

OHIO GOVERNOR DEWINE CELEBRATES PAULDING COUNTY BICENTENNIAL



Ohio Governor Mike DeWine with Paulding County's oldest veteran, Stan Jordan. Photo by Tony Zartman

The culmination of months of hard work took place on Wednesday, February 12 starting at the Branch Christian Church (previously the Ohio National Guard building) across from the Courthouse on Main Street in Paulding. The doors opened at

5:00 p.m. with people already waiting for the big event and their golden tickets in hand.

As people mingled and talked, videos were playing of the various pictures of the past along with the making of the montages that were about to be presented at the courthouse following the event.

About 10 minutes until the scheduled start time at 6:00 p.m. the Ohio Governor Mike DeWine arrived with his entourage. The governor made his way forward to his seat at the front, being greeted by local politicians and residents. As he moved to the front Tony Zartman, Paulding County Commissioner, introduced the Governor to the oldest veteran in Paulding County, Stanley Jordan, writer at the West Bend News.

The Bicentennial Celebration ceremony started with Paulding County Commis-

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LADY RAIDERS WIN 4th CONSECUTIVE GMC TITLE



Wayne Trace Lady Raiders take the GMC title for the 4th year in a row! Photo courtesy of Raider Nation Facebook page.

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HICKSVILLE - For the fourth consecutive year the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders claimed the Green Meadows Conference title after dropping the Hicksville Aces in convincing fashion 61-33 last Thursday. With the win the Raiders complete the 2019-20 regular season at 18-4 and a perfect 7-0 in league play.

Hicksville completes their regular season at 9-13 and 2-5 in the GMC.

The Raiders struggled offensively in the early going and went just over four minutes without a point. Miriam Sinn ended the drought as the senior bucketed a two-point shot followed quickly by back-to-back three-pointers from Sinn and Katrina Stoller to put the Raiders up 8-4.

After a competitive first quarter, the red, white, and blue opened it up in the second stanza, outscoring Hicksville 20-9 to double up their halftime lead 28-14. After the break, the Raiders 14 point margin grew to 20 with baskets from Rachel Stoller and Clair Sinn to put the Raiders in control 36-16. The Raiders were never threatened in the

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IN-PERSON & EARLY ABSENTEE VOTING FOR MARCH 17th PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

In-Person and early absentee voting begins on February 19th. You may review your ballot on the office website which may be found at: <https://pauldng.boe.ohio.gov> or google Paulding County, Ohio Board of Elections. You may call the office to request an application for an absent voter's ballot to be mailed or by printing the application from the office website. You can also check the status of your application and ballot on the office website.

The Paulding County Board of Elections office, located at 105 East Perry Street, Paulding is the in-person early voting center for Paulding County. Office hours for in-person absentee voting, set out by the Ohio Secretary of State office are as follows:

Week 1: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00

p.m.; Wednesday - Friday, February 19-21

Week 2: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday, February 24-28

Week 3: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday, March 2-6; 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 7

Week 4: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday - Friday, March 9-13; 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 14; 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 15; 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 16

Any qualified Ohio voter may request an absent voter's ballot without stating a reason. For in-person absentee voting, you must state your name and residence address, and provide valid ID.

You may request an application for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you in the year the election is held beginning on January 1st. You may, but are not required to, use the application form prescribed

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PAULDING COUNTY: STATE ROUTE 111 CLOSED FIVE WEEKS

Work is dependent upon weather conditions, and unless otherwise noted, it will take place during daytime hours.

State Route 111 between Grant Street and Dix Street within the village of Paulding, closed on February 10 for approximately five weeks to install a sanitary line.

Traffic is detoured onto state Route 49, U.S. 24, and U.S. 127, and back to state Route 111. The same detour applies in reverse for the opposite direction of travel. (see map)

Work is being performed by VTF Excavation, LLC, Celina.

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Community Calendar

February 18

• Voter Registration Deadline for Ohio Primary!

February 19

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

February 20

• Luau Party @ PC Library, 5:30pm

• VW 1st UMC Preschool Art Show, Krout Memorial, VW, 5-7:30pm

• Food Insecurity Summit @ PFW Walb Student Union, 6-8pm

February 21

• Glass City Dance Party! @ Brandywine Country Club, Maumee, 8-11:30pm

February 22

• Marriage Enrichment Seminar @ Branch Christian Church, Paulding, 10a-3p

February 22-23

• Singin' in the Rain @ Huber, 7p; 2:30p

February 23

• Blue Grass Praise Band @ Cecil Comm Church, 6pm

February 24

• Open House & Taste of Vantage @ Vantage Career Ctr, 5-7:30pm

February 26

• Lenten Lunches @ First Pres. Church, Paulding, 12-1pm

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

February 29

• Concealed Carry Class @ Ant. Conservation Club

• Euchre Tournament @ Zion Luth Church, Woodburn, 5:30pm

March 3

• FW Comm Band @ PFW, 7:30pm



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Ohio Governor Mike DeWine receives a token of appreciation from the Commissioners. Shown on the right are Mark Holtsberry and Tony Zartman.



Paulding County residents in the Courthouse looking at the new displays introduced on February 12.

Commissioner Roy Klopfenstein as the Master of Ceremonies and made the announcements and introduced the Pastor Greg Cramer who gave the invocation. The Boy Scouts of Troop 315 led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Speakers of the evening included Bryce Steiner, Kim Sutton, Judge Michael Wehrkamp, Commissioner Mark Holtsberry, Commissioner Tony Zartman, and Erika Willitzer. The thoughts presented ranged from the past, present and future of the county along with the dedication of the Veterans who served their country by Holtsberry who during the speech had a standing ovation by the crowd for Stan Jordan. Proclamations were read by state senator Rob McCole, representative Craig Riedel and an officer from the Secretary of State Frank LaRose's office.

The "No Compromise" motto is a story all in itself. It was summarized by Judge Wehrkamp in official style using the wording adopted by the State of Ohio.

Governor DeWine spoke about the resilience of the Paulding County residents in what was one of the most difficult counties to settle due to the conditions of the Black Swamp. The commencement from Branch Christian to the Courthouse began with DeWine himself going across the street and seeing all 22 of the murals of photographs placed in the courthouse in such a way that the courthouse itself is not only a historical site but has become a gathering place of the past. Governor DeWine was given a tour by Commissioner Tony Zartman and Sheriff Jason Landers. His response was one of awe and appreciation of the dedication of the Bicentennial committee, believing there was no other courthouse in Ohio that had preserved its memory in photographs as well as Paulding County.

The collages were designed, and manufactured in Paulding County, Ohio by West Bend Printing and Publishing, Inc. All of the frames

were beautifully hand crafted by Paulding County resident, Gary Mabis. This event could not have taken place without the hard word and dedication of the Bicentennial Committee who included Commissioner Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Robert Iler, Melinda Krick, Lisa McClure, Jane Nice, Stan Searing, Bryce Steiner, Kim Sutton, Judge Michael Wehrkamp, and Erika Willitzer. The Paulding County Commissioners, who could see the vision of what this could be for future generations, also are to be thanked. If persons would like to watch the February 12 celebration night they are welcome to visit <https://www.facebook.com/watch/PauldingCounty200/>

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING OFFERS TIPS TO PREVENT ILLNESS FROM FLU, CORONAVIRUS

The Ohio Department of Health reported last week that there have been more than 4,400 hospitalizations due to flu in Ohio during the 2019-2020 flu season. Older adults are at increased risk of complications from the flu, which can include pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infections, and more. Flu can also make chronic health conditions like asthma and heart failure worse. These complications can lead to serious illness and even death.

The Ohio Department of Aging advises older Ohioans and anyone who spends time with older adults to take steps to avoid getting and spreading the flu. "Each older Ohioan should take every precaution

possible to protect themselves from the flu. This includes getting a flu shot and adopting healthy habits," said Ursel McElroy, director of the Ohio Department of Aging. "Likewise, anyone who lives with or cares for an older adult should take steps to prevent getting the flu and passing it to those around them."

Flu season is typically from October through May in Ohio. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has designated current flu activity in Ohio as "widespread." The Ohio Department of Health called the flu Ohio's primary infectious disease threat.

It is not too late to get a flu shot. A shot today can provide protection for the remainder of the season. Shots are still widely available and are covered by Medicare Part B with no copay for adults age 65 and older.

Much attention is being given to the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019 nCoV). Ohio health officials point out that Ohioans are much more likely to get sick from the flu than 2019 nCoV. However, the general public can take the usual, recommended actions to prevent infection.

- Frequently wash your hands for 20 seconds or more with soapy water.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you are unable to wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Get plenty sleep and manage stress.
- Eat well and stay as physically active as possible to ensure a healthy immune system.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

- Avoid contact with people who are sick and things they may have touched.

Flu symptoms may come on quickly and include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. If you think you may have the flu, limit the time you spend with others until you are fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine. Stay home while you are sick (except to visit a health care professional) and avoid close contact with others. Call ahead to doctor's offices, nursing homes, and senior centers to see if they have visitation restrictions for those who have flu-like symptoms. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.

If you get the flu, proper care can lessen symptoms and decrease the time you are ill. Drink plenty of liquids to replace fluids lost through fever and sweating. Talk to your health care provider about medicines you can take to manage your symptoms and how they may interact with other medicines you take.

Visit www.flu.ohio.gov for information and resources to help you fight the flu.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Ashley Parisot and Jeremy Bradford welcomed baby girl Destiny Judith Dawn Bradford on February 12th, 2020. She weighed 7 lbs 12.4 oz and was 19.5 inches.

Grandparents are: Greg Hahn Jr., Heather Becker, Judith Dobbelaere and Brian Bradford.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

Romans 8:35,37 NIV

ANTWERP MANOR ANNOUNCE VALENTINE'S KING & QUEEN



The residents of Antwerp Manor Assisted Living crowned their Valentine's Queen and King on February 14th. Mrs. Peggy Klender was voted in as the 2020 Queen and Mr. Jim Shull was their choice for King. Our new reigning Queen and King were both pleasantly surprised with their new royal titles.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Rian and Alicia James welcomed baby boy Jaxon Paul James on February 13th, 2020. He weighed 5 lbs 5 oz and was 19 inches long.

Jaxon has one sibling, Kane and his grandparents are: Ann & Jim Hosler, Terry & Candy Williams and Rick & Nicole Zuver. Great grandparents are: Robert & Karen Williams, Paul & Virginia Wannemacher and Chrissy Barham.

FOUNDATION OF COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ANNUAL DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

Come out and celebrate the roaring 20's with the Foundation of Community Memorial hospital at our annual Designer Purse Bingo party.

The event will take place on Friday March 13th at the Hicksville Eagles. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and bingo will start at 7:00 p.m.

The Foundation is committed to supporting Community Memorial Hospital with healthcare programs, equipment purchases, building needs and scholarships to local students. Most recently the foundation purchased a new, state of the art BiPap machine for hospitalized patients to use during their stay.

We have 20 designer purses available from Michael Kors, Kate Spade and Coach. These beautiful purses can be viewed on our Facebook page at Foundation of Community Memorial Hospital. We have a variety of purses, one of which could be going home with you.

We will also have silent auction items, 50/50 tickets, and tickets for door prizes available for purchase. Light snacks will also be provided.

If you want to sit with your "tribe" tables for 8 are available. Each person at your table will get an extra packet of bingo cards.

For more information contact: Kevin Wannemacher at 419-542-5696 or email Sue Fowler at sue.fowler602@gmail.com

Don't forget to check out the Foundation of Community Memorial Hospital Facebook page and take a look at the designer bags.

So, come on out for a fun time and support your local hospital. You may go home with a beautiful Kate Spade, Coach or Michael Kors bag.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL TO HOLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Antwerp Elementary is now scheduling appointments for its Kindergarten Registration and Screening which will be held on April 1st and 2nd. Antwerp offers all-day, every-day kindergarten. If your child will be 5 years old before August 1, 2020 please call the elementary office at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200, between 7:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. to schedule your appointment. According to state law, all children must complete kindergarten before entering first grade. Please call today to schedule your appointment.



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SINGIN' IN THE RAIN, JR. AT THE HUBER



Tap your toes and sing along in this splashy adaptation of the world's most celebrated movie musical with its hilarious situations and snappy dialogue. The Huber Junior Youth will present this show on Feb. 22 @ 7:00 and Feb. 23 @ 2:30.

'Singin' in the Rain JR. has all the makings of a Tinseltown tabloid headline — the starlet (Ava Pickett), the leading man (Trey McFarland) and a love affair with Kathy Selden (Aria Clem) that could change lives and make or break careers! In silent movies, leading man Don Lockwood and starlet Lina Lamont are a hot item, but behind the scenes, things aren't always as

they appear on the big screen! Meanwhile, Lina's squeaky voice might be the end of her career in "talking pictures" without the help of a talented young actress to do the talking and singing for her.

Sidekick Cosmo Brown (Alex Harris), Journalist Dora Bailey (Aniyah Sajaun), film producer R.F. Simpson (Ben Harris), director Dexter (Titus Garmater), Lina's manager Roz (Joda Freese), and chorus girl Zeldia (Lyla Clem) all add to the action of this hilarious show. Other supporting actors include: Miss Dismore (Leah Garmater), Teacher (Myranda Brooks), Sound Engineer (Katherine Bland), Policeman (Na-

than Boyer), Broadway Host (George Green), and production assistants (Mallory Mavis, Rosemary Cameron, Kailin Elwood). Additional cast members include: Autumn Becker, Alia Clem, Delaney Dauchenhaus, Rachel Garmater, Henry Gerschutz, Katherine Green, Kasey Hedge, Madalyn Hedge, Brya McAlexander, Evy McAlexander, Anna Saunders, Blayze Vance, and Jordys Vance.

Director Julie Hall is accompanied by music directors Earlee Harris and Lindsay Clem, producer Chris Feichter, and set engineer Josh Garmater. For more information on this show go to huberoperahouse.org.

concerns, what should you do? Here are a few suggestions:

- Identify your money-related emotions. Try to recognize the emotions you feel in connection with saving and investing. Do you get nervous about spending? Does putting away money for the future give you satisfaction or not? Do you worry that you don't know how much you should be investing, or whether you're investing in the right way? Clearly, these types of questions can cause some anxiety — and, even more importantly, they may lead you to make poor decisions. Emotions are obviously closely tied to money — but they really should not play a big role in your spending, saving and investing choices.

- Develop a financial strategy. By developing a sound financial strategy, you can reduce money-related stress and help yourself feel empowered as you look to the future. A comprehensive strategy can help you identify your goals — a down payment on a new home, college for your children, a comfortable retirement, and so on — and identify a path toward reaching them. Your financial strategy should incorporate a variety of factors, including your age, risk tolerance, income level, family situation and more. Here's the key point: By creating a long-term strategy and sticking to it, you'll be far less likely to overreact to events such as market downturns and less inclined to give in to impulses such as "spur of the moment" costly purchases. And without such a strategy, you will almost certainly have less chance of achieving your important goals.

- Get an "accountability partner." Your relationship with money doesn't have to be monogamous — you can get help from an "accountability partner." Too many people keep their financial concerns and plans to themselves, not even sharing them with their partners or other family members. But by being open about your finances to your loved ones, you can not only avoid misplaced expectations but also enlist the help of someone who may be able to help keep you on track toward your short- and long-term goals. But you may also benefit from the help of a financial professional — someone with the perspective, experience and skills necessary to help you make the right moves.

Like all successful relationships, the one you have with money requires work. But you'll find it's worth the effort.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

SPACES AVAILABLE TO BECOME A CERTIFIED YOUTH FISHING INSTRUCTOR

Any adult, group, or conservation club interested in teaching fishing basics are encouraged to attend a workshop to become a certified Passport to Fishing instructor, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

A certification course is being offered on Thursday, March 19 at the Division of Wildlife District Two Office, located at 952 Lima Ave, Find-

THE POLAR PLUNGE A HUGE SUCCESS FOR EACS STUDENTS



On Saturday, February 8th, students and staff from East Allen University (EAU) (30) and Leo High School (2) participated in the 2020 Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Indiana. For the 5th year in a row Team EACS took home the prize for Largest Team! Team EACS beat out teams from Carroll High School, Can-

terbury High School & East Noble High School.

EAU freshman Ethan Marks also won the award for best costume! Team EACS raised over \$2100 to benefit Special Olympics of Indiana. This year's Plunge also set records for total plungers (252) and money raised (\$52,597)!

Congratulations EACS!

lay 45840. Passport to Fishing is a one-day instructor training program that qualifies individuals to become Division of Wildlife certified fishing instructors, similar to a hunter-education instructor.

This workshop will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a packed lunch and dress for the weather. It is free of charge, but preregistration is required by March 17, as space is limited. Interested individuals can register at <https://apps.ohiodnr.gov/wildlife/education/registration>. Participants must complete a background check prior to registering.

Passport to Fishing was developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and adopted by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation. Workshops teach volunteers the basics of fishing and how to run a four-station program within a fishing

event. These instructors then go back to their communities, with a written curriculum and training aids, to teach children and beginning anglers the basics of fishing.

By becoming a certified instructor, you will be able to help in reconnecting students with the outdoors, as well as have the skills and resources to do so in a more successful way. Resources available include grants, equipment, publications and brochures, and training.

For more information on additional educational opportunities available through the Division of Wildlife, visit wildohio.gov.

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

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by the Ohio Secretary of State (Form 11- A). Your request must contain ALL of the following information:

- Your name;
- Your signature; The address at which you are registered to vote;
- Your date of birth; ONE of the following: (a) Your Ohio driver's license or state ID number; or (b) The last four digits of your Social Security number; or (c) A copy of your current and valid photo ID, military ID, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and current address. (Note: You cannot use as proof of identification a notice that the board of elections mailed to you.)

- A statement identifying the election for which you are requesting an absentee voter's ballot; and the party ballot style or no party ballot style (issues only) you wish in a Primary Election.

- A statement that you are a qualified elector;
- If you want the ballot mailed to you, you will need to include the address to which you want it mailed.

An application for an absentee voter's ballot by mail must be received by the Board of Elections office by 12:00 NOON on Saturday, March 14th. You must vote at the

voting location where your residence address (by precinct) places you on Election Day. Applications for persons who are hospitalized by a medical emergency will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you requested an absent voter's ballot by mail and change your mind about voting absentee and decide to vote at your voting location on Election Day, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot. You may not return your absent voter's ballot to your voting location. You or an immediate family member may deliver your absent voter's ballot to the Board of Elections office until the close of the polls on Election Day which is 7:30 p.m. or you may return your absent voter's ballot by mail. If you return your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked no later than the day before Election Day, March 16th, and received by the office not later than 10 days after Election Day in order to be counted. Please affix sufficient postage for the prompt delivery of your ballot.

If you would like more information or have questions concerning absentee voting, contact the Board of Elections office at 105 East Perry Street, Paulding, call 419-399-8230 or email this office. at paulding@ohiosos.gov.

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CAN YOU IMPROVE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH MONEY?



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

In your life, you will have all sorts of relationships — with your family, your friends, your co-workers, and even with civic groups and charitable organizations you support. But have you ever considered another key relationship — the one you have with money?

Of course, this type of relationship has several aspects, such as saving, spending and investing. And your fellow Americans clearly face some challenges in these areas. For example, in a recent survey by financial services firm Edward Jones, only 21% of respondents reported that they feel happy when thinking about saving money, while 92% said they see room for improvement in their financial health. Yet only one in four plan to improve their spending habits. Furthermore, just 26% said retirement was a top savings priority.

If you share some of these

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH GROUP LAUNCHES SHOE DRIVE FOR MISSION TRIPS



First Church youth & adult mission trip to Haiti, 2018. Shoes collected in the shoe drive benefits the families in Haiti.

First United Methodist Church is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser from February 17- May 1st to raise funds for National & International mission trips. First Church Youth will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2Orgs will issue a check for the collected shoes. Those dollars will benefit their Mission Trips. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes at 113 W. Central Street, Van Wert.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise (small business) partners. Funds2Orgs

works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sales of the shoes collected in shoe drive fundraisers are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send her son to law school.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," said Teresa Shaffer, Middle School Youth Director. "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like to donate to us. By doing so, we raise money for our mission trips and we have the

chance to help families in developing nations who need economic opportunities. It's a win-win for everyone."

By donating gently worn, used and new shoes to the First United Methodist Youth, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people's lives around the world.

About First United Methodist Church Youth

Youth in grades 6th - 12th grade can join the youth group. They meet on Sunday evenings until May. They will be going to Indianapolis, IN June 7-12 with Youthworks on their mission trip. They are in the process of planning an International trip for 2021.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
 Why do some churches baptize in the name of Jesus like in Acts 2:38 and some do not?

All New Testament formulas for baptizing born-again believers include the name of Jesus in some form because He is the Saviour and the One on who we believe.

Nowhere are we told to exclude the Father or the Holy Ghost when baptizing. In

Matthew 28:19 Jesus commands us to include their names with His. Thus the normal formula for baptism was in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Notice in Acts 19:1-5 where Paul found some followers in Corinth he thought were believers. He asked them if they had received the Holy Ghost. They said, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." Paul was shocked and asked, "Unto what then were ye baptized?" They said, "Unto John's baptism." Paul was inferring they

could not have been baptized in the Christian way and not have heard of the Holy Ghost. - "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Then they believed on Christ and were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, making their decision public. We can assume by Paul's earlier question that their baptism also included the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com



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IT'S THE THINGS ON THE INSIDE THAT MATTER

By: Lonnie Lambert, Oakwood Church of Christ

Shopping for a good watermelon is difficult because no matter how good it looks on the outside, it's hard to tell what it's really like on the inside. We can tap it, thump it and squeeze it, only to take it home and discover that the inside is not ripe.

On one occasion when Jesus' disciples did not wash their hands before eating, the Pharisees became very aggravated because it violated one of their man-made traditions (Mark 7:1-8). Jesus immediately challenged them by saying:

"All too well, you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition" (Mark 7:9).

He went so far as to call them "hypocrites" (Mark 7:6) and explained that what comes from the inside of an individual is what "defiles" him, not the other way around (Mark 7:14-23).

If we're not careful, we can become so absorbed with looking good on the outside,

that we forget what really counts. In fact, when we get to the place where we think "we've arrived," we may become proud of ourselves and judgmental toward others. Harboring bitterness, clinging to critical attitudes, and thinking too highly of ourselves are the kind of defiling things that make us guilty of Jesus' charge of being a "hypocrite."

The point is this: It's the things on the inside of our heart — our thoughts and attitudes that really matter to the Lord (cf. 2 Corinthians 10:5; John 4:23-24).

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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

Saturday February 22, Branch Christian Fellowship in Paulding, Ohio is having it's second annual Marriage Enrichment Seminar from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you are engaged, married for a few years or many, or even just contemplating marriage this is a great conference to go to. Come and hear from three different couples and have your marriage enriched by the words of wisdom each couple has to share.

Jeff and Kylee Hunt are from the Paulding area and will be sharing "God's Design For Marriage". They have been married 17 years and have 4 children. They attend Branch and are co-owners of Woodbridge Campground at Broughton.

Jay and Jacquie Covill reside in Rensselaer, Indiana. They will be speaking on "The Freedom To Laugh". Jay grew up in Rhode Island and was working at Van Wert county hospital when he met Jacquie. Jacquie is a local girl having grown up near Broughton. She worked at Kennedy Manufacturing in Van Wert for almost 20 years before they moved to Indiana. After moving to Rensselaer Jay worked at Jasper County hospital for 25 years and Jacquie worked at the school for 6 years as a tutor before becoming the secretary at The Bridge Church until she retired in 2012. The Covills now enjoy their retirement and spending time together and with their 2 adult kids and their families. Jay has served on the church board for several years, teaches Bible Studies, and actively works with men, both at church and in the community. Jacquie also teaches and mentors women. Together they lead Celebrate Recovery meetings at their church and rejoice in seeing men and women become all God has called them to be. The Covills will celebrate 30 years of happy marriage this coming June.

Mark & Susan Holbrook grew up in Bryan, Ohio. They were high school sweethearts and were married in 1986. They enjoy time with their daughters and their families. Their topic will be "What's In Your Garden? Cultivating The Purpose of Marriage". The Holbrook's history of working with volunteer and non-profit organizations is extensive and diverse. For a vast part of their married life, they have been involved in ministry and community service. From mentoring

EACS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS FLOODED FIRST RESPONDERS WITH VALENTINE'S DAY CARD



At the recent First Responder Friday at East Allen County Schools, elementary students flooded police officers, paramedics, and firefighters with encouraging and heartfelt Valentine's Day cards. The First Responders

were very appreciative and enjoy having lunch with students! First Responder Friday is the first Friday of each month. The next one is scheduled for Friday, March 6th. All First Responders are welcome to visit any school!

youth to overseeing a large food pantry, their commitment to such worthwhile causes is clear. In November of 2008, Mark made the first of many journeys to the East African nation of Kenya. Susan joined him for the first time in August of 2011. Since then their efforts have been focused in the U.S. and Kenya. Mark & Susan know that God has called them to help bring unity and maturity to all believers by preparing them to embrace and fulfill their own God-given purpose.

For information call: Olga Kipp by calling 419-393-2321 or 419-203-1276. You can also go to <https://www.branchchristianfellowship.com/>

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and beverages and snacks during playing time.

Contact Laurie Miller @260-715-1170 or Sherry Schaper @260-748-0914 for reservations.

HERITAGE LIONS TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

Nathan Bienz, a local historian, gave a very interesting talk to the Heritage Lions on Feb. 11 at St. John Lutheran Flatrock Church on the first white settlers in the Hoagland/Monroeville/Poe area. He mentioned several specific individuals who immigrated from Germany and Europe in general. He described how the local Indians were impacted as settlers moved to our area, how there were swamps all around, and interesting details on local roads. Mr. Bienz only spoke for about 30 minutes, but could have talked for much longer. Everyone agreed it was a fun and informative speech and wished we come have heard more.

ZION LUTHERAN LADIES SUPPER & EUCHRE TOURNNEY

Zion Lutheran Ladies would like you to join them for their annual Euchre Tournament. An evening of fellowship will begin at 5:30 p.m., February 29, at Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 7616 Bull Rapids Road, Woodburn.

Along with an evening of Euchre, your ticket will include dinner, dessert, cash awards, many door prizes,

On February 25 at 7 pm at St. John Lutheran Flatrock Church the Heritage Lions will hold a special meeting to introduce prospective members to our group. A light meal will be served, followed by short presentations on projects the Lions do in the local community. A brief business meeting will follow. All are welcome to hear how they can join the Heritage Lions in their efforts to strengthen our community.

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3rd GRADERS AT WT GH ENJOY VALENTINE'S DAY



Cupid, hearts, chocolates, cards and candy are everywhere--it's Valentine's Day! Third graders in Mrs. Allyssa Alvarez at Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary enjoy sharing unique Valentine boxes.

FEBRUARY MARKS THE TIME TO LISTEN TO YOUR HEART AND TAKE CHARGE

Shortness of breath, nausea, anxiety and back or jaw pain. If you have these symptoms – and you are a woman – you may be having a heart attack.

While there have been significant advances in heart disease research and treatment, women are still at a higher risk for dying from heart attacks. The American Heart Association recently issued an important warning about the differences between heart attack signs and their underlying causes in women. Heart attacks in women don't always feel like the typical chest pain more often experienced by men. Not knowing the symp-

toms can delay treatment, making heart disease more deadly for women.

"Women may not feel that 'heavy elephant on the chest' pain that men do, but may have other subtle indicators such as uncomfortable pressure or fullness in the center of the chest," stated Esosa Odigie-Okon, MD, MSc, FACC, cardiologist with Lutheran Health Physicians.

Women and their loved ones need to know what a heart attack looks like so they can get treatment fast. While chest pain and discomfort is a common heart attack symptom in both men and women, women are more likely to experience other signs too, according to the American Heart Association:

- Pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back.
- Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
- Breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

If you or someone else experiences any of these warning signs, dial 9-1-1 immediately.

The causes of heart attacks in women can differ from men, too. Understanding the cause of women's heart attacks is critical to prescribing the best treatment and increases their chance of surviving and preventing another heart attack. Women more often

have underlying risk factors like diabetes or high blood pressure and their blood vessels tend to be smaller. Yet, guideline-recommended medications and cardiac rehabilitation are not prescribed as often for women.

"As women, we tend to credit these subtle signs like exhaustion or stomach pain to anxiety, stress, hormones or just a bad day," Odigie-Okon continued. "Women miss so many opportunities to get an early diagnosis and preventative treatment early on."

Heart disease continues to be the number one killer for women, with more deaths each year than all forms of cancer combined. Prevention and treatment can be effective in reducing the chance of having or dying from a heart attack. If you or a woman who is special to you has risk factors like diabetes, high blood pressure or obesity, is a smoker, or has a personal or family history of heart disease, consider talking to a physician. Women often sacrifice their health to take care of others. This month, make women's heart health a priority.

The foundation of Lutheran Health Network is built on an experienced team of more than 7,000 employees working together with the more than 800 physicians who compose its medical staffs. The network's more than 100 access points in northern Indiana include physician offices, urgent care clinics, outpatient centers and eight hospitals.

PURDUE FORT WAYNE RECEIVES \$582,000 GRANT TO STRENGTHEN STUDENT SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH

More than a half-million dollars in grant funding earmarked for services to meet behavioral health and chemical dependency needs of students at Purdue University Fort Wayne have been awarded to Jeannie DiClementi, an associate professor in the Department of Psychology.

The three-year, \$582,000 grant was secured through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is funded via the 2004 Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act, signed by President George W. Bush, which authorized \$82 million for youth suicide prevention programs on college campuses nationwide.

Programming from this most recent grant awarded to DiClementi and her team is called Partners United for Student Mental Health. Its focus is to strengthen the links that already exist between the university and area service providers, including those located on campus, and to fill gaps to better address the mental health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention needs of students.

"This new program is a natural extension of our ongoing efforts to serve the mental health needs of our campus community," DiClementi said. "In addition to education, training, and awareness efforts to identify those in need of help, we can now work to reinforce individualized pathways to intervention resources."

In 2012, DiClementi received her first Garrett Lee Smith suicide prevention grant for \$618,000 to start Project COMPASS, an ongoing program that provides suicide awareness and gatekeeper education and training throughout the Purdue Fort Wayne community.

DiClementi was also awarded a \$369,000 grant in 2018 for the program Purdue Aware: Helping Our Students through Faculty and Staff Training.

In her role as grant author and principal investigator, she has helped Purdue Fort Wayne receive more than \$1.5 million in mental health funding through three total applications.

For more information, contact DiClementi at 260-481-6397 or diclemej@pfw.edu.



NOT AFRAID TO CRY

By: Nancy Whitaker

"I'm so Lonesome I could Cry," "It's Crying Time again," "Cry me a river," "Crying my Heart out over You," "Crying," "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain," are all songs about crying. They are sad songs, lonely songs and heartbroken songs.



Crying for me is almost like a second nature. I am very comfortable with my tears. I cry over everything and everybody. I cry when I'm sad, happy, surprised, afraid, at movies, bad news, loneliness and old memories.

The one time I hate to cry is when I am mad. I can say just so much and emotions take over and I cry. This usually takes care of my anger. I do cry over stupid things, but to me they are legitimate reasons to cry.

I cry over a bad hair day. I cry if I burn anything I am cooking. Tears are my answer for a sinus infection, headache or stubbing my toe. I don't think this classifies me as a crybaby, because I have also laughed so hard I cried. It has been said that on the average, women cry two to five times a month, or three to five times more often than men. Some men feel it is more masculine not to cry, but I am sure they hurt just as bad as a woman.

Of course I have children, so I have heard a lot of "waaaas and boo hoos." I have also observed fake crying in which no tears were shed. I could always tell when my own kids were fake crying.

Of course, babies are born with a cry, however, it can be frustrating just trying to figure out what Junior is crying about. Sometimes it just takes some holding and cuddling to quiet a crying baby. (Hmmm. Yes I would like that too)

I can usually tell if I am going to cry. I get a lump in my throat and then tears well up. Sometimes just reading the obituaries makes me feel like crying. Of course, that is the first thing I read in a newspaper.

My Mama was a crier. She cried when she was glad, however, it did not take much to make her happy. She would cry with joy just because she was going to watch Wheel of Fortune or Jeopardy. Her eyes would well up with tears of happiness if she was going to go some where special. When she was in a nursing home in her final years, she would cry because she was

going to have a "dippy dippy" egg for breakfast.

I look back at the past and think of the losses in my own life and cry. They say not to live in your past, but I do visit it with tears of sorrow and also tears of joy.

I have shed tears over a lost love, a broken date, not being asked to dance, falling down, and tears of frustration if I can't squeeze into a pair of jeans I wore last year.

Am I ashamed to cry? No I am not, because they say that crying is a release of emotions and many times crying will help sooth our dismay.

Have you ever heard the cries of a cat or a dog? It is reported that cats, dogs and even elephants shed tears. But, there is no existing proof that it is from emotional pain.

I know of a little gal who was going to get a spanking, (yes we used to spank our children). The little girl's sister cried too because of her sympathy for her sibling.

These quotes on crying sums it up pretty good:

"Don't be ashamed to weep; 'tis right to grieve. Tears are only water, and flowers, trees, and fruit cannot grow without water. But there must be sunlight also. A wounded heart will heal in time, and when it does, the memory and love of our lost ones is sealed inside to comfort us."

Brian Jacque

"Heaven knows we need never be ashamed of our tears, for they are rain upon the blinding dust of earth, overlying our hard hearts. I was better after I had cried, than before--more sorry, more aware of my own ingratitude, more gentle."

Charles Dickens

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

Dr. Seuss

I see the United States flag, hear our National Anthem, or see veterans marching in a parade. Another tear jerk-er is the playing the song Amazing Grace on bagpipes. My emotions are from my heart and soul and you never know that when I cry, I might be happy, sad, sentimental, grieving, or just plain mad.

Did you know the shortest verse in the Bible is, "Jesus wept?"

Do you cry a lot? Do you think our tears could be bottled up? Do you think women cry more than men? Let me know and I'll Give You a Penny for Your Thoughts.

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A TRIP WITH NATURE

By: Stan Jordan
Louis Beregszazi was in the shop this morning and boy we sure had an interesting talk.

Louis' business is called Upper Maumee Canoe and Kayak. He was telling me that this past summer he guided about six tours from Fort Wayne to his landing on the Maumee. He was telling me about the big trip he led.

They drove to Fort Wayne and put in the Maumee at the Anthony St. bridge, there was nine canoes total.

He was shocked at the number of trees and saplings that the beavers were gnawing on, and some had already fallen. He said some people won't believe that, but it's true. Beavers are a problem in Fort Wayne.

This was in July and the river water was just right,

(remember the water rose up and down all summer). The trip took two days and I asked where they spent the night and he told about staying on an island around Bull Rapids. There were 18 people and they had tents and gear for camping. That was shaking hands with nature, sort of roughing it 2020 style. I think his son, Louis was along.

On the second day, they journeyed on down past the Antwerp marina and on to the Beregszazi landing, watching for eagles' nests and they saw a few eagles and wild turkeys.

Over the year, I have talked about using the river for sport and just a trip with nature. The Maumee is one of our resources, why not use it? See ya!

BASKETBALL THEN AND NOW

By: Stan Jordan

I played basketball in 39 - 42 at Antwerp High School. Things were different than they are now, well a little anyhow.

In high school ball in Ohio, the rules were a little tighter than Indiana. Indiana ball was a little rougher.

I remember one change is the foul shot. You didn't have to wait for six fouls to get a foul shot. If you got fouled,

you got a shot. You were allowed to make four personal fouls, then you were out. If you got two foul shots, you could tell the referee that you would shoot the first shot and instead of shooting the next shot, you could take the ball and out and it would be under your control again. That was a good deal in the last couple of minutes in a game. I'm not much for all of this fouling at the end of the game, really, those are intentional fouls.

The ref. watched you dribble closely, you were not allowed to carry the ball over in your hand, you had to bounce it on every step. In pro-ball those guys run from the half way line almost for a lay up and get away with it...to me that is traveling.

There was no time limit to shoot the ball. The 3 point shot to me is a new wrinkle and I think it is a good idea. Maybe move the line out a little and make it a four point shot.

High school ball is still a good, clean contest. Practice and skill wins your ball game, but in a sport contest you find courtesy, comradeship, dependability, agility, co-ordination and a dozen other advantages.

I'm an old geezer, but I am very much in favor of high school boys and girls sports.

See ya!

CORRECTED PHOTO FOR HISTORY HISTORY



In last week's West Bend News, Stan Jordan wrote an article entitled "History History" ... this is the photo that was supposed to accompany that article. Please pull out last week's paper and review the photo again. We apologize for our mix-up.

A GREAT PICTURE!



By: Stan Jordan

I have been with West Bend News since 2005. I have wanted a picture like this for years and I finally found one! What makes this picture so great? It's that little white building in the center of the area. That little shop had a number of owners and uses, but I have talked about this little building and now some more on it because it ended up as the Ice Cream Depot, a fine ending in some local history.

I'm not going to guess on the age of the photo. I think the first car is a '28 Chevy, the far car is a '34 Master Chevy. I think the back end of the middle car might be an old Hup mobile, after WWII young Bert Major drove one around for a while.

The east elevator is still standing, the west elevator bought them out sometime in the 1950s. It also shows our first water tower, vintage 1931. This photo shows a sign over at Ray's Restaurant, so that is some time after WWII. It was formerly Tiny's but he sold out to Ray Putman.

This big platform type here in the right is an unloading dock for L. Smith & Son. They sold Allis Chalmer

good team. If they always play to the best of their ability, they will go a long ways.

They have a win-loss record of 23-0 and they won the Green Meadow Conference.

Now I think they play at Bryan on the 28th. They will play the winner of the Hilltop-Stryker game.

I must say that at the game Saturday night, the cheerleader performed at halftime and I am amazed at their ability and co-ordination. I also think they go to state in March. See ya!

equipment and they came in on a flat car and was unloaded here.

Now I will tell you what I can remember about that little white building in the center.

In 1930, I started to school in the first grade. I walked past this little building four times a day. As I remember, at that time, it was a cream station, you brought in your milk, cream, butter, eggs and what ever you had to sell. There was even a drive on scale on the south side. At this time it was operated by Bill and Dema Miller, they lived up west on River Street. I really don't remember how long they were in there, but in 1941 L.S. Long had a real estate and insurance office there.

Charles Bissell also had an insurance office there. He was also the mayor of Antwerp for over 10 years.

I remember that Melvin Billman had an upholstery shop in that building and then in 1980, Kenny and Do-

ris Reinhart bought it and done a big job of remodeling it and it was a nice little Ice Cream Depot and it was a going business for 20 years. They retired and sold it all to Mr. Walk and he operated it for a few years. If you notice, that tree is growing out from under the building. That little building has a big place in Antwerp's progress and history.

From here on it is mostly hearsay. I understand that Mercer Landmark bought that whole lot for farmers to park while waiting in line at harvest time. I also heard that the Ice Cream Depot was going to be moved over by the little league baseball diamond as a concession stand. Well as they were loading it on a trailer, it just fell apart. That was mighty fine idea, but the depot departed.

The little white building gave lots of people lots of good memories.

See ya!

MAYBE '69-70 OR SO...



By: Stan Jordan

This picture was taken in the week of Fire Prevention, generally in late September or early October.

That is my nephew, Steve Jordan, and he tells me that lady with him is Mary Derck, a teacher. I imagine that some of these students here,

by now, are grandparents already. Thanks for the photo Matt Moore.

See ya!

THE WEATHER

By: Stan Jordan

You know that I brag a lot about our Tri State weather. We miss a lot of snow

storms and big rains as they seem to go north and south of us. Now that is true...just think about it.

I was not here yet for the big flood of 1913. We have

lots of pictures of that, so I guess we missed it.

Along a little later, there was a big wind storm that tore up the little town of Renolett. I guess that was a bad one, but we missed it.

I understand we had a few bad days with the 1978 blizzard. I was in Florida bass fishing at that time and I missed it, so I guess I've lead a charmed life. Then when Fort Wayne had a flood, we got by alright. So all in all, I still say that this tri state area is the best place to be.

See ya!

GO ARCHERS GO

By: Stan Jordan

Last Saturday night Steve Knapp and I went to th basketball game with Hilltop. The Archers won by a large margin.

It was sort of a sad night because four of Antwerp's boys are seniors and that was their last home game. The Archers are a very

Antwerp Conservation Club

Event Schedule

February 29th - Concealed carry Class. Register at McDougall Firearms in Antwerp.

March 12th - Monthly Meeting at 7pm

April 4th - Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 1pm

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PAULDING STUDENTS HELP AT FOOD PANTRY



On Saturday, February 8th students from Paulding Exempted Village Schools volunteered at the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry. Shown in the picture from left to right are Elyse Manz, Gavyn Arnold, Tytus Manz, Mrs. Cheri Estle, Mallory Fisher, Izzy Lamb, and Renee McCabe.

COMMISSIONERS CORNER



On February 12, 2020, our County celebrated the 200th anniversary of the establishment of Paulding County by the State of Ohio. We were honored to have Ohio Governor Mike DeWine attend our Bicentennial Kickoff Celebration located in the Branch Christian Church. The event consisted of several speakers, who shared Paulding County's Past, Present and Future. The Governor shared his appreciation of Paulding County as the keynote speaker. Afterwards, the crowd was dismissed to walk across the street to witness the unveiling of the pictorial history of the County on the courthouse walls.

The kickoff event was only possible because of countless hours spent by the members of the Bicentennial Committee. I had the pleasure of chairing this committee made up of individuals who

are truly passionate for our County. It is estimated that over 1000 hours went into the pictorial history alone. Three of the Committee members have been writing amazing articles on the history of the County and will continue to for the rest of the year. I would like to personally thank every Committee member for their work. Their passion and dedication for our community allowed the kickoff to be flawless. The members of the Committee are Tony Burkly, Bob Iler, Melinda Krick, Lisa McClure, Jane Nice, Stan Searing, Kim Sutton and Erika Willitzer. I would also like to thank my fellow Commissioners, Roy Klopfenstein and Mark Holtsberry, for their participation in the event, and the Branch Christian Church for allowing us to use their beautiful facility.

The Committee's work is not over however. We are now going to focus on helping the individual communities in adopting the theme of "Celebrate Paulding County, the Past, Present and Future" during their festivals throughout the year.

It has been an honor to be a part of the Committee. We have so much to be proud of in this County. If you were unable to attend the kickoff, I invite you to come into your Courthouse and witness the history that is exhibited on its walls.

—Tony Zartman,
Paulding County
Commissioner

MORE THAN \$120 MILLION GOING TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

The Indiana Department of Transportation announced today that \$120.8 million in federal transportation funding is being awarded to 52 cities, towns, and counties in rural portions of Indiana to invest in local road and bridge improvements and sidewalk projects.

"Indiana is making unprecedented investments in infrastructure," Governor Eric J. Holcomb said. "Our partnership with cities, towns, and counties to improve local roads and build new sidewalks is an important element in our bold strategy to enhance connections for all Hoosiers regardless of where they live, play, and work."

For this latest round of funding, rural communities will design, develop and purchase land for projects that would be bid during the fiscal year beginning July 2025. While the funds awarded now are dedicated to construction, INDOT will also be financially participating in design, engineering, and right of way acquisition components of these projects.

Federal transportation funds are leveraged by many communities to rehabilitate or replace local bridges. As INDOT continues to partner with local governments to make record investments in taking care of existing roads and bridges, this round of funding awards emphasized improving local bridge conditions. Nearly \$87 million in federal funds were awarded for projects to rehab or replace 54 local bridges currently rated in poor condition. Beyond bridge projects, these funds will support pavement resurfacing/reconstruction projects; Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) projects such as sidewalks, ADA ramps, and trails; and traffic safety projects.

INDOT dedicates approximately 25 percent of its federal highway funds to supporting local projects each year. Metropolitan Planning Organizations distribute those funds to cities, towns, and counties within the state's larger urbanized areas while INDOT distributes funds outside MPO areas. Communities must contribute at least 20 percent in local matching funds and meet other federal requirements to receive federal funding.

Communities were invited to submit project applications to INDOT for potential funding during a call for projects announced in October 2019.

A list of all communities receiving funds is online at <http://www.in.gov/indot/2390.htm>.

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100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!



Mrs. DeJarnett's KB class at Payne Elementary celebrated 100 days of school with different activities including making a poster decorated with 100 things.

BIG FIRST HALF SENDS PANTHERS TO WIN OVER BULLDOGS

DEFIANCE - A first half that saw Paulding open a 15-point lead proved to be the difference as the Paulding Lady Panthers cruised to a 52-38 win over host Defiance Tuesday night in non-league girls basketball action.

The maroon and white opened an 8-3 lead at the end of one quarter before Paulding scored 21 second quarter points.

Defiance bucketed 11 markers in the period but the Lady Panthers opened a 29-14 halftime advantage.

Each team added ten points in the third quarter with Paulding posting a 39-24 lead entering the final stanza.

Chelsi Giesige bucketed 23 points to pace the Lady Panthers, who won for the 11th straight time to improve to 18-3 on the season. The 18 victories also ties a school record for wins in a season for the Lay Panther basketball program.

Sierra McCullough also reached double figures with 15 points for the maroon and white while Janae Pease added six markers and six rebounds.

Leigha Egnor finished with five points for Paulding followed by Jalynn Parrett (two), Katie Strayer (two) and Audrey Giesige (one).

Tammy Aguilera and Tenley Baldwin paced Defiance with nine points while Emalee McKenzie and Kinley Maynard scored four markers apiece.

Kendall Black (three), Raelle Gonzales (three), Olivia Moats (two), Selena Garcia (two) and Mira Horvath (two) were the other scorers for the Lady Bulldogs, who drop to 10-10 on the season.

CRESTVIEW SNAPS RAIDERS 11 GAME WIN STREAK

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - Stepping out of Green Meadows Conference play the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders went up against the Crestview Knights last Tuesday at home and it was the Knights who bested the Raiders 43-37. The Raider loss snapped their 11-game winning streak as Wayne Trace falls to 17-4. For the Knights, they improve their overall mark to 12-9.

In a game that was close

throughout the Raiders and Knights were tied in a low scoring match up 15-15 at the end of the first half. Crestview managed to space themselves ahead of the Raiders by four at 30-26 heading into the final quarter. Crestview continued to increase their margin to double-digits after Raegan Hammons connected on back-to-back field goals that had the Knights in front 36-26.

Crestview was still up by ten, 39-29 with 5:05 remaining but would not score again until the final seconds of the game. Wayne Trace responded with a Rachel Stoller triple and a Gracie Shepherd basket to pull the Raiders within five 39-34. Katrina Stoller canned a large three-pointer from the corner to get the Raiders a little closer but still trailing 39-37 with just over a minute remaining. Crestview would close out the final 60 seconds at the foul line with four free throws coming with 16 seconds remaining to ice the Knights win.

Claire Sinn led the Raiders scoring with 15 points along with eight rebounds with team mate Gracie Shepherd chipping in eight. No other Raider had more than three points. Katie Stoller, Rachel Stoller, Katrina Stoller, and Christina Graham each had three points each with Miriam Sinn finishing with two. Rachel Stoller also grabbed eight rebounds while Miriam Sinn dished out six assists.

The Lady Knights was led

in scoring by Olivia Cunningham with 15 followed by Laci McCoy with 11. The Knights went to the foul line 13 times hitting 11 of their attempts with the Raiders going to the line just one time and failing to connect. Wayne Trace won the battle of the boards 36-24 and turned the ball over 13 times to just nine miscues for the Knights.

LADY ACES TAKE DOWN NORTH CENTRAL

Tuesday night girls basketball action traveled to the home of the North Central Lady Eagles for high school varsity basketball.

This was a close match up with give and take in the first half. At the half-time buzzer the score was all tied up, 18-18. This even momentum continued in the 3rd quarter with Hicksville only trailing by 2. A fire was lit under the Aces for the fourth quarter. They widened the margin enough to claim a win at the final buzzer, 45-38.

Score by the Quarter:
North Central - 8 10 14 6 = 38
Hicksville - 10 8 12 15 = 45

Scorers of the Game:
North Central - Brown 7, Balser 7, Hickman 6, Siebenek 6, Westfall 1
Hicksville - Schroeder 19, Crall 7, Bergman 6, Phillips 4, Villena 4, Slattery 3, Eicher 2

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ARCHERS HOLD OFF BULLDOGS FOR WIN



Antwerp Seniors at their final game: Heather Oberlin, Alyvia Devore, Kendyl Miller, Tiera Gomez, Karsyn Brumett.



Antwerp's Heather Oberlin scoring the last basket of the game with 6 seconds left on the clock to break the tie against Edgerton. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - In the final home game of their careers, a quartet of Antwerp Lady Archers walked off winners on Thursday night as the blue and white held off visiting Edgerton for a 41-39 victory in

Green Meadows Conference action.

It was the visiting Bulldogs who jumped in front early, taking a 12-7 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before Antwerp trimmed the

deficit to 17-16 at the midway point of the contest.

Quarter number three belonged to the Lady Archers, who outscored Edgerton 17-7 to seize a 33-24 advantage entering the final period.

The Bulldogs rebounded to outscore Antwerp 15-8 in the fourth quarter but the Archers held on for the 41-39 victory.

Senior Heather Oberlin wrapped up her home career with a game high 19 points while fellow senior Karsyn Brumett also bucketed 11 markers. Seniors Tiera Gomez and Alyvia DeVore both scored three points as well for Antwerp.

Grace Schuette and Astianna Coppes completed the Archer scoring with three and two points, respectively.

Antwerp closes the regular season with a record of 12-10 in all games while finishing 4-3 in the league.

Edgerton, which finishes the regular season at 6-16 overall and 2-5 in the conference, was led by Ally Cape with 11 points while Emma Siebenaler added ten markers.

Casey Leppelmeier (eight), Coral Picillo (six), Madison Smith (three) and Audrey Schroeder (one) all found the scoring column for Edgerton.

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING RECOGNITION

The senior athletes of Antwerp High School were recognized this past week during their last home basketball games.

Jayvin Landers is the son of Jason and Jayme Landers. His future plans include attending Wittenberg University to play basketball and major in Business. Wittenberg is currently ranked #5 in the nation in NCAA division 3. The Tigers are hte nation's leader in division 3 with 1,805 victories.

Blake Schuette is the son of Shawn and Sara Schuette. Blake plans to attend the University of Findlay and major in Biology.

Jacob Savina is the son of Joe and Lisa Savina. He plans to attend Clark State Community College to play baseball and earn an Associates in Manufacturing Technology.

Jacob Eaken is the son of Brian and Kendra Eaken. After high school Jacob plans to enter the workforce.

Chloe Saul is the daugh-

ter of Chuck and Jennifer Saul. Chloe plans to attend The Ohio State University for Nursing. She wants to become a NICU nurse and eventually train service dogs.

Holly Sanders is the daughter of Denny and Lacey Sanders. Holly will attend the University of Saint Francis to pursue a career in Surgical Technology.

Hannah Rettig is the daughter of Monica and Ben Rager and the late Eric Rettig. Hannah is still working out her plans, but she plans to attend college.

Aleyah Cline is the daughter of Dave and Jama Cline. Aleyah is planning to attend Indiana Wesleyan University to major in Nursing.

Karsyn Brumett is the daughter of David and Kristine Brumett. She plans to attend Purdue University Fort Wayne majoring in Middle Childhood Education and become a teacher.

Alyvia DeVore is the daughter of Jennifer Smith; John & Sara Devore III. Alyvia plans to attend OSU or BGSU for a Criminal Justice Bachelors degree, law school and become a lawyer.

Tiera Gomez is the daughter of Kimberly Baer and Thomas Gomez. She plans to enter into the workforce and attain her Real Estate license.

Kendyl Miller is the daughter of Jeremy and Amy Miller. Kendyl plans to join the workforce after high school.

Heather Oberlin is the daughter of Gabriel Oberlin and Melanie VerBerkmoes. Heather plans to attend OSU ATI for two years, then transfer to OSU Main Campus to earn a Bachelors degree in Agronomy.

ARCHERS PICK UP ROAD WIN OVER CADETS

WEST UNITY - On Tuesday, the Antwerp Lady Archers took the long road trip to West Unity for a battle with the Hilltop Cadets.

When the final buzzer sounded, it was the blue and white that posted the victory as Antwerp outscored the host Cadets 50-44 to improve to 11-10 overall on the season.

After one quarter, the Lady Archers held a slim 13-11 lead over Hilltop before the blue and white expanded the margin in the second quarter.

Antwerp added nine points in the second stanza compared to the Cadets' six, giving the Lady Archers a 22-17 lead at the break.

Hilltop rallied in the third quarter, bucketing 15 markers while holding Antwerp to a dozen as the Cadets pulled within 34-32 entering the final period.

However, the blue and white put the game away with a 16-point fourth quarter in holding on for the 50-44 victory.

Antwerp was paced by Heather Oberlin with 19 points while Alyvia DeVore added nine and Karsyn Brumett picked up eight.

Tiera Gomez finished the night with seven markers for the Lady Archers, who also got five from Lydia Brewer and a pair by Grace Schuette.

Morgan Norden topped the Cadets with 19 points while Kodi Brenner also

LADY KNIGHTS GET SECOND BIG WIN IN PAULDING COUNTY



The first 3 points of the final home game was scored by Sydney McCullough in the game against the Crestview Knights. More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - For the second time last week, the Crestview Lady Knights came into Paulding County and went home with a victory as the Knights nipped host Paulding 52-50 Thursday night in Northwest Conference action.

Crestview held a slim 13-12 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before adding 11 second quarter points compared to Paulding's ten for a 24-22 halftime advantage.

After the Lady Knights extended the margin to 35-31 at the end of three periods, Paulding did bucket 19 fourth quarter markers but it wasn't enough as Crestview scored 17 to hold on for the two-point win.

Lexi Gregory topped Crestview with 14 points and eight rebounds in the contest while Bailey Gregory bucket-

reached double digits with a dozen markers. Leanna Baker chipped in eight points and Sara Barnum posted five markers for Hilltop, which falls to 6-15 on the season.

BULLDOGS DOMINATE KNIGHTS

New Haven boys basketball hosted the Knights of East Noble on Valentine's

ed 13 for the Lady Knights, who improve to 13-9 overall while wrapping up NWC play with a record of 5-3.

Olivia Cunningham also reached double digits for Crestview with 11 points. Other scorers for the Lady Knights were Laci McCoy (nine) and Kylie Etzler (five).

Chelsi Giesige paced the way for the Lady Panthers in her final home game with 11 markers while fellow seniors Sydney McCullough chipped in eight and Katie Strayer bucketed two.

Audrey Giesige also had 11 in the game for the maroon and white while Janae Pease scored seven and Jalynn Parrett posted five. Sadie Estle scored four points and Leigha Egnor also had two for Paulding, which concludes regular season play at 18-4 overall and 5-3 in the conference.

Day, February 14th at the Bulldog gym. The Bulldogs controlled their home court to put down the Knights with a final score of 73-52.

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 20 14 23 16 = 73
East Noble - 13 6 13 20 = 52

NH Scorers of the Game:
Latham 19, Lewis 17, Hutchins 11, Williams 9, Brooks 8

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ARCHERS MOVE TO 21-0 WITH ROUT OF CADETS



Antwerp Sophomore Kaden Recker puts up a long shot and scores 3 points in the last quarter against Hilltop. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - The Archers of Antwerp played game 21 on Saturday and rolled to a 77-29 victory over the Hilltop Cadets as the blue and white improved to 21-0 overall on the year.

Antwerp led from start to finish, posting a 20-11 advantage after one quarter before expanding the margin to 44-15 at the half. The blue and white then widened the lead to 64-21 at the end of three periods.

Jake Eaken paced the way for the Archers with 21 points while Jagger Landers added

17 and Austin Lichty chipped in 14 markers.

Jayvin Landers posted eight points for the Archers followed by Blake Schuette (seven), Jacob Savina (three), Kaden Recker (three), Luke Krouse (two) and Owen Sheedy (two).

Hilltop was led by Ian Hoffman with nine points while Blake Funkhouser chipped in eight markers.

Alex Swany-Richmond posted five points with Jay Garrett adding four, Carson Jennings picked up two and Matthew Wyse scored one.

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fourth quarter by the Aces and settled for the 28-point win.

Scoring for Wayne Trace was Claire Sinn leading the way with 17 followed by Miriam Sinn adding 13. Two additional Raiders were in double digits including Katrina Stoller chipping in 11 and Gracie Shepherd adding 10. Also scoring was Rachel Stoller with four, Kenadie Daeger, Abby Moore and Sydnee Sinn with two-points a piece.

Hicksville's freshman Kenzie Schroeder finished the contest with a double-double

including 19 points and 11 rebounds. Finishing out the scoring for the Aces was Avery Slattery with five, Lindsay Bergman and Kennedy Villena each with three points, Molly Crall two points and Izzie Smith one point.

In the Junior Varsity game the Raiders picked up a big win over the Aces 49-15. With the win the Raiders finished their season at 9-13. Scoring for Wayne Trace: Sydnee Sinn 8, Hannah Maenle 6, Kenadie Daeger 6, Abby Moore 6, Katie Stoller 5, Elise Miller 4, Carlee Mead 4, Kara Stoller 3, Christina Graham 3, Abbie Stoller 2, Rylee Troth 2.

BULLDOGS LEAD LOCAL SQUADS

FORT WAYNE - New Haven leads the way amongst East Allen County school wrestling squads as the Bulldogs posted a fourth place finish in the opening round of regional action.

New Haven took fourth with 68-1/2 points while Leo was seventh at 56-1/2 points. Woodlan tied for 15th place with 11 points and Heritage finished 17th with six points.

Individually, Leo's Sam Ford took fourth at 103 to advance to semi-state while teammate Jacob Veatch placed third at 120.

At 132, the Lions' Ian Heath won first place and Heritage's Austin Roy finished third while New Haven's Elijah Chacon won the 138 pound weight class.

Jake Roemer posted a third place finish for Woodlan at 160 and Jacob Saylor of New Haven placed second at 182.

New Haven's Tristen Martz claimed the championship at 220 with Tom Busch of Leo placing second at 285 and New Haven's Jon Loudon finished fourth.

EXPRESS GRIND OUT TOUGH WIN OVER TRI-C

By: Chris Schmidbauer, Sports Information Director

Toledo, OH -- After a slow start, the Owens Express Women's Basketball team was able to claw their way to a 65-60 win over Cuyahoga on Monday evening.

Owens trailed by seven points after the first quarter at 21-14. Neither team shot well in the second period. Owens though would gain the upper hand over the Triceratops, outscoring the visitors 13-4 before halftime. The Express would head to the locker room up by two at 27-25.

The two teams would shoot better in the third. Cuyahoga would shoot 7-12 from the floor in the third, while Owens would shoot 5-10. The Express would outscore Tri-C by two in the period 20-18. Owens would take a slim four point lead into the fourth quarter.

Both teams would trade baskets in the fourth, with Owens leading 55-52 3:51 to play in the ballgame. Tri-C would come back to tie the game on the next possession thanks to a Diamond Merced three pointer for the Triceratops. Tori Kopp's layup on the ensuing possession would give Owens the lead again, but Cuyahoga would answer back with a layup of their own, courtesy of Kayla Young. The game would remain tied for the next minutes, before Shyah Wheeler would make a pair of free throws.

Owens would shoot 5-7 from the charity stripe down the stretch to salt away the game for the five point victory.

Four players were in double figures scoring wise for Owens. Shyah Wheeler led the way with 18 points despite a tough shooting night from the field. She also finished with seven rebounds and five assists. Tori Kopp scored a season high 17 points on 4-9 shooting and a scorching 9-10 from the free throw line. She also would finish with 10 rebounds for her second double-double of the season. Whitney Thames nabbed

her third double-double in her short time this season. The Perrysburg native had 10 points on 4-6 shooting and 11 rebounds. Lilliana Velazquez scored 11 points off the bench on 4-8 shooting.

Owens would shoot 38.5% (20-52) from the field while shooting 90.9% (20-22) from the free throw line as a team. Tri-C would shoot 38.2% (26-68) from the field.

Owens improved to 7-12 overall on the season and are now 5-3 in the OCCAC. Cuyahoga falls to 14-6 overall and are now 3-4 in the OCCAC.

The Express will be at home again this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. when they welcome in Terra State. The game is scheduled to tip off at 5:30 p.m. at the SHAC.

ARCHERS WRAP UP OUTRIGHT GMC TITLE

EDGERTON - A big second quarter put Antwerp in control and the Archers never turned back in winning for the 20th straight game and seventh consecutive league contest in a 55-41 win at Edgerton.

The Archers, who claimed the outright league championship with the victory, fell behind early on to the Bulldogs as the hosts posted a 7-6 lead at the end of eight minutes of action.

However, it was all Archers from that point forward.

Antwerp bucketed a dozen second quarter points compared to four for Edgerton as the Archers posted an 18-11 halftime advantage.

The Archers then doubled their score in the third quarter, adding 18 points while keeping the Bulldogs to 15 in pushing their margin to 36-26 at the end of three periods.

Jagger Landers topped the Antwerp efforts with a dozen markers while Austin Lichty added 11 points for the Archers.

Luke Krouse, Jayvin Landers, Blake Schuette and Jacob Savina all chipped in eight markers each.

Jaron Cape paced Edgerton with 13 markers and Colin Gary added 11 for the Bulldogs, who drop to 10-10 overall and 2-5 in the GMC.

Logan Showalter bucketed eight points for the Bulldogs followed by Gannon Ripke (five) and Arryn Pahl (four).

RAIDERS CLOSE OUT GMC PLAY WITH WIN OVER THE ACES



Wayne Trace's Cale Crosby gets the rebound for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HICKSVILLE - In their final Green Meadows Conference game of the 2019-20 season the Wayne Trace Raiders traveled to Hicksville where the visitors from Paulding County picked up a 47-38 win over the Aces. With the conference finale the Raiders finish second in the GMC with a 6-1 mark just behind league winner Antwerp who wrapped up the title with a win over Edgerton. Overall the Raiders improve to 16-5 while Hicksville falls to 14-7 overall and wraps up GMC play at 4-3.

It was a low scoring contest through the first three quarters with the red, white, and blue clinging to a 21-19 lead but the fourth quarter became an eight-minute shootout with the Raiders scoring 26 points to 19 for Hicksville. Wayne Trace place two in double figures led by Jace Vining who tallied 15 points followed by

Alex Reinhart pouring in 14. Reinhart collected six field goals on seven attempts and grabbed nine rebounds to help secure the win.

Also scoring for the Raiders were Nate Gerber with seven, Reid Miller adding six points along with four assists, Cameron Sinn chipping in three and two points from Trevor Sinn.

Hicksville got 20 points from Landon Turnbull with the balance of the teams 18 points divided among four players with Jacob Miller, Jackson Bergman, and Josh Myers each with five and Travian Tunis adding three.

Wayne Trace shot 16-39 from the floor for 41 percent and 11-17 from the charity stripe for 65 percent. Hicksville was good on 15 of 38 attempts from the floor for 39 percent and just 3-7 at the foul line. Rebounds were even with each team grabbing 29 while the Aces turned in over just 10 times to just nine miscues for Wayne Trace.

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WARRIORS FALL TO ARCHERS



Antwerp's Jayvin Landers was setup under the basket, receives the pass, and scores for the Archers. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Woodlan's Joe Reidy, shown here scoring for Woodlan while Antwerp's Jagger Landers is guarding, fought a hard game at the Archer court on Monday night. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Woodlan crossed the state line into Ohio on Monday for a non-league boys basketball contest at Antwerp where the host Archers posted a 62-4 win over the Warriors.

Antwerp jumped in front in the first quarter, opening up a 19-7 advantage after eight minutes of action.

Woodlan cut into the deficit in the second stanza as the Warriors scored 16 points compared to the Archers' 13, slicing the Antwerp halftime lead to 32-23.

The Warriors then picked up nine markers in the third quarter while Antwerp posted eight, trimming the Ar-

cher advantage to 40-32 entering the final eight period.

However, Antwerp put the game away in the fourth quarter, scoring 22 points compared to Woodlan's 17 as the Archers finished off the 62-49 victory.

Jagger Landers bucketed 20 points to pace the way for the Archers with Austin Lichty adding 17 markers.

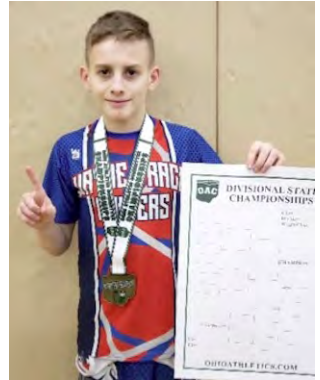
Jayvin Landers chipped in nine points for Antwerp followed by Jacob Savina (seven), Luke Krouse (four), Blake Schuette (four) and Owen Sheedy (two).

Woodlan was led by Joe Reidy with 17 points while Mitch Mendenhall aided the

Warrior cause with 15 markers.

Trevor Wiedenhoef chipped in eight points while Aiden Bayman posted four and Colin Hahn scored three points. Brennan Donovan had the remaining two markers for the Warriors.

WT WRESTLING HAS STRONG SHOWING AT DIVISIONAL STATE



Corbin Kimmel took home the championship in the 78lb weight class at Divisional State Competition.

Wayne Trace Junior High sent three wrestlers to Columbus to compete in the Divisional State Competition. In this tournament, only schools from the same divisions will compete against each other. This is similar to the same way that high school state is ran. This is also separate from the Ohio Junior High State Tournament, held next month and will be open to all state qualifiers from all divisions.

Corbin Kimmel was the lightest of the three junior high wrestlers representing Wayne Trace for the day in the 78-pound weight class. With seven kids in his bracket, Kimmel started his first match with a strong win by Tech Fall. He then followed his next match with a pin. The championship match was next for Kimmel. Corbin defeated his opponent from Otsego for the Championship title with a score of 6-4.

Graiden Troth also traveled to Columbus to compete in the 114-pound weight class. Right out of the gate, Troth was up against an incredibly strong competitor. Troth prevented being pinned, but was unable to secure a first round win. Going into the second round, Graiden was ready to go. He was down in the first period but made a huge move to come back with a huge jump in the score in the second period. Unfortunately, Troth found himself caught in the third period and was unable to secure a win to move forward.

Maddox Treece wrestled in the 132-pound weight class. The first match for Treece was full of nerves and many lessons in a larger scale tournament, where he lost in a tricky defensive pin. Learning from the first match and determining to work through it, Treece pinned his next opponent and then won the next match 7-4. In the next match, Maddox knew that a lot was at stake. Winning would send him to a placement match and losing would end his day on the mats. With all the pressure, paired with a tough opponent, Maddox lost the match 4-0. Treece will use the tools he learned today to compete next weekend at districts for a chance at OAC JH State.

Wayne Trace Wrestling Club also seen two wrestlers travel to the Divisional State tournament to wrestle. Daniel Clark was in the division

3 age group. With four kids in his bracket, he would have to wrestle each of the other three kids. Daniel lost his first match, but then won his second match 6-2 and pinned his third opponent. This secured Daniel a Divisional State Runner-Up Spot on the podium. Levi Ankney was a part of the tournament with a full 8-man bracket. Levi had a tough first round and lost 8-4, but then came back to win the next match. Ankney lost his third match that would have sent him to the podium.

Wayne Trace is proud to see all wrestlers working to improve their personal skills on the mat. We also appreciate our parents who take the time to support their children in traveling and supporting the wrestlers to provide opportunities to help them be students of the sport. Win or Lose. This is what wrestling is all about. Working on improving small things will show larger improvements as well.

ANTWERP WRESTLING COMPETES AT FAIRVIEW

The Antwerp Wrestling had yet another productive weekend while competing at the Fairview tournament on Saturday, February 15, 2020. All 24 young archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 6 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 6th on the day were Auston Fish and Riley Smith. Placing 4th were Starlette Ruffing, Blade Ruffing, Duke Dangler, Greysen Grimes, Oliver McCague, Bennett Graham, Owen Dangler, Landyn Hermiller, Cooper Nestleroad, Dominic Bennett, and Carson Blair. Earning 3rd place finishes were Brody Smith, AJ Eaton, Zac Salas, Gage Clevinger, and Griffin Kosch. Wrestlers finishing 2nd on the day were Jordan Steel, Jameson Graham, and Pearce Cottrell who are all 1st year wrestlers as well. The archers also crowned 3 champions Saturday at Fairview. Earning 1st places on Saturday were Teagan Eaton, Owen Parisot, and Ethan Thomas VanKirk. This marks the very first time Eaton has won a tournament in her young career. Owen Parisot's undefeated day also earned him his 2nd consecutive tournament championship this season. Ethan Thomas VanKirk has been on quite a roll this season so far, winning his last 3 tournaments while going undefeated along the way as well. Congratulations to all of the young archer wrestlers for their hard work this past weekend. We look forward to watching you at Tinora next week. Good Luck and GO ARCHERS!

place recently. St. Marys Memorial was the 2020 champions. Coach of the Year was awarded to Larry Gruber.

Team Scores:
 1 St. Marys Memorial 151;
 2 Celina 145.5; 3 Wapakoneta 118; 4 Defiance 91; 5 Shawnee 81.5; 6 Van Wert 67; 7 Kenton 61.5; 8 Bath 58; 9 Elida 56.5; 10 Ottawa Glandorf 12

Individual Results:
 108 - Mellot, WAPA, pin :50, Rittenhouse, DEFI
 115 - Hisey, MEMO, pin :28, Knapke, WAPA
 122 - Hisey, MEMO, dec 12-5, Elling, WAPA
 128 - Engle, CELI, pin 4:59, Beach, SHAW
 134 - Vilarreal, DEFI, MD 14-2, Donovan, MEMO
 140 - Douglass, ELID, T-Fall 16-0, King, CELI
 147 - Steyer, VWER, pin 1:08, Fairburn, SHAW
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BULLDOGS TAKE SIXTH IN SEMI-STATE WRESTLING



Pictured here are New Haven State Wrestling Qualifiers: Chacon 138 lb. and Martz 220 lb. (with Coach in the middle). They will head to State competition on Friday, February 21, 2020. Photo by Melissa Amstutz.

FORT WAYNE - The New Haven Bulldogs took sixth place as a team to lead area squads at the Fort Wayne Semi-State Wrestling Tournament held at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Saturday, February 15, 2020.

Western won the team title with 72 points while Bellmont finished second with 65. Garrett took third after totaling 60-1/2 points followed by Carroll (49) and Oak Hill (47).

New Haven tied for sixth with Peru at 43 points while Leo placed 16th with 28 points.

Leo's Ian Heath improved his record to 40-1 on the season with an 8-1 victory over Snider's Reakus Shelton in the championship match of the 132 pound weight class.

At 138, Elijah Chacon of New Haven won the title by defeating Western's Hayden

Shepherd 8-7.

The Bulldogs also received a second place finish by senior Tristen Martz, who dropped a heartbreaking 7-5 decision to Norwell senior Cale Gray at 220.

Martz, Chacon and Heath all now advance to Saturday's state wrestling tournament in Indianapolis.

Heath (40-1) will start his tournament against Lake Central junior Isaiah Ponce (30-12) in the 132 pound weight class while Chacon (38-5) opens state tournament action Plainfield sophomore Landon Boe (32-7) at 138. Martz (34-4) faces South Spencer senior Will Stewart (41-4) in the opening round in the 220 pound weight class.

Woodlan freshman Jake Roemer saw his season come to a close with a loss to Kokomo sophomore Kymani Howard in the 160 pound weight class.

- 5, Bigham, VWER
- 162 - Mabry, MEMO, MD, Bays, KENT
- 172 - Saeler, MEMO, Pin 5:37, Rhoades, KENT
- 184 - Simpson, BATH, pin, Patterson, MEMO
- 197 - Frotkamp, CELI, Dec. 3-1 ot, Sharpe, MEMO
- 222 - Kaeck, WAPA, Dec 4-3, Eikenbary, KENT
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ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNIZES SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Estee Lichty, runner up at Paulding County Spelling Bee, recognized by Marty Miller as the top middle school speller at Antwerp!

The Board of Education for Antwerp Local School met in regular session on February 13, 2020. The 2020 organizational meeting was approved. The Bob Herber gave the liaison report. He mentioned the increase of the poverty limit and funds that could transfer. The education choice is designed to take local dollars and have the dollars transfer to the school with the students

to other public or private schools. Dennis Recker said Vantage will have an Open House on February 24 and all are welcome. A new program will be offered for a sports exercise program. **Treasurers' Report:** Income: \$1,293,204.93 Expenses: \$761,435.96 Interest: \$10,433.73 The amount of spending and income is nearly identical to last year at this time.

HS Principal's Report: Travis Lichty talked about the testing schedule coming and how they will operate on a 2 hour delay schedule. Lichty wants to make sure that parents do not schedule appointments until testing is done. Lichty also put in a plug for the sports. The boys basketball is 19-0. The girls are 10-11 before the last home game. The wrestling meet was hosted here last Tuesday. Tournaments are starting within a week and a half. The cheer squad will be competing on March 1st. Mid-terms are February 14.

vancy is giving Antwerp a beehive, to arrive in March, for the Prairie Garden after Antwerp won a contest. It will be taken care of by a local resident. The gym floors are scheduled for maintenance this summer. Carpet will be replaced in the band and music rooms. Mr. Gotke is down in Columbus for the Ohio Technology Convention. The ongoing sound system problems are being worked on and several things have been found that could be the problem. Dr. Miller is invited to speak at a technology con-



Brayden Fuller, elementary champion at Antwerp, placed third at the county spelling bee.

The third quarter only has one more month left. Elementary Principal's Report: Tracey Stokes said The PTO lingo is next Thursday. Literacy Night is new for families K-5th and will be March 12 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Marty Miller gave his report and said there is a need for Summer School position this year. There are students that must attend. There is also a staffing meeting that will take place about issues for next year. Garmin and Miller will be doing work at the Field House for accessibility. They project it will be \$15,000 or less. The current storage barn is also being lengthened. The old concession stands is being torn down. The Innovation Center is having a projected budget soon. The roof has been replaced over the shop and the music areas and are ready now for the solar panels. The gyms will probably have their roofs replaced soon. The Honey Bee Conser-

ference at Washington DC. He will be a speaker there and the trip is paid for by the conference. The annual Burkhardt Family Foundation donation was received. \$800 + \$4000 was donated for trips, broadcasting, and principal's fund. A grant opportunity was applied for in Van Wert for about \$12,000. This will probably go for mental health needs training.

PAULDING COUNTY SPELLING BEE WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Shown in the photo are Sarah Wong, Paulding Middle School and Estee Lichty, Antwerp Middle School.

Sarah Wong won the 2020 Paulding County Spelling Bee held at Paulding Middle School on Monday, February 10, 2020. Her parents are Terence and Luci Wong. The second place finisher was Estee Lichty and her parents are Travis and Erin Lichty. Students from 10 schools competed for the right to represent Paulding County. Sarah will compete in the 66th annual Journal Gazette Spelling Bee pre-

sented by STAR Financial Bank on March 7, 2020. Over 12,000 students compete to participate in the Regional Spelling Bee held at IPFW's Recital Hall in the Rhinehart Music Center. The Regional Spelling Bee winner will represent 15 counties in northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio at the Scripps National Spelling Bee near Washington D.C. in May 2020.

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, 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: Marathon
Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware, Dollar General
Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, 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
Woodburn: Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Woodburn Branch Library, Financial Partners, Love's Travel Center, Heckley Outdoor, S&V Liquors

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RAIDERS MOVE INTO FINALS

HOLGATE - Wayne Trace's eighth grade boys basketball team moved into the Green Meadows Conference championship game with a 39-31 win over Ayersville Monday night. The Pilots held an 11-7 lead after one quarter but a scoreless second quarter proved to be too much to overcome for Ayersville. Wayne Trace bucketed 14 second stanza markers to open a 21-11 lead at the break and the Raiders still were up seven at 29-22 en-

tering the final quarter. Brooks Laukhuf topped the Raiders with 17 points and Kyle Stoller reached twin digits with ten points. Kyle Forrer (five), Dylan Hildebrand (four) and Hunter Myers (three) completed the list of Raider scorers. Ayersville was led by Ben Amoroso with ten markers and Brody Clark finished with eight. Also finding the scoring column for the Pilots were Garrett Flory (four), Michael Carter (four), Lucas Fishpaw (three) and Bryce Tressler (two).

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ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

For the month of January there were 115 calls and 55 citations.

On February 3, officers assisted Job and Family Services with visiting a residence on North Main Street for a child welfare checkup.

On February 3, it was

reported that there was a break-in of a maintenance trailer on the west end of the village. It appeared that someone had been living in the maintenance trailer. The case was investigated and a suspect was located, a report prepared and sent to the prosecutor.

On February 3, officers were requested to attend the MAC gym for youth basketball due to previous incidents with fans from out of town at a previous game. No problems were found.

On February 4, a domestic dispute was reported on Harrmann Road. The officer investigated and nothing physical had occurred. The report was prepared and referred to the Paulding County Prosecutor.

On February 7, a resident

that had a suspended license due to a DUI was found driving in the Village. The driver was cited into County Court for driving under suspension.

On February 7, a theft was reported at the Dollar General. The officer arrived and found a seven year old had stolen lip balm. With the permission of Dollar General, the parents were left to handle the situation.

On February 8, a vehicle was stopped for moving left of center. The driver was cited for the violation and for driving under the influence. The driver's record had 2 previous DUI's. His license was automatically suspended and the case was forwarded to the Prosecutor.

On February 10, a 911 hang-up call report was sent. An officer investigated and found it was dialed by accident.

On February 10, during the Antwerp/Woodlan boys basketball game a vehicle became stuck in the grass at the school. The officer and several people helped to remove the vehicle from the mud. The report was prepared and the superintendent was notified.

On February 10, a report of child abuse was entered from South Main Street. The case was investigated and the report forwarded to the prosecutor and Job and Family Services.

On February 12, an Assault was reported at a residence on North Main Street. The conflict was between two juveniles. The case was investigated and forwarded to the prosecutor.

If you would like to report any suspicious activity or if you have any questions, please contact the Antwerp Police Department, 419-258-2627, as they are always ready to serve the residents of the village!

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (18) persons on Thursday, February 13, 2020.

Estil L. Hatfield (11/11/85), Paulding, OH; Operating while under the influence of alcohol, OVI, F3

Vincent C. Groh (9/26/97), Grover Hill, OH; Receiving stolen property, F5; Breaking & entering, F5

Julian J. Rider (12/6/96), Paulding, OH; Theft (2counts) F4; Theft (2counts) F5

Sunny K. Parker (6/3/70), Paulding, OH; Failure to comply with order or signal of a police officer, F3

Jeffery D. Mekus II (4/14/95), Payne, OH; Failure to comply with order of signal of a police officer, F3

Bryan D. Wolfe (10/10/75), Unknown address; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

James R. Prescott (11/22/95), Unknown address; Grand theft, F4

Shelby K. Williams (4/6/81), Paulding, OH; Endangering children, F2

Larry L. Leazier III (7/28/88), Fort Wayne, IN; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

Kiarra K. Hawn (9/26/01), Grover Hill, OH;

Receiving stolen property, F5; Breaking and entering, F5

Scott E. Kirkland Jr. (7/22/97), Paulding, OH; Trafficking in methamphetamine

Jason M. Farquhar (4/14/77), Paulding, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F5; Having weapons while under disability, F3

Kyle W. Crase (5/10/89), Defiance, OH; Non support of dependents, F5

Nicholas M. White (1/30/85), Paulding, OH; Non support of dependents (2 counts), F5

Hope M. Smith (8/23/99), Antwerp, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

Shannon R. Fry (3/19/75), Paulding, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

Victoria R. Short (4/17/79), Paulding, OH; Perjury, F3

Neil D. Hoffman (1/6/87), Defiance, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Gurpinder Singh, Bakersfield, CA; Failure to control; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs

Jeffery P. Klender, Antwerp, OH; Expired operator license; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collection 4/24/20; Must show proof of insurance by 2/7/20; \$60 monthly beginning 2/28/20

Hunter T. Powell, Payne, OH; Failure to control; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collections 10/30/20

Robert A. Thomas, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Case dismissed at state's request

Brenda L. Hurley, Defiance, OH; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request

Brenda L. Hurley, Defiance, OH; FRA suspension; Guilty; Pay or collection 6/26/20; \$100 per month, commencing 3/27/20

Brenda L. Hurley, Defiance, OH; Marked lanes; Case dismissed at state's request

Nicholas Gonzales, Saginaw, MI; OVI/under influence; Guilty; May attend DIP in lieu of 3 jail days by 4/24/20; Defendant must make \$37 restitution to Paulding County Victim's Assistance; Fines and costs to be taken from bond

Nicholas Gonzales, Saginaw, MI; No operator's license; Case dismissed at state's request

Nicholas Gonzales, Saginaw, MI; Turn signals; Case dismissed at state's request

Seth D. Witmer, Morrison, TN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Darrell Swander, Ohio City, OH; Unsecure load; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Akshay Kapade, Broomfield, CO; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Roy A. Cox, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Show proof of insurance by 2/14/20; If defendant has valid operator's license by 3/27/20, \$300 fine may be suspended; Pay or

collection

Kasey Helms, Payne, OH; Assault; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior; Addition to rules of probation; No unlawful contact with Paulding County Hospital and staff

Scott E. Kirkland Jr., Paulding, OH; Unauthorized use of property; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Shall have no contact with victim or her family

Scott E. Kirkland Jr., Paulding, OH; Falsification; Count B dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Matthew S. Rhoads, Napoleon, OH; 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

Matthew S. Rhoads, Napoleon, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Kasey L. Helms, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; No unlawful contact with victim; Shall maintain general good behavior

Scott E. Kirkland Jr., Paulding, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Guilty; May suspend 4 days jail and \$100 fine if completes requirement; Defendant placed on standard probation; Pay or collect 12/18/20; Community Control Two

Kasey L. Helms, Payne, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant to pay \$40 per month commencing

3/27/20; Standard probation; Evaluation by Westwood behavioral; Defendant must secure valid operator's license by end of term of probation; Community Control Two; Thinking For A Change; No alcohol or bars; Show proof of insurance by 2/14/20

Kasey L. Helms, Payne, OH; Failure to control; Case dismissed at state's request

Kasey L. Helms, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case dismissed at state's request

Matthew S. Rhoads, Napoleon, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant may attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; Pay or collections 12/18/20; Show proof of insurance by 2/14/20; Defendant shall pay \$50 per month beginning 3/27/20

Matthew S. Rhoads, Napoleon, OH; FRA suspension; Case dismissed at state's request

Alisa N. Elliott, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bradley R. Curtis, Anna, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kailey S. Morrow, Paulding, OH; Wrongful entrustment; Guilty; Pay or collections 2/7/20

Aaron D. Henson, Benton, KY; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nydria L. Gilchrist, Clinton Township, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Steven A. Pierce, Payne, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant placed on standard probation; Shall submit to evaluation at Westwood Behavioral; Shall secure a valid operator's license by the end of probation; Complete 20 hours community service; Complete Thinking For A Change

Steven A. Pierce, Payne,

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,
vs.
EDWIN REX HORNEY, TRUSTEE, ET AL., Defendants

Case No. CI 19 190

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

TRACT ONE: Harrison Township Parcel Number: 17-355-023-00

TRACT TWO: Harrison Township Parcel Numbers: 17-35C-013-00; 17-35C-012-00; 17-35C-011-00; 17-35C-010-00; and 17-35C-009-00

TRACT THREE: Village of Paulding Parcel Numbers: 19-11S-001-00; 19-11S-002-00 and 19-11S-003-00

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

Total amount of judgment is Twenty-three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty and 73/100 (\$23,720.73) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:05 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 19th day of March, 2020, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 2nd day of April, 2020 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

Payment in full is due at the time of the sale and the purchaser(s) are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

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

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CHERI MARIE TODD, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 19 104

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

306 East Main Street, Oakwood

Parcel Numbers: 10-17S-019-00 and 10-17S-020-00

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

Total amount of judgment is Forty-seven Hundred Eighty-four and 92/100 (\$4,784.92) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

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vs.
ROY WENDT, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 19 175

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

208 North Main Street, Cecil

Parcel Number: 15-05S-017-00

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

Total amount of judgment is Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-eight and 31/100 (\$6,338.31) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:10 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 19th day of March, 2020, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 2nd day of April, 2020 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

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Robert A. Thomas, Oakwood, OH; Obstructing; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior
Jordan D. Engle, Bowling Green, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Hunter L. Kingery, Pendleton, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Eric K. Rosengarten, Kalida, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Blake A. Dobbelaere, Oakwood, OH; High beams; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Kerry A. Geiger, Paulding, OH; Unsecured load; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Kelsey N. Ball, Defiance, OH; No tail lights; Guilty; Pay or collections 7/31/20
Michael W. Gerbers, Woodburn, IN; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Randi L. Stahl, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior
Julian J. Rider, Oakwood, OH; Theft; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived
Julian J. Rider, Oakwood, OH; Receiving stolen property; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived
Julian J. Rider, Oakwood, OH; Receiving stolen property; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived
Julian J. Rider, Oakwood, OH; Receiving stolen property; Case dismissed

per state, without prejudice; Costs waived
Larry Stahl, Paulding, OH; Traffic device/signal; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Adam L. Mattson, Payne, OH; FRA suspension; Case dismissed at state's request
Marshall Y. Thompson, Terre Haute, IN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Cody Barnes, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER

CARRYALL TWP
2/11/20 Tolbridge Bob to Tolbridge Bob; 210 W Buffalo St; 0.1939 acres; Lot 2 Block E Antwerp Vill
HARRISON TWP
2/12/20 Garrison Carol R Trustee & Coomer Michael L Trustee to Pease Ruth E; Sr 111; 10 acres; W.s.e1/2 Sw1/4 Less 21A. Harrison-Antwerp Sec 9
2/12/20 Garrison Carol R Trustee & Coomer Michael L Trustee to Pease Ruth E; Trd 33; 60 acres; Ne1/4Se1/4&Ese1/4Se1/4 Harrison-Antwerp Sec 9
JACKSON TWP
2/11/20 Hart Julia B Trustee to Oconnor Michael Trustee; 12633 Robert St Paulding Oh 45879; 0.3444 acres; Lot 21 S50' & Lot 22 N50'Noneman Em Acres Allot#3 Paulding Village

KNIGHTS CRUISE TO WIN OVER PANTHERS

CONVOY - Crestview rebounded from losses to rivals Lincolnview and Wayne Trace last weekend with a 65-51 victory over Paulding in Northwest Conference boys basketball action Friday night.
The Knights took control of the contest in the first quarter, opening a 19-12 advantage at the end of eight minutes of action.
Paulding scored 13 second quarter points compared to Crestview's dozen as the Panthers trimmed the deficit to 31-25 at the intermission.

However, the Knights extended the margin in the third quarter with 16 markers in the third period while Paulding added a dozen as the hosts posted a 47-37 lead entering the final period.
Crestview then sealed any doubt with 18 fourth quarter markers while limiting the Panthers to 14 to set the final margin at 65-51.
Kalen Etzler topped Crestview with 21 points while Gavin Etzler bucketed 17 for the Knights, who improve to 10-11 overall and 3-4 in the Northwest Conference.
Carson Kreisler bucketed eight markers for Crestview with Nathan Lichtle and J.J. Ward both recording six. Brody Brecht and Kaden Short rounded out the Knight scorers with four and three points, respectively.
Blake McGarvey topped a trio of Panthers in double figures with 18 points while Payton Beckman added 15 and Hunter Kausar posted 11.
Caleb Manz finished with four points and Seth Dysinger chipped in three for the maroon and white, which falls to 6-13 in all games and 2-5 in the league.
Paulding wraps up regular season action with a road game at Edgerton on Thursday before hosting Lincolnview on Friday.

WARRIORS RUT FREMONT FOR 13th WIN

FREMONT - Woodlan hit the road Saturday night where the Warriors rolled past host Fremont 62-34 to improve to 13-7 on the season.
After being tied at 15-15 at the end of one quarter, the Warriors dominated the second quarter by outscoring the Eagles 10-2 as Woodlan grabbed a 25-17 advantage at the midway point.
Woodlan then pulled away in the third quarter, picking up 20 points compared to Fremont's seven with the Warriors opening a 45-24 lead entering the final stanza.
Kameron Colclasure paced the way for Fremont with 11 points while Ethan Bontrager added seven and Logan Brace chipped in six. Justin Loy (four), Kaleb Gannon (three) and Nick Miller (three) also scored for the Eagles, who fall to 7-11 on the season.
Bontrager and Brace picked up seven rebounds apiece for the Eagles while Colclasure dished out three assists and recorded three steals.
Joe Reidy topped the Warriors with 14 points with Aiden Bayman and Mitch Mendenhall each scoring a dozen points.
Brennan Donovan posted nine markers for Woodlan, who hosts Eastside on Tuesday before welcoming in Norwell for a non-league battle Saturday night.
Also scoring for the Warriors were Colin Hahn (six), Trevor Wiedenhoef (four), Christian Moore (two), Nick Jones (two) and Simon Handerson (one).

GOLDEN BEARS PROVE TO BE TOO MUCH FOR PANTHERS

PAULDING - Bryan outscored in each of the first three quarters and the Golden Bears cruised to a 57-43 win over Paulding Saturday in non-league boys basketball action.
The Golden Bears jumped out to an 11-3 advantage after one quarter before adding 20 second quarter points compared to Paulding's 14, giving Bryan a 31-17 lead at the midway point of the contest.
Quarter number three saw the Golden Bears expand the margin further as Bryan picked up 16 points with Paulding scoring 13, putting the Golden Bears on top 47-30 at the end of three periods.
Reese Jackson led all scorers in the contest, bucketing 26 points to pace the Bryan offensive attack.
Titus Rohrer chipped in 11 markers for the Golden Bears, who improve to 15-6 overall on the season.
Canon Lamberson added nine points for Bryan with Connor Arthur scoring six and Caleb Zuver added five.
Paulding was paced by Hunter Kausar with 18 points while Blake McGarvey chipped in nine and Seth Dysinger bucketed seven.
Payton Beckman also had five with Caleb Manz and Zach Gorrell both finishing with a bucket for the Panthers as Paulding drops to 6-14 overall on the year.
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ARNOLD SPORTS FESTIVAL

The 2020 Arnold Sunday Showcase will feature Arnold Schwarzenegger along with bodybuilding greats eight-time Mr. Olympia and 2001 Arnold Classic champion Ronnie Coleman, eight-time Mr. Olympia Lee Haney, 2019 Arnold Classic champion and current Mr. Olympia Brandon Curry and four-time Arnold Classic champ Flex Wheeler. The Arnold Sunday Showcase is from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 8 at the Battelle Grand at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Coleman and Haney will do a meet-and-greet with fans from 9:30-10:00 a.m.
The 2020 Arnold Sports Festival hosts 22,000 athletes from 80 nations around the world who will be competing in 80+ events. The Arnold runs March 5-8. There will be a Party with the Pros on Saturday evening, March 7th, which is Arnold Shwarzenegger's official after party for the week. It will take place at ExpressLive! in Columbus. For more information about tickets, go to www.ticketmaster.com/arnold.

LADY WILDCATS SHOW COUGARS WHO'S BOSS

On February 13th, the varsity girls of Lima Bath traveled to Cougar's gym in Van Wert for high school girls basketball. The Wildcats were ready for some fierce competition and compete they did! They pounced on the Lady Cougars and took a win home this evening. Final score: 61-42.
Score by the Quarter:
Van Wert - 6 9 15 12 = 42
Bath - 14 11 14 22 = 61
Scorers of the Game:
Van Wert - Houg 12, Rickard 9, A Schaufelberger 7, Clouse 6, Welch 4, Young 2, C Smith 2
Bath - R Bolon 20, C Clark 13, Renner 12, Hardison 8, E Bolon 8
JV - Van Wert 44, Bath 34

THE WEST BEND NEWS
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER
Plaintiff,
vs.
ELLEN L. HANKINSON, AKA ELLEN LOUISE HANKINSON NKA ELLEN L. PUTNAM, et.al.
Defendants
Case No. Cl 19-188
Judge Tiffany Righter-Beckman
TO: Ellen Louise Hankinson and Glen W. Putnam
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 625 N. Water Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879
Please take notice that an amended complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against Ellen L. Hankinson, et.al. seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Ellen Louise Hankinson, to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by them.
The real property in question is situated in the Village of Paulding, and the State of Ohio and more fully described as follows:
Lot Number Two (2) of Barnes Subdivision of Lots in the Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio
Ann Pease, Clerk
Court of Common Pleas
Paulding County, Ohio
By: *[Signature]*
Deputy
Respectively submitted,
[Signature]
Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)
Paulding County, Ohio
Prosecuting Attorney
120 S. Walnut Street
Paulding, Ohio 45879
419-399-8270

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26
MyCUMORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
CHARITY C. BOLLMAN, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. Cl 19 134.
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 19th day of March, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., the real estate located at:
3020 US 127, Haviland
Parcel Number: 24-19S-008-00
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 Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) 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 2nd day of April, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. The purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.
The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.
Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.
TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued.
The successful bidder will have 30 days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the successful bidder has 30 days to file a written motion requesting the sale shall be set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed 90 days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.
Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds.
Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
Matthew McKelvey, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
BRANDI N. KELLER, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. Cl 19 153
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307 Main Street, Oakwood, Ohio 45873
Parcel Numbers: 10-16S-035-00 and 10-16S-055-00
A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.
Said premises appraised at Thirty-nine Thousand and No/100 (\$39,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.
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PAULDING PRIDE BASKETBALL



Paulding High School hosted the Paulding Pride Adult and Varsity basketball team, who played against the high school staff on January 31st. The Paulding Pride JV team played during halftime.

CIVIC THEATRE ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR MAMMA MIA!



Auditions for Mamma Mia! will be held on Sunday, February 23 and Monday, February 24 at 7 p.m. at 118 South Race Street in Van Wert, Ohio. Director Chad Kraner, Music Director Dee Fisher, and Choreographer Kim Pollock need a large cast with ages ranging from high school to beyond.

Sophie is getting married soon and has a dream of being walked down the aisle by her father, a man whose name she does not know. When she discovers her mother Donna was romancing three men 9 months before her birth, Sophie invites the three men to her wedding with the hope of discovering which is her father. The music of ABBA interweaves with this story of friendship and love.

Those auditioning should bring a short (90 second) prepared song that showcases your vocal range and abilities. Piano accompaniment will be provided. Come dressed to move as you will be asked to do a few dance moves during audi-

tions. Show dates are May 7, 8, 9, 10*, 14, 15, 16, 17*, 2020. Visit vwct.org or email Chad Kraner at chad@vwct.org for more information.

WARNING: COYOTES COULD BE WATCHING YOU



Increasingly drawn to life in and around cities, coyotes might be losing their tendency to be reclusive and their fear of the neighbors.

A researcher with The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) is trying to find out: Has city life changed coyotes?

Wildlife biologist Stan Gehrt, who has researched coyotes in the Chicago area for the past two decades, recently began a study on the personality of coyotes in Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati, in addition to those in Chicago. Gehrt will explore whether coyotes living in or around cities are becoming more bold, and if so, what's causing the change in their disposition.

If these wild urban dwell-

ers have become more audacious, was the change a result of nature/genetic changes, or nurture, what they've learned in their environment from being around people?

"Coyotes spend a lot of time watching us," Gehrt said. "They're learning from us. We know that they are always in close proximity to people even though people might not know it."

A change in personality might explain the occasional coyote attacking someone, or it might be that the coyote acted out of the norm, possibly because it was rabid.

Consider some recent run-ins. On a freeway ramp in January, a coyote darted toward a Columbus police officer and bit him while he stood outside his patrol car. A little over a week later, a coyote bit a 6-year-old boy in the head near a downtown Chicago park, and that same night, also in Chicago, a man reported that a coyote bit him on the back side. In all three cases, the coyote struck—apparently unprovoked.

"The vast majority of coyotes in cities have a healthy fear of people—as they should," Gehrt said. "But when they lose their fear, that's when you might find someone being bit."

Long inhabitants of West Coast cities, coyotes have moved eastward into the Midwest and East Coast. And in the past two decades, they're not just drifting through cities, they're moving in, having babies, and setting up territories, Gehrt said.

"They found the life was pretty good," Gehrt said. In cities, coyotes can thrive. Their survival rate is significantly higher in a city than in a rural area, where the wild animals are more likely to be trapped or hunted, Gehrt said.

And food abounds in cities: squirrels, rabbits, mice, trash people leave behind, pet food for dogs and cats.

"What we find is coyotes

are taking advantage of all of those," he said.

What little time coyotes sleep, they aren't fussy about where.

"They can just curl up under a bush or behind a building or in the tall grass, if there is tall grass," Gehrt said.

Even with more coyotes living in cities and suburbs, they rarely injure people because, for the most part, coyotes prefer to avoid people, even if they're nearby, he said.

Occasionally coyotes will step out in an area with people—just to see if they can. How people respond can determine whether the coyote feels it can claim the area, Gehrt said. Running back into the house teaches coyotes that it's OK for them to be in that area.

"You should scare them away. You have to teach the coyotes where they can and cannot be," he said. "To a large extent, they are not dangerous, but you do need to be vigilant."

It's unclear how many coyotes are living in Ohio or in the United States, Gehrt said. Despite the federal government's many efforts to reduce their populations by killing some of them, coyotes have doubled their geographic range over the past 50 years, spreading in every direction.

"What's really remarkable about their expansion is that people have done everything they can to try to exterminate them," Gehrt said. "Despite our best efforts, they've increased their range and their abundance."

For more information about urban coyotes, visit go.osu.edu/urbancoyote, or for information about state wildlife regulations on hunting and trapping coyotes, visit go.osu.edu/coyotereg.

MUSTANGS CAPTURE NWC WRESTLING TITLE

COLUMBUS GROVE - The Northwest Conference wrestling tournament was held at Columbus Grove High School on Saturday with the Allen East Mustangs winning the championship to get past second place Spencerville and third place Bluffton.

The Mustangs totaled 341 points to coast to the title over the Bearcats, who finished second at 223 points. Bluffton was third with 218-1/2 followed by Delphos Jefferson (178-1/2), Columbus Grove (171), Paulding (159), Ada (106) and Lincolnview (73).

Paulding senior Jordan Mudel claimed a conference title in the 132 pound weight class, winning 9-3 in the championship match over Delphos Jefferson's Anthony Bodine.

Senior teammate Cole Mabis also captured a league title by winning the 182 pound weight class, defeating Bluffton sophomore Jackson Wilson in the championship match.

Panther freshman Charity Schnepf claimed fourth place at 106 while freshman Sheridan Matty took fifth place at 113. Freshman Hailey Stahl also recorded a sixth place finish at 126 for the maroon and white with freshman Dawson Lamb taking fourth at 138.

At 145, sophomore Brody Fisher placed fourth while fellow sophomore Jeremiah Smith finished seventh in the 152 pound weight class. Sophomore Kelvin Ankney picked up sixth place at 160 and senior Riley Coil took third at 195. Senior Braeden Pease also placed sixth for the Panthers in the 285 pound weight class.

Lincolnview sophomore Tristan Taylor seized fourth in the 113 pound weight class with freshman Dylan Bowyer grabbing second at 160, falling to Allen East senior Blake Hershberger in the championship match.

Freshman Tyler Ulrey used a 9-4 victory over Spencerville freshman Reyce Robey to finish third at 170 with Lancer junior Louis Ulrey posting a fourth place finish at 285.

PAULDING COUNTY WRESTLING DUALS

Recently, the 3 Paulding County high school wrestling teams met up on the mat for some county competition.

Paulding vs Antwerp:
106 - Schneep, PAU, defeated Forfeit ANT
113 - Reinhart, ANT, defeated Matty, PAU, Fall 2:59
120 - Preston, ANT, defeated Stahl, PAU, Fall 3:18
126 - Mudel, PAU, defeated Mills, ANT, Dec 4-3
132 - Lengacher, ANT, defeated Wannemacher, PAU, Fall 3:56

138 - Lamb, PAU, defeated Gonzalez, ANT, Fall 0:31
145 - Fisher, PAU, defeated Wagner, ANT, Fall 0:50
152 Smith, PAU, defeated Forfeit ANT
160 - Hull, PAU, defeated Forfeit ANT

170 - Wilson, ANT, defeated Breier, PAU, Dec 5-1
182 - Mabis, PAU, defeated Forfeit ANT
195 - Coil, PAU, defeated Forfeit ANT
220 - Double Forfeit
285 Pease, PAU, defeated Forfeit ANT
Final Score: WT 51, ANT 21

Paulding vs Wayne Trace
106 - Schneep, PAU, defeated James, WT, Dec 6-4
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113 - Sutton, WT, defeat-

ed Matty, PAU, Fall 1:00

120 - Stahl, PAU, defeated Hornish, WT, Fall 0:58

126 - Boroff, WT, defeated Mudel, PAU, Fall 0:58

132 - Moore, WT, defeated Wannemacher, PAU, Fall 1:25

138 - Long, WT, defeated Lamb, PAU, Fall 2:35

145 - Epple, PAU, defeated Doe, WT, Fall 2:15

145 - Meggison, WT, defeated Fisher, PAU, Fall 2:44

152 - Rupp, WT, defeated Smith, PAU, Fall 2:43

160 - Moore, WT, defeated Hull, PAU, Fall 0:48

170 - Ankney, PAU, defeated Forfeit, WT

182 - Breier, PAU, defeated Forfeit, WT

195 - Mabis, PAU, defeated Forfeit, WT

220 - Coil, PAU, defeated Woolbright, WT, Fall 1:39

285 - Graham, WT, defeated Pease, PAU, Fall 1:44

Final Score: PAU 33, WT 48

GREEN MEADOWS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES ALL-CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETES WINTER 2020

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce the All-Conference Scholar Athletes for the Winter Sports season of 2020. To be eligible for this honor, the athlete must be a senior, participate and letter in a recognized sport or cheerleading and have a 3.5 GPA or better after 7 semesters.

ANTWERP:
Blake Schuette, Chloe Saul, Aleyah Cline

AYERSVILLE:
Logan Schlachter, Marissa Campos, Caden Brown, Kryshel Dales, Callie Dishop

EDGERTON:
Madison Smith, Coral Piocillo, Emma Siebenaler, Jaron Cape, Grace Nye, Elliot Roth, Serina Imm, Casey Leppelmeier, Ally Cape, Faith Hermann

FAIRVIEW:
Cade Polter, Kendall Baker, Riley Mealer, Meta Grine, Elizabeth Vetter, Megan Leichty, Hannah Burroughs

HICKSVILLE:
Nathalie Swenson, Peyton Yoder, Brooklyn Graber, Kennedy Villena, Mackenzie Miller, Sophie Clark, Janice Green

HOLGATE:
Blake Hattemer, Rylie Schuller, Kylee Sugg, Ruth Wenzinger, Raena Willett

TINORA:
Aaliyah Hurtt, Tim Meyer, Aaron Short, Eve Westhoven

WAYNE TRACE:
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FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio – Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Matt Teders, assigned to Madison County, recently participated in the Audubon's Christmas Bird Count, the 120th consecutive year for the survey. The area where Officer Teders participated in the count focused on the Little and Big Darby creek corridors. Officer Teders used his local knowledge to help the birders explore new state-owned areas, including a state park, wildlife production areas and scenic river properties. Officer Teders also used his knowledge of waterfowl hunting to guide volunteers to areas of duck concentrations. The volunteers were quick to share bird identification tips and tricks. Officer Teders spoke to the group about the role wildlife officers fill within the conservation community. These individuals now have the familiarity with wildlife officers and knowledge to help report violations. The volunteers recorded 60 different species within the count boundaries, including four that were newly documented. Information collected by these volunteers over the past century is important for ornithologists and conservation biologists to measure how bird species fare over time.

Northwest Ohio – Wildlife District Two

During the 2019 youth deer-gun season, State Wildlife Officer Ryan Kennedy, assigned to Hardin County, observed a youth hunter sitting alone. Officer Kennedy contacted the hunter and while doing so, located the adult who was supposed to be accompanying the youth. The adult hunter was in possession of a crossbow and admitted he was hunting deer. During the youth gun season, adults must accompany all youth hunters and are not eligible to hunt at the same time. The adult hunter also had a statewide warrant for his arrest. Officer Kennedy placed the hunter in custody and issued him a citation for hunting deer while accompanying a youth hunter during the youth deer-gun season. Officer Kennedy was assisted by the Findlay Police Department during the investigation. The hunter pleaded guilty and received a \$145 fine and court costs.

Northeast Ohio – Wildlife District Three

In August 2019, the Lake

Erie Law Enforcement Unit was on patrol in Ashtabula County checking walleye anglers. A boat was observed returning from Lake Erie at the Lakeshore Park ramp in the morning. Later that day, the boat launched again with the same two anglers on board. The boat returned from the second trip on the lake around 7 p.m. Lake Erie Investigators Jason Hadsell and Matt Fisher contacted the anglers to check their catch. Upon inspection, they discovered 10 walleyes in the boat. Investigator Hadsell questioned the anglers about their first trip earlier that day and discovered they had also caught a limit in the morning. The walleyes were seized as evidence and a summons was issued to each angler for five walleyes over the daily bag limit. Both were found guilty in court and paid \$250 in restitution and \$95 in fines and court costs. They also received a one-year fishing license revocation.

While working waterfowl enforcement, State Wildlife Officer Aaron Brown, assigned to Wayne County, observed a group of individuals hunting ducks in a marsh. Officer Brown contacted the men and checked their licenses. One individual was hunting waterfowl without a valid Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp and was charged with the offense. The man appeared in the Wayne County Municipal Court, was convicted, and paid \$140 in fines and costs.

During the deer-gun season, State Wildlife Officer Jason Warren, assigned to Ashtabula County, discovered information about an illegally harvested deer. When Officer Warren learned of the illegal harvest, he seized the antlered deer. After the deer was processed, Officer Warren donated the venison to the Ashtabula County Food Bank. A staff member at the facility graciously thanked him for the donation.

Southeast Ohio – Wildlife District Four

In January, State Wildlife Officer Chris Dodge, assigned to Hocking County, received information through the Turn-In-a-Poacher (TIP) program at 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437) that a person shot a deer with a shotgun outside of the deer-gun season. According to the report, the caller heard two gunshots and then stepped outside, where the individual observed a dead deer in the woods and a person nearby. Officer Dodge and State

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Wildlife Officer Jared Abele responded and were able to identify a suspect. Further investigation revealed the suspect shot the deer with a shotgun during the archery season. The suspect had neither a hunting license nor a deer permit. The suspect was issued summonses for taking a deer with an unlawful implement, hunting without a license, and hunting without a deer permit. The deer was seized as evidence and donated to a food pantry after it was processed. The shotgun was seized as evidence and is pending forfeiture. The case is pending in the Hocking County Municipal Court.

FOOD INSECURITY SUMMIT AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE TO EXPLORE THE PROBLEM AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

Food insecurity is defined by the Oxford Dictionary as "that state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food." In Allen County Indiana, the 2017 Feeding America report found that food insecurity affects 13.3% of people in Allen County, with that number increasing to 17.2% for children.

To shed light on the problem and possible solutions, the student organizations in the College of Professional Studies at Purdue University Fort Wayne will host a Food Insecurity Summit on Thursday, Feb. 20. The Summit is an opportunity for the public to learn about this issue and what can be done to help. Those attending will also experience the dining limitations of families living in food deserts, several of which are scattered around Fort Wayne and Allen County.

The summit will be facilitated by Patricia Eber, professor and chair of the Department of Human Services, and Eric Manor, director of wellness and fitness and the

Pantry at Purdue Fort Wayne. Additionally, a panel of community experts on food insecurity will discuss the issue. Panel members are:

Jered Blanchard, community wellness coordinator, Purdue Extension Office

Laura Dwire, community programs manager, St. Joseph Community Health Foundation

Kathy Wehrle, lead community outreach registered dietitian nutritionist, certified lifestyle medicine practitioner, Parkview Health

Six resource tables from community agencies will offer further information to summit-goers.

The summit will be from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Classic Ballroom, located in Walb Student Union on the Purdue Fort Wayne campus. It is free and open to the public.

The student organizations which are collaborating on the summit are:

Chi Eta Sigma—Counselor Education program in the School of Education

Tau Upsilon Alpha—Department of Human Services Hospitality Management Association—Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management

Kappa Delta Pi—Educational Leadership graduate program and Undergraduate Teacher preparation program in the School of Education

Pi Alpha Alpha—Department of Public Policy

For more information, contact Sharon Parnin, clinical assistant professor, at 260-481-6063 or parnins@pfw.edu.

OHIO EPA ISSUES LATEST WATER QUALITY REPORT

Ohio EPA released the draft 2020 water quality report that outlines the general condition of Ohio's waters and includes a list that identifies impaired waters that are

not meeting their federal or state water quality goals, as well as waters that have improved to meet their goals.

The draft report highlights that between the 2002 and 2020 biennial reporting cycles, the percentage of large river miles in full attainment of federal water quality goals has increased from 62.5 percent to 88.2 percent. Significant large rivers assessed in the draft report include the Cuyahoga, Tuscarawas, and Whitewater rivers.

"This is a clear sign that our work and long-term investments in Ohio to improve water quality are succeeding," says Ohio EPA Director Laurie A. Stevenson.

For 2020, Ohio EPA is placing a high priority on Lake Erie's Western Basin (from the Michigan/Ohio state line to the Marblehead Lighthouse) for impairments to recreation and drinking water due to harmful algae and microcystin. Ohio EPA had previously designated the Western Basin as impaired for these reasons in 2016 and 2018. As a result of the new high priority designation, Ohio EPA will develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Western Basin over the next two to three years.

Ohio EPA will present information about the draft impaired waters list through a webinar on March 2, 2020,

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

at 2 pm. The webinar may be viewed at Ohio EPA's Central Office in the Center for Excellence, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, or by joining online.

The summary of each water body assessment unit is available online at epa.ohio.gov/dsw/tmdl/OhioIntegratedReport.aspx. Visit this website to review specifics concerning water bodies that are impaired or delisted.

Written comments on the draft list of impaired water bodies may be submitted by mail no later than March 13, 2020, to epa.tmdl@epa.ohio.gov, or in writing to Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, Attn: 303(d) comments. Comments submitted after this date will be considered as time and circumstances permit. Following public review and comments, a final report will be submitted to U.S. EPA.



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JOINT STATEMENT FROM VILLAGE OF PAYNE & PAULDING COUNTY EMA



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In a joint statement by the Village of Payne and the Paulding County EMA, the odor coming from the sewer, in isolated areas of the downtown has been tracked and traced back to the Payne Mara Mart Gas Station, on the corner of Main and Bailey Street. The odor was first detected on Monday Afternoon. Village officials, along with the fire department and the water/sewer started to track and trace where it was coming from. On Tuesday, the fire chief contacted Edward Bohn, Paulding County Emergency Management Director to get involved. With the instrumentation of the fire department and EMA, the odor was determined to not be flammable or a health hazard, even though people were complaining of headaches. Two local businesses temporarily closed, Good Time Saloon and Puckerbrush Pizzeria, due to the smell and the employees having headaches.

On Wednesday, the village firefighters and the wa-

ter/sewer department personnel began opening-up the manholes covers on Main Street and Merrin Street, where the odor was being reported. Director Bohn was called back to the village, using the county's five gas meter to get air samples from the sewer. Once again, no flammable hydrogen sulfide, or oxygen deficient readings were being detected, however a sheen was noticed on the water. After tracking it back to the storm sewer on the northeast corner of Main Street, it was petroleum product that appeared to be coming from the Mara Mart gas station. Ohio EPA was then notified.

On Thursday, village officials met with Ohio EPA, the fire marshal's BUSTER representative and management from C&Y Oil company, the owners of Mara Mart. The results from the testing and monitoring from the previous days and on Thursday confirmed it was gasoline that had been getting into the sewer. C&Y Oil man-

agement immediately took action to rectify the problem and hired an Environmental Clean-up Company to come in and address the situation. From Thursday afternoon through most of SEC and ERS Company personnel were on sight to deal with the leaking product and to evacuate the odor from the sewer.

At no time, were there any concern for the drinking water being contaminated, nor the safety and wellbeing were the public being exposed to the odors, people smelling. At this time, it is not determined the quantity of the product that leaked into the sewer, but the problem is being dealt with under the guidance of the Ohio EPA and BUSTER. Mayor Steve Wobler stated "I am pleased with the efforts of the village's fire department, water/sewer department and Mara Mart to find the problem and work towards correcting the issue". The community will continue to be informed as events progress. Direct Bohn will stay on top of the situation and keep all parties, informed of any necessary updates.

Contact numbers for the Village of Payne (419)-263-2514

Contact Number for Mara Mart/C&Y Oil (419)-551-9965

GOING GREEN FOR AG WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN NEW HAVEN

4th in the series- Seeing Green: Fields & Profits

Farmers and conservation professionals interested in learning more about innovative technologies in farming are invited to attend the "Going Green for Ag, New Practices and Technology" workshop on March 17, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at The Orchid Event Center, 11508 Lincoln Hwy. E, New Haven, IN.

Participants will hear from a variety of speakers on topics such as: extracting phosphorus from manure; interseeding cover crops; drainage water management; soil health; Farmer-to-Farmer, a new program through The Nature Conservancy; and the new H2Ohio Program, what Indiana should know about our neighbor's efforts to protect water quality.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service is a sponsor of the event along with Indiana's State Department of Agriculture and the Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District.

While especially relevant to farmers and other landowners, the workshop will benefit anyone working in the conservation community. Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits have been requested for this event.

Admission is free, including a light lunch, but you must RSVP to the Allen County Soil & Water Conservation District by phone 260-484-5848 ext. 3, or email ssp2655@gmail.com by March 13th to reserve your seat.

For more information, contact Sharon Partridge, Assistant Program Administrator, Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District, ssp2655@gmail.com or 260-755-8111.

ARCHER BASKETBALL MAKES SCHOOL HISTORY!



The Antwerp boys take the GMC title. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Antwerp Archers are making history just like Paulding County this year! This year the Antwerp Archer boys Basketball team has broken the most records in the school's 106 year history.

This team has broken the following records:

- Most consecutive wins to start a season

- Most consecutive wins in the regular season - 28 currently

- Most consecutive wins on the road regular season - tied at 12

- 50 wins ; 15 GMC wins

- 3rd time in history for Archer basketball to have 20+ wins in a season

- 5th time for Archer

basketball to have a Perfect League Record.

It is highly anticipated to see these athletes in action for the upcoming OHSAA state tournament. They earned a Bye in the first round of the Sectional play. Archers play at Napoleon on February 28, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. against the winner of Stryker/Hilltop.

NEW HAVEN MAYOR STEVE McMICHAEL RELEASES STATEMENT REGARDING RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON ELECTRIC WORKS NEW ANCHOR TENANT

New Haven Mayor Steve McMichael released the following statement regarding the recent Press Conference held and announcement made by Electric Works regarding Do it Best Corp. in New Haven.

Mayor McMichael said, "While I am saddened by the news that Do it Best, a great corporate resident of New Haven since 1948, is moving to Electric Works, I am optimistic about the future of the entire Fort Wayne Region of which New Haven is proud to be a big part of. Electric Works is a transformative

project for all of Northeast Indiana and the benefits of the project will expand across all of Allen County and Northeast Indiana."

In discussions with President and CEO Dan Starr, I have pledged my commitment to work together to make the transition as seamless as possible for the company and its employees, many of which also call New Haven home. Further, I applaud Do it Best for looking to meet their needs in the area rather than relocating to a different area or different state.

While these announcements are never easy, I am confident that many Do it Best employees will continue to call New Haven home. The current facility will be occupied quickly by a new company that will discover what a great community New Haven

is to live, work, play or conduct business.

Our future in New Haven is bright as we are in discussions with many others looking to invest in our great community!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

If you have a child in the Wayne Trace District that will be Five years old before September 1st, 2020 now is the time to Register them for the 2020 - 2021 school year. This is for Transitional Kindergarten and Traditional Kindergarten. Please stop by the school or call 419-587-3414 Opt 3 for Grover Hill or 419-263-2512 Opt 4 for Payne to get your registration packet.

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