

FIRST TIME IN 30 YEARS WOODLAN WINS BOTH ACAC TITLES



Both Woodlan boys and girls win the ACAC championships this year that took place on Saturday night at South Adams High school. According to coaches this is the first year since 1990 that both teams took home the trophies! Congratulations to Woodlan High School Boys and Girls basketball teams! More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING COUNTY'S WREATH ACROSS AMERICA ACKNOWLEDGE DONORS

The Paulding County Chapter of Wreath's Across America wants to acknowledge the public for making 2019 a successful year. The goal was to place over 500 wreaths on gravesites throughout Paulding County to honor those who have served, but because of the generosity of residents over 700 wreaths were placed.

The goal for 2020, which will be the organizations third year in operation, is to

place 1000 wreaths. This is a great opportunity to honor a veteran, whether it's a family member or someone who no longer has family in the area. For more information call Linda McCain at 419-670-2659. The cutoff date for wreaths each year is in November.

If you are not familiar with Wreaths Across America, every December the organization holds wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1600 additional locations across the world.

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2020 PAULDING COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Ashley Shepherd, Director of Gifted Services for Western Buckeye ESC, announces that the 2020 Journal Gazette Paulding County Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Paulding Exempted Village Schools Middle School/High School Auditoria. The event is free and open to the public.

Ten contestants representing Paulding County schools, grades 5-8, will compete for the honor of representing the county in the Journal Gazette Regional Spelling Bee presented by STAR Financial Bank on March 7, 2020. The Regional Spelling Bee will be held in the Purdue Fort Wayne Rhinehart Recital Hall at 10:00 a.m. The winner of the Regional contest will go on to compete in the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C.

Individual school champions are:

- Antwerp Elementary: Brayden Fuller, Grade 4
- Antwerp Middle School: Estee Lichty, Grade 6
- Christian Home Educa-

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PAULDING-PUTNAM OPERATION ROUND-UP GRANT



Pictured here is Habitat For Humanity president, Clint Vance receiving the Operation Round Up check from Round Up Board Chair, Jane Nice.

Operation Round Up is a community service program that provides funding for charitable and benevolent purposes for individuals, families and organizations in our community. This program allows Paulding Putnam Electric members the opportunity to make a big impact on many lives for just pennies!

Operation Round Up Board Chair Jane Nice presents a \$2,500 check to President Clint Vance of Paulding County Habitat for Humanity. "After discussing this grant with our board; Laurie Lucas, our executive director and I sat down to complete the grant" Vance explains. "A couple weeks later, I received a phone call from Renee Boss stating we have been awarded the full amount. I could not tell her thank you enough" stated Vance. The funds will go toward a Grover Hill home build for an elderly man in need of assistance. "We started a "Bucks for Boards" campaign to raise money to ultimately lower the final mortgage amount for this gentleman. This grant will go directly in helping to do that" noted Vance.

Along with the "Bucks for Boards" campaign; these entities have played a huge role in this home build by either donating materials or time: R&L Truss, Owens Corning, Carter Lumber, Vantage Career Center - Construction and Electrical classes, and the Paulding County Land Bank.

"We are humbled by the outpouring of support from our community with this home build. We look forward to sharing this home with the community at its dedication in the Spring" says Vance.

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- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm
- Free To Grow group @ Cecil Comm. Church, 11:30am

January 23

- Online Sales class @ PC Library, 7:30pm
- Glow in the Dark Party @ PC Library, 5:30-6:30pm

January 24

- Paulding Chamber Chili Cook Off @ Branch Christian Fellowship, 11a-1p
- DaNCe2U @ OSU Lima, 12:15pm

January 25

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

January 26

- Movie Night, Overcomer @ Christ Luth. Ch., Woodburn, 5pm

January 29

- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm

February 1

- A Winter Day Outdoors! @ Black Swamp Nature Center, 10a-12:30p
- Free Dance Lessons @ Huber, 9am

February 5

- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm

February 6

- Farm Bill meeting @ OSU Ext., 9am
- Weight Loss Surgery session @ Mercy Health, Defiance, 5:30pm
- PC Spelling Bee @ PEVS MS/HS Auditoria

February 8

- Valentine Square Dance @ St. Louis Besancon Hall, NH, 8-11pm



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CHRISTMAS DINNER HELD FOR PAULDING FIRE & EMS



The Paulding Fire and EMS held their Christmas dinner on Saturday, January 11th. Special awards were presented to the following:
 Dan Workman - 40 years Paulding EMS and 41 years Paulding Fire; Al Beamer - 40 years Paulding Fire; Ed Carlisle - 30 years Paulding Fire; Pamala Echols - 20 years Paulding EMS. Not in photo: Ryan Noggle - 20 years Paulding Fire.

NSCC ANNOUNCES 2019 NCLEX PASS RATES FOR NURSING PROGRAM GRADUATES

The need for skilled nurses continues to grow nationwide, and Northwest State Community College is leading the way in preparing students to meet the healthcare demands of our communities. The Practical Nursing graduates from 2019 at NSCC earned a 100% pass rate for the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX), while the Registered Nursing graduates earned a 92.86% pass rate.

"The faculty and I are pleased to announce the NCLEX results for both the practical nursing and associate degree nursing programs. Our graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX examination and qualify for entry-level nursing po-

sitions," noted Dr. Kathy Keister, NSCC Dean of Nursing. "Keys to graduate success include the dedication of our experienced faculty and the strong partnerships with area hospitals and healthcare facilities who provide highly effective clinical experiences," Keister continued. Dr. Keister also noted that within six months of graduation, 100% of NSCC nursing graduates are either working or enrolled in a baccalaureate program.

"Having consistently high passing rates, with multiple times 100% pass on the first try, is a testament to a dedicated group of faculty that ensures high-quality learning environments and student success," said Dr. Michael Thomson, NSCC President. "As Northwest State's premier community institution, local hospitals depend on our medical

programs, like nursing, so they can ensure high-quality medical care. We're so proud of our nursing students, and look forward to their success serving our local families," Thomson continued.

Nursing careers are hard work, but are also potentially lucrative, which makes the NSCC education worth the time and effort. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov), the mean annual wage from May 2018 for a Registered Nurse is \$75,510, while the mean annual wage for a Licensed Practical Nurse is \$47,052.

Both the practical nursing and registered nursing programs are accepting applications at Northwest State's main campus in Archbold. For more information on NSCC healthcare programs, as well as other degree and certifi-

cate programs, visit NorthwestState.edu or call NSCC Admissions at 419.267.1320.

DANCE2U TOUR JAN. 24 USES DANCE TO SPUR DISCUSSION ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

The Ohio State Dance and BalletMet2 Collaborative DaNce2U 2019-2020 Tour utilizes dance to ignite discussion about mental health issues when they perform at The Ohio State University at Lima at 12:15 p.m., Fri., Jan. 24, 2020, in the Martha W. Farmer Theatre for the Performing Arts in Reed Hall.

DaNce2U brings two masterworks in the dance canon to foster discussion about mental health and its stigma - Anna Sokolow's Rooms set to music by Kenyon-Hopkins and George Balanchine's The Four Temperaments set to music by Hindemith. The Four Temperaments refers to the four humors of the ancient Greek philosophy: sanguine, choleric, melancholic and phlegmatic. Rooms' sections "Alone" (isolation), "Panic" (anxiety), "Desire" (unrequited love), "The End" (inner turmoil) and "Daydream" (feelings of longing) all align with aspects of mental health in today's society.

"These two works allow us to talk about global issues of mental health in a new light with a different lens into conversation about mental health and what we can do for ourselves and our communities," said Valerie Williams, professor of dance. "The dancers are touring together and learning from different audiences, learning from each other, and become ambassadors for dance as a critical artform to engender discussion about difficult conversations."

The performances will serve as the vehicle for a mental health panel afterwards whose purpose is to facilitate awareness and to reduce the stigma around those who experience mental health challenges. Panelists will include Carmen Cupples, lecturer in social work; Beth Sutton-Ramspeck, associate professor of English; Margie Anich, lecturer in theater; and Samantha Haudenschild, lecturer in psychology and coordinator of Ohio State Lima's Counseling and Consultation Service.

According to Williams, the performing and visual arts have a history of collaborative research and creative activity projects that address solutions, treatment, and socialization of mental health, and DaNce2U#mentalhealth is just one of the many ways the performing arts can align with this topic.

"Dance provides a way for people to contemplate a new way to see and to move and to converse about mental health issues because it provides a new way of thinking about them," Williams said. "We can see in the movement how the ideas of anxiety, daydreaming, suicide, depression, feelings of aloneness or how we relate to society based on our own character are portrayed."

The DaNce2U #mentalhealth Performance and Panel Tour is a collaboration among the Department of Dance, BalletMet 2 and the University Libraries. The event is free and open to the public.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

James 1:2-3 NIV

PAULDING STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT FOOD PANTRY



On Saturday, January 11th members of the Paulding Middle School sixth grade class volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry. Shown left to right are Mrs. Crandall, Zoey Schultz, Mallory Fisher, Laila Stiltner, Cameron Wolford, and Ms. Karnes.

VILLAGE PLAYERS ANNOUNCE ANNUAL BANQUET

The Village Players would like to announce our Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet. This will be held on Sunday, January 26 at 1:00 pm at Woodburn United Methodist Church in Woodburn (4300 Becker Rd, Woodburn IN 46797). The Banquet will be held in the church Fellowship Hall. We would like to invite all current and former members of the Village Players. We'd also like to invite anyone who is interested in live theater in this area (that includes Woodburn, Harlan, Grabill, Leo, Monroeville, New Haven, Antwerp, and Hicksville or anywhere in the area!) The Village Players will provide the meat and drinks for the meal. We would like to ask all who attend to bring a dish to share.

During the meeting, we will discuss the previous year's productions, elect new Board Members for 2020, and vote on awards for outstanding acting, crew members, directing, producing, set design, costuming, tech design, etc. for the 2019 season. We will also discuss the shows for the upcoming 2020 season (which, at this time, include "Conspiracy of Betrayal", "The Foreigner", "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" and "The Bridge").

Please come and share our Annual Meeting with us.

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In 2020, Paulding's Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held on December 19th at St. Paul's Cemetery off Co. Rd. 87. Also, there will be many events in summer, volunteers from Paulding's Wreath Across America will be at, where residents will be able to acquire wreaths.

The first event of the season and the kickoff event will be held at the Memorial Day Celebration held each year

If you would like to attend, please go to our Facebook page at Hicksville Village Players to let us know, or contact Dawn Patterson at her e-mail address: snailian@hotmail.com.

AIRPLANE CRASH

Oakwood, Ohio— On January 17, 2020, shortly after 3:30 p.m., a fixed wing single engine airplane crashed in Brown Township, rural Oakwood, Ohio.

The crash occurred in a plowed field on the east side of Road 163, north of Road 138. The aircraft had just taken off from a privately owned grass runway several hundred feet west of the crash site.

Dustin A. Dobbelaere, age 35, from Defiance, Ohio was piloting the 1980 Piel Emeraude Model CP-301 aircraft when it crashed, and he was the lone occupant. Dobbelaere was transported via life flight to a hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dobbelaere's medical condition is unknown at the time of this release.

Deputies are working in conjunction with investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, Oakwood Fire & EMS, Paulding EMS and Paulding County Emergency Management Agency.

This accident remains under investigation.

at the Paulding VFW. Follow our Facebook page for event dates and times details: <https://www.facebook.com/PauldingVeteransMemorial-Wreaths/>

Wreaths Across America's core mission is Remember, Honor, and Teach. Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve and their families, and Teach the future generations about the sacrifices made to preserve our freedoms.

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RHODES STATE PARTNERS WITH GROB SYSTEMS FOR TECHCRED PROGRAM



Pictured Left to Right: Rhodes State GROB Apprenticeship Students, Governor Mike DeWine, Dr. Cynthia E. Spiers, Lt. Governor Jon Husted

Rhodes State College participated in the Governor's press conference and signing ceremony held at GROB Systems. Governor DeWine signed House Bill 2 which permanently codifies the new TechCred program into law. Rhodes State is the educational partner for GROB Systems apprentices utilizing funding from TechCred.

"GROB Systems has been a valued partner with Rhodes State College since 2012 when we became their apprenticeship related instruction provider for Associate Degrees in Manufacturing and Electronic Engineering Technology. Together we have served over 175 apprentices," said Dr. Cynthia E. Spiers, President of Rhodes State Col-

lege. "And now, through the TechCred program, GROB is able to provide a highly recognized industry credential, taught by Rhodes State." Rhodes State offers twenty nationally recognized credentials which can be completed in less than a year. "We are adding more credentials as we meet with business and industry leaders to learn what they need to further strengthen their workforce," said Tammy Eilerman, Director of Advanced Manufacturing at Rhodes. "This is a great day for GROB and all businesses and industry," said Spiers. "It is a day that depicts the commitment by the Governor to upscale the technical skills

2019 ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE YEAR IN REVIEW

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce has closed out a busy 2019. We began by growing our membership to 48 businesses, 21 non-profits, 5 home-based businesses and 4 single chamber memberships. 6 more memberships than we had on the rolls in 2018. New to our membership possibility was a category for home-based businesses, ranging from local crafters to direct sales representatives. We continued our Spotlight on area businesses

by doing feature articles on Paragon Tempered Glass, Sarah J Mowery, DDS, Mercer Landmark, TKC Water Technologies (H2O Water Store), Antwerp Storage Solutions, Carryall Trucking and Memories by Tawnya. We awarded our first scholarship to a deserving Senior from Vantage. Aubree Sproles, a Cosmetology student, was our winner. She was awarded \$500.00. The scholarship money is generated from our Cutie Pie contest that is held during Day in the Park each year. In June we once again sponsored the Town-wide

garage sales. Chamber produced a map of sales within the community with business sponsors on the back. Grab Your Neighbor and Explore your Downtown began in May. For 5 months on the 2nd Monday of the month, businesses were encouraged to stay open later, (until 7:00) and we also included home businesses that were housed in the H2O store. There were themes for each night with a celebration of music and the arts, a celebration of Super Heroes, a 4th of July bicycle parade with Bingo at the VFW pavilion, a Scavenger Hunt and Antwerp's 2nd annual dog show. Donations of dog food and money were taken at the dog show and donated to the Paulding County Dog shelter. As the months progressed, each Grab your neighbor night was met with more and more enthusiasm. We began a fun activity this summer involving books. We took in donations of gently used books, placed them in plastic bags with a note, and hid them around town and out at the

Pam Moore, 6th grade teacher, Paulding Middle School will serve as the Greeter for this event. Mr. Eric Deisler, Principal, Paulding Middle School, will prepare the physical arrangements for the Spelling Bee. Antwerp Exchange Bank, Antwerp VFW Post #5087, and Western Buckeye Educational Service Center are sponsoring the awards for the event, which include cash awards, gift cards and trophies for the champion and runner-up and medallions for all the contestants. The trophies and medallions are made by The Award Shop, Oakwood, OH. Contestants are reminded to report to Room A119. It is Lance Estles' classroom. It is located in the hallway next to the auditoria at 6:30 p.m. on February 6, 2020. For additional information, contact Ashley Shepherd at the Western Buckeye ESC by calling 419-399-4711, or by emailing her at ashepherd@wbesc.org.

(Continued from Page 1) tators of Paulding County: Micah Jones, Grade 7
Divine Mercy Catholic School: Hunter Lyons, Grade 6
Paulding Elementary School: Elizabeth Mitchell, Grade 5
Paulding Middle School: Sarah Wong, Grade 8
Oakwood Elementary School: Myrriah Manz, Grade 5
Wayne Trace-Grover Hill Elementary: Riley Manz, Grade 6
Wayne Trace-Payne Elementary: Ryan Parker, Grade 6
Wayne Trace Junior High: Brianna Draper, Grade 8
Mr. Doug Grooms, Special Services Coordinator for the Van Wert City Schools will be the Pronouncer. Judges for the Spelling Bee are Ms. Jennifer Manz, Principal, Oakwood Elementary, Mr. Tim Manz, Director of Curriculum and Testing, Wayne Trace Local Schools, and Mr. Joe Linder, Principal, Divine Mercy Catholic School.

park. Kids were encouraged to find a book, read it and then place it back in the bag and rehide it for someone else to find. Our hope is that the children enjoyed some reading time throughout the summer months. Day in the Park was a huge success with the theme being Small Town Heroes. The Park was filled with townsfolk eager to see the great entertainment, crafters, food vendors, parade, kids games, cutie pie contest and silent auction. A talent show was held that day and Ray Friend was our Gem of the Year. Day in the Park will be on August 8th in 2020. One project the Chamber took on this year was the collection of 1200 pounds of caps that were made into 6 benches to be placed throughout town. The Happy Bunch 4H group was a big part of the project. Caps were collected at the Antwerp Pharmacy by people in town and monetary donations were made by Antwerp Exchange Bank, First Presbyterian Church, Paragon Tempered Glass, Auglaize Rough Riders Club, Antwerp Ball Association and the Chamber. In October we assisted the fire dept. and auxiliary with the Halloween Parade and judging. Small Business Saturday, held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, was a huge success with many businesses having a very profitable day. We had a Scavenger Hunt and a save your receipt raffle-both with prizes awarded in the form of Chamber Bucks to be used at any Chamber Business. In early December, Santa's mailbox went up next to the town hall. On December 2nd we had our 4th annual Christmas tree lighting at the tennis court. Cookies and hot chocolate were available and the Antwerp HS band and show choir performed with the lighting of the tree at 6:00. We wrapped up 2019 with the Secret Santa Shop on Dec. 7th when Santa came to town. For \$5 per gift a child could "shop with a cop" in our Santa shop where they purchased small gifts for their family. All items are provided by our local businesses and all monies went back to the businesses. Don't forget about Chamber gift certificates that are available at the Antwerp Exchange Bank. Gift certificates make a great gift or a nice way to pay it forward for a person or family in need. The certificate, in the form of a check, can be used anywhere in our town. The check cannot be used for cash.

PPEC RELEASES 2020 WORK PLAN, NO RATE INCREASE



PPEC's Cecil Substation is slated for a rebuild in 2020 to improve electric reliability, system durability, and increased load capacity for PPEC members.

PAULDING, OH — In 2020, Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative is planning \$5,673,951 in investments focused on system improvements that will directly increase the co-op's service reliability and maintain existing facilities – all without an electric rate increase for residential or commercial members. Primary components of the 2020 work plan include:

- Rebuild of the Cecil Substation for improved reliability, system durability, and increased load capacity for future growth.
- A budgeted 28 miles of line rebuilds across Ohio and Indiana, as well as sectionalizing to reduce outage minutes.
- Testing 3,565 poles in Adams, Jackson, and Maumee townships in Indiana and Carryall and Harrison townships in Ohio. Any poles that fail the test will be replaced.
- Right-of-way maintenance and tree trimming in Indiana's Allen County and in parts of Ohio's Paulding and Van Wert counties.
- A proactive line maintenance program to improve system durability with a focus on reducing outages.

• Purchasing new equipment, like a bucket truck, poles, wire, etc. "The PPEC trustees and employees work hard to deliver electric power that is reliable, safe and cost-competitive with our neighboring utilities," said PPEC President and CEO George Carter. "Be assured that we are working to replace aging facilities, increase efficiency and improve our service reliability – all without raising rates and also returning \$1.8 million in capital credits last year to members."

For updates throughout the year, follow PPEC on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or YouTube.

Have questions about upcoming construction in your area? Give PPEC's office a call at 800-686-2357.

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative is proud to serve more than 12,900 members in Paulding, Putnam, Defiance, Van Wert, and Allen counties in Ohio, and Adams and Allen counties in Indiana. Since 1935, our not-for-profit model has allowed us to provide affordable, reliable, and safe power to rural areas with pride.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce continues to be committed to all the businesses in the Antwerp community. We welcome any and all feedback and we encourage members to join us at our monthly meetings. You do not need to own a business to be a member of

the chamber. We have an individual membership so if you like the things that we are doing, we invite you to join us.

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DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Nellie McMillan Owen Young Thayer Zartman Ross Carter



Nathan Benschneider Calleigh Young Eli Treece Zaden Chavez

Preschool - Nellie McMillan

Nellie walks in to school everyday with a smile on her face and full of pride! Nellie works hard at everything she does and always works well with others. She is such a blessing to have in class. Way to go Nellie!

Nominated by: Mrs. Warnimont and Mrs. Carter
Kindergarten - Owen Young

Owen is a very sweet boy who is very eager to learn and remembers the fine details about the things he has learned. Owen treats everyone with kindness and is tender hearted. He is doing a great job keeping up with his homework, and at all times gives his best effort. Owen always has a story to share with me, and he causes me to smile each and every day. He is catching on quickly to addition as well as his sight words, and that makes me proud. Keep up the great work Owen! I am so glad that you are in my class, and I am very proud of you!

Nominated by: Mrs. Ashworth
First Grade - Thayer Zartman

The first grade student of the month is Thayer Zartman! Thayer is new to our school this year, but that hasn't stopped him from jumping into his work and making friends. Thayer is such a kind and thoughtful student. His spontaneous hugs are the best! Thayer works hard at school, and he also loves to wiggle and be silly! Keep being awesome, Thayer!!

Nominated by: Miss Sullivan
Second Grade - Ross Carter

The second grade student of the month is Ross Carter! Ross is a very hard worker who always tries his best in class. He loves to help out and always has a bright smile on his face. A special shout-out to his responsibility as he makes sure to take care of his braces everyday after lunch!! Great job, Ross!!

Nominated by: Miss Sullivan and Mr. Linder
Third Grade - Nathan Benschneider

Nathan always comes to school prepared and ready to learn. His writing is always creative and interesting. He is a hard worker, and even when he is absent he gets his work

turned in immediately upon his return to school. He is a joy to have in class!

Nominated by: Mrs. Gideon and Mrs. Head
Fourth Grade - Calleigh Young

Calleigh has shown a lot of growth in the two years I have had her in class. She is working so hard to master her math skills, and is always very helpful to her peers when they need it. She is becoming an awesome leader and role model to the younger students. Keep up the great work, Calleigh!

Nominated by: Mrs. Gideon and Mrs. Lippi
Fifth Grade - Eli Treece

Eli is helpful and respectful to his teacher and classmates. He puts forth his best effort in all of his work. Great job, Eli!

Nominated by: Mrs. Bradbury
Sixth Grade - Zaden Chavez

Zaden is always kind and considerate. He follows directions the first time given and works very hard at everything he does. Keep up the great work, Zaden!

Nominated by: Mrs. Bradbury

What took Mrs. Klein aback was Douglas's picture. Douglas was so forlorn and likely to be found close in her shadow as they went outside for recess. Douglas's drawing was simply this: a hand.

A hand, obviously, but whose hand? The class was captivated by his image. "I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food," said one student.

"A farmer," said another, "because they grow the turkeys."

"It looks more like a policeman, and they protect us." "I think," said Lavinia, who was always so serious, "that it is supposed to be all the hands that help us, but Douglas could only draw one of them."

Mrs. Klein had almost forgotten Douglas in her pleasure at finding the class so responsive. When she had the others at work on another project, she bent over his desk and asked whose hand it was.

Douglas mumbled, "It's yours, Teacher."

Then Mrs. Klein recalled that she had taken Douglas by the hand from time to time; she often did that with the children. But that it should have meant so much to Douglas...

Perhaps, she reflected, this was her Thanksgiving, and everybody's Thanksgiving — not the material things given unto us, but the small ways that we give something to others.*

From the hand of God comes every good and perfect gift (James 1:17).

"For the LORD is the great God,

And the great King above all gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth;

The heights of the hills are His also.

The sea is His, for He made it;

And His hands formed the dry land."

-- Psalm 95:3-5

Our salvation and the gift of eternal life is a gift from the hands of God, for Jesus, God's Son, had nails driven through His hands and His feet onto the cross where He died for your sins and mine. "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24 NIV).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). God will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

How much does God love us? Look at what His hands have done for us.

Won't YOU accept His offer of salvation and eternal life on His terms?

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DON'T MISS HEAVEN

By: Doris Applegate
Have you ever wondered why the streets of Heaven are pure gold or why each gate is a pearl or the foundation of the wall around the city has precious stones? These are: Jasper, sapphire, chalcedony,

emerald, sardonyx, sardius, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, jacinth, and amethyst.

WOW! What a beautiful place Heaven is. God surely loves gems and beautiful colors, doesn't He? Read more about this in Revelation chapters 21 and 22. When we think of the pearl, it is most interesting to write about since it is produced with such a painful process: When the irritant (a piece of sand or a parasite) gets between the shell and the soft membrane of the little creature inside mollusk coats the "intruder" with layer upon layer of a shiny substance called nacre. Year after year this goes on until finally a precious, beautiful pearl is formed. The covering of the blood of Jesus on our lives (the "sin irritant") produces "pearls" of great value also. The suffering and pain that Jesus Christ endured was to "get rid" of our sins. There is absolutely no other way for our sins to be covered.

We cannot "work" or try to be "good" enough. Jesus is the only way to be saved. He is the door. No one comes to God the Father but through Jesus. Read John 10:9. The pearly gates of heaven will someday open for everyone who has their sins forgiven and covered.

If ever you have an "irritant" of hatred, rejection, unkindness, abuse or any other thing that "bothers" you, just remember the story of the pearl and start "coating" that person with the "love" coating. You will be surprised at what will happen. "Love covers a multitude of sins and wrongs." (1 Peter 4:8).

We want to stand before God "coated" with His love and grace having done all He wanted us to do so He will say, "Well done!"

Someone said, "Everything you have ever wanted is on the other side of fear." We are fearless people doing the will of God. Someone else said, "Believe you can and you are halfway there." "One life and it will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last."
Amen!

MOVIE NIGHT AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Christ Lutheran Church will be showing **OVERCOMER** for a free movie night on January 26th, 2020. Munchies will be at 4:00p.m with movie starting at 5:00p.m.
Christ Lutheran Church, 4412 Park St., Woodburn, IN.

ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS APPROVED FOR TECHCRED FUNDING

Lt. Governor Jon Husted, who serves as Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, announced that 219 additional technology-focused credentials have been approved for inclusion and potential funding through the TechCred program.

TechCred asks employers to identify the specific qualifications they need and employees they want to upskill toward a more advanced position. Then, in partnership with a training provider, the employer can apply online at TechCred.Ohio.gov and the state will reimburse up to \$2,000 of training upon completion of a credential.

"Businesses across the state are praising TechCred for providing a way for them to upskill their workforce in a technology-infused economy," said Lt. Governor Husted. "Today's expanded list of credentials demonstrates our commitment to ensuring that TechCred is meeting the needs of employers and keeping them and Ohio's workforce competitive."

TechCred was launched with 160 pre-approved credentials. With today's additions, there are now 379 approved credentials for upcoming rounds.

Ohio employers can request that additional credentials be added to the list through the online application process. Each additional credential submission is reviewed by an expert panel that makes a recommendation to the Ohio Department of Higher Education. All of today's additions were requested by Ohio businesses.

"TechCred is an innovative way to meet the demands of an ever-changing workforce, and will positively impact our workers, our employers, and our state well into the future," said Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor Randy Gardner.

More information on TechCred, along with the list of approved credentials, can be found at TechCred.Ohio.Gov. The next open application period for TechCred will be announced soon.

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PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
I am a logical person and must reason everything out before I can accept it. Is that a problem?

Yes! We do not have perfect knowledge and understanding like God does: "Which doeth great things

past finding out;" (Job 9:10a).

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my (God's) ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:9).

If God offers a reason, accept it. If He does not, follow His direction anyway. "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine

own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

Meditate on God's unreasonable commands to cross the Red Sea, for Lazarus to come forth from the grave, for the raging waves to fall flat at His command to be still, and for all creation to appear from nothing at His spoken word.

Those all become very reasonable when we consider the humanly unreasonable power and wisdom of God.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

THE HAND

By: Lonnie Lambert, Oakwood Church of Christ

From the editors of Reader's Digest comes this true and inspiring story:

When Mrs. Klein told her first graders to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful, she thought how little these children, who lived in a deteriorating neighborhood, actually had to be thankful for. She knew that most of the class would draw pictures of turkeys or of bountifully laden Thanksgiving tables. That was what they believed was expected of them.

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WAITING FOR MY SHIP

Weight or wait? These two words are easily confused in the English language. I was thinking of how to make a sentence with these two words and I came across this one: "Don't wait too long to lose weight." While I definitely need to lose a few pounds, my thoughts are not about weight; it's about that annoying thing we all have



to do and that is "wait."

The other night while Denny and I were sitting in a local restaurant waiting for our food, I asked him, "I wonder how much time we spend on waiting for things?" We both started naming things, circumstances and events we spend time on "just waiting."

For instance, if we have a doctors appointment, we might spend time sitting in the office waiting to hear the nurse to tell us it is our turn. She will take us back to a room, check our vitals and then we wait. Many times we are clothed in a gown with the back open.

One time I waited so long in a little room in my backless robe and I thought I might have got locked in for the night. (of course this was before cell phones.)

I panicked and pounded on the closed door "I am still here," I hollered. Of course this was "just another wait"

One thing which really bothers me is to be running late and then having to wait for a train. Trust me, when I was driving back and forth to work in Paulding, it seemed like I was always waiting on a train.

I think my employer thought it might be an excuse for being late, however, one day I got out of my car and actually took a picture of that long train. (yes I had a cell phone then.)

We hear people make the remark that they are waiting for "their ship to come in." This means that we are waiting for a ship of good fortune to come our way.

Of course we all have hopes and wait for our ship

to come in, but the old saying says you need "to swim out to your ship" Guess what? I can't swim, and I gave up waiting on my ship years ago.

If there is anything I personally hate to do it is wait in line. We all wait in line at the grocery store, license bureau, various events and for places to park. We wait for red lights, slow drivers and if you ride the school bus, you wait for that.

We wait excitedly for Christmas, birthdays, and vacations. The day arrives and it is gone so fast that now we must wait for it again next year.

Just like I said "much of our time is spent waiting." When you and your friend or spouse are getting ready to go out, are you always ready to leave or does your date or friend have to wait on you?

I must admit, I am a slow one to get ready to go anywhere. If I am going to a movie or out with my friend, Denny, he will come in and say, "Let's roll."

"No! No! No!," I say, "I'm not ready. I still have to put my makeup on." One time he asked me how long it took me to get ready to go out and I said that it took me at least one hour. When he asked what all I had to do to myself I said, "many things."

I did some research for my own curiosity on how long we spend just waiting for things.

According to a Timex Survey, I found out that we spend:

an average of 20 minutes a day waiting a bus or train; 32 minutes average when ever we go visit a doctor;

21 minutes a day waiting for a significant other to get ready to go out;

We wait 13 hours annually waiting on hold on the phone for customer service; (I believe that)

And approximately 38 hours annually waiting in traffic.

Well I know we have to wait for things in life, but it is how you handle the wait that counts. Plus there is the saying, "Anything worth waiting for is worth the wait."

What is the longest time you have spent waiting? Are you a patient waiter? Do you believe that "weight" or "wait" broke the wagon down? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

—Nancy Whitaker

ANTWERP CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

Antwerp Chamber of Commerce spotlight for January is Small Town Bliss Hair and Nail Studio on 103 W. River St. in Antwerp, Oh.

Audrey Feasby is the owner and a cosmetologist at Small Town Bliss. Audrey graduated from Antwerp High School in 2006. After high school she attended Ravenscroft Beauty College in Fort Wayne. After graduating, she began working at the Shadow Box Salon in downtown Antwerp. The salon was eventually purchased by Audrey's aunt, Paula Lichty, and the name was changed to Keystone Salon. Audrey purchased the business from her aunt in 2014 and changed the

then blended upward to diffuse the line. Ombre is more of a horizontal placement while Balayage is more vertical. Choosing which one is right for you really depends on the look you're trying to achieve. Whether you're looking for a blonde, brown, red, rose gold or even vivid color look, your artist should be able to work with you on either technique to create the color effect you're looking for.

Audrey has a talented and friendly staff. In fact, her staff has a combined total of 155 years of making people beautiful. Her salon is cozy and clean and has a small town feel to it. You can expect to be greeted as soon as you walk in the door and Audrey is not shy about telling you about the amazing group of ladies working



name to Small Town Bliss in 2016 when she moved to her current location on River St.

Audrey has always had a passion for doing hair. She enjoys the challenges of getting the style just right and seeing the delight in her client's eyes. She is proud to say that "here at Small Town Bliss your beauty is our business," and she is right. She employs 4 other stylists and a nail technician. Stylists working with Audrey are Paula Lichty (Audrey's aunt), Deb Lucas, Susie Miller and Nicki Harrmann. Chantel Lawson is the nail technician.

Small Town Bliss pulls in clientele from not only Antwerp but Payne, Paulding, Hicksville and Woodburn. Besides shampoos, cuts and blow-outs they also do color, foils up to 3 colors, along with up-dos and formal styles for that special occasion and something called Creative Coloring. This is a coloring style with vibrant and lasting results. Two types of creative coloring are Balayage and Ombre. Balayage service is a highlighting technique that targets a smaller section of hair. A colorist paints bleach or hair color just on the surface of your hair freehand; he or she doesn't saturate the entire section with hair dye. The result is soft, natural-looking, sun-kissed highlights that easily blend in as hair grows longer. The Ombre is typically done with lightener being placed horizontally with full saturation of the section and

at the salon that make every day enjoyable. They all enjoy helping their clients to look and feel their very best. Bridal season, prom time and during the holidays you will find Audrey busily working in her shop to make sure that you are ready for your big day.

Audrey was tired of trying to find a shampoo that she loved, one that made her hair feel healthy and looking good without using a lot of chemicals and fillers. She came across a company that helped her develop her own hair care product line. Small Town Bliss is the label and she carries shampoo and conditioner (for both moisturizing and volume), hair spray, amplifying foam, everyday miracle treatment, amethyst oil-which helps with hydration and fizzy hair and illusionist spray.

Chantel Lawson, the nail technician, worked first at Keystone. She stayed with Audrey through the changes and came to Small Town Bliss. Chantel stays very busy with her nail art which is incredibly popular and pedicures which she also does. She is vigilant about keeping her area very clean and professional. She sterilizes her instruments right next to her station and sterilization is done between each client.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is excited to have Small Town Bliss and Audrey and her wonderful staff partnering with us in the Antwerp Community.

ARE YOUR FINANCIAL AND TAX ADVISORS TALKING?

Now that we've closed the book on 2019, it's officially Tax Season. As you prepare your tax returns for the April 15 deadline, you might already start looking for opportunities to improve your tax-related financial outcomes in the future. And one important step you can take is to connect your tax professional with your financial advisor. Together, these professionals can help you take advantage of some valuable strategies:

Roth vs. traditional IRA - If you're eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA and a traditional IRA, you might find it beneficial to have your financial advisor talk to your tax professional about which is the better choice. Generally, if you think your tax rate will be higher in retirement, you might want to contribute to the Roth IRA, which provides tax-free withdrawals (if you're older than 59 1/2 and have had your account at least five years). But if you think your tax bracket will be lower when you retire, you might be better off with the traditional IRA, which offers upfront tax benefits - specifically, your contributions may reduce your annual taxable income in a given tax year. Your tax advisor may have some thoughts on this issue, as well as how it might fit in with your overall tax picture in retirement.

Taxable vs. non-taxable income - Turning taxable income into non-taxable income can lower your current year's tax bracket. Depending on your income, you could potentially subtract your traditional IRA contributions (or your SEP-IRA contributions if you're self-employed) from your taxable income. And even now, it's not too late to affect the 2019 tax year, if you still haven't reached the IRA or SEP-IRA contribution limits. Before you file your 2019 tax returns, your tax

professional can tell your financial advisor how much you would have to contribute to your traditional IRA, SEP-IRA or similar account to potentially lower your taxable income. If you make the contribution, your financial advisor can illustrate how it would impact your retirement picture and make a recommendation on how to invest the money. (You can fund your IRA with virtually any type of investment - stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and so on.)

Capital gains taxes on mutual funds - You might think you have total control over taxes related to your mutual funds. After all, you decide how long to hold these funds before selling shares and incurring capital gains taxes. However, mutual fund managers are usually free to buy and sell new investments as they see fit, and some of these sales could generate capital gains taxes for you. If these taxes are relatively large in any one year, your tax professional may notice and could relay this information to your financial advisor. This doesn't necessarily mean these mutual funds are inappropriate for you; they still may be suitable for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. But the tax aspect may be of interest to your financial advisor, who might recommend more tax-efficient investment options.

Your investment and tax pictures have many overlaps, and by ensuring your team of advisors is working together, or at least communicating with each other, you can increase the chances of getting your desired results.

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THE 2020 CENSUS TAKERS

By: Stan Jordan

If you are looking for part-time employment this might be for you. That bureau is looking for lots of people to help take the census. In a week or so a school will be held to train you for the job. The job will be later in the spring. They will need all levels of workers, takers and a few higher positions.

Entry level: Positions that do not require experience for candidate that just recently completed a degree.

Mid career: Positions that might require a little experience in a particular field or profession.

See ya!

WINTER IS HERE

By: Stan Jordan

Today is December 21st and it's the first day of winter...whoopie, hurray and all of that crap. All that is good with that date is the next date will be spring.

Now I know that lots of people like winter, all the snow we can get, cold weather and bad roads. I guess I'm an old stick in the mud.

I'm glad to hear that the days started getting longer yesterday, the 20th. I wish they could fast forward till we have nice warm spring days. Yes we will have rain, mud, chilly winds and bad storms, but bring it on.

Yes, there is ground hog day in Pennsylvania, buzzard day in Hinckley, OH and Valentine's Day all over America, but I don't care, bring on the nice warm sunshiny spring days.

See ya!

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Readers,

We are so thrilled that you admire & respect the writings of our freelance writers who offer articles for West Bend News each week. Your contributions of giving them story ideas and your support is greatly appreciated.

Please refrain from visiting writers and employees of West Bend News at their homes to discuss work matters. If you would like to discuss a story, idea or something else, please call 419-258-2000 to schedule an appointment, email info@westbendnews.net or stop in at the office Monday - Friday 8:00-5:00 p.m.

Thank you,

—WBN editors



A wealthy man was having an affair with an Italian woman for several years. One night, during one of their rendezvous, she confided in him that she was pregnant.

Not wanting to ruin his reputation or his marriage, he would pay her a large sum of money if she would go to Italy to secretly have the child. If she stayed in Italy to raise the child, he would also provide child support until the child turned 18. She agreed, but asked how he would know when the baby was born. To keep it discreet, he told her to simply mail him a post card and write, "Spaghetti" on the back. He would then arrange for child support payments to begin.

One day, about 8 months later, he came home to his confused wife. His wife said, "Honey, you received a very strange post card today."

"Oh, just give it to me and I'll explain it," he said. The wife handed him the card watched as her husband read the card, turned white and collapsed.

On the card was written: "Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti. Two with meatballs, one without! Request bread..."

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If someone from Holland married a Filipino...would their kids be Hollapinos?  
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A duck was about to cross the road when a chicken looked at him and said.... "DON'T DO IT MAN... YOU WILL NEVER HEAR THE END OF IT!"
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Two Ladies Talking In Heaven

1st woman: Hi Wanda!  
2nd woman: Hi Sylvia!  
How'd you die?  
1st woman: I froze to death  
2nd woman: How horrible!  
1st woman: It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm & sleepy and finally died a peaceful death. What about you?

2nd woman: I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early to catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV.

1st woman: So, what happened?

2nd woman: I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up to the attic and searched and down into the basement. Then I went through every closet and checked under all the beds. I kept this up until I had looked everywhere, and finally I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died.

1st woman: Too bad you didn't look in the freezer - we'd both still be alive.

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After becoming very frustrated with the attitude of one of the shopkeepers, the young blonde declared, "Well, then, maybe I'll just go out and catch my own alligator and get a pair of alligator shoes for free!"

The shopkeeper replied with a sly smile, "Well, little lady, why don't you go give it a try?"

The blonde headed off to the swamp, determined to catch an alligator. Later in the day, the shopkeeper was driving home and spotted the young woman standing waist-deep in the murky water, shotgun in hand.

He saw a huge 9-foot gator swimming rapidly toward her. With lightning reflexes, the blond took aim, shot the creature and hauled it up onto the slippery bank.

Nearby were 7 more dead gators all lying belly up. The shopkeeper watched in amazement as the blond struggled with the gator. Then, rolling her eyes, she screamed in frustration... "CRAP! THIS ONE'S BAREFOOT TOO!!"
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Husband and wife had a fight. The wife called up her mum and said, "He fought with me again, I'm coming to live with you."

Mum replied, "No darling, he has to pay for his mistakes, I'm coming to live with you."  
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A turkey was chatting with a bull. "I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree," sighed the turkey, "but I haven't got the energy."

"Well, why don't you nibble on some of my droppings?" replied the bull. "They're packed with nutrients." The turkey pecked at a lump of dung, and found it actually gave him enough strength to reach the lowest branch of the tree.

The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch. Finally after the fourth night, the turkey was proudly perched at the top of the tree.

He was promptly spotted

A FLAG POLE



By: Stan Jordan

This is the corner of S. Main and Daggett Street. I have never heard before about a flag pole in the middle of Main Street. I'm sure it was taken out early because that became SR 49 somewhere before 1930.

That right hand store was built about 1900 and was owned by Jerry Anspaugh. In 1911, Joe Carr had a grocery store and meat market on this corner till after WWII, but it had been remodeled a bit.

That next place was Warren Seslar's garage, built in 1912, a very modern and up to date building. Notice the

Texaco gas pump, I think that car on the left is of early 1920 vintage.

The next store after the garage was opened first by Alex Grant as a hardware then L. Smith and Son. bought it in 1908. They demolished it and built it as it is now in 1927. A little later on they became a Buick and Pontiac car dealer. As time went on, about the turn of the century, they were the oldest family owned Buick dealer in Ohio.

Before they went out of business, they had a hardware, sold kitchen equipment, sold farm equipment, new and used cars, all types of garage work was a big part

in Antwerp's progress.

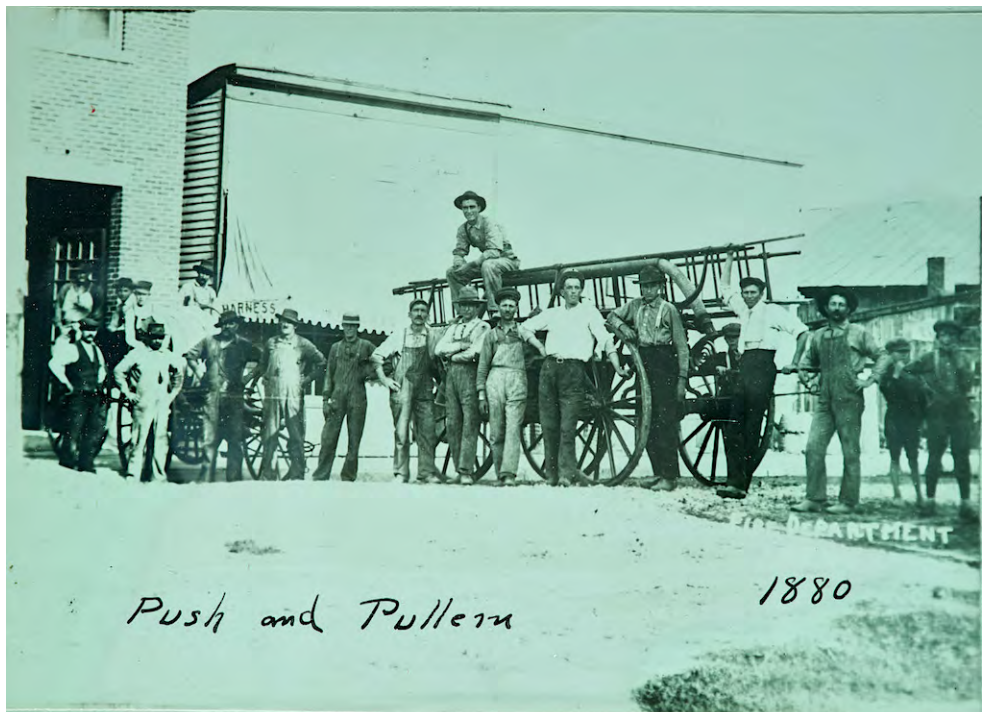
Those last two buildings on the right were built in 1894. It started out as a grocery store, but after WWI became a restaurant there on the corner for years, and the one beside it was also a restaurant most of those years.

You can see by the poles that we had lights and phones by this time. So all of this together, I would say this picture was taken in the late 1920's.

Take a good look at this corner picture, because next week's photo is of the same corner, but at an earlier time.

See ya!

1880 FIRE EQUIPMENT



Push and Pullers

1880

By: Stan Jordan

The above picture will fool you. It is dated 1880, but that is the date of the old pumping machine.

The Antwerp council

bought it from Ft. Wayne for \$800, that was the first piece of fire fighting equipment owned by Antwerp. I know that picture was taken some time after 1903 because that

is the southwest corner of the new Town Hall. I don't have any names or other information on this picture.

See ya!

ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB
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by a farmer, who shot him out of the tree.

Moral of the story:

Bullcrap might get you to the top, but it won't keep you there.

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A trucker's wife sees 3 parrots for sale.

\$170, \$150 and \$10.

She asked why the last parrot is so cheap.

The pet store owner said it used to live in a brothel.

The woman laughs and buys it.

She gets home and the parrot says, "Wow! A new whore house!"

The woman laughs...

When her 2 daughters come home, the parrot says, "Dang!!! 2 new gals!"

They all laugh

When he husband walks in the door, the parrot says, "Hi Joe! You found the new spot!"

And that is how the fight started.

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# PAULDING ELEMENTARY DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding Elementary School December Student of the Month are front Row: Chad Gonzales, Ella Spangler, Phoenix Whiting, Lilly Steffes, Raegen Nicelley, Kiersten Arend, Alanna Bassler. Middle row: Levi Fisk, Jackson Munger, Savannah Barnes, Tucker Stoller, Lincoln Manz, Brynley Manz, Ingrid Escobar, Brittany Slattman. Back row: Landon Grinnell, Jarret Griffith, Kenna Jackson, Delaney Johanns, Lucky Porter, Maleigha Evans. Not pictured: Avery Parrett

# PAULDING FFA FOOD SCIENCE TEAM COMPETES AT STATE



Pictured here is the Paulding FFA Food Science team competing at State, (left to right) Paige Jones, Shannon Hale, Sydney Reineck and Jonathan Reinhard.

By: Paige Jones, Paulding FFA Reporter  
At the beginning of December the Paulding FFA food science team competed The Ohio State University

ty Food Science Lab in the Food Science and Technology CDE. The team competed against 10 other teams at the district level to earn a spot to compete at this state contest.

This was the fourth straight year that the Food Science team has earned a 1st or 2nd place finish at the district level to move onto state. This year the team was made up of Paige Jones, Shannon Hale, Sydney Reineck and Jonathan Reinhard. In the food science competition the team members had to perform a product development as well as participate in the following individual events.

Those events included identifying aromas, tasting three foods and identifying which one isn't the same (triangle test), performing math calculations, and identifying safety violations. The team placed 14th in that state and top placer for the team was Paige Jones, who placed 24th in the state. The Paulding FFA chapter is very proud of this team and we are looking forward to competing in the food science contest next year!

## DOE-C-DOE MEETING

The Doe-C-Doe 4-H club had their meeting at the Antwerp United Methodist Church on Sunday the 5th of January at 1:30 pm. Members gave demonstrations about their projects. The next meeting will be on

February 2nd at 1:30 p.m. at the Antwerp United Methodist Church.

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# PAULDING FFA MEMBER ESTABLISHES WARMING HEARTS AND WARMING HAND CAMPAIGN



Pictured here are Paulding Elementary Students with Jen Stahl middle holding the hats and gloves that were donated as part of her Warming Hearts and Warming Hands campaign.

By: Paige Jones, Paulding FFA Reporter

A Paulding FFA member sees a need in the Paulding School district and identifies a solution to the need. Jennifer Stahl, a 2019 Paulding FFA graduate distributed over 200 pairs of gloves and hats to Paulding Elementary students through her living to serve plan she developed while attending the Washington Leadership Conference in 2018.

Her Warming hearts and Warming hands campaign was established to ensure that every elementary student in Paulding Elementary had access to a hat and a pair of gloves to wear during the winter months. She constructed a collection bin and challenged the Jr. High and High School students to make a donation of hats and gloves to her cam-

paign. She was able to collect over 200 items to distribute to the elementary students. She identified a need our student district and developed a plan to help students and their families that may not be able to afford to purchase hats and gloves for their students.

At the beginning of December Jen distributed those hats and gloves to the Elementary staff to distribute to students who don't have a hat or pair of gloves to wear. The Paulding FFA and school district is very proud of Jen and her accomplishment of her living to serve plan.

The Paulding FFA is excited to send students to the 2020 Washington Leadership Conference this summer. We look forward to more students developing living to serve plans to help our local community.

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**WARRIORS SWEEP TO ACAC TOURNEY TITLES**



Senior Mitch Mendenhall is fouled in the second half of the game, sending him to the line for Woodlan. Mitch was named the player of the year and earning the Hilliard Gates award for the team! See more pictures at westbendnews.net



The Lady Warriors came back from a 14 point difference with rival Adams Central in the ACAC Championship, led by Addie Bayman, who earned the Hilliard Gates award for best player. See more pictures at www.westbendnews.net!

BERNE - Woodlan swept the 2020 ACAC Tournament titles Saturday night as the Warrior girls and boys basketball teams each picked up tournament championships at South Adams High School.

For the girls, it was the first tournament championship since 1992 as the Lady Warriors rallied from a 14-point deficit for a 57-52 win over Adams Central.

The Woodlan boys then

followed that girls championship with a 48-35 victory over Adams Central as well to complete the Warrior sweep.

In the girls game, Adams Central jumped in front early on as the Jets flew out to a 16-9 advantage after one quarter before expanding the margin to 29-16 at the intermission.

The third quarter saw the Jets add another point to the lead, pushing it to 40-26

going to the final period, before Woodlan came storming back in the final period.

In the final stanza, the Lady Warriors outscored Adams Central 31-10 to stun the Jets and win the tournament championship.

Addison Bayman topped all scorers and led the way for Woodlan with 24 points in the contest. Dakotah Krohn also had a big night for the Lady Warriors with 19 markers.

McKenna Dietsch paced the Jets with 16 points and Carly Holly also bucketed 16 markers for Adams Central.

Woodlan improves to 15-5 with the victory while Adams Central drops to 12-7.

The Warriors boys followed up the girls game with a victory that saw Mitch Mendenhall led the way for Woodlan with 23 points and nine rebounds.

Woodlan scored the game's first eight points and never trailed in the contest despite not making a three-point shot in the contest.

Adams Central got as close as 29-27 in the third quarter but the Warriors hung on to improve to 7-5 overall on the season.

Joe Reidy added 11 markers and nine rebounds for Woodlan with Aiden Bayman chipping in ten points.

Lucas Van De Weg bucketed a dozen points and Ben Voirol recorded 11 markers for Adams Central, who falls to 5-8 in all games.

Woodlan's boys will hit the road to Prairie Heights on Tuesday before welcoming in Heritage on Friday. The Lady Warriors resume action on Wednesday when they host Fremont.

**WARRIORS OPEN ACAC TOURNEY WITH WIN**

PORTLAND - The ACAC girls basketball tournament started Tuesday night in Portland for the Woodlan as the Lady Warriors went on the road to defeat Jay County 36-25.

Woodlan led at every stop, grabbing a 12-7 advantage after eight minutes of action.

The Lady Warriors held a slim 20-18 lead at the midway point of the contest before expanding the margin to 31-21 at the end of three quarters.

Addison Bayman topped Woodlan with 16 points while Alicia McMahan added seven points.

Avah Smith posted six points for the Lady Warriors followed by Dakotah Krohn (four) and Taya Kitzmiller (three). Woodlan improves to 12-5 on the season with the victory.

Freshman Renna Schwieterman led the way for the Patriots with 13 points and Madison Dirksen chipped in six markers. Aubrie Schwieterman, Hallie Fields and Izzy Rodgers all bucketed two points each for Jay County, which falls to 10-7 on the year.

**RAIDERS TAKE THIRD AT VAN BUREN INVITE**



Wayne Trace placed 3rd for the Van Buren Invitational. on Saturday, January 18, 2020.

VAN BUREN - In one of the more competitive wrestling invitational around northwest Ohio, the Wayne Trace wrestling team posted a third place finish at the Van Buren Invitational on Saturday.

Allen East took first place in the tournament with 247-1/2 points followed by Eastwood (152) and Wayne Trace (152).

Seven of the ten Raider wrestlers that participated placed in the tournament, including tournament champions Jarrett Hornish (120), Hunter Long (132) and Seth Meggison (145).

Hornish claimed a title at 120 with wins over Columbus Grove's Trevor Wynkoop, Galion's Kidrdren Clark, Mohawk's Jace Margraf and Eastwood's Gavin Owens. Hornish was also voted as the Most Outstanding Wrestler in the tournament.

In winning the title at 132, Long got past Lakota's Ethan Bomer, Bluffton's Kaden Basil, Sandusky St. Mary's and Hopewell Loudon's Caden Crawford.

Meggison picked up his championship by defeating Columbus Grove's Joe Kohli, Galion's Ian Lehman and Eastwood's Bryce Hesselbart.

**WARRIORS MOVE INTO ACAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

BERNE - Woodlan made the long trip to Berne Friday night for an ACAC boys basketball semifinal tournament game and the Warriors made it worth their trip.

Holding a slim 41-40 lead after three quarters, Woodlan put the game away in the fourth quarter by outscoring the host Starfires 18-14 in the final period to wrap up a 59-54 victory.

South Adams actually jumped in front in the opening quarter, putting up 19 points compared to Woodlan's 13 to take a six-point advantage.

However, the Warriors cut into the deficit in the second stanza with a 15-13 scoring advantage in the period to trim the deficit to 32-28 at the midway point.

Woodlan's defense then



Hunter Long squares off against his opponent in the 132 weight class.

Wayne Trace also had four other wrestlers place in the tournament.

Eli Moore posted a fourth place finish in the tournament in the 160 pound weight class, winning three of five matches on the day.

Carson Rupp took fifth

place at 152, also winning three of five matches in the tournament.

At 285, Jacob Graham picked up a fifth place finish with a 4-2 record at Van Buren and Gabe Sutton was 3-3 in 113 to record a sixth place spot.

stepped up in the third quarter, limiting the Starfires to eight points while scoring 13 to grab the one-point margin heading into the fourth period.

Joe Reidy led the way for the Warriors with 21 points while Mitch Mendenhall added 16 markers and Aiden Bayman bucketed 11 points.

Trevor Wiedenhoef (six), Brennan Donovan (three) and Simon Handerson (two) wrapped up the Woodlan scoring.

South Adams was paced

by James Arnold with 17 points, leading a trio of Starfires in double figures.

Aidan Wanner bucketed 14 markers for the Starfires and Trey Schoch scored 13. Brayden Gilbert and Nicholas Miller contributed eight and two points, respectively.

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# PANTHERS PICK UP NWC WIN OVER MUSTANGS



Paulding Junior Hunter Kauser gets in under the basket after a rebound and puts up another basket! More pictures at westbednews.net

PAULDING - After a low scoring first half, Paulding held on for a 47-45 win over Allen East for a Northwest Conference boys basketball victory.

The Panthers held a slim 7-6 lead after eight minutes of action before Paulding took a 15-12 halftime advantage. The maroon and white expanded the margin to 33-25 at the end of three periods before holding on in the final period for the two-point win. Hunter Kauser topped the Panthers with 15 points while Seth Dysinger and Payton Beckman also reached double figures by posting 13 and 10 markers,

respectively.

Caleb Manz also added six points for the maroon and white followed by Nick Manz (two) and Matt Schroeder (one).

Allen East was led by Bradden Crumrine, who totaled 22 points for the Mustangs.

Other scorers for the Mustangs were Gavin Hutchison (seven), Logan McCluer (five), Garrett Newland (four), Keaton Lehman (four) and Cole Fletcher (three).

Paulding moves to 2-2 in the Northwest Conference and 3-9 in all games while Allen East drops to 4-9 overall and 0-4 in the NWC.

# LADY RAIDERS IMPRESSIVE WITH WIN OVER LCC

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders ran their winning streak to four games last Tuesday with a non conference win over Lima Central Catholic 55-30. The Raiders improve their overall season record to 10-3 while the Thunderbirds fall to 5-8. In the three win in 2020 the Raiders are averaging 60 points a game while giving up 31.

Wayne Trace took an early lead and held on for a 14-9 advantage after one quarter of play. The middle two quarters were very impressive for the red, white and blue as they put up 29 points and allowed LCC just nine to take a 43-18 lead

into the final eight minutes of play. Both teams played even in the final period with each putting up 12 points.

The Raiders place two in double digits with Katrina Stoller leading the offensive attack with 14 points on 7-9 shooting in her two-point goals along with four steals and two assists. Senior Claire Sinn finished the night with 13 points.

Also contributing to the Raiders tenth win of the season was Katie Stoller with seven points and three assists, Miriam Sinn chipping in six and team mate Gracie Shepherd also with six points to go along with eight rebounds. Rachel Stoller added five points, six rebounds and four assists in a solid overall performance. Rounding out the scoring for the victorious Raiders

were Christina Graham and Abby Moore each with two points.

The Lady Thunderbirds were paced by the 17 points from Rosie Williams who also collected six rebounds. No other player for LCC had more than four points.

Wayne Trace shot well from the two-point area, hitting 21-40 for 53 percent but managed just 2-13 behind the arc for 15 percent. At the foul line the Raiders were 7-10 and as a team recorded 37 rebounds. Offensively the Raiders dished out 15 assists and defensively came up with 13 steals while turning the ball over just nine times.

Lima Central Catholic finished the night hitting 12-24 in two-point goals for 50 percent and 0-7 behind the arc. At the foul line the T-birds were 6-10 with 14 rebounds, 15 turnovers, eight team assists and seven steals.

The visitors picked up a Junior Varsity win outlasting the Raiders 29-25.

# RAIDERS SLIP PAST EDGERTON IN LOW SCORING CONTEST

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

EDGERTON - A quick start in the first quarter enabled the Wayne Trace Raiders to separate themselves from Edgerton as they picked up their ninth win of the season 41-27. Played last Thursday at Edgerton the Raiders scored 17 first quarter points while holding the Bulldogs to just eight.

In the second quarter the contest turned into a low scoring affair with the Bulldogs scoring just six points and the Raiders fairing no better with just four to take a 21-14 halftime lead. The third stanza was key for Wayne Trace as they managed to distance themselves from their opponent scoring 11 points to just six for Edgerton. Heading into the final eight minutes of play the Raiders enjoyed a double digit lead 32-20. Edgerton would struggle to gain much ground on the Raiders in the final eight minutes of play with the red, white and blue tallying 9 points to just seven for the Bulldogs.

The Raiders were led by the 17 points of Nate Gerber with four other Raiders scoring on the night. Alex Reinhart had a solid performance with nine points while recording 10 rebounds. Jace Vining and team mate Reid Miller each added six points a piece. Miller came up with four assists on the night. Rounding out the Raider scoring was Cameron Sinn with three points.

For Edgerton, Logan Showalter chipped in seven points followed by Cadin Gary and Jaron Cape each with five, Arryn Pahl and Noah Landel each adding four and Craig Blue rounding out the Bulldog scoring with two.

Wayne Trace shot 15-37 from the floor for 41 percent and were 10-14 at the foul line. For the Bulldogs, they connected on 11 of 41 for 27 percent including just 3-21 behind the arc. Rebounding was virtually even with the Raiders one better than the Bulldogs 28-27. Turnovers was also close with Edger-

# NEW HAVEN GIRLS WRESTLERS TAKE 2<sup>ND</sup> IN STATE COMPETITION



The New Haven girls wrestling team competed this past weekend in a wrestling competition. They had 5 of girls qualify for state. In the end, New Haven ended up placing all 5 wrestlers and taking 2nd in the State competition. Photo by Melissa Amstutz

ton turning the ball over 15 times while the Raiders recording 13 miscues.

The Raiders stand at 2-1 in the Green Meadows Conference with the Bulldogs falling to 1-2. Antwerp continues to hold down the top spot at 3-0 with Hicksville, Fairview, and Tinora joining the Raiders at 2-1.

Wayne Trace won the junior varsity game 38-24.

# PILOTS NIP PANTHERS

DEFIANCE - Ayersville used a big third quarter to take the lead and then the Pilots held off a Paulding rally in the fourth quarter for a 38-37 win in non-

league high school boys basketball action Saturday evening.

The Panthers were on top after eight minutes of action 10-7 and took a 21-17 advantage into halftime.

However, a disastrous third quarter proved to be the difference for Paulding.

Ayersville outscored the Panthers 14-3 in the period, turning the four-point halftime deficit into a 31-24 lead going to the final period and Paulding never recovered.

The maroon and white did outscore the Pilots 13-7 in the fourth quarter but came up just short in dropping to 3--10 on the season.

Trevor Okuley led the

way for Ayersville with ten points while Brayden Amorososo and Logan Schlachter each chipped in five markers.

Kallen Brown (four), Evan Clark (four), Weston McGuire (three), Blake Eiden (three), Jakob Trevino (two) and Lukas Calhoun (two) were the other Pilots to find the scoring column.

Paulding was paced by Hunter Kauser, who bucketed 14 points, and Payton Beckman, who finished with eight.

Other Panther scorers were Nick Manz (six), Seth Dysinger (four), Evan Edwards (three) and Deyton Price (two).



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# ARCHERS SHOOT DOWN PILOTS



Antwerp's Luke Krouse sinks two free throws after being fouled right before half time. See more pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Antwerp rolled to its 12th straight win on the season as the Archers routed visiting Ayersville 70-39 in Green Meadows Conference boys basketball action Thursday night at the home of the Archers.

The Archers opened a 19-8 lead after eight minutes of action and pulled away from there in improving to 12-0 overall and 3-0 in the league.

Antwerp took a 39-15 halftime advantage before settling on a 56-30 margin going to the fourth quarter.

Jagger Landers paced the Archers with 21 points while Jayvin Landers added 17 markers.

Blake Schuette posted seven points followed by Luke Krouse (six), Jake Eaken (six), Austin Lichty (five), Owen Sheedy (five), Jacob Savina

(two) and Hunter Sproles (one).

Brayden Ameroso scored 11 points to pace the Pilots, who fall to 4-7 in all games and 0-3 in the conference.

Other scorers for the Ayersville were Jakob Trevino (nine), Blake Eiden (six), Rick Sherman (four), Weston McGuire (three), Evan Clark (two), Kallon Brown (two) and Logan Schlachter (two).

# LADY RAIDERS BIG WINNERS OVER BULLDOGS

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - The Lady Raiders from Wayne Trace recorded their fifth win in a row with an easy Green Meadows Conference win over Edgerton 59-27 last Friday on the Raiders home court. With the win the Raiders stay at the top of the GMC at 3-0 tied with Fairview and Ayersville. Overall the Raiders stand at 11-3 while the Lady Bulldogs fall to 3-11 and 0-3 in league play.

Defensively the Raiders held Edgerton to just 15 shots from the two-point area while the Bulldogs totaled 14 attempts behind the arc. Overall Edgerton finished the night hitting 9-29 from the floor for 31 percent. While the Bulldogs struggled with their shooting it was the Raiders defense that forced Edgerton into 31 turnovers.

For the Raiders, shooting was better with the hosts hitting 19-42 from the two-point area and 5-13 behind the arc for 44 percent. Both teams struggled at the free throw line with the winners from Paulding County hitting 6-14 for 43 percent and 7-12 for Edgerton for 58 percent.

The Raiders won the rebound battle 33-24 while the Raiders committed just 13 turnovers to 31 for Edgerton.



Wayne Trace's Rachel Stoller is fouled, hinder her to the line to score for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace placed two in double digits with Miriam Sinn leading the way with 16 points to go along with six steals. Claire Sinn finished with 15 points while adding six steals and four assists. Gracie Shepherd added nine points with team mate Rachel Stoller chipping in seven to go along with four steals. Rounding out the Raiders scoring were Katie Stoller and Christina Sinn each with three points and

and Katrina Stoller, Kenadie Draeger, and Abby Moore each with two points.

With no one in double figures for the Bulldogs, Ally Cape lead Edgerton with nine points followed by Coral Picillo chipping in five.

The Raiders will be on the road for their next four games when they travel to Fairview on Thursday followed by games at Holgate, Miller City and Continental the following week.

# WOODLAN VS LEO WRESTLING MEET



Danny Herschberger pins his opponent in Thursday night's match against Leo. See more pictures at westbendnews.net

# BULLDOG WRESTLERS COMPETE AT KERBEL INVITATIONAL



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3rd Place Wyatt Corkwell of Bluffton; 4th Place Ethan Holloway of Rochester;

120 - 1st Place Austin Lewis of Bluffton; 2nd Place Bryson Ehle of Carroll; 3rd Place Sam Cornwell of Bishop Dwenger; 4th Place Aidan Carter of New Haven;

126 - 1st Place Landon Bertsch of Bluffton; 2nd Place Michael Rupp of South Adams; 3rd Place Braeden Hensler of Bishop Dwenger; 4th Place Briar Munsey of



Pictured here is New Haven's Aidan Carter who finished 4th in the 120 weight class. Photo by Melissa Amstutz.

170 - 1st Place Joe Parrish of Homestead; 2nd Place Treyven McKinley of Eastside; 3rd Place Shane Delaney of Bishop Dwenger; 4th Place Kaleb Shaffer of Rochester;

driguez of Twin Lakes; 4th Place Henry Getty of Bishop Dwenger;

138 - 1st Place Elijah Chacon of New Haven; 2nd Place Lane Burns of Eastside; 3rd Place David Kahn of Bluffton; 4th Place Michael Boerger of Bishop Dwenger;

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Jackson Wicker of Eastside; 3rd Place Jayden Goshert of Northfield; 4th Place Quentin Hunt of Bluffton;

195 - 1st Place Christian Summersett of South Adams; 2nd Place Logan Cox of Northfield; 3rd Place Matt Mills of Homestead; 4th Place Jacob Landis of Bluffton;

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# PAULDING FFA GIVES BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY!



Pictured here is Jen Stahl, Jaylyn McCloud, Sydney Reineck, and Carter Manz with a resident for the Paulding Gardens distributing gift bags.

By: Paulding FFA Reporter, Paige Jones

The month of December has been a very busy month for the Paulding FFA chapter focusing on the season of giving.

In the beginning of the month students took shifts ringing the bells for the Salvation Army at Chief. Several members and the officers helped work this event, so the Paulding FFA was able to fill several shifts and help raise money for the Salvation Army.

The chapter adopted two families during the Christmas season to sponsor. Several students went shopping for families in need in the Paulding School district.

The Chapter also concluded their annual fruit sales fundraiser. At end of fruit sales, the chapter donated the extra fruit to local nurs-

ing homes and the local food pantry.

The livestock classes prepared a bag of fruit for each resident at both the Gardens of Paulding and the Country Inn, which included a note wishing them all a Merry Christmas from the Paulding FFA.

After school, groups of students went to each nursing home and went around and visited with the residents and handed them their gift bag.

The Paulding FFA chapter also hosted both a chapter Christmas party and an officer team Christmas party. At the chapter Christmas party, first the normal December meeting was conducted and then the festive activities followed. Several games were played at the party including a racing of unwrapping a cling wrap ball with oven gloves on, getting a cookie off



Pictured here is Riley Noffsinger, Kyle Harris, and Nolan Johanns with resident from the Country Inn distributing gift bags.

of their face without dropping it or using their hands, and wrapping each other with toilet paper trying to make the best human Christmas tree.

The party was overall very successful and the chapter had a very good time. On the 23rd, the officer team held their Christmas party. At the party, the officers had a big meal, watched a movie together, and spent time bonding with each other even

more. The party was completed with a secret santa gift exchange, and the officer team had a great time at the party.

Our FFA Chapter values all the community support and we love to live by the FFA motto which is learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve. We love to give back to our community and get to meet others to help spread the core values of Agriculture Education and FFA.

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## OHIO STATE LIMA'S MCCRORY WINS OUTSTANDING FIRST YEAR ADVOCATE AWARD



Shane McCrory, director of student life at The Ohio State University at Lima, is the winner of the university-wide Outstanding First Year Advocate Award. McCrory received his award Tues., Jan. 14, 2020, at the Focusing on the First Year Conference 2020 in Columbus.

Through the Outstanding First Year Advocate Awards, First Year Experience recognizes the contributions of exceptional Ohio State faculty and staff to first-year student success. McCrory's award honors individuals who have demonstrated passion and effort beyond their typical job responsibilities for helping students make the most of their first year. Nominees work to foster personal connections with or among first-year students, implement policies that help make first-year student success possible, serve as a resource to new students, and much more.

"The first year is extremely critical for setting the tone for future success," McCrory said. "One of our ultimate goals at Ohio State Lima is to have our students graduate, so it is important for us to help students create positive habits and practices."

In addition to his role as the director of student life, McCrory works extensively with the first generation students at Ohio State Lima. He recruits new students to join the First Generation Community, teaches their first

year experience courses and helps develop peer mentors for the next year's first generation. Since the program's inception in 2015, the first gen program has grown fourfold from under 20 for the pilot year to 88 during autumn semester 2019.

"This is a great honor for Shane McCrory to be recognized for his exceptional commitment and dedication to Ohio State Lima's first year students," said Dr. Tim Rehner, Ohio State Lima dean and director. "Shane is passionate about supporting students so they can successfully make the transition to a university experience at Ohio State Lima."

## LADY ARCHERS CRUISE PAST LANCERS

ANTWERP - Antwerp used a big second quarter to pull away from visiting Lincolnview as the Archers cruised to a 47-38 victory over the Lancers Tuesday night in girls basketball non-league play.

After grabbing an 11-8 lead at the end of one quarter, the second quarter belonged to the Archers.

Antwerp bucketed 16 points in the period while holding Lincolnview to only two as the Lady Archers expanded the halftime margin to 27-10.

Lincolnview did close the gap in the third quarter, as the Lancers scored 16 points compared to Antwerp's seven to pull within 34-26 entering the final stanza.

However, it was the Archers who held on from there and posted the 47-38 win.

Astianna Coppes topped all Antwerp players with 14 points and Heather Oberlin added 11 markers.

Karsyn Brumett chipped in nine points for the Lady Archers followed by Tiera Gomez (seven), Alyvia DeVore (four) and Lydia Brewer (two).

Leading the way for the Lady Lancers was Jordan Decker with 11 markers while Zadria King and Kendall Bollenbacher posted nine points apiece.

Makayla Jackman (six), Annie Mendenhall (two) and Briana Ebel (one) completed the Lancer scoring

## READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

### OHIO LOCATIONS

**Antwerp:** Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Home-town Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, Genesis House, Pit-Stop, Subway, Manor House Assisted Living

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

**Cecil:** Maramart, Vagabond

**Charloe:** Charloe Store

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Melrose:** Morning Star Convenience Store  
**Ney:** Maramart  
**Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware, Dollar General

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

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

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

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

**Scott:** Scott Post Office

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

### INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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

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

**Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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

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

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# HERITAGE LIONS PRESENT AWARDS



On Tuesday, President Ed Coy presented three Heritage Lions with awards for outstanding length of service to the Hoagland and surrounding areas. Shown are (L to R): Dan Will (20 years); Jack Clear (25 years); and Dave Hockemeyer (an amazing 55 years). All three men continue to play a key role in the many Heritage Lions projects, and their long service is greatly appreciated.

## DISTRICT GOV. SPEAKS TO HERITAGE LIONS



District Governor Terry Marker spoke at St. John Lutheran Flatrock Church at the joint meeting of the Monroeville and Heritage Lions on Tuesday. He emphasized that the Lions organization is basically "People serving people". Governor Marker emphasized that his focus

this year is on "The Three Arrows": increasing membership, promoting leadership, and encouraging all clubs to serve their communities. He concluded his remarks by reviewing the Indiana Lions five main areas of focus for 2020: blind school, cancer control, hearing aids, cornea transplants, and the Leader Dogs program. Fattening cupcakes and punch were served after the meeting.

## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

### Criminal/Traffic Disposition

**Ro Maure Quarles**, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband

shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Warrant and warrant block shall be recalled

**Kelsey N. Hernandez**, Defiance, OH; No tail lights; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collections 4/24/20 with monthly payments for \$50 per month commencing 1/31/20

**Michael L. Rau**, Fort Wayne, IN; Possession of marijuana; Pled no contest, found 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

**Algienon Tanner**, Paulding, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed; Without prejudice; Costs to defendant

**Jeffrey L. Bartley**, Cloverdale, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Mark E. Chrzan**, Defiance, OH; Reckless operation; Pled no contest, found guilty; State withdraws motion to revoke bond; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Pay or collection 2/28/20

**Mark E. Chrzan**, Defiance, OH; Failure to yield - left turn; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collections 2/28/20

**Mark E. Chrzan**, Defiance, OH; Violation - brake required; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collections 2/28/20

**Angela R. Eblin**, Antwerp, OH; Fictitious registration; Case dismissed at state's request

**Jacob Tucker Stone**, Indianapolis, IN; OVI/under the influence; Guilty; Defendant may attend DIP in lieu of jail; ALS vacated immediately; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Defendant was indigent at time of arrest and since has been gainfully employed; Shall reimburse court appointed counsel fee; Proof of financial responsibility provided; DIP by 3/27/20

**Chad A. Salm**, Sidney, OH; FRA suspension; Case dismissed at state's request

**Chad A. Salm**, Sidney, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay or collection 1/31/20; Operator's license released once paid in full

**Joshua C. Stiltner**, Cecil,

OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay or collection 4/24/20

**Johnathan R. Bowman**, Paulding, OH; Driving under the influence; Guilty; Defendant shall pay fines and costs @ \$20 a month commencing 2/28/20; Placed on standard probation with Paulding County Probation Department; Defendant must obtain a valid operator's license by the end of term of probation; Pay or collections 12/18/20; Community Control Two

**Johnathan R. Bowman**, Paulding, OH; Display plates; Case dismissed at state's request

**Carolyn Wieland**, Cecil, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Russell E. Figert**, Antwerp, OH; Assured clear distance; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant paid in full

**Judy G. Hale**, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Kenneth G. Rohlf**, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**John M. Talbott**, Grover Hill, OH; Possession; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

**John M. Talbott**, Grover Hill, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

**Kenneth D. Karnes**, Oakwood, OH; Open container; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

**Joshua L. Base**, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Warrant and warrant block recalled

**Kenneth D. Karnes**, Oakwood, OH; OVI/under the influence; Guilty; Pay or collections 1/31/20; SCRAM removed before reporting to jail; 40 hrs community service/probation; Must secure a valid driver's license by end of probation; Westwood Behavioral evaluation; Thinking For A Change program; No alcohol or bars; Third Millennium; ALS vacated

**Kenneth D. Karnes**, Oakwood, OH; OVI/refusal; Case dismissed at state's request

**Kenneth D. Karnes**, Oakwood, OH; Failure to reinstate; Case dismissed at state's request

**Kenneth D. Karnes**, Oakwood, OH; Turn signals; Case dismissed at state's request

**Kenneth D. Karnes**, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case dismissed at state's request

**Kayla M. McGee**, Maumee, OH; OVI/under the influence; Case dismissed at state's request

**Kayla M. McGee**, Maumee, OH; OVI/breath (Low); Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; May complete DIP in lieu of 3 jail days; ALS vacated immediately; \$50 monthly payments starting 2/28/20; Defendant must repay appointed counsel fee

**Langdon S. Conant**, Montgomery, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Andrew D. Yokum**, Toledo, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Devin A. Nafziger**, Pioneer, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by

defendant

**Elijah M. Maxwell**, Fort Wayne, IN; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay or collections 12/18/20; Monthly payments to begin 1/31/20 of \$25

**Kareena P. Phillip**, Tipton, MI; Possession of marijuana; 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

**Kareena P. Phillip**, Tipton, MI; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

**Mitchell D. Franklin**, Grover Hill, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Tedda L. Wesley**, Paulding, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Devin March**, Paulding, OH; FRA suspension; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 1/17/20; Show proof of insurance by 1/17/20

**David Georgieff**, Gatinou, ON; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Devonte Stroud**, Payne, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Amber T. Johnson**, North Little Rock, AR; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

**AUGLAIZE TWP**  
1/16/20 Garbani Farms LLC to Hernandez Raul Hernandez Carol; Rd 169; 6.941 acres; Pt N1/2 Sw1/4 S-21 Auglaize Twp

**BENTON TWP**  
1/15/20 Carpenter Rodger M Carpenter Jerri L to Carpenter Rodger M Carpenter Jerri L; 2546 S 114 Payne Oh 45880; 0.32 acres; Pt W Pt Nw1/4 Ne1/4 Benton Twp S-29

1/15/20 Carpenter Rodger M Carpenter Jerri L to Carpenter Rodger M Carpenter Jerri L; Sr 114; 0.21 acres; Pt Wptnw1/4Ne1/4 Benton Twp S-29

**BLUE CREEK TWP**  
1/13/20 Schmiedel Kathleen S to Osburn Benjamin Osburn Kelly; 24982 Rd 148 Oakwood Oh 45873; 1.496 acres; Ne1/4 Ne1/4 Brown Twp S-12

**CARRYALL TWP**  
1/14/20 Wetli William F Etal @ (7) to Wetli Helen M Etal; Maple Dr; 0.412 acres;

Pt Ne1/4Se1/4 S-28 S Outlots Antwerp Vill

1/14/20 Wetli William F Etal @ (7) to Wetli Helen M Etal; Maple Dr; 0.405 acres; Pt Ne1/4Se1/4 Outlots S-28 Antwerp Vill

**EMERALD TWP**  
1/13/20 Weber Ronald G & Weber Jalaine J to Weber Jalaine J; 17081 Rd 153 Defiance Oh 43512; 1.096 acres; Pt Ne Cor Se1/4Se1/4 Emerald Twp S-12

**JACKSON TWP**  
1/14/20 Englehart John J Englehart Mary Jane to Kelle Donald J; 802 E Wayne St; 2 acres; Pt Lot 31 Outlots Paulding Vill Jackson Twp

## ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS



So far January has had numerous amounts of calls for unlocking vehicles. Officers unlocked seven vehicles for citizens.

On January 3, a resident on Harrmann Road reported that her husband had taken her social security check and he did not have permission to do so. When officers responded, the caller refused to fill out a statement and shut the door in the officer's face.

On January 3, a vehicle was stopped for a red light violation. It was determined that several young children were in the vehicle without child restraints. The driver was cited for the violations.

On January 7, officers were called to keep the peace while a transition of tenants at an apartment was taking place.

On January 8, a resident of Daggett St. stated that someone unlocked and entered two of his windows at his residence. The case was investigated and found that the windows only unlocked from the inside. The condition of the windows indicated that the windows had not been opened.

On January 9, a resident reported their neighbors were playing excessively loud music. The office went to the neighbor and asked the neighbor to turn the music down.

On January 10, a domestic dispute was reported at a res-

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idence on Harrmann Road. An adult female was arrested and sent to the Paulding County Jail. A report was prepared and filed with the Paulding County Prosecutor.

On January 10, the Antwerp Police assisted a landlord by serving an eviction notice to a tenant on Washington St.

On January 11, a person reported their vehicle parked on S. Main St. had their tire slashed. The officer arrived and verified that it looked like a puncture whole created by a knife. The case is under investigation.

On January 13, at 5:00 p.m. a surveyor found a suspicious bag along River St. east of Kroos Drive. The bag was a black backpack. It contained a chain with locks that had apparently been cut. It contained broken alpha alarm caps, and several pieces of crumpled up aluminum foil. The case is under investigation and anyone with information is encouraged to call the Department.

On January 14, the Antwerp Police had a report that a black SUV had struck a pole in between the Antwerp Exchange Bank and the Antwerp Post Office. When the officer arrived the vehicle had left. The person who witnessed the event told the officer that the event happened approximately 15 minutes before the call had been made. The investigation is ongoing.

**PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2019/20**

**GRADE 6 - ALL A'S**  
Mallory Fisher, Olivia Franklin, Jackson Griffith, Ty Jackson, Jackson Laker, Izzy Lamb, Clayton Manz, Trenton Manz, Mara Philipot, Thad Schneider, Sheyenne Shepherd, Addison Shull, Laila Stiltner

**GRADE 6 - ALL A'S AND B'S**

Dominik Batt, Kaitlynn Breedlove, Lucy Breier, Teregan Cameron, Makayla Carr, Xenia Casiano, Izaac Coutts, Landen Danberry, Treven Doster, Jay Eckhart, Xavier Farmer, Max Fohner, Matthew Geiger, Hayden Gill, Gabe Gonzales, Gerald Hartzell, Nicholas Hatcher, Colten Hunt, Molly Iler, Damien Iliff, Xander Kuckuck, Samantha Leal, Jared Manz, Miguel Martinez, Aleah Matty, Renee McCabe, Sydney Mullins, Addison Pease, Blayne Pease, Abby Panches, Blake Rhonehouse, Raleigh Sanders, Zander Sutton, Skyline Tressler, Gavin Williams, Logan Win-

ke, Camron Wolford

**GRADE 7 - ALL A'S**

Alex Baughman, Luke Beckman, Libby Dotterer, Grace Goyings, Aeylah Hitzeman, Jalyen Klopfenstein, Marley Parrett, Emma Porter, Toby Reno, Ashley Rickels, Nico Stahl, Ethan Warner

**GRADE 7 - ALL A'S AND B'S**

Kiara Adams, Matt Bail, Brianna Bermejo, Allison Carnahan, Aameah Carr, Gavin Coil, Conner Coutts, Mya Cutlip, David Dulaney, Makenna Dunham, Brennan Egnor, Courtney Good, Emily Keezer, Austen Kinder, Mason Lane, Peyton Manz, Claire Miller, Ainyah Sajuan, Brooklyn Schlatter, Brandon Schroeder, David Slawson, Ameriona Stiltner, Kadence Thomas, Cully Thompson, Alexis Wharry, Jack Woods

**GRADE 8 - ALL A'S**

Ellie Barton, Emma Dotterer, Ronnie Goodwin III, Jamy Hunt, Eli Jones, Maci Kauser, Sarah Lewis, Carla Manz, Malia Manz, Aiden Miller, Lathan Schneider, Sarah Wong

**GRADE 8 - ALL A'S AND B'S**

Casey Agler, Cyrah Bradford, Alize Cutlip, Devan Egnor, Landrey Fitzgerald, Ava Foltz, Aiden Herman, Chloe Hicks, Mattie Hirschy, Meagan Hirschy, Lillyann Lane, Layla Logan, Wes Ludwig, Tytus Manz, Kylie McCray, Ally Jo Merriman, Jocelynn Parrett, Esther Rocha, Trinity Salazar, Tyler Schlatter, Riley Stork, Charity Switzer, Morgan Szurminski

**ANTWERP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2019/20**

**All A'S**

3A: Bradbury, Tyler; Friend, Addison; Hook, Charlotte; Reinhart, Alaina; Robbins, Garrett; Traxler, Bailey;

**3B: Altic, Madison; Barker, Brennan; Cottrell, Pearce; Johnson, Brooklynn; Miller, Allison; Mowery, Annabelle; Sorrell, Aleta**

**4A: Bagley, Hudsyn; Rice, Allison (Allie)**

4B: Barker, Bryceton; Cline, Wyatt; Fuller, Brayden; Peters, Braxton

5A: Dickess, Payleigh; Hook, Aiden; Laker, Emily; Smith, Riley; Snyder, Gabriella; Spyker, Keira

5B: Bagley, Briley; Friend, Maddox; Gray Wyckoff, Keegan; Gribler, Blake; Overman, Tyler

5C: Doster, Maddilan; Hahn, Josie; Hormann, Eliana; Rohrs, Michael

**A'S & B'S**

3A: Barker, Mallory; Burtnett, Elliana; Hosier, Lilah; Landis, Samantha; Meine, Inara; Morrow, Emerson; Rhonehouse, Landen

3B: Fish, Auston; Hicks, Devin; Laker, Gianna (Gigi); Stairhime, Sophia

4A: Bell, Alyvia; Brandenburg, Gabriella; Clem. Alia; Doster, Tucker; Evilsizor, Chloie; Friend, Aaden; Gross, Gabriella; Lucas, Noah; McKay, Jason; Rivera, Franco; Rohrs, Clara; Thompson, Izaiah; Trabel, Case; Zijlstra, Anneliese

4B: Baumert, Carter; Bidlack, Anabelle; Hogans, Taylor; Honigford, Avery; Hosler, Arianna; Jones, Kaira; Lockhart, Taylor; Zuber, Korah

5A: Coney, Avalon (Ava); Hankinson, Alexisa (Lexie); Lawson, Alyssa; Lingenfelter, Haylee; Marlin, Ethan; Rhonehouse, Weston

5B: Clem, Hailey; Clevinger, Gage; Durbin, Reese; Ehrhart, Maclaren (Clare); Elston, Kole; Hicks, Lexy; Jones, Emery; Kelso, Grayson; King-Bauer, Zoen; Sproles, Allison

5C: Dunderman, Aiden; Dunderman, Brayden; Lucas, Lincoln; Maynard, Cheyenne; Pierce, Kara; Warford, Melita

**RAIDERS WIN BIG AT FORT JENNINGS**

**By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer**

FORT JENNINGS - Wayne Trace stepped outside of Green Meadows Conference play and had its way at Fort Jennings defeating the Musketeers last Saturday 72-43. With the win the red, white, and blue improve their overall mark at 10-4. For the Musketeers, from the competitive Putnam County League, they fall to 1-13.

The Raiders were never threatened in the contest and held a 33-25 margin at the break. Wayne Trace managed to put away the Musketeers in the second half with a 22 point third quarter burst while holding Fort Jennings to just 10. The fourth stanza belonged to the Raiders 17-8.

Sophomore Cameron Sinn led the Raiders offensively with 16 points with Reid Miller and Nate Gerber each chipping in 13. Trevor Sinn finished with eight markers followed by Cale Crosby adding five. Rounding out the scoring for the Raiders was Nate Crosby with four, Trevor Speice adding three and two points for Jave Vining.

Leading scorer for Fort Jennings was Zach Schulte with 12 and Evan Hoersten contributing 10.

The Raiders shot 50 percent from the floor on 29-58 while the orange and black hot 16-41 for 39 percent. Free throws were even with both teams hitting six and the Musketeers won the battle of the boards 35-25. The turnover department was huge and favored the Raiders who turned it over just six times while Fort Jennings struggled with 21 miscues.

The Raider junior varsity squad came up with a win over the Musketeers 61-20.

Wayne Trace will be home for their next contest when the host Fairview this Friday in a key GMC match up. Both Wayne Trace and Fairview are 2-1 (Hicksville and Tinora are 2-1) in league play and trail Antwerp who sits at the top at 3-0.

**LADY WARRIORS CRUISE INTO TITLE GAME**

BERNE - Woodlan jumped out to a 12-1 lead after one quarter and the Lady Warriors rolled from there to a 50-24 victory over Bluffton to move into the ACAC tournament championship Friday night.

The Lady Warriors led 20-10 at the midway point of the game before widening the gap in the third and fourth quarters.

Woodlan scored nine third quarter points compared to seven for the Tigers as the Warriors expanded the margin to 29-17 at the end of three periods.

Quarter number four was all Lady Warriors as Woodlan tripled up Bluffton in the final period, outscoring them 21-7 to wrap up the win.

Addison Bayman topped all scorers in the contest, bucketing a game high 19 points for the Lady Warriors.

Dakotah Krohn chipped in nine markers for Woodlan while Evah Smith added eight. Other scorers for the Lady Warriors were Kate Mendenhall (four), Abbey Gentz (three), Alicia McMahon (three), Taya Kitzmiller (two) and Lydia Dyer (two).

Bayman also finished with nine rebounds, seven assists and three steals for Woodlan while Gabby Joyce picked up five boards. Evah Smith hauled down four boards and picked up three steals with Kate Mendenhall also recording four rebounds. Dakotah Krohn dished out three assists and finished with four steals.

Bluffton was paced by Emme Boots with nine markers with Olivia King and Meryl Frank adding five points each. Zoe Barger (three), Ashtyn Morris (one) and Alexis Vineyard (one) also scored for the Lady Tigers.

Boots and Barger topped Bluffton with five boards apiece and Morris distributed four assists.

**BULLDOGS LUNGE AFTER SAINTS; LIONS**

New Haven High School Boys Varsity Basketball beat Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger High School on January 15, 2020. Final score: 65-52. New Haven improves to 8-4. Donovynn Lewis led New Haven in scoring with 20 points followed by JaKar Williams with 16. Williams also had 11 rebounds and Thomas Latham had 7 rebounds. Jamar Hutchins finished with a team high 6 assists.

Score by the Quarter:  
New Haven - 20 11 17 17 = 65

Bishop Dwenger - 13 14 15 10 = 52

New Haven High School Boys Varsity Basketball beat Leo Jr-Sr High School on Friday, January 17 with a final score of 63-50.

New Haven Increased their conference record to 3-0 with a hard fought win over a tough and scrappy Leo opponent. Donovynn Lewis was the leading scorer with 21 points, 6 rebounds and 6 assists. Thomas Latham had 13 points and 8 rebounds and JaKar Williams had 13 points and 6 rebounds.

Score by the Quarter:  
New Haven - 17 14 13 19 = 63  
Leo - 12 9 19 10 = 5

**THE WEST BEND NEWS**  
**Sudoku Puzzle**

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

**JH ARCHERS SWEEP BY KNIGHTS**

CONVOY - Antwerp hit the road to Convoy on Thursday for the regular season finale for the junior high girls basketball teams.

The host Lady Knights took the seventh grade game 31-13 while Crestview captured the eighth grade match-up 47-24.

Antwerp's seventh grade squads were led by Caroline

Rohrs with eight points while Jessica Thornell and Maylynn Carnahan posted two points each. Madisyn Peters had the remaining Lady Archer point.

In the eighth grade contest, Aewyn McMichael scored ten points for the blue and white and Samantha Sheedy bucketed nine. Emma Townley also had three points for the Lady Archers and Caydence Shull picked up the remaining two.

**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**

**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. CI 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

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**Friday, February 28, 2020**

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**Lou Ann Wannemacher**  
**Phone: 419-399-8280**

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**PAULDING SWCD FISH SALE RETURNS FOR 2020**



**Largemouth Bass (Credit: USGS)**

**By: Patrick Troyer, Paulding SWCD**

Need some fish or cleaning products for your pond? The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District is here to help with our Annual Fish event running now through Friday, April 24th, 2020. Pickup will take place the week of April 27th. Order forms and information on the fish may be obtained via the following methods (1) our website [www.pauldingswcd.org](http://www.pauldingswcd.org) under "Tree and Fish Sales" (2) stop in the office at 900 Fairground Dr. in Paulding. Packets include stocking recommendations based on fish and pond size as well as use of pond such as for swimming, fishing, or both.

All fish will be delivered already bagged and boxed with oxygen. You will not need to bring water from your pond when picking up your fish. Fish are guaranteed to be delivered in good condition; however, we do not guarantee survival after stocking your pond. For 2020, we have the following fish available: Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill, Redear Shellcracker, Black Crappie, Channel Catfish, Jumbo Yellow Perch, Large Mouth Bass, White Amur, and Fathead Minnows. We are also offering one pond care product, Ultra Clear Muck Digester. Fish are in units of 20-25 except for the White Amur which comes in units of two and the Fathead Minnows in 1/2 gallon units.

Making a return this year is Pond Maid Sludge Remover, a pond care product that can help keep your

pond water clear. It also helps to improve clarity of the water and reduces toxic ammonia from the water. Pond Maid works best when the temperature is above 55 degrees Fahrenheit and in 4-pound containers. We also have rate recommendations on treating your pond available.

Ponds are a great addition to any property as they provide a source of water for animals, crops and people, a place to observe wildlife, and of course to fish according to My Land Plan. My Land Plan offers a few tips to consider before stocking your pond with fish. First to consider is to know the depth and volume of your pond. You want a depth of at least 8-12 feet to avoid any fish kills when winter comes along. Another point to consider is temperature of the water. This will determine the type of fish that will survive in your pond as different fish tolerate various temperature ranges.

Lastly, water quality should be a consideration with pond stocking. According to My Land Plan, runoff and water temperature have some influence on water quality in addition to turbidity (how cloudy the water appears). It becomes difficult for fish to survive in cloudy water. According to Fred Snyder with OSU Extension, keeping a pond healthy depends on reducing weed growth, reducing algae growth, and maintaining oxygen supply. Snyder says weed growth can be reduced by taking away sources of nutrients such as manure, lawn fertilizer, or leachate from your septic tank. Have leaves leftover from fall? Snyder suggest getting rid of those too as decomposing leaves take up dissolved oxygen in the water making less available for fish.

There are several considerations that need to be made when it comes to stocking your pond. One of the biggest the biggest

things to keep in mind boils down to the use that your pond is going to serve. It is just going to be used for swimming, fishing, or both? Recommendations provided with our fish order forms include suggestions based on a one-acre pond that is used for the following: fishing, mostly fishing and some swimming, mostly swimming and some fishing, and swimming only. Use this table as a guide when determining the amount of fish your pond will need and be sure to contact our office and we will be happy to answer any questions!

According to Freshwater Fish Company, fish stocking is an important part of any pond management system. Selection of fish for your pond depends on the specific goals for your body of water as well as the size of the pond. Ponds can be managed to attract wildlife to your area as well. Clemson University Extension notes the following as good management techniques for ponds: enhancing food availability for fish, controlling harvesting to maintain adequate populations, controlling weeds, and preventing fish kills with good water quality.

Contact the Paulding SWCD at 419-399-4771 or [patrick.troyer@pauldingswcd.org](mailto:patrick.troyer@pauldingswcd.org) for your fish stocking and pond care needs this coming spring! Once again, forms will be due Friday, April 24th to the Paulding SWCD Office located at 900 Fairground Drive Suite B Paulding, OH 45879. Pickup is scheduled for the week of April 27th, details will be sent to customers when orders are placed.

**LEARN ABOUT ONLINE SALES AT THE LIBRARY**

Please join us at the Paulding County Carnegie Library to learn about using social media as a sales tool. Whether you are selling unwanted items from your home or reselling as a source of income, Carla Morris will share her knowledge and experience with you. This fun, informative class will be held at the Paulding Library on Thursday, January 23 at 6pm. Call the library at 419-399-2032 for details.

**PANTHERS GET ROAD WIN OVER PILOTS**

DEFIANCE - The Paulding Lady Panthers took the short road trip to Ayersville Monday night in non-league girls basketball action where the maroon and white came home with a 57-44 win over the Pilots.

Paulding jumped to a 19-8 advantage after eight minutes of action and never looked back.

The Lady Panthers added 19 more second quarter points while limiting the Pilots to 14, stretching the halftime lead to 38-22.

In the third quarter, the maroon and white picked up 17 more markers while holding Ayersville to seven as Paulding expanding the margin to 55-29.

Audrey Giesige paced the way for the Lady Panthers, scoring a dozen markers, while Jalynn Parrett and Chelsi Giesige each bucketed 11 points.

Sydney McCullough and Janae Pease both chipped in eight for Paulding with Leigha Egnor scoring five and Sadie Estle adding two.

Ayersville was led by Kacey Okuley with 14 points and Kaylee Dockery bucketed ten.

Other scorers for the Lady Pilots were Maci Froelich (six), Kryshel Dales (five), Taylor Addington (four), Kelly Limbaugh (three) and Kaylor Martin (two).

**ARCHERS SWEEP ACES**

HICKSVILLE - Antwerp picked up a pair of wins over rival Hicksville in junior high girls basketball action Tuesday night at the home of the Aces.

Antwerp's seventh graders defeated the Aces 33-7 with Jessica Thornell leading the way with 19 points.

Caroline Rohrs added eight markers while Madison Peters chipped in four and Maylynn Carnahan bucketed two.

The Lady Archer eighth graders also were victorious, getting past Hicksville 24-17.

Samantha Sheedy topped the blue and white with 11 points and Aewyn McMichael bucketed seven. Caydence Shull, McKenzie Monroe and Meagan Pendergrast recorded two each.

**SECOND QUARTER SHUT-OUT SENDS PILOTS TO WIN**

DEFIANCE - Through one quarter, the Antwerp Lady Archers did what they wanted to do as the blue and white opened a 10-3 advantage at the end of eight minutes of action.

Then came the second quarter.

Ayersville blanked the Archers in the second stanza while the Pilots scored 11 markers to take control and held on for a 38-34 victory over Antwerp.

The Pilots rebounded from that first quarter deficit to take a 14-10 lead at the intermission.

In the third quarter, Ayersville outscored Antwerp 9-8 to widen the margin to 23-18 at the end of three periods.

Karsyn Brumett scored 14 points to lead the way for the Lady Archers with Astianna Coppes posting seven markers. Heather Oberlin added five for Antwerp and Tiera Gomez picked up four to aid the Archer cause.

Molly Reinhart and Grace Schuette recorded two markers apiece for the blue and white.

The Lady Pilots were led by Maci Froelich and Kryshel Dales with seven points apiece and Kaylee Dockery bucketed six.

Rounding out the scorers for Ayersville were Callie Dishop (five), Taylor Addington (four), Kacey Okuley (four), Kaylor Martin (three) and Kara Retcher (two).

Antwerp, which is now 6-7 overall and 0-3 in the Green Meadows Conference, will host Continental on Tuesday before welcoming in Hicksville on Thursday.

Ayersville improved to 5-9 in all games and 3-0 in the league with the victory. The Pilots play at Edgerton in GMC action on Thursday.

**VAN WERT CIVIC THEATRE NEWS**



**Left to Right - Terry Plas as Dot, Nicolle Merkel as Randa, and Jan Miller as Jinx laugh as Amy McConn as Marlafaye recounts her unexpected dating experience.**

**By: Mary Ann Falk**

The next production at the Van Wert Civic Theatre, The Savannah Sipping Society, opens on Thursday, January 23 for an eight-performance run over two weekends. The play written by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten centers around four women, who after meeting by chance at a hot yoga studio, plan to meet for drinks.

They soon form a strong bond around the desire to regain the enthusiasm for life which they once had. Such a show, requires four strong actors willing to be vulnerable during the show while fully committed to trusting each other. Mary Ann Falk, director of the show, says, "I have been blessed with four women who are literally forming relationships with each other as they work to bring the relationships of the characters to life. The audiences of this show are in for a real treat. You will be laughing one moment and dabbing your eyes the next."

Portraying the women in this laugh-a-minute comedy are Nicolle Merkel as Randa, a recently fired architect with financial woes; Terry Plas as Dot, a widow who misses the retirement life she never had with her husband; Amy McConn as Marlafaye, a nurse turned liquor distributor after a nasty divorce; and Jan Miller as Jinx,

a beauty consultant with designs on being a life coach. A special appearance is made by Stephanie Wagner as Cordelia Covington.

The intimate performance space of VWCT located at 118 South Vwct in Van Wert, works particularly well for this production. Those who attend the show may feel like they are sitting on a veranda in Savannah. What could be a better experience during these cold winter days? The Savannah Sipping Society runs January 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, and February 1 and 2. Shows are at 8 p.m. Thursday - Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets go on sale Monday, January 20. Call 419-238-9689 from 2 - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday, or go to [vwct.org](http://vwct.org) to buy tickets online. All tickets are \$16 and must be paid for at the time of the reservation.

Anyone buying a ticket for opening night, January 23, is invited to a wine and cheese reception beginning at 7:15 p.m. in the lower lobby. The reception is hosted by the ladies of the Savannah Sipping Society and the VWCT Board of Directors.

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Plant tissue calcium should be in the 0.25 to 0.8 percent range and magnesium in the 0.15 to 0.6 percent range for corn and soybeans while small grains require slightly higher levels. Calcium in plants is used in cation exchange and transport while magnesium is the critical core molecule for chlorophyll used in photosynthesis. Sulfur is tied to protein production and levels range from 0.2 to 0.8 for most crops depending upon the age of the plant. For most plant nutrients, the nutrient concentrations are higher in young plant tissue and during reproduction.

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Farmers often apply micro nutrients to increase crop yields. Some plant food companies promote products based on testimonials and not scientific research, so be careful of what, why, and if you need to buy a particular product. Information for this article was obtained from the Ohio Agronomy Guide and Iowa State University Extension "Plant Analysis and Micronutrients for Crops" bulletin. Written by Ed Lentz, Hancock County OSU Extension and Jim Hoorman.

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**ARCHERS RUN WIN STREAK TO 13**

ANTWERP - The Antwerp Archers pushed their win streak to 13 games on Saturday night as the blue and white rolled to a 72-44 victory over visiting Lincolnview in boys basketball action.

Jagger Landers led a quarter of Archer players in double figures with 17 points while Blake Schuette added 15 markers. Jayvin Landers also chipped in 11 points and Luke Krouse reached double figures with ten as well.

Austin Lichty (eight), Jacob Savina (seven), Owen Sheedy (two) and Hunter Sproles (two) wrapped up the Archer scoring.

Creed Jesse topped Lincolnview with a dozen markers while Landon Price chipped in ten and Collin Overholt added eight.

Clayton Leeth (five), Garrett Richardson (three), Peter McMaster (three), Daegan Hatfield (two) and Jake Bowersock (one) completed the list of Lancer scorers.

Antwerp held a 12-5 at the end of one quarter but broke the game open in the second stanza.

The Archers scored 26 second quarter points compared to eight for the Lancers, giving the hosts a commanding 38-13 halftime advantage.

Antwerp added 20 more markers in the third quarter to expand the margin to 58-27 entering the final period.

Both teams return to their respective conference play on Friday as Antwerp travels to Hicksville for a Green Meadows Conference showdown while Lincolnview makes the lone trip to Allen East in Northwest Conference action.

**OWENS HANGS ON TO BEAT HOCKING 87-80**

By: Chris Schmidbauer, Sports Information Director

Toledo, OH -- After leading by as many as 20 points in the second half, the Owens Men's Basketball team had to hang on late to defeat Hocking 87-80 on Saturday afternoon. The Express would lead 70-50 after a Jaelin Ferrell layup with 8:08 to play in the

**Sudoku solution from page 13**

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ball game. The Hawks would surge back though, outscoring the Express 30-17 over the remainder of the half. Hocking would get as close as five points, but Owens was able to score just enough to hang on for the seven point victory.

Owens was paced in scoring by Reggie Robinson, who finished with 18 points on 7-15 shooting from the floor. He also contributed five rebounds. Three other Express players would finish in double figures in scoring. Jaelin Ferrell scored 15 points, while Jordan Grayson added 12 points, making 10 out of 12 free throws. Grayson also had seven rebounds on the afternoon. Jamal Whiteside also had 12 points of the bench for the Express, shooting a perfect 6-6 of six from the charity stripe.

Jacob Cousino led the team in rebounds with nine but Hocking held advantage on the glass at 54-37. Anthony Mills had four assists to lead the Express.

Owens shot 46.8% from the floor and shot just 25% from beyond the arc. The Express also shot 81.5% from the free throw line. Hocking shot just 35.9% from the floor and 20.8% from three.

Owens improves to .500 on the season to 10-10. They are also now 2-1 in OCCAC play. Hocking fall to 10-7 overall and they fell to 0-4 in the OCCAC.

The Express will be in action again this Wednesday on the road against Edison State. The Chargers are 10-7 overall and they are undefeated in the conference at 4-0. Tip time is slated 7:30 p.m. from Piqua, OH.

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# NORTHWEST OHIO CHEER & TUMBLE TO OPEN IN ANTWERP



ANTWERP – Northwest Ohio Cheer and Tumble will officially open in Antwerp on February 1st. Formerly known as K&S Tumblift, the business is hosted below the MAC Gymnasium on the Antwerp Manor campus. The business was recently purchased by Blake and Kole Whitman.

NW Ohio Cheer and Tumble will offer the following classes at this time: tumble bees (ages 2-3), tumble bugs (ages 4-6), beginner, intermediate, and advanced tumbling for cheerleading. Plans are also in place to start doing stunting classes, both 3 base and partner stunt. Private lessons will be offered for both tumbling and cheerleading tryout prep. The facility will be offering several other specialized classes and clinics soon.

Blake Whitman is a 2006 graduate of Hicksville High School. Following high school, he attended Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne Indiana

where he was a member of the cheerleading squad. While participating in cheerleading, he competed at the national level three times. Blake competed in the partner stunt competition at the Canam Nationals in Myrtle Beach where the duo earned a 2nd place finish.

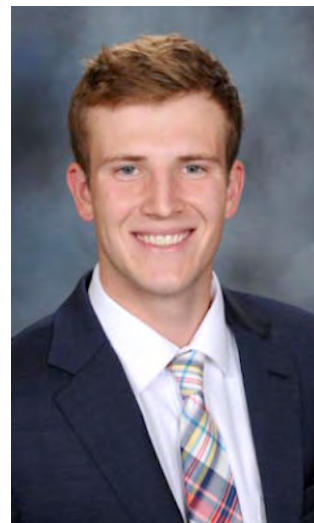
While attending college Blake worked part time at the Tumble X cheerleading gym in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He coached several tumbling classes ranging from beginner up to advanced, partner stunt classes, and 3-base stunting classes. Over the past several years Blake has been volunteering with the advanced tumbling group for K&S as well as the Antwerp High School Competition Squad. Blake has assisted Jr. high and high school cheerleading squads at Antwerp, Hicksville and Fairview with tumbling, stunting, and competition prep.

Blake & Kole have two children: Katherine, age 2,

and Emma age 13, and reside in Hicksville, Ohio.

For more information or to see all events please follow their Facebook page at: Northwest Ohio Cheer and Tumble.

## HAHN NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME



Loren Hahn of Woodburn, Indiana, has been named to the dean's list in the University of Notre Dame's College of Engineering for outstanding scholarship during the Fall 2019 semester.

Students who achieve dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

## PC CARNEGIE LIBRARY TO HOST GLOW IN THE DARK PARTY

The Children's room at the Paulding County Carnegie Library Main Branch will be hosting a "Glow in the Dark Party" for kids ages 7-12. The "Glow in the Dark Party" will be Thursday, January 23, 5:30-6:30 pm. Registration is recommended. We have some exciting glow in the dark activities planned. You may register by calling the library at 419-399-2032 or registering at the library children's room. Not registered come by the library and join in the fun!

Library Hours: Monday - Thursday 9-8; Friday 9-6 and Saturday 9-1.

## MAKE AND TAKE CANVAS PAINTING AT CMH

For over 20 years the CMH Foundation has enriched the lives of the community by fulfilling its mission of supporting Community Memorial Hospital with healthcare programs, equipment purchases, building needs, and scholarships to local students. The Foundations most recent project was the purchase of a new, state-of-the-art BiPap machine for hospitalized patients.

Founded in 1998 with the goal to contribute to the growth and development of healthcare services at Community Memorial Hospital, the Foundation provides donors with a tax-exempt avenue to support one of Ohio's smallest full-service, non-profit hospitals right here in our own community.

As medicine and the healthcare industry changes, the Foundation is committed to its mission of supporting CMH and the community. The Foundation hosted a Color Run at Hicksville Day in the Park in June and most recently they hosted a holiday felting craft event. Both events were met with rave reviews. The Foundation is inviting everyone to their

# \$300,000 GRANT AWARDED TO PAULDING COUNTY JUVENILE COURT



Left to right: Court Administrator Elizabeth Zartman, Volunteer Pat Ross, Assessment Center Director Melinda Wenzlick, and Judge Michael Wehrkamp.

Paulding County Juvenile Court Judge Michael Wehrkamp announced the Juvenile Court has been awarded a two-year, \$300,000 Competitive RECLAIM grant by the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The new funds will support the development of the county's first community-based youth assessment and evening reporting center.

"There is a movement in juvenile justice to be more proactive and less reactive. My desire is for Paulding County to be at the forefront of that movement and this grant will help get us there," Judge Wehrkamp said. "The assessment center will allow us to assess unruly behavior and determine the most appropriate intervention for the child and family with the goal of avoiding more serious, delinquent behavior in the future."

The center will serve as an integral part of the juvenile probation transformation initiative that will allow youth to be served in the least restrictive setting and give the community the ability to intervene earlier when problem behaviors arise, all while ensuring public safety.

"When a child commits an unruly or delinquent act, we must ask, 'Why did the child behave this way?'" said Court Administrator Elizabeth Zartman. "All too often, the behavior is the product of an untreated mental or behavioral health issue, or inadequate supports for the family. The assessment center will serve as a one-stop shop to identify those issues earlier, linking youth and families with community resources

they need before the problems become more serious."

The assessment center is slated to be housed on Paulding's courthouse square in the second-floor space above the Paulding County Board of Elections and Small Business Innovation Center. Melinda Wenzlick has been selected to serve as the director of the center. Prior to accepting this position, Wenzlick administered the Youth Assistance Program for the area Department of Job and Family Services, and she holds her bachelor's degree in social work.

"I could not be more excited to join the Court's team and begin work with our community partners to get the assessment center up and running," said Wenzlick. "The sky is the limit on the positive impact the center can have on the young people of our county and their families."

Once opened, assessment center staff will administer a series of evidence-based assessments and screenings on a youth to determine needs of the individual and his or her family, including whether the youth should be diverted from formal court involvement. If that determination is made, the youth and family may then be referred to a number of community partners who are able to offer services and supports. The assessments and screenings will also help ensure interventions—ranging from secure detention to weekly appointments with staff—are selected with objectivity and consistency. "Having the

funds to create an assessment center could be transformational for Paulding County," said Judge Wehrkamp. "This grant is the product of a true team effort, and I could not be more appreciative of my staff, our volunteers, and our collaborating partners who are all putting their hearts into making this center a reality for our community."

The grant-writing team consisted of Zartman, community-minded volunteer and retired school administrator Pat Ross, and Judge Wehrkamp.

Collaborating partners for the Competitive RECLAIM grant include: Paulding County Prosecutor's Office; Paulding County Sheriff's Office; Tri-County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board; Westwood Behavioral Health Center, Inc.; Antwerp Local Schools; Paulding Exempted Village Schools; Wayne Trace Local Schools; Western Buckeye Educational Service Center; Northwest State Community College; Defiance-Paulding Consolidated Department of Job and Family Services; Family and Children First Council; Paulding County Commissioners; Paulding County Economic Development, Inc.; United Way of Paulding County; Paulding County Area Foundation; Paulding County OSU Extension; Youth for Christ; and Paulding County Health Department.

RECLAIM stands for Reasoned and Equitable Community and Local Alternatives to the Incarceration of Minors.

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