide a series of educational Farm Bill meetings this winter to help producers make informed decisions related to enrollment in commodity programs. Paulding County will be hosting two meetings at the OSU Extension Office in Paulding on January 9 and February 6, 2020. Both

THE OLD CHAIR FACTORY



By: Stan Jordan

I'm going to tell you what I remember about the "chair factory" in Antwerp.

A man named J.B. Johnson started a business making furniture here in Antwerp in the 1920's and it was called J.B. Johnson Furniture and nearly everyone called it "The Chair Factory."

The above picture is of that building. This was

sometime in the 1920's. The first man on the left is C.A. Quisno and I think the number ten man, with the cocked hat, is Millard Jones, and the last fellow is Charlie Stiner. Now this place had a good name for quality and business was good. It had about 150 employees by 1939.

Then it was sold to some boys from Chicago and it

was called the Antwerp Parlor Furniture. Business was good and during WWII it made official packing crates for the government. After WWII business was good and they made quality products, but after 1950 it caught fire and burned down. It was never rebuilt as a factory. The Antwerp VFW stands there now. See ya!

HISTORY, HISTORY



By: Stan Jordan

The above picture is a lot of history of south Antwerp and a little guess work also.

This whole scene is across from where the bank is now. That little one story building on the right was Dave Johnson's blacksmith shop and that became The Antwerp Insurance Agency in the 1961.

The 2 story building on the right is where I am not sure. What I remember of it, it was a used furniture store operated by Charles Johnson and in 1935 or so it became a car repair shop and burned down.

Here in the picture it shows a sign of J.B. Johnson, I think that was where he started his business. I think he built the big building over on Railroad Street in the 1920's. All of my pictures and notes points to that.

Here are a few facts that I am sure of:

The street was paved in 1916 and here it's mud. The phone lines came along about 1896. We got electricity in 1898.

That big white walled building on the right is the Old Masonic Temple. Those

two buildings were built before 1912.

The Antwerp Insurance Agency was built in 1961 and Randy Derck has been in there since 1964. On the left, that little white building was the Shoe Repair Shop, more on this at a later date.

Getting back to the first big building on the right... in my time it was C.A. Quisno's Plumbing Shop. Then he moved down to where the Antwerp Hardware is now. Mark Lucas had a plumbing shop there and it is now a card room, call The Bear's Den.

Right to the south of there is a road or alley back to the little field. I remember they used to have Harry Shannon Shows back there. Those were of the tent variety and you sat in folding chairs in the front row and hollered and hissed at the villain. I would deliver hand bills for the show and would be paid by a free ticket.

On the sign here on the right it says J.B. Johnson Furniture. We think that is where he had his business until he built the Chair Factory in the 1920's.

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PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Shown in the picture are Paulding Middle School's December Students of the Month. From left to right are Emma Dotterer, Riley Stork, Lilly Epple, and Mara Phlipot. Not included in the picture is Greyson Harder.

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE



Paulding Middle School held their local spelling bee on Monday, January 6th. Pictured from left to right are spelling bee champion, Sarah Wong, and spelling bee runner-up, Laila Stiltner.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2019/20

SENIORS
4.0: Julia Fife, Chel-
si Giesige, Sidney Kohart,

Kaela Lucas, Alberto Mar-
tinez Calderon, Sydney Mc-
Cullough, Julia McMaster,
Jordyn Merriman, Savan-
nah Shepherd, Jaden Ver-
faillie, Mackenzie Weible

3.5-3.99: Grace Burtch,

Mason Dailey, Jacob De-
isler, Seth Dysinger, Evan
Edwards, Kolson Egnor,
Shannon Hale, Madison
James, McCailey Johanns,
Shey Kindle, Zoe Kochel,
Claire McClure, Jordan Mu-
del, Noah Pessefall, Mat-
thew Schroeder, Alexandria
Smith, Olivia Stallard, Katie
Strayer

3.0-3.49: Kennedy Foor,
Brandon Jackson, Cole Ma-
bis, Riley Noffsinger, Corey
Owens, Tyler Snipes

JUNIORS

4.0: Donnique Car-
ter-Dickey, Jon Clapsad-
dle, Megan Dearth, Adelae
Foltz, Megan Harpel, Hai-
ley Hartzell, Caleb Manz,
Elyse Manz, Maggie Manz,
Baylee March, Gillian Por-
ter, Quincy Porter, Deyton
Price, Sydney Reineck, Gab-
bie Stallbaum

3.5-3.99: Payton Beck-
man, Kaeli Bustos, Kaylyn
Cox, Leigha Egnor, Fer-
nando Garcia Jr, Quintin
Gonzales, Isabelle Heitman,
Hailee Huner, Morgan Iler,
Hunter Kauser, Robert Kee-
terle, Luke McCullough,
Blake McGarvey, Trace
McKinley, Jalynn Parrett,
Lynelle Schneider, Marquise
Seibert, Kaitlyn Shaffer,
Isaac Smalley, Hailey Weid-
enhamer, Jasmine Wong

3.0-3.49: Colton Howell,
Nolan Johanns, Kayla Lane,
Morgan Mobley, Faith Rose,
Deacon Sanders, Courtney
Smith, Ben Weible

SOPHOMORES

4.0: Alexandria Ade,
Alivya Bakle, Emily Can-
tu, Gabby Casper, Audrey
Cordova, Erika Dobbelaere,
Taelyn Etzler, Sophia Fish-
er, Audrey Giesige, Zach
Gorrell, Paige Jones, Alivia
Perl, Lily Roehrig, Claire
Schweller, Caleb Thompson,
Grady Vogel, Leanne Warn-
imont, Sam Woods

3.5-3.99: Sam Adams,
Brooke Ankney, Coryn
Bennett, Ella Cook, Brody
Fisher, Kaylena Gray, Em-
ber Helms-Keezer, Ethan
Herman, Jade Hoghe, Reid
Johanns, Lexi Kashner, Kyle
Kelly, Vanessa Krueger,
Kellsey Kupfersmith, Jay-
lyn McCloud, Janae Pease,
Carsen Perl, Austin Pesse-
fall, Karli Phlipot, Saman-
tha Proxmire, Kayla Sherry,
Cierra Singer, Logan Tope,
Alex Tressler, Zoe Valle

3.0-3.49: Wyatt Beck-
man, Katelyn Dominique,
Kaly Goshia, Kylie Great-
house, Ryleigh Johanns,
Stephanie Ladd, Jocelyn
LaFountain, Julia Leather-
man, Brianna Minck, Myla
Mitchell, Marciano Mur-
dock, Wyatt Noffsinger,
Chloe Verfaillie, Autumn
Yonge

FRESHMEN

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Carlea Kuckuck, Ashton
Manz, Jacob Martinez,
Emily Mazariegos, Hayden
Mullen, Olivia Porter, Car-
men Reno, Caydence Rue,
Cassie Weller

3.5-3.99: Peyton Adams,
Eternity Bassler, Luis Cortes
Becerra, Natali Cortes Be-
cerra, Joe Estle, Marissa
Gray, Skylar Keezer, Han-
nah Leaman, Jacob Lipps,
Carter Manz, Haley Manz,
Nick Manz, Sheridan Mat-
ty, Emma McClure, Char-
ity Schnepf, Ean Seibert,
Ariana Sheaks, Chaz Shull,
Sydney Trahin, Bryanna
Winke

3.0-3.49: Jonathan Ad-
kins, Zak Bauer, Cayden
Breier, Mason Doster,
Quinten Doster, Karli Gam-
ble, Bridget Gribble, Alex

DESK VIEW FROM GERMANY



By: **Katie Oberlin**

Settling back into the
weekday grind after two
weeks of family, friends, food,
and celebration is a strug-



gle most can relate to in the
new year. Christmas time has
come to a close. For Germans,
this means taking decorations
off the tree, which is almost
always a real, fresh Christ-
mas tree, sending the tree
to the furnace, burning the
advent candles one last time,
and packing away the raclette
stove. Raclette is made with
a grill and many small, per-
sonal skillets. Each person
fills their own skillet with
fresh vegetables, meat, and
anything one's heart desires,
topped with thick Raclette
cheese. Most Germans eat
Raclette during their Christ-
mas break because it makes

for quality family time, and
it is really tasty. In retrospect,
Christmas time in Germany
was really charming and felt
more homemade and person-
al than the often commercial
Christmas in the U.S. Most
villages had their own Christ-
mas markets with homemade
food and "Glühwein," which
is a hot wine often with cin-
namon and other spices. The
big cities also created these
markets which set the mood
for Christmas time.

Many people in Germany
also travel during Christmas
vacation and often to Swit-
zerland, Austria, or northern
Italy for "Skifahren" (skiing).
My Rotary district along with
two other districts did exact-
ly that, starting December
28 at 5:00 a.m. in Dusseldorf
and arriving in Südtirol, Italy
around 6:00 p.m. 43 exchange
students, three outbound
Germans, and about 20 Ro-
texers and Rotarians took on
the slopes for the next five
days. For many of us, this was
our first experience skiing or
snowboarding. Wearing our
oddball borrowed ski clothes
and finally getting our shoes,
skis, poles, and boards up the
hill, we really took in the
view of the Alps. For some,
this was more of a reunion
and their alpine skills quick-

ly came back to them. For the
newbies, it was time to learn,
try not to be afraid, and to
figure out how to get back
up. Everyone definitely felt
"the burn" from spending the
whole day going up and down
the slopes, but by day three,
we found a rhythm and really
enjoyed our time skiing.

Ski Tour fell over Silvester
(New Year's Eve) and to cele-
brate we put on some clothes
that were not snow proof and
did what we exchange stu-
dents do best: sing, dance,
laugh and celebrate, after eat-
ing some Raclette in honor
of the ending year. Silvester
ended a little early because
the next day brought more
skiing bright and early. Be-
fore we knew it, it was time
to head back home and soon
enough time for school to
start again. It is hard to be-
lieve we are five months into
our exchange years and even
harder for us to say goodbye
to our Australian and New
Zealand exchange friends
who have completed their ex-
change years and flew home.
Although the holiday sea-
son can be difficult without
family, getting to go some-
where and learn something
new during the holidays was
an experience I feel lucky to
have. Frohes Neues!

Hobart, Autumn Kochen-
our, Cameron Laker, Gage
Lloyd, Jerile Moore, Wyatt
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ARCHERS, RAIDERS SPLIT

A pair of Paulding Coun-
ty rivals hooked up in junior
high girls basketball action
Thursday night as Wayne
Trace and Antwerp squared
off at the home of the Arch-
ers.

Antwerp won the sev-
enth grade contest with a
20-3 win over Wayne Trace.

Caroline Rohrs and Jessi-
ca Thornell each scored ten
points in the Lady Archer
victory.

Tianna Sinn had two
points and Kathleen Stoller
added one marker for the
Lady Raiders.

Wayne Trace took the
eighth grade contest, defeat-
ing the Archers 18-15.

Aewyn McMichael paced
the blue and white with six
points while Meagan Pend-
ergrast chipped in four. Sa-
mantha Sheedy and Caro-
line Rohrs added two points
each and Emma Townley
picked up the remaining
Antwerp point.

Kaitlin Slade topped the
red, white and blue with ten
points followed by Ava Zart-
man with six and Brenna

Parker bucketed two.
The Lady Archers will
travel to Hicksville next
Tuesday, January 14th.

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EAGLES SOAR OVER WARRIORS



Woodlan's Joe Reidy jumps and shoots from the outside to score a 3 point basket for the home team! The Warriors hosted Churbusco on January 8th. The Eagles reigned victorious at the last buzzer with a final score of 87-67. More pictures at westbendnews.net

CAMERON SINN LEADS RAIDERS PAST DELPHOS JEFFERSON

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - After an emotional loss to county and conference rival Antwerp last Thursday night the Wayne Trace Raiders were back in

action on Saturday. Playing at home the Raiders rode the shooting perfection of Cameron Sinn to a 56-49 non league win. Sinn finished the night with 19 points to lead all scorers. The sophomore managed to hit all four of his two-point field goal attempts while going three-for-three behind the arc. At the foul

line the sophomore drained both of his attempts.

With the win the Raiders stand at 8-4 overall while the Wildcats fall to 4-8. Delphos Jefferson had one player in double digits; Ian Wannemacher who finished with 16.

The Raiders led by a single point after the initial quarter 11-10 but put some space between them and the Cats in the second stanza, outscoring their opponent 17-9 to take a 28-19 lead to the locker room at halftime. Wayne Trace pushed their margin to double figures with a 45-34 lead heading into the final eight minutes of play.

Delphos Jefferson made a brief run but could never catch the Raiders in the closing minutes. Wayne Trace hung on down the stretch to secure the seven point win.

Also in double figures for the Raiders was Alex Reinhart who tallied 11 points on 4-6 shooting from the floor and a perfect 3-3 at the charity stripe. Reinhart also finished with eight rebounds. Senior Jace Vining totaled seven points as did team mate Nate Gerber who led the team with nine rebounds. Reid Miller finished with six points and five assists with Nate Crosby adding four points and two points from Cale Crosby.

The Raiders shot 17-33 from the two-point area for 52 percent while behind the arc the Raiders were four of 12 for 33 percent. At the foul line the red, white, and blue were solid at 10-11. Delphos Jefferson connected on 14-31 for 45 percent and 4-10 behind the arc. The Wildcats struggled at the free throw line hitting just nine of 18 for 50 percent. The Raiders won the battle of the

boards 31-26.

The Junior Varsity Raiders won their contest over Delphos Jefferson 41-25.

This week the Raiders will be on the road for their two games. On Thursday they travel to Edgerton for a key Green Meadows Conference match-up with the Bulldogs and then return to action on Saturday at Fort Jennings.

ARCHERS CRUISE PAST EAGLES

The Lady Archers of Antwerp got back on the winning track Saturday afternoon as the blue and white rolled past visiting North Central 51-27.

Antwerp took control from start to finish, opening a 14-6 advantage after one quarter before holding a 22-14 halftime lead.

The Lady Archers then expanded the margin to 35-23 at the end of three periods.

Karsyn Brumett paced the blue and white with 16 points while Heather Oberlin added a dozen and Astianna Coppes chipped in nine markers.

Lydia Brewer added six points for Antwerp while Grace Schuette and Tiera Gomez finished with four markers each. The Lady Archers improved to 5-6 overall with the victory.

North Central was led by Madison Brown with a dozen markers with Lauren Balsler adding six markers. Kristen Hickman and Kendee Hollstein scored three points apiece and Kyleigh Westfall had the remaining two points for the Eagles, who fall to 5-8 on the season.

ARCHERS TOP RAIDERS, HOLD GMC LEAD



Alex Reinhart, senior at Wayne Trace, takes a jump shot from the key, scoring 2 points, with Antwerp's Luke Krouse guarding. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp went on the road Thursday night and fought off a tough challenge from host Wayne Trace for a 60-53 win in Green Meadows Conference boys basketball action.

With the win, the Archers put themselves in the driver's seat in the race for the league crown as Antwerp is now 10-0 overall and 2-0 in the league.

The blue and white jumped in front early on and led at every stop, including a 15-6 advantage at the end of one quarter.

Antwerp took a 30-19 halftime lead before posting a 50-40 margin entering the final period.

Wayne Trace cut the lead to two points twice in the final period, once at 53-51 on

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Antwerp Sophomore Jagger Landers scores the layup as Nate Gerber attempts to block the shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

a pair of Nathan Gerber free throws and again at 55-53 on a Reid Miller basket.

However, the Archers got key free throw shooting down the stretch from Jacob Savina, Jayvin Landers and Jagger Landers to seal the win. The trio combined to hit eight of nine foul shots in the fourth quarter as Antwerp put the game away.

Jagger Landers led the way for the Archers with 18 points and nine rebounds while Jacob Savina added 15 markers and Jayvin Landers posted 14.

Blake Schuette (six), Austin Lichty (five) and Luke Krouse (two) rounded out the Archer scorers. Krouse dished out five assists and had two steals while grabbing three rebounds. Lichty picked up four rebounds and three steals with Jayvin Landers finishing with two assists, two steals and a trio of boards.

Nathan Gerber paced Wayne Trace with 18 points, four rebounds and three assists while Alex Reinhart posted a double-double with 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Cameron Sinn (nine), Reid Miller (seven) and Trevor Speice (five) completed the list of scorers for the Raiders, who fall to 7-4 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

Miller dished out four

assists and picked up six steals to go along with three rebounds for Wayne Trace. Sinn recorded five rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Wayne Trace's junior varsity improved to 10-1 overall and 2-0 in the Green Meadows Conference with a 37-34 win over the Archers.

Cameron Graham had ten markers and three steals to lead the Raiders with Trevor Sinn and Grayson McClure bucketing eight points each. McClure also grabbed four rebounds for the red, white and blue.

Landyn Whitman finished with four points and six boards for the Raiders followed by Tyler Davis (three points), Race Price (two points, three rebounds, two steals) and Joe Munger (two points, two steals).

Hunter Grant paced Antwerp with 11 points and a pair of steals while Gaige McMichael finished with six points and two steals. Kaden Phares (five points), Hunter Sproles (five points, six rebounds, two steals), Kaden Recker (four points, three rebounds, two steals) and Dylan Hines (three points, six rebounds, three steals) rounded out the scorers for the Archers, who fall to 4-6 in all games and 0-2 in the league.

RUDY YOVICH NAMED NEW OWENS ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

On Monday January 6, Rudy Yovich began his tenure as the Owens Athletics Director. This is the second time that Yovich has served in this post during his career.

With an athletic administration career that spans nearly 20 years, Rudy Yovich returns as the Director of

Athletics at Owens Community College. Yovich was previously the Express' AD from 2011-2014. He was recently the Director of Athletics at NCAA Division-II Wheeling University.

At Wheeling, Yovich was instrumental in the institution of Football as an intercollegiate sport. He was the Tournament Director for the 2017, 2018 and 2019 NCAA Atlantic Regional Volleyball Tournament,

RAIDERS ROLL PAST ARCHERS

Visiting Wayne Trace scored the game's first 11 points and the Raiders opened a 23-4 first quarter lead before rolling to a 61-32 win over host Antwerp in Green Meadows Conference girls basketball action Friday night at the home of the Archers.

Wayne Trace extended the margin to 42-15 at the midway point and the red, white

and blue pushed the advantage to 56-21 at the end of three periods.

Claire Sinn scored 19 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the way for the Raiders while Katrina Stoller chipped in 11 markers and dished out a pair of assists. Rachel Stoller also hit twin digits with ten points while posting two steals.

Gracie Shepherd finished



Antwerp's Karsyn Brumett is able to post a jumpshot after the Archers struggle to get off the ground. More pictures at westbendnews.net

with nine points, seven rebounds and three steals and Katie Stoller bucketed six points while adding two assists and two steals. Miriam Sinn and Christina Graham also added three-point field goals for Wayne Trace.

Miriam Sinn dished out

five assists and picked up a pair of steals while grabbing three rebounds and Graham hauled down four boards for the Lady Raiders.

Astianna Coppes topped the Lady Archers with eight points, five rebounds and two steals while Karsyn Brumett

as well as a member of the NCAA Regional Advisory Committees for Women's Lacrosse and Men's Soccer. During his tenure, Cardinal Student-Athletes won three National Championships, the Volleyball team reached the Elite 8 in 2018 as well as a National Runner-up finish for Wrestling that same year. Numerous student-athletes garnered All-American, All-Conference athletic and academic honors.

Prior to Wheeling University, Yovich was Director of Athletics at NCAA Division-III Defiance College. At Defiance, significant initiatives included the school's first departmental apparel deal with Nike and the development of a multi-million dollar athletic facility upgrade. Yellow Jacket student-athletes consistently delivered a departmental grade point average over 3.0.

Before being appointed to the AD position at Owens, Yovich was Assistant Athletic Director at NCAA Division-I IPFW (now Purdue Fort Wayne). At IPFW, Yovich had director sport oversight of the school's cross country and track programs and two spirit groups, along with leading the department's media relations program.

Yovich holds a bachelor's degree from Edinboro Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania and an MBA in Sports Management from Columbia Southern University.

WAYNE TRACE JH WRESTLING COMPETES AT AYRESVILLE INVITATIONAL

Wayne Trace Junior High Wrestling made a short trip to Ayresville on Saturday, January 11th for an invitational hosting 20 schools. The junior high team finished in seventh place overall at the end of the day. Between the entire team, there were 44 takedowns for the day. There were also 14 pins and 2 tech falls.

There were three champions who stood on the top of the podium at the end of the day. Graiden Troth, Conner Blankenship, and Kamryn Sutton led the Raiders Saturday. Remaining undefeated, Troth barreled through his competition. With three pins, he headed into a championship match that ended with a 7-2 win. Troth displayed leadership on and off the mat throughout the day for the team. Blankenship defeated every person in his bracket as well. His day finished with two pins and a 4-2 win. He supported his teammates as they wrestled, won, and lost. Blankenship has proven to be a teammate that can always be trusted to be there for the others.



Wayne Trace's Gracie Shepherd scores at the free throw line after getting fouled under the basket. More pictures at westbendnews.net

added seven markers. Grace Schuette and Tiera Gomez both posted five points for Antwerp.

Molly Reinhart (three), Lydia Brewer (two) and Heather Oberlin (two) rounded out the Lady Archer scoring. Brewer picked up five rebounds as well and Oberlin dished out four assists.

Antwerp's junior varsity recorded a 39-31 win over the Raiders.

Ali Reinhart finished with nine points for the blue and white and Hayleigh Jewell bucketed seven points. Kennadi Recker and Layla Copsy finished with six and five markers, respectively.

Wayne Trace got ten points from Abby Moore while Abbie Stoller bucketed eight markers. Katie Stoller added six for the Lady Raiders.

Sutton won every match by pin, including his championship match. He is a force to be reckoned with in the 80 pound division and continues to work on things to prepare for the future to further enhance these skills. Corbin Kimmel finished the day in second place. With 2 tech falls, and a pin, one loss sent him to second place. He learned a valuable lesson about controlling the mental toughness in wrestling as much as the physical toughness. When you allow someone to control you mentally, the physical does not follow. Maddox Treece also stood on the podium representing the Raiders in fourth place. He lost a tough match by one point in the last couple of seconds that cost him third place. Treece always remains tough and shows strength in matches that truly show his character in

the best way possible. The team is improving tremendously from the first invitational of the season. Some who have never wrestled are starting to put moves together and be true students of the sport. There were wrestlers who won their first matches and scored their first takedowns. We look forward to the continuing improvement that will be shown throughout the remainder of the season.

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WARRIORS NIP ARCHERS



Antwerp's Grace Schuette picks up a foul while attempting to block Woodlan's Kate Mendenhall from getting the rebound. More pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODBURN - The Woodlan Lady Warriors picked up a non-league win over Ohio rival Antwerp on Tuesday night as the hosts held off the Archers for a 30-28 victory.

Woodlan outscored Antwerp 15-10 in the second half to rally for the victory after the Lady Archers posted a 9-6 advantage at the end of one quarter.

The Archers and Warriors each scored nine points in the second stanza, giving Antwerp an 18-15 halftime lead.

However, Woodlan answered with ten third quarter markers compared to six for the Archers as the Warriors took a 25-24 lead into the final period.

In a low scoring fourth quarter, the Warriors picked five points with Antwerp scoring four to set the final

margin at 30-28.

Avah Smith topped Woodlan with 13 points in the contest with Addison Bayman chipping in eight. Gabby Joyce added five for the Lady Warriors while Dakotah Krohn and Taya Kitzmiller both finished with two markers.

Karsyn Brumett bucketed 14 markers to top the Lady Archers while Astianna Copes also reached double figures with ten points.

Tiera Gomez and Heather Oberlin rounded out the Antwerp scorers with two points each.

RAIDERS SWEEP WARRIORS

The Wayne Trace junior high girls basketball teams swept past Indiana rival Woodlan last week as both

the Raider seventh and eighth grade squads posted wins.

The Lady Raider seventh graders defeated the Warriors 25-17 as Tianna Sinn scored seven points with Tori Young and Kathleen Stoller chipping in six markers each.

Alyssa Harvey scored ten points to lead the way for Woodlan.

In the eighth grade game, Wayne Trae rallied from a seven point deficit after three quarters to defeat the Warriors 27-25.

Kaitlin Slade bucketed a dozen markers for the Lady Raiders and Ava Zartman added nine points.

Lauren Snyder had ten points to pace the Lady Warriors while Chloe Gaff and Leah Elwood scored five each.

LADY WARRIORS CRUISE PAST BRAVES

FORT WAYNE - Woodlan made the short trip to Blackhawk Christian Thursday night in girls basketball action and the Warriors brought home a 54-30 victory over the host Braves.

The Lady Warriors dominated the opening quarter in taking a 12-3 lead after eight minutes of action and Woodlan never looked back.

In the second quarter, Woodlan scored 19 more points while limiting Blackhawk Christian to ten as the Warriors extended the lead to 31-13 at the intermission.

Quarter number three saw the Warriors pick up 17 markers compared to the Braves' ten, pushing the margin to 48-23 entering the final period.

Gabby Joyce led the way for the Lady Warriors with 14 points, leading a trio of Warriors in double figures. Addison Bayman added 11 markers for Woodlan and Dakotah Krohn bucketed ten points.

Taya Kitzmiller picked up six points to aid the Warrior cause followed by Abby Gentz (four), Alicia McMahan (three), Lauren Meyer (two), Ella Smith (two) and Avah Smith (two).

Hailee Kline topped Blackhawk Christian with a dozen

A WINTER DAY OUTDOORS RETURNS FEBRUARY 1st



Photo of 2019 Winter Outdoor Day attendees enjoying themselves skating on the pond behind the Black Swamp Nature Center.

By: Patrick Troyer, Paulding SWCD

Are you and your family tired of being stuck in the house this winter? Are you looking for something fun to do in order to get out of the house? If you answered yes to both of these questions, then do we have the right answer to beat the cabin fever so many of us have this time of the year. Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) will be hosting its 3rd Annual "A Winter Day Outdoors" from 10am to 12:30pm on February 1st at the Black Swamp Nature Center building located at 753 Fairground Drive in Paulding.

No matter what the weather may bring, there will be activities inside and outside that will be sure to break the

markers and Lily Helmuth added nine points. Hallie Vander Dussen and Aubree Vander Dussen chipped in six and three points, respectively, for the Braves.

Woodlan resumes play on Wednesday as the Lady Warriors host Fremont in a non-league contest. Blackhawk Christian will host Bethany Christian in girls basketball action on Thursday.

wintertime blues. Do you love going for a stroll through the woods? One activity that participants will be able to enjoy is a winter scavenger hunt walk through the trails of the Black Swamp Nature Center and see the calm and rest that the winter season brings to the great outdoors. If we are lucky enough to have snow on the ground, you will also be able to take part in sledding on the hills at the Nature Center and even be able to make a snowman!

Disc golf will be yet another option for the community to take part in during this fun filled day. Thanks to the students of Paulding High School, the Black Swamp Nature Center bears a 3-hole disc golf course for the community to enjoy. There will be some frisbees available but be sure to bring some of your own to have fun in a hearty round of disc golf. Course maps will be available inside the nature center building.

Community members may also be sure to enjoy fun skating on the pond behind the Nature Center building, weather permitting. There will be some ice skates available to borrow, although participants are asked to bring a pair of their own. There are some tips to keep in mind with ice skating such as:

- Beware of ice around partially submerged objects, such as trees, logs, brush, or embankments.
- Stay away from cracks,

seams, pressure ridges, slushy areas and dark areas that signify thinner ice.

Inside the Nature Center building there will be winter themed activities for the kids to take part in along with coffee and hot chocolate to warm you up. Kids will be able to learn about and see the animal fur collection of the Paulding SWCD or make some snow, just to name a few activities. Another inside activity will be making bird treats that will then be set outside for the many bird species of the Black Swamp Nature Center to enjoy. You can also warm up outside by a nice fire and even roast some marshmallows for those with a sweet tooth.

Around 11:45, a light lunch will be provided to all who come and enjoy the day. Homemade cookies will also be available as a snack thanks to the generosity of Kathy Sanderson. All activities as part of this day are free of charge to all who attend and unplug from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives.

These are just a few of the fun activities you and your family can enjoy! Stay tuned to our Facebook page "Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District" for the latest updates and details regarding the day. Be sure to join us on February 1 from 10am to 12:30pm at the Black Swamp Nature Center building in Paulding for some great free family fun!

ARCHERS, PANTHERS WRESTLE AT LIMA SENIOR

The Paulding and Antwerp wrestling teams both made the trip to Lima Senior for the Spartan Wrestling Invitational on Saturday with the Panthers finishing seventh as a team while the Archers took 16th place.

Antwerp's Randall Mills won the tournament at 126, defeating Mechanicsburg's Luke Stroud 5-3 in the championship match.

The Archers' Eli Reinhart finished in third place at 113 after a 5-1 decision over Spencerville's Carder Miller in the third-place match.

Jordan Mudel of the maroon and white garnered a second place finish at 132, dropping a 7-2 decision to Lima Central Catholic's Chase Caprella.

Cole Mabis of Paulding also brought home a runner-up finish, coming up short to Mechanicsburg's Jarret Patterson via a pin at 182.

At 185, Riley Coil took fourth for the Panthers, com-

ing up short in the third-fourth place match to Delphos Jefferson's Kane Plescher.

The Panthers' Dawson Lamb finished sixth after being nipped 6-5 by St. Marys' Jace Schaefer at 138.

Also placing for the maroon and white was Brody Fisher, who took sixth at 145 after being pinned by Spencerville's Garrett Jones.

Paulding's Sheridan Matty took eighth in the 113 pound class, falling via a pin to Tiffin Calvert's Jace Wilson in his final match of the day.

The Panthers' Hailey Stahl also placed eighth at 120 as Spencerville's Brendon Schwartz posted a victory via pin.

Branden Pease wrapped up the maroon and white placers by taking eighth in the 285 pound class, coming up short to Liberty Benton's Brennen Bailey.

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RAIDERS GET PAST BLUE STREAKS IN DUAL MATCH

Wayne Trace hit the road for a rare Friday night dual match to Archbold where the Raiders picked up a 43-34 victory over the Blue Streaks in high school wrestling action last week.

The Raiders won eight of the 14 weight classes, including overcoming a trio of forfeits that gave Archbold 18 of their 34 points.

Archbold opened the match by garnering three straight victories, winning forfeits at 182 and 195 before Hayden Dickman pinned Wayne Trace's Kaden Wool-

bright at 220 for an 18-0 Blue Streak advantage.

Jacob Graham put the Raiders on the scoreboard at 285 with a pin of the Blue Streaks' Bransin Ebersole to get Wayne Trace within 18-6.

Following a Raider forfeit at 106, six straight Wayne Trace wins turned the match in the red, and blue's favor.

Arin James ignited the turnaround with a pin of Archbold's Logen Bowerman at 113 followed by a Gabe Sutton pin of the Blue Streaks' Wyatt Armstrong that got the Raiders within 24-18.

At 126, Wayne Trace's Jarrett Hornish earned a 7-4

win over Andrew Francis that trimmed the deficit to 24-21.

The Raiders then took the lead for good at 132 when Hunter Long picked up a win via pin at the 2:21 mark over Archbold's Shane Eicher, giving Wayne Trace a 27-24 advantage.

Wayne Trace's Samuel Moore followed that up with a pin at 2:44 of the Blue Streaks' Brayton Hobbs to extend the Raider lead to 33-24.

Seth Meggison then wrapped up the sixth straight Raider win in the match, a 16-4 victory over Juan Garcia at 145 that put the red, white and blue on top 37-24.

Consecutive Archbold victories, a pin by Brennan Short of Wayne Trace's Elliot Boroff at 152 and a 12-3 win by the Blue Streaks' Josh Nofzinger over Carson Rupp at 160, put the match down to the final weight class with the Raiders holding a slim 37-34 advantage.

Eli Moore, though, made sure the red, white and blue came home victorious with a pin in 1:38 of Archbold's Zane Behnfelder at 170 to wrap up the Raider victory.

Wayne Trace will return to action this weekend as the Raiders take part in the Van Buren Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

BIG THIRD QUARTER LIFTS APACHES PAST PANTHERS

SHERWOOD - After a solid first half, a disastrous third quarter proved to be critical Saturday night at Fairview High School.

Paulding took a 29-21 lead into halftime but it was all Apaches in the third quarter as the black and gold outscored the maroon and white 16-4 in the stanza and used that to rally for a 50-45 victory over Paulding.

The Panthers led 18-8 at

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the end of one quarter but Fairview outscored Paulding 13-11 in the second quarter to pull within 29-21 at the break.

However, the Apaches dominated the third quarter in seizing a 37-33 advantage at the end of three periods.

Fairview then outscored the Panthers 13-12 in the final period to seal the 50-45 victory.

Cade Polter led all scorers with 26 points for the Apaches while Luke Timbrook added seven and Caleb Frank chipped in six.

Chayse Singer (five), Treyvon Hastings (four) and Cade Ripke (two) wrapped up the Apache scoring.

Seth Dysinger topped Paulding with a dozen markers while Hunter Kausser chipped in nine points.

Boston Pease and Caleb Manz added eight markers apiece while Bert Martinez added four and Blake McGarvey recorded three. Deyton Price picked up the remaining Panther point.

FIRST QUARTER DROUGHT SENDS PANTHERS TO LOSS

BLUFFTON - Bluffton blanked visiting Paulding in the first quarter and the Panthers never recovered in falling 63-48 at the home of the Pirates Friday night in Northwest Conference boys basketball action.

Bluffton led 10-0 at the end of eight minutes of action and the Pirates never let the Panthers back into the contest.

Paulding trailed 26-17 at the intermission before the Pirates took a 41-28 lead into the final period.

The Panthers' Blake McGarvey led all scorers with 26 points and was joined in double figures by Payton Beckman with 11 markers.

Hunter Kausser chipped in three points while Evan Edwards, Matt Schroeder, Seth Dysinger and Deyton Price all scored two for the maroon and white.

Bluffton was paced by Mason Soper with 25 points and Jared Piercefield added 18 markers for the Pirates. Luke Denecker also found double digits with 13 points for Bluffton.

Tyson Shutler (four) and Levi Hohenbrink (three) reached the scoring column

WAYNE TRACE GETS NEW LASER CUTTER



Art teacher, Angie Stokes, shows her excitement for using this machine to reproduce student artwork on a variety of materials, from engraving line drawings on wood to cutting sculptures from plastics and creating props from cardboard for the musical.

Introducing the newest addition to the Wayne Trace Library and Media Center: a laser cutter and engraver! With the help of Curriculum Director Tim Manz, the Wayne Trace community is

looking forward to using this machine to collaborate across the Business, Ag, Art, Special Education and other departments on a number of new projects.

as well for the Pirates, who improve to 9-1 overall and 3-0 in the league.

Bluffton visits Lincolnview in Northwest Conference play on Friday before traveling to Maumee Valley Country Day on Saturday.

Paulding, which is 2-8 overall and 1-2 in the conference, hosts Allen East on Friday before traveling to Ayersville Saturday.

ANTWERP WRESTLER MAKES HISTORY

The Antwerp High School wrestling team recently competed in the Spartan Invitational at Lima Senior High School on Saturday, January 11, 2020. Of the 7 wrestlers competing, 2 of them were able to place in the top 2 of their respective weight classes. Freshman Eli Reinhart was 4-1 on the day with 2 pins to finish 2nd in the 113 pound weight class. Senior Randall Mills made history Saturday by amassing his 98th career win, which puts him #1 in program history for career wins!! Mills was a perfect 5-0 at the tournament with 2 technical falls to claim 1st place at 126 pounds. Congratulations to Randall on setting a new benchmark and congratulations to all of the Archer wrestlers for

their hard work this past weekend. Everyone in the Antwerp wrestling community is proud of your efforts so far this season. Good luck and GO ARCHERS!!

RAIDERS KNOCK OUT ACES ON THE MAT

The Wayne Trace high school wrestling team took off for Aces land on January 7th. Raiders demonstrated their level of superior wrestling skills this night.

Individual Match Results:

- 220 - Woolbright, WT won by forfeit
- 285 - Graham, WT pinned Begley, HV at 3:18
- 106 - James, WT won by forfeit
- 113 - Johnsonbaugh, HV won by forfeit
- 120 - Sutton, WT won by forfeit
- 126 - Hornish, WT pinned Potter, HV at 1:10
- 132 - Long, WT won by forfeit
- 138 - S Moore, WT won by forfeit
- 145 - Boroff, WT won by forfeit
- 152 - Meggison, WT pinned Carns, HV at 0:33
- 160 - E Moore, WT won by TF, Cline, HV at 5:53
- 170 - Rupp, WT, scored 12-4 over Graber, HV

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Mrs. Ash's morning preschool class was joined on their first fun Friday of the new year by visitors from the Soil and Water Conservation Program, Patrick Troyer and Anna Gurney. Students were taught all about hibernation and the black bear, and had the opportunity to touch a fur sample. The students then each made their own hibernating black bear craft to take home with them.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

James M. Cooper, Oakwood, OH; Passing bad checks; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

Shayne M. Cureton, Danville, IN; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Shayne M. Cureton, Danville, IN; Possession of drugs; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Dalton J. Franklin, Payne, OH; Distracted driv-

ing; Guilty; Defendant took course

Chad R. Price, Paulding, OH; Jacklighting a deer; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Firearm and spotlight returned to the defendant

Maximiliano B. Hernandez, Indianapolis, IN; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request

Maximiliano B. Hernandez, Indianapolis, IN; OVI/URN/DRGS; Case dismissed at state's request

Devvon M. Hale, Van Wert, OH; FRA suspension; Guilty; Pay or collection 10/30/20 with monthly payments of \$50 commencing 1/31/20

Devvon M. Hale, Van Wert, OH; Violation being passenger; Case dismissed at

state's request

Devvon M. Hale, Van Wert, OH; Child restraint; Case dismissed at state's request

Tony L. Wright, Calumet City, IL; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Damon J. Rowe, Columbus, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

George A. Wagers, Newport, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kraig N. Dickerson, Springfield, IL; Tinted windows; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert John Hardy, Toledo, OH; Open container; Pled no contest, found guilty; All fines and costs to be taken from bond; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency.

David A. Enrigue Palmer, Grover Hill, OH; Physical control; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; ALS vacated; Maintain general good behavior

David A. Enrigue Palmer, Grover Hill, OH; OVI/breath low; Case dismissed at state's request

David A. Enrigue Palmer, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case dismissed at state's request

Robert John Hardy, Toledo, OH; OVI/under influence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Registration plates required; 3 days hard time with work release granted; Evaluation at Westwood Behavioral; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Community Control Two; Complete a risk assessment; 160 jail days reserved

Robert John Hardy, Toledo, OH; OVI/refusal; Case dismissed at state's request

Alexis Dunn, Payne, OH; No operator's license; Case dismissed with costs; Pay or collection 1/31/20

Korrie D. Morrow, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Mark A. Justinger, Paulding, OH; OVI/breath high; Pled no contest, found guilty;

10 days jail; 70 day EMHA; Report to probation upon release; Restrictive plates; Proof of insurance provided; ALS vacated; Community Control Two; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; No bars/taverns; SCRAM removed 1/24/20; 160 jail days reserved

Mark A. Justinger, Paulding, OH; Left of center; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay fines and costs today

Kristan M. Bradley, Bradner, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeffery J. Felger, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

William J. James, Macomb, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Donald J. Hensler, Irwin, PA; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Samuel P. Manz, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BLUE CREEK TWP

1/7/20 Gonzales Krista K Et Al to Dunno Candice; 360 Mcpherson St; 0.2 acres; Lot 11 Norvel Add Scott Vill

CRANE TWP

1/8/20 Eberly Jeanne E to Shepherd Simeon D; 16814 Rd 87 Cecil Oh 45821; 0.539 acres; Lot 4 Sw Pt Nw1/4 Nw1/4 Noneman Crane Acres Crane Twp-Ant Dist Sec 15

JACKSON TWP

1/9/20 Egnor Brian M & Egnor Rachel A to Howard Elijah Neville Megan; 13732 Helen St; 0.3271 acres; Lot 174 E50&Lot 175 W45'Noneman Em Acres Allot#3 Paulding Village

LATTY TWP

1/6/20 B & C Ross Rentals LLC to Lands Jeffery A Lands Candace M; 300 S Main St; 0.2 acres; Lot 1 S-26 Kinkade 2Nd Grover Hill Vill

PAULDING TWP

1/6/20 Scheele John O Scheele Cynthia R to Randall Ryan R Etal; Rd 112; 40 acres; S1/2E1/2Ne1/4 S-20 Pldg Teasement Ref V 583 P 1856

1/6/20 Scheele John O Scheele Cynthia R to Randall Ryan R Etal; Rd 124; 78.52 acres; W1/2 Nw1/4 Less 1.48A S-21 Pldg Twp Easement Ref V 583 P 1856

1/6/20 Hull Matthew D Hull Stephanie A to Hull Matthew D Sr; 12932 Maple Ave; 0.3444 acres; Lot 19 Noneman North Side Allot Paulding Village

STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING FATAL PUTNAM COUNTY CRASH

The Lima Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal crash which occurred Friday morning, JANUARY 10, 2020, on U.S. Route 224, near County Road 5, in Putnam County.

At approximately 7:13 a.m., a 2016 Chevrolet Suburban, driven by Angela L. Schumaker, age 39, of Ottawa, was traveling eastbound on U.S. Route 224. A 2005 Dodge Ram, driven by Trevor J. Gerten, age 16, of Leipsic, was westbound on U.S. Route 224, traveled left of center and struck the Chevrolet head-on. The Chevrolet came to rest on the south side of the roadway and the Dodge came to rest in the middle of the roadway. Moments later, a secondary crash occurred when a

KEVA BLOCKS PROJECT



Payne Elementary students Lydia and Brynlee use Keva blocks to build the highest tower possible in the library before it falls. The library has many building projects for students to try their skills such as Legos, Keva contraption, Snap and Shape, magnet building and more.

2009 Freightliner, driven by Richard D. Greene, age 51, of Toledo, Ohio, was traveling westbound on U.S. Route 224 and struck the Dodge. Mr. Gerten was still inside his vehicle when it was struck by the Freightliner. All damage from the second crash were minimal and there were no additional injuries.

Mrs. Schumaker was pronounced dead at the scene by the Putnam County Coroner. Mr. Gerten was transported by Ottawa Fire and EMS to Blanchard Valley Hospital for serious injuries. Mr. Greene was not injured.

Mrs. Schumaker and Mr. Greene were wearing seat belts at the time of the crash.

Mr. Gerten was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash. Alcohol or drug impairment is not believed to be a contributing factor. The crash remains under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Putnam County Coroner's Office, Ohio Department of Transportation, Ottawa Fire and EMS, Love-Heitmeyer Funeral Home and Meyer's Towing Services.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorists to always buckle up and to never drive distracted or impaired.

PUBLIC NOTICE HOSPITAL BOARD POSITION

Applications will be accepted at the Paulding County Commissioners' Office, 115 North Williams Street, Suite B-1, Courthouse, Paulding, Ohio, until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, for one position, to complete a six year term, as Paulding County Hospital Trustee expiring March 1, 2026. Please pick up an application at the Commissioners' Office for this position between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Previous applicants must reapply.

-Heather Barnhouse, Clerk
by order Board of Commissioners, Paulding, Ohio
Tony Zartman • Roy Klopfenstein • Mark Holtsberry

Real Estate Taxes Are Due Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Failure To Receive Tax Bill Will Not Avoid Penalty or Interest Charges.

Please bring your tax bill with you when coming into the office to make a payment.

If you mail your tax payment into the office it must be postmarked by February 5 to avoid any penalty or interest.

• For more information, visit our website at pauldingcountytreasurer.com

Mobile Home Tax Will Be Due Friday, February 28, 2020

Paulding County Treasurer
Lou Ann Wannemacher
Phone: 419-399-8280

Office Hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

STEVEN R. PLUMMER, Plaintiff,
VS.

MICHELLE REYES, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 19 096

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 30th day of January, 2020 at 10:10 a.m., the real estate located at:

415 Fox Avenue, Payne
Parcel Number: 04-23S-006-00
417 Fox Avenue, Payne
Parcel Number: 04-21S-041-00

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

Said premises appraised at Eighteen Thousand and No/100 (\$18,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 13th day of February, 2020 at 10:10 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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

Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com

Glenn H. Troth, Attorney for Plaintiff

CHOW LINE: WINTER FLOODING POTENTIAL LEADS TO FOOD SAFETY CONCERNS



The forecast last weekend brought warm temperatures, thunderstorms, and several inches of heavy rain here in Ohio, even though it's January! I've recently moved into a new home in an area that's been subject to flash floods. If my home floods, what do I do with the food in my fridge and pantry?

Your question is very similar to another that was asked in a "Chow Line" column from May 2017, so it's best answered by reissuing that column here.

If your home becomes flooded, it is important that you throw away any food that might have come into contact with floodwater. That includes cartons of milk, juice, or eggs and any raw vegetables and fruits. In fact, unless they were in a waterproof container, any foods in your home that came into contact with floodwater need to be thrown out.

Floodwater can seep into and contaminate foods packaged in plastic wrap or cardboard, or stored in containers with screw-on caps, snap lids, or pull tops, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

The best way to avoid the potential for foodborne illness in such cases is to throw away all foods not contained in waterproof packaging. That includes any foods in your pantry, cabinets, fridge, and freezer

that came into contact with floodwater.

Canned goods also need to be inspected for damage due to flooding. Throw away any cans with swelling, leakage, punctures, or deep rusting, or those that are crushed or severely dented and can't be opened with a can opener.

Foodborne bacteria can cause illness. Symptoms will occur usually within one to three days of eating the contaminated food. However, symptoms can also occur within 20 minutes or up to six weeks later, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

In the case of a power outage without flooding, keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. If not opened, a refrigerator without power will keep food cold for about four hours. A half-full freezer will hold its temperature for about 24 hours, and for 48 hours if the freezer is full, the USDA says.

If the power is out more than four hours, you can store refrigerated foods in a cooler with dry ice or block ice. You can also use dry ice or block ice in the fridge to keep it as cold as possible during an extended power outage, according to the FDA.

The USDA and the FDA offer these other tips for safe food handling after a power outage:

Check the temperature inside of your refrigerator and freezer. Throw away

any perishable foods such as meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, or leftovers that have been above 40 degrees Fahrenheit for two hours or more.

Check each item separately. Throw away any food that feels warm to the touch or has an unusual odor, color, or texture.

Check frozen food for ice crystals. The food in your freezer that partially or completely thawed can be safely refrozen if it still contains ice crystals or is 40 degrees or below.

Remember, when in doubt about the safety of the food item, throw it out. Never taste the food to decide if it is safe to eat, the USDA says. Refrigerated food should be safe as long as the power was out for no more than four hours and the refrigerator door was kept shut, according to the FDA.

Experts agree: One way to be prepared in the event of an extended power outage is to keep a few days' worth of ready-to-eat foods that don't require cooking or cooling. And keep a supply of bottled water stored where it will be safe from floodwater.

HERITAGE LIONS CLUB TO HOLD REGULAR MEETING

The Heritage Lions in Hoagland will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 28th at St John Lutheran Flatrock Church at 12912 Franke Rd in Monroeville. The Heritage Lions continue to have Pizza Hut discount cards with proceeds going to support the Monroeville, Hoagland, and Poe EMS and Fire Departments. The card has 24 special deals providing discounts on lunch buffets, large three-topping pizzas, pasta dinners, buy one get free personal pan pizza, and wings deals.

FAIRVIEW FFA DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

By: **Kaitlyn Zeedyk, Fairview FFA**

On December 10th, Clair Shiner, Bailey Schooley, and Brooke Hardy all attended the Leadership Night at Tinora High School. Other participating schools were: Ayersville, Edgerton, Pettisville, and Tinora. There they played leadership games and did team bonding exercises. The fruit that we ordered for our fruit sale came in on the 11th. The Plant and Animal Science ag class had to unload the truck that contained all of the citrus. Along with the Plant and Animal Science class, the AFNR, or Ag, Food, and Natural Resources class, and 8th graders had to help sort the citrus. They had to make sure that all of the bad or bruised fruit was taken out. They also had to sort the citrus into the correct members pile so that it could be delivered. The officer Christmas party was on the 20th at Tristan McGuire's house. We had breakfast, did some community service projects, and played a game that contained a saran-wrap ball with goodies inside. At the school on the 27th, our chapter held a record book workshop from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This gave students a chance to come in without any distractions and work on any books that need to be completed.

PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2ND NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

*Denotes all A's
GRADE 3

Mrs. Doster: *Owen Stoller, *Ross Myers, *Leah Manz, *Ingrid Escobar, Lilly Steingass, Shohawna Shepherd, Gracie Leal, Aspen Grace, Yoselin Cortes Becerra, Cora Agler

Mrs. Buss: *Brynlee Mangette, *Jordyn Nagy, Silence Holton, Gabe Brehm, Brayden Kauser, Lincoln Manz, Brody Pease

Mrs. Rohlf: *Levi Athy, *Karli Breedlove, Parter Bates, Savannah Harris

Mrs. Pennington: *Dani Borland, *Madison Clark, *Kendyl Sunday, *Kendal Hodge, Makenna Adams, Brittany Slattman, Jady VanVlerah, Braylon Ingol, Lexi Johnston, Luciana Martinez

GRADE 4

Mrs. Keller: *Jack Daeger, *Graham Miller, *Gabby Stork, *Aly White, *Cameron Williams, Gracie Ametewee, Jarret Griffith, Emily Hartzell, Tavin Overmyer, Delaney Scott

Mrs. Stoller: *Parker Egnor, *Tyler Goyings, *Kenna Jackson, Xandyr Carlisle, Carly Font, Kayde Kuckuck, Anabel Martinez, Nick Schlueter, Jannon Stiltner, Owen Workman

Mrs. Warner: *Addison Arend, *Presley Barnes, *Nick Baughman, *Delaney Johanns, Easton Griffiths, Ridge Hunt, Dominic Onder

GRADE 5

Miss Looser: *Lucy Porter, *Darcy Taylor, Destiny Alder, Isa Burtch, Landon Dasher, Quintyn Gonzales, Olivia McCrory, Monico Moreno, Estie Pease, Noah Pollock, Colton Roehrig, Jasmine Smith, Trenton Tressler, Brooklynn Verfaille

Mrs. Troyer: *Mariah Klopfenstein, Zavid Bleeke, Kayleigh Dunham, Silas Foltz, Jayla Griffith

Mrs. Schultz: *Landyn Moore, *Audrey Stoller,

THE WEST BEND NEWS

Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

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VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2019-26 on December 26, 2019, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriation amounts for 2019.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2019-27 on December 26, 2019, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance makes appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures for fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, for the funds and in the amounts as set forth in said Ordinance.

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

NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING - PAULDING COUNTY PY 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Paulding County intends to apply to the Ohio Department Services Agency (ODSA) for funding under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. CDBG & HOME are federally funded programs administered by ODSA, Office of Community Development (OCD). The ODSA also administers the state funded Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF). The County may be eligible for Program Year 2020 CDBG funding, providing the County meets applicable program requirements. The programs available to Paulding County are outlined in the State of Ohio Consolidated Plan and will be presented at the Public Hearing.

County Commissioner's Chambers located at 115 North Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the programs available and program requirements. A broad range of activities can be funded through the programs, including: allocation, economic development, downtown revitalization, water and sewer facilities, flood and drainage facilities, streets and sidewalks, senior centers, parks, and demolition of unsafe structures. Projects must be designed to primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons, aid in the prevention of slum or blight, or meet an urgent need in the community.

This first of two public hearings will be held on **Monday, January 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Paulding

Below is the anticipated PY2020 funding amounts, pending all application funding requirements are met:

PROGRAM	FUNDS
*Community Development Block Grant Program	
-Community Development Allocation Program (up to four projects)	\$150,000
-Neighborhood Revitalization Program	\$500,000
-Community Development Critical Infrastructure	\$500,000
*Economic Development Program	
- Loan Program	\$500,000 max/project
- Public Infrastructure Grants	\$500,000
- Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program (RPIG)	\$750,000/\$100,000 min.
*Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP)	\$1,150,000
- with Paulding County, Defiance County, the City of Defiance through Maumee Valley South CHIP Consortium	
*Homeless & Supportive Housing Programs	
- Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP)	\$4,000,000 statewide
- Homeless Assistance Grant Program	\$100,000
- Housing Assistance Grant Program	\$500,000
*Targets of Opportunity Program	\$200,000 per project
*Target of Opportunity Downtown Revitalization Program up to 3 buildings	\$250,000
*New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Program	\$50,000
*General Program Income	\$200,000

The primary focus of this First Public Hearing is to give an overview of the above-listed programs. The second public hearing will be held at a future announced date prior to the submittal by the County of specific grant applications. Citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting on **Monday, January 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** to provide input on the County program.

If a participant will need auxiliary aids (interpreter, Braille or taped material, listening device, other) due to a disability, please contact Maumee Valley Planning Organization prior to **January 27, 2020** at 419-784-3882 in order to insure that your needs will be accommodated. The Paulding County Commissioners Office is not handicapped accessible.

LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids properly endorsed "**Bid for Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Residential Solid Waste within the Village of Antwerp, Ohio**" shall be received by the Village Administrator of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio at the Village Administrator's Office, 503 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio, until **12:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 29, 2020**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The principal items of the Required Services include the Regular Weekly Collection Service of Acceptable Waste generated by Residential Customers located within the Village of Antwerp, Ohio and the Bulky Waste Collection Service from Residential Customers located within the Village of Antwerp, Ohio. The Bidder is made aware that the Required Services include regularly scheduled collection from Public Buildings and Locations at no charge.

Copies of the Village of Antwerp map are on file in, and can be obtained from, the Village Administrator's Office, 503 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio, where they may be examined and obtained at any time during regular business hours without charge.

Bidders must use the prepared Bid Forms available at the Village Administrator's Office to submit their Bids. Bids must contain the names of every person or company interested therein. Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond or

Cashier's Check in the amount of 10% of the total bid price as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, a written contract will be entered into by the Bidder and the Village. The Bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to furnish a Surety Bond or a Letter of Credit on a solvent bank made payable to the Village of Antwerp, Ohio in the amount of three (3) months of the total bid price, to be renewed at the end of the first year if the option to extend the contract for one (1) additional year is exercised, and at the end of the second year if the option to extend the contract for a third year is also exercised, and at the end of the third year if the option to extend the contract for one (1) additional year is exercised, and at the end of the fourth year if the option to extend the contract for one (1) additional year is exercised for the faithful performance of the Agreement.

The Village of Antwerp reserves the right to waive any and all formalities or irregularities in any Bid or in the bidding, to accept any Bid which is deemed lowest and best and to negotiate contract terms with the successful Bidder. The Village of Antwerp shall have the absolute right to reject any or all Bids.

Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for the opening of the Bids, but no Bid may be withdrawn for at least ninety (90) days after the actual opening thereof.

Capitalized terms shall have the meanings defined in the Bid Documents.

By order of the Council of the Village of Antwerp.

OAKWOOD ELEM. SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Oakwood Elementary held their Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 9th. Myrriah Manz was declared the winner after correctly spelling the word "chimney". Jonah Cohan was declared the runner up. Myrriah is now eligible to compete at the county Spelling Bee to be held in February.

ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NOTES 1/7/2020

Antwerp Board of Education met on Tuesday, January 7.

Treasurer's Report: income: \$505,572.93 expenses: \$755200.42 interest: \$12,594.36

Antwerp is 50% through the fiscal year. 49% of the income has been received and 47% of the budget on the expenses has been reached.

Vantage Report:

There was not a meeting at Vantage yet this month for Dennis Recker to give his report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent, Marty Miller, gave the report. All of the faucets have been replaced in the classrooms by Hanenkratt in Paulding. All of the

radios had been serviced and are now in working order. The roof replacement has started over the band and music rooms where the Solar panels will then be placed on top. In the technology update - Harold Gottke will travel with Dr. Miller to Miami, FL to the Technology Expo where Dr. Miller will speak. Enrollment



is at 768 after five students just enrolled at the beginning of the year. Dr. Miller acknowledged the school board for School Board Recognition Month.

The board then went into Executive Session to discuss matters.

January 2020 Superintendent Message

The hustle and bustle of December is coming to a close as we settle in for the winter months and a pattern of unpredictable weather. The Honeywell Instant Alert notification system is a valuable tool to keep you informed of changes in the school day or activities. You may make changes to your account at any time. If you choose to only receive texts, please be aware that we are very limited with the length of texts allowed, so many times it is difficult to put an entire message in text format. If you choose to receive messages via text, but not voice, I suggest also receiving messages through email to ensure you receive the entire message. As always, if you have trouble with your account, please call Kathy Smith at 419-258-5421 extension 3. So far this school year, we have missed 12.4 instructional hours due to weather related issues. When fifty-five (55) or more hours of instructional hours have been missed due to school cancellation and/or delays, a make-up school day will be added to the school calendar.

January is School Board Recognition Month and a chance for all of us to say thanks to our school board members for the important work that they do for our school. The positive leadership of the board members and their concern for the well-being of the students in our district continue to make Antwerp a great place to work, a wonderful place to go to school, and a source of community pride. Our current Board of Education has 40+ years of experience leading our school district. Board member Bob Herber is completing his 18th year, Board member Anita Bok is completing her 14th year, Board member Dennis Recker is completing his 8th year, Board President Sara Schuette is completing her 4th year, and Board Vice-President Jayme Landers has served on the Board for the past 2 1/2 yrs.

The school district solar array has been in operation since January, 2018. As we approach the 2nd anniversary of the array being fully operational, it is worthy to note that the district has netted significant saving with our electricity cost. The prime reason for the savings involves the cost the district pays for the transmission, distribution, and consumption of a kilowatt hour (kWh) of electricity from our public utility provider (11.5 cents per kWh) versus the cost we pay for a kWh of electricity from our solar array (7.5 cents per kWh). To illustrate this point, consider that prior to the installation of the solar array (January - December, 2017) the school building consumed 1,139,400 kWh provided by the public utility at the approximate rate of 11.5 cents per kWh. With the solar array operational in January, 2018, the school building consumed 145,000 kWh of public utility provided elec-

tricity with the remain kWh needs provided by the solar array. The data is even more impressive this year (January - December, 2019) as the school building has only consumed 136,800 kilowatts from our public utility while harnessing the remainder of our electricity power from the solar array.

As we finish out the first semester and move into the second semester of the school year, our teachers will continue to offer curriculum that meets or exceeds state standards and similarly prepares our students for the state assessments given to many of our students during the months of April and May. These assessments will be computer based and similar to assessments given during previous years. Furthermore, our teachers continue to integrate and incorporate technology into their daily instruction and student coursework.

A reminder to students and parents that there will be no school Friday, January 17th. This is a change to the original 2019-2020 school calendar. Our staff will have an In-Service day and receive professional development by Discovery Education in the area of STEM education. Staff will also receive information regarding the state's new teacher evaluation program, review prior year state testing data, and complete vertical curriculum alignment from one grade level to another.

In regards to the school calendar, the Board of Education approved the 2020-2021 school calendar during their December meeting. Highlights of the calendar include Open House on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. The first day of school will take place Wednesday, August 19, 2020. The Christmas/New Year break will begin Monday, December 21, 2020 with students returning to class Monday, January 4, 2021. The school year will come to an end Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

As a means to improve the efficiency of the drop off of children in the large circle drive, school staff will be present in the mornings beginning January 6th to direct vehicle drivers (during high volume time frames), to pull forward and utilize the entire circle drive as a drop off zone. With the utilization of the majority of the circle drive, we anticipate an increase in the number of children dropped off in a shorter amount of time and a reduction in the back up of vehicles that occurs with high volume time frames.

At the end of each semester, state law requires the superintendent to report to the public the number of bullying/harassment cases in our elementary and middle/high school. We had one substantiated and confirmed incident in the middle school and no cases in the high school or elementary school during the first semester.

January brings a new year and a renewed opportunity to work together for the benefit of our students. Community support is necessary for our district to continue to improve. By working together, we will make a difference in the lives of the children in our district.

Go Archers,
—Dr. Martin A. Miller

ARCHERS ROUTE EAGLES

Antwerp scored 20 points in the first quarter and rolled from there to a 77-43 win over North Central in non-conference boys basketball action Saturday night in Antwerp.

Jacob Savina and Jayvin Landers led a balanced Archer attack with 13 points each as the blue and white put five players in double figures. Jake Eaken and Luke Krouse chipped in a dozen markers apiece for Antwerp while Jagger Landers bucketed ten points.

Blake Schuette chipped in nine points with Austin Lichty posting six and Dylan Hines scoring the final two for the Archers.

Antwerp led 20-10 at the end of eight minutes of action before blowing the game open in the second quarter, outscoring the Eagles 26-10 to take a commanding 46-20 halftime advantage.

The Archers then pushed the margin to 62-29 at the end of three periods as Antwerp improved to 11-0 on the season.

Zach Hayes had 19 points to lead the way for North Central with Jack Bailey adding nine markers.

Alex Lehsten and Levi Williams chipped in six points apiece while Manny Cruz had two and Landon Patten posted one point for North Central, which drops to 6-7 overall.

LADY PANTHERS GET NWC WIN OVER PIRATES

Paulding outscored visiting Bluffton 41-19 in the second half as the Lady Panthers rallied for a 62-

46 win over the Pirates in Northwest Conference girls basketball action Thursday night at the Jungle.

Visiting Bluffton jumped out to a 12-9 lead after eight minutes of action before expanding it to 27-21 at the midway point of the contest.

However, the second half was all Panthers.

Paulding answered by putting up 14 points in the third quarter compared to Bluffton's five, rallying to take a 35-32 lead into the final period.

The Lady Panthers then dominated the fourth quarter, outscoring Bluffton 27-14, to wrap up the 62-46 win.

Laykin Garmatter paced the Lady Pirates with 22 points with Kylie Stockhouse adding eight markers. Libby Schaadt and Brinkley Garmatter each bucketed five points for Bluffton while Kylie Monday posted four and Kayla White chipped in a basket.

For Paulding, Chelsi Giesige topped the Lady Panthers with 19 points and Jalynn Parrett bucketed 15 markers. Leigha Egnor also reached double figures with ten points for the maroon and white.

Audrey Giesige and Janae Pease both recorded seven points for the Panthers while Sydney McCullough had four and Sadie Estle picked up one.

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REDUCING TIRE STUBBLE DAMAGE



Tire damage from harvested crop residue is a major problem. Due to genetic modifications, higher corn populations with more stalks, and low cutting heights; the shorter stiffer stubble causes tire damage. Stalks cut 3" to 5" high do not allow the tires to push the stalk over to minimize tire penetration, creating a "field of rebar" that the tires have to cross. The strength of the stalks combined with changing harvesting techniques, leave shorter stalks and increased tire wear and is especially prevalent with certain corn and soybean varieties.

Soil health can play an important role in stubble decomposition. Soil temperatures above 500F, adequate moisture, and healthy fungus speed up crop residue decomposition. Unfortunately, longer maturity crops, late harvest (colder temperatures),

and fungicide application are negative factors in stubble decomposition. Utilizing early maturing crop varieties and limiting fungicide application helps decompose stubble. Harvesting corn high (below the ear) and leaving the stalk standing followed by crimping with a crop roller will reduce tire damage. Rolling the stalk over reduces tire puncture and keeps the stalk and leaves from blowing away. Rolling crop stubble also prevents crop residue from clogging ditches and improves the habitat for beneficial soil organisms.

Tire manufacturers offer several options to reduce tire stubble damage. Front tractor tires are replaced 3x-4x faster than rear tractor tires due to crop stubble penetration. Front tires take more of the hit, knocking down stalks ahead of rear tires. Solution: Get something in front of the tractor or combine to knock down the stalks, which may double or triple the tire life. Combines, tractors, grain carts, drills, and planter tires, wagons, and semi-trucks and trailers can all be affected by stiff stubble strength and tire damage.

Stubble or stalk stompers which lay over the crop residue are common on combines. Corn headers with steel sliders and steel rollers in front of tires efficiently bend stalks before it penetrates the tire. This is the single most important technological thing a producer can do to reduce stubble damage.

Often, depending on the size, structure and geometry of the tire tread pattern, the crop stubble is clamped and guided to the tire surface. The result is high contact pressure with the possibility of damage. If the tire survives the first 1,000 hits, more will come and cause cavitation at the rubber surface. To minimize this risk, the pattern shape or tread design can be optimized. A 45° orientation of the lugs is better than 23°. The higher angled tire lugs allow the crop residue to slide off the tire rather than puncturing the tire.

Stubble damage occurs in two ways: 1) either cuts and penetrations to the tread or the sidewall or 2) through repeated stubble chipping which causes small chips of rubber to be dislodged from the tread area. This damage eventually leads to exposure of the tire cords and the need for tire replacement. Tire damage occurs when tires are run over rows rather than in between rows, so selecting a narrow tire that fits between rows may help. Wider tires run over the rows have more damage to a small portion of the tread, and may require tire replacement.

The main components of tires are rubber and fabric. Tires can only take a limited amount of abuse before failing. As rubber ages, it hardens and makes the tire more resistant to stubble damage. Stubble resistant compounds

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are used in some agricultural tires for resiliency. Steel belts are tire components that resist puncture. If you are having issue with punctures through the tread, steel belts are an important tire construction attribute to reduce this issue. Other issues that farmers can look into are reducing air pressure on tires and looking at the balloon ratio of tires. These items are too complicated to sufficiently address in this article, but warrant more farmer research.

In short, to reduce stubble damage to tires, a tire recommendation is to use a knock down mechanical device, look to purchase tire with higher angle lug to deflect, and check to see if tire has steel belt construction to reduce punctures. Go to <https://agtiretalk.com/reduce-stubble-damage-tire-manufacturers-answer/> for more in-

formation on how to reduce stubble damage in tires.

OFF STAGE PRODUCTIONS TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR SPRING COMEDY

Off Stage Productions will be holding auditions for "If the Shoe Fits" by Matt Thompson, Matt Chiorini & Dana Vermette on Tuesday Jan 21st and Wednesday Jan 22nd. Auditions will be held at Vantage Career Center, 818 N Franklin Street in Van Wert from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM both evenings. Enter at door number 7. Best parking is straight in on the North driveway (the driveway farthest from Van Wert). Performance dates will be March 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29 (also at Vantage Career Center). Directing this show will be Dan Bulau and Amy Shoppell, who will be looking to cast 2 men and 2 for this two

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Scripts are available to check out prior to auditions, call or text 419-605-2634 if interested or for additional information, or message us on our Facebook page.

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

RAMS KNOCK DOWN RAIDERS

Tinora picked up a pair of victories over Wayne Trace in junior high girls basketball action last week.

The Ram seventh graders posted a 27-17 win over the Raiders. Kathleen Stoller had nine points to top the red, white and blue with Harper Myers bucketing three.

Ava Zartman had three points for the Wayne Trace eighth grade and Kaitlin Slade added two as the Raiders came up short to the Rams.

NEW HAVEN BEATS DEKALB IN BOYS BASKETBALL

New Haven extended their record to 7-4 tonight with a good team win over Dekalb. New Haven's stifling defense held the Barons to only 29 points for the first three quarters. Offensively The Bulldogs had a balanced attack with Donovynn Lewis leading the way with 17 pts. Jakar Williams 15, Thomas Latham 14 and Jamarr Hutchins 13 points.

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NEWEST BUSINESS STARTUP IN PAULDING OHIO IN 2020



Growth Fitness owner, Kass Chestnut, holding his new "Open" from the Paulding County Economic Development.

Growth Fitness of Paulding, a locally owned 24 hour gym opened a new business location in the Paulding Place Shopping Center on Saturday January 11 with a Grand Opening Weekend. Complete pricing and

options are on the website www.growthfitnesspauld.com or by calling or texting 419-785-6411. Anyone who has already signed up for pre-sale can stop in any of those times to pick up your 24 hour access key tag!

CMHF MAKE IT & TAKE IT

Please join the Community Memorial Hospital Foundation for a Make It & Take It Craft Opportunity on Saturday, January 25.

There will be two sessions that day with sessions beginning at 10:00 a.m. and again at 2:00 p.m. in Community Rooms 1 & 2 at Community Memorial Hos-

pital. The first session will be a canvas painting with a beautiful fence and purple morning glories climbing the fence. The afternoon session will be a canvas painting of a sunset.

Both sessions include all supplies, snacks, drinks and raffle items will be available. The canvas paintings will be 16x20.

Pre-registrations for the class may be mailed to (in-

clude names, addresses, phone numbers):

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You can also send an email to foundation@cmhosp.com or register by calling 419-542-5696.

All proceeds support the CMH Foundation and future projects at Community Memorial Hospital.

The CMH Foundation is a community-based, tax-exempt organization created to support the growth and enhancement of health care services at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio.

PAULDING CHAMBER TO HOST ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

The Paulding Chamber of Commerce is excited to host their annual chili cook-off on Friday, January 24th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Branch Christian Fellowship basement. With many chilis to try from, it's a fun time to come and vote for your favorite chili and grab a bowl to-go for lunch back at the office! It's a chance to taste the many chilis provided by Chamber members in a competition to win the traveling trophy, and of course bragging rights. Wendy's style to-go chili, corn bread and brownies will be available for a free will donation, and

NEW SEPTIC PUMPING BUSINESS IN PAULDING COUNTY



Antwerp, Carryall Township - Kauser Excavating LLC was established in 2013. At that time Ben Kauser, a fourth-generation member of the Kauser Family Business, broke away from the Kauser Trucking business in Paulding and started an excavating business to add to the Kauser business offerings. The addition of the excavating business grew very quickly and is still flourishing. Some of the excavating services has included the installation of new septic systems and repairing existing systems. This part of

the business has led to another growth opportunity within the company.

Kauser Excavating LLC has purchased a truck to offer local septic system pumping for existing septic systems. The truck is also equipped with a sewer jetter to be able to clear any plugged sewer lines. Ben and his staff will continue to handle the daily operations of running the pumper truck, but there is opportunity to grow and hire more employees if the demand warrants the need. The new Kauser Septic Service is

currently available in Paulding, Putnam, Defiance, Van Wert, and Williams counties. They are additionally working to obtain an Indiana license as well.

Should you find the need to have a new septic system installed, are having issues with your current system on your property, or need your "Yesterday's Meals" pumped out please remember to shop Northwest Ohio local and reach out to Ben at Kauser Excavating. 419-769-9969 kauserexcavating@gmail.com

all funds raised will help the Chamber lead way for business and bring the community many educational and networking opportunities. Come tell us who you think deserves to win the cook-off and who can beat last year's winner the First Presbyterian Church!

BENEFIT FOR DETTROW

Wayne Trace 1987 graduate, Billy Joe (Joe) Dettrow, was recently diagnosed with Stage 3 pancreatic cancer. The tumor has wrapped itself around a major blood vessel which makes surgery impossible at this point. Chemotherapy has a 15% chance of making the tumor shrink enough to be operable. This will not be a cure but could prolong his life for 12-15 months.

A benefit for Joe will be held by the Van Wert American Legion, and family and friends. The benefit will be held from 5:00-11:00 p.m. **Saturday, January 18** at the Van Wert American Legion Post 178, located on Main St.

Events include a baked goods, potluck, silent auction, raffling of an Ohio State Fire Ring, a 50/50 drawing and a cornhole auction.

D-jay Brad Dettrow will provide music from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the band Crazy Neyberz from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Proceeds from the benefit will go to Billy Joe Dettrow for help with his treatment.

"DANCE AROUND" FREE DANCE LESSONS AT HUBER

FREE dance lessons will be presented at the Huber Opera House on Saturday mornings. These are designed for beginners at all ages, especially adults who would love to try something new in 2020!

These lessons will be presented by local experts on a variety of styles such as Ballroom, Latin, Broadway, Jazz, and Clogging. This is funded in part by the Ohio Arts Council and the Huber Opera House to provide quality arts programming designed specifically for novice adults in the area.

The schedule listed below is sure to be fun filled and a great way to get some exercise during the cold winter weather. No experience is necessary and walk-ins are welcome. So join us at the Huber to "Dance Around" on Saturday mornings!

January 18- 9:30 Top Hats & Canes/Broadway style with Julie Hall from The Dance Dolls Studio

January 25- 9:30 Ballroom / 10:30 Latin with Chris Spalding from Dance Tonight Studio

February 1- 9:00 Clogging with Beth Wisecup from Five Star Studio

Walk-ins Welcome! For more information, call the Huber Office @ 419-542-9553

MERCY HEALTH SURGEON HOSTING SURGICAL WEIGHT LOSS INFORMATION SESSION

One-third of Americans are overweight, and tens of thousands of people every year turn to surgical weight loss to avoid obesity and to live healthier and happier lives.

For those who are curious about, or considering having, weight loss surgery, Dr. Gregory Johnston, Mercy Health Bariatric Surgeon, will be hosting an informational session on Thursday, February 6th at 5:30 p.m. at Mercy Health - Defiance Clinic East/West Meeting Room, located at 1400 E. Second St., Defiance, OH, 43512.

"The decision to get weight loss surgery or not is a big one that needs careful consideration. Those interested in the topic deserve the opportunity to understand all of their options and get any questions answered," said Dr. Johnston. "Bariatric surgery is my passion, because not only does it help patients medically, but it also improves people's day-to-day lifestyles."

Dr. Johnston is a graduate of Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency at Michigan State University and his fellowship in minimally invasive and bariatric surgery from Akron City Hospital. Dr. Johnston is board-certified in osteopathic surgery and his specialties include bariatric and general surgery.

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