

WOODLAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NAMED 'INTERN OF THE YEAR'



Taylor Wylie, a senior at Woodlan Jr. Sr. High School received the Indiana INTERNet Impact Award for High School Intern of the Year! The award celebrated Taylor's accomplishments as an ICE (Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education) internship student. The ICE

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WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH & CHICKEN STRIP DINNER

Woodburn Lutheran School, 4502 State Road 101 N., Woodburn, IN will host an all you can eat fish & chicken strip dinner prepared by Dan's Fish Fry, 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020. The menu includes "all you can eat" fish and /or chicken strips, in addition, two of the following menu items may be chosen with each meal: coleslaw, green beans, apple sauce or au gratin potatoes. Drinks and a variety of desserts are also included. Carry out dinners are available.

Woodburn Lutheran School is a Christian School providing a Christ-centered education to the families of East Allen County for the past 60 years. WLS invites all to come and enjoy our annual Fish Fry.

AHS CHEERLEADERS HEAD TO STATE!



Pictured in front row: Megan O' Donnell, Chloe Saul, Summer Franklin. 2nd row: Emmerston Litzenberg, Morgan Boesch, Hannah Rettig, Mia Altimus. 3rd row: Siera Octaviano, Kiera Reyes, Jaidis Getrost, Lauren Schuller, Holly Sanders. Back row: Hailey Grant, Maycee Contreras, Aleyah Cline, Maddie Smith, Ali Reinhart

The Archer competition squad began practicing in June 2019 and competed for the first time in August. The squad was 2nd place at Defiance County Fair, 3rd place at Van Wert County Fair, and 1st place at the Ayersville cheer leading competition. The Archers competed at the regional cheer leading com-

petition on Sunday, February 9, where they performed well enough to move onto the state competition in March. The Archers will compete on Sun-

day, March 1, at Ohio State for a chance to win the Division 6 state title. The squad is coached by Kelli Bradbury & Katie Scharr.

SPRING FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING TO START IN MARCH, 2020

The Village of Antwerp Utility Department intends to start hydrant flushing starting the week of March 2, 2020. The first area to be flushed will be located south of River Street, depending on weather this process should take the four weeks. Starting approximately March 30, 2020 hydrants north of River Street will be flushed. The above schedule is contingent on weather and/or emergency

repairs. Residents may experience temporary discolored water during this process. If no-

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- February 26**
- Lenten Lunches @ First Pres. Church, Paulding, 12-1pm
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm
- February 27**
- Open Mic @ Continental Legion, 6-8:30pm
- February 29**
- Concealed Carry Class @ Antwerp Cons Club
 - Euchre Tournament @ Zion Luth Church, Woodburn, 5:30pm
- March 3**
- FW Comm Band @ PFW, 7:30pm
- March 4**
- Lenten Lunches @ First Pres. Church, Paulding, 12-1pm
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm
- March 5**
- Open Mic @ Continental Legion, 6-8:30pm
- March 6**
- Live Music & S'mores @ Genesis House, Antwerp, 5-8pm
 - Hicksville KofC Fish Fry @ St. Michael's, 4:30-7pm
- March 7**
- Regional Spelling Bee @ PFW Rhinehart Music Ctr, 10am
- March 9**
- Pregnancy Loss Support Group @ Hands of Hope, Paulding, 6:30pm
- March 10**
- Hands of Hope Pulled Pork Fundraiser @ PC OSU Ext., 5-6:30pm
 - Pregnancy Loss Support Group @ Hands of Hope, Paulding, 6:30pm



To add your event to the calendar email info@westbendnews.net
Continual Events must be resubmitted once per month

OBITUARIES



Cecil, OH:
Eugene "Sport" Strable age 90 died Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at the Paulding Co. Hospital.

He was born September 6, 1929 in Paulding County son of the late Adam "Addie" and Leatha (Hill) Strable. On September 24, 1949 he married Joan L. Batt, who preceded him in death on April 21, 2006. He was a member of St. Isadore Catholic Church and a lifelong farmer.

He is survived by three daughters, Melody (Gary) Hurtig, Cecil, Diane (Steve) Wetli, Antwerp, and Gloria (Robert) Craig, Cecil; brothers, Roger (Ruth Ann) Strable, Paulding, and Sam (Ruth) Strable, Cecil; grandchildren: Jason (Shelly) Hurtig, Heather (Adam) Hurtig Moser, Jeremy McMichael, Ashley McMichael, Cory Craig, and Caci (Harvey) Hyman; great grandchildren: Honor Moser, Alivia Moser, Autumn Moser, Gabriel Moser, and Makenna Gunnels; great-great grandchildren: Peyton, Braylix, Aleigha, Tinsley, Vivienne, Harvey and Genevieve.

He is also preceded in death by infant son, Mark; brothers, infant Billy, Richard and Thomas; three sisters, Helen Lewis, Donna Ketterman, Bonnie Batt and Romona Barth.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 11 AM Monday, February 24 at St. Isidore's Catholic Church Delaware Bend, with Rev. Jacob Gordon officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Stephens Cemetery.

Visitation will be 2 - 8 PM Sunday, February 23 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with a rosary service at 7:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations made to a charity of the donor's choice.



MONROEVILLE, IN:
Edmond C. "Chuck" Demongeot, 68, of Monroeville, Indiana passed away on February 21, 2020, at his residence following an unexpected medical event.

He was born on April 29, 1951 to the late Edmond L. Demongeot and Clarice (Reeb) Demongeot who survives. He was united in marriage to Mar-

garet Scott on May 30, 1992 at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Monroeville Indiana and she survives.

Edmond was a member of St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Monroeville. He was a former member of the Knights of Columbus in Paulding, Ohio, where he was also a former member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Antwerp, Ohio, now known as Divine Mercy Catholic Church.

He worked at Omni Source in Fort Wayne, Indiana and retired in 2018 after 28 years of service. Following his retirement he volunteered his time at the Cornerstone Youth Center in Monroeville.

Edmond enjoyed model trains, NASCAR, and anything Ohio State. He was a friendly, quiet mannered family man who never knew a stranger.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Demongeot of Monroeville, IN; mother, Clarice Demongeot of Antwerp, OH; brother, Gary (Twila) Demongeot of Antwerp, OH; brother, Loren Demongeot of Antwerp, OH; and niece and nephew Jill and Derek Demongeot.

A prayer service will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at the Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel in Monroeville followed by a 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian burial at the St Rose de Lima Church in Monroeville, with Father Michael Lobo officiating. Interment will follow in the St Rose de Lima Catholic Cemetery in Monroeville, Indiana.

Family and Friends will be received from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2020 at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home Jacobs Chapel in Monroeville. The reciting of the Holy Rosary will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials can be made to Cornerstone Youth Center, St Rose de Lima Catholic School or Masses.

Arrangements by Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel in Monroeville, Indiana

REHABILITATION HOSPITAL STROKE PATIENT SPEAKS ON FAITH DURING JOURNEY TO RECOVERY

Many cringe at the sight of snow on a cold winter day, but not Dioscar Kirenga. Being able to witness the beauty of winter was an uphill battle for Dioscar, a 23 year-old immersed in the tedious requirements of medical school. After suffering a stroke just months before his 24th birthday, finding the best care possible for his recovery became an urgent priority.

The platform, "Positively LHN," looks share mission stories and patient testimonials from each facility within the network. Visit www.lutheranhealth.net/positively-lhn regularly to follow along with stories like this:

December 5, 2019 would be a day Dioscar and his family would never forget. After suffering a stroke at the age of 23, he became confined to a Rwandan hospital bed in a room packed with five other patients. During this time, he was receiving little medical intervention to help aid in recovery. His



loved ones refused to settle for basic care and became determined to find another option. After countless days of searching what was available back home in Indiana, fiancé Riley Scott and her mom, Salina, found Lutheran's Rehabilitation Hospital, a 36-bed facility dedicated to helping patients regain independence from serious injuries or illness.

Both Riley and her mom immediately knew this was the best possible choice for Dioscar's needs, but after having already spent over three weeks after his stroke in a hospital bed, the most critical time to begin the recovery process, there was alarming concern just how much therapy would actually do to help him.

The process for medical transportation to the United States for care commonly takes between 60-90 days to complete. After 20 days and one plane trip, Dioscar was on his feet doing therapy in the gym at the Rehabilitation Hospital.

Patients at the Rehabilitation Hospital are assigned a daily workload to include one hour each of occupational, speech and physical therapy sessions. There was no sitting out. "The therapists were encouraging from day one," Riley said. "There was an immediate sense that this was more than just a job to them and they genuinely wanted Dioscar to succeed."

Upon arrival to the Rehabilitation Hospital, Dioscar was classified as needing "maximum assistance" or continuous, regular care. After intense rounds of therapy seven days a week for several weeks, paired with continual motivation from staff, he can now use a cane to get around more independently and is showing significant signs of improvement with speech. He still has a long journey ahead of him to full recovery, but staff at the facility have been amazed by the rapid improvements they saw within just three weeks of therapy. "It is because of God's plan I am where I am today," Dioscar explained.

On his final full day as a patient, Dioscar, along with a couple other patients, were able to go to the market for a therapy outing, which the Rehabilitation Hospital utilizes heavily so patients are

able to practice newly re-acquired skills in a public setting. Later that day, as all graduating patients do, he was finally able to stamp his handprint on the facility's wall of fame. "From the attention to detail to the friendships he acquired, we could not have asked for a more complete level of care and would not be where we are today if it was not for this group of people who helped us at every step of the journey," Riley stated.

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.

RHODES STATE COLLEGE HOSTS FREE MANUFACTURING TRAINING W/ CREDENTIALS

The West Central Ohio Manufacturing Consortium (WCOMC) will offer Basic Manufacturing Pathway classes March through May, at Rhodes State College, 4240 Campus Drive, Lima. This 10-week class will be held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, March 3 to May 7, 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

This class will include the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council's (MSSC), Certified Production Technician (CPT), credential. Students will take MSSC assessments in Manufacturing Processes, Quality, Safety and Maintenance Awareness with the opportunity to earn certificates in each of these four modules. Students who earn passing scores in all four will earn the MSSC's nationally-recognized CPT certificate. This program will include hands-on training and exercises from the modules.

Students may also earn the WCOMC's Basic Certification, a regionally-recognized credential. Students earning this credential will receive information on employment opportunities and other events weekly to enhance their opportunities to attain employment.

"The Ohio Department of Education recognizes the

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:11-13 NIV

MSSC-CPT credential as an alternative pathway to a high school diploma," said WCOMC Director Doug Durliat. "Persons seeking a credential toward high school graduation may consider this program."

The cost of the MSSC assessments for Lima City residents will be paid by a Community Development Block Grant awarded to Rhodes State by the City of Lima. MSSC assessment costs for non-Lima city residents may be covered through another grant from Rhodes State.

Interested persons may register by calling the WCOMC at 419-995-8353 by March 2.

MVNU BUSINESS STUDENTS INSPIRED TO BE GOSPEL PATRONS

Throughout history, men and women who had the financial means supported others to focus on God's calling. Even Jesus had benefactors who subsidized his ministry. Modern-day patrons are believers who are compelled to give financially in order to give God's kingdom. This was the message Feb. 6, presented to students, staff, faculty and friends of Mount Vernon Nazarene University by John Rinehart, founder of Gospel Patrons.

Rinehart believes God raises two types of people — those who proclaim the Gospel and those who support the Gospel. The mission of Gospel Patrons is to inspire future business leaders to intentionally contribute to Gospel-inspired initiatives so that God's word can be the focus in the lives of those

called to preach.

"When they come together, God does explosive things," Rinehart said.

He reminded the audience, largely composed of business students, they were not given gifts for the business world to acquire shiny new cars or wear the latest trends in fashion, but rather to earn a salary that permits generous giving.

"Earn money. Give it away. Don't keep it," Rinehart said. "This is something we should be doing; don't just let someone else do it."

Rinehart shared videos of how modern-day patrons are shaping God's kingdom in ways that go beyond placing checks in the collection plate. One couple sponsored school tuition for a minister's children. Another detailed a couple's desire to help a young woman pay her student loans while she settled into life after college, and two brothers in England use their high-paying jobs to sponsor missionaries in areas of the world where they are needed.

Rinehart stressed, however, that even small tokens of generosity can go a long way to bring new people into God's love.

"The question is, how do we grow in generosity? You never know where each step of faith will lead you," he said. "Joy comes from giving generously; it is like no other joy."

The program was sponsored by MVNU's Business Department and partially funded by the Arts, Lectures, and Programs Committee.

For more information on Gospel Patrons, visit www.gospelpatrons.org.

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 career goals. Taylor is a CNA program at Woodlan Jr.Sr. High School allows high school seniors to combine on-the-job work experience with classroom instruction and training in a career field related to the student's academic preparation, pathway and

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EARLY RECORDS HELD IN THE PAULDING COUNTY COURTHOUSE, PART 1

By: Jane Nice

Paulding County Bicentennial Committee Part of a series

PAULDING - Following the Bicentennial kick-off program at the Branch Christian Fellowship Church on the evening of February 12, dignitaries and celebrants crossed the street and flooded the Paulding County Courthouse hallways to admire the building's historic interior and witness the unveiling of 22 pictorial montages displayed therein.

As county residents stood in the hallways of the courthouse that night munching on cookies, swapping stories about memories that the historical pictures jogged, and looking for the faces of their own ancestors, little thought was likely given to move-in day in July 1888 more than 130 years ago after the courthouse was finally completed. Imagine workers trudging up the steps into the freshly plastered building lugging their volumes of books and boxes of records in preparation for conducting official county business in the magnificent new space.

A search has been going on for what records survived fires, floods and purges to make the move into the courthouse more than a century ago and remain there to this day. Of course, some records - even the oldest ones - are available on-line now, and some are stored off-site within the county. Because Paulding County was first under the jurisdiction of Wood County then Williams County, some early documents are in those places or archived at Bowling Green State University. (More on these records in a later article.)

What early records remain right here within our courthouse, and where are they kept? Like a house has closets where its inhabitants store things, the courthouse has vaults - small rooms connected to each office where documents from the past are maintained. These rooms contain custom-made cubbies, dating back to the build-



Hundreds, if not thousands, of leather-bound volumes of records that reveal our history one page at a time are stored in the vaults of the Paulding County Courthouse. Photo courtesy Paulding County Bicentennial Committee.

ing of the courthouse, which organize old metal boxes filled with ink-stained papers that reveal the details of our county's early business.

In addition to these metal boxes, giant leather-bound books - some as big as 18 inches by 14 inches and 3-1/2 inches thick, and weighing more than 30 pounds - rest on their backs on wooden rollers in individual slots spanning all the way from the floor to the ceiling in some vaults. The rollers are necessary to ease the moving of the massive volumes in and out of their spaces.

As the books, heavy with the weight of history, glide from their resting places into the hands of a researcher, the dust drifts and glistens about the room. Opening a volume reveals lines and lines and lines of cursive handwriting, fancy swirls and curly-cues distinct to communication from a bygone era. One has to practice and adjust in order to read from the old script. If a sneeze works itself up, one has to turn away from the book or run from the vault so as not to damage the pages.

Besides the actual written records, these books contain hidden treasures: slips of paper attached with rusty clips or straight pins or just floating between pages, which reveal letterheads from businesses, attorneys, and county officials long gone. Some of the printed materials are quite fancy and ornate, while some are simply handwritten notes on scraps of paper by citizens who are corresponding with county officers.

These hand-written volumes contain the signatures of some of our important early officials like Judge Emery Potter, Judge Alexander Sankey Latty, General Hora-



These 1830s papers are joined by three dots of red wax and are some of the earliest documents stored in the Paulding County Courthouse. Photo courtesy Paulding County Bicentennial Committee.

tio N. Curtis, Judge Fielding Cable and more, while many documents are signed with a simple "X" by citizens who did not have the benefit of education to learn how to write their own names. Within the records, colorful names of regular Paulding County residents like "Deliverance Brown" and "Resolved White" stand out as being unusual.

Which office within the courthouse holds the actual earliest records? As detailed in an earlier article in this series, the earliest records date back to the beginning of time, for Paulding County at least. They are the original field survey notebooks used by surveyor John W. Powell and his assistants in 1819 to establish the boundary lines of what would become Paulding County the following year. These 200-year-old records are in the Paulding County Engineer's office in the basement of the courthouse.

The surveyor's notes from his field books are compiled into a volume titled "Record of Field Notes, U. S. Surveys, Paulding County." In 1819, the surveyor and his crew began their work in the southwest quarter of the soon to be established Paulding County in what would later be named Benton Township. Because the western border of the county was established on the 84 degrees west longitude line and the southern border was roughly on the 41 degrees north latitude line, this southwestern township had two key lines from which the surveyor could work.

The vault with the next earliest records is in the Recorder's office on the main floor of the courthouse. The pages within these volumes have been digitized and can be accessed on computers, which they often are as people actively search for land and deed records during the sale and transfer of property, but the actual books are all still in the vault, resting on their rollers from floor to ceiling.

The earliest land sales reflected in these deeds took place in 1824. Three separate deeds for Paulding County properties were found, all having been purchased from the land office in Piqua, Ohio, on the same date, August 9, 1824, and all from the United States of America. John Oliver, from Piqua, bought just shy of 5 acres in what would later be Auglaize Township. Samuel Reynolds from Delaware County, Ohio, bought the other two properties: one in Section 11 of what would later be Crane Township and the other in Section 12 of the same. Together, these properties totaled around 100 acres

on the bank of the Maumee River.

Were there other purchases of Paulding County property around that time? It is possible. These deed records are indexed by the date they were recorded, which could be soon after the purchase, or much later. In 1824, transportation in the swamp prevented early recordings. The Oliver purchase was recorded in 1832, but for reasons unknown, the Reynolds purchases were not recorded for almost a century, in 1906 and 1910.

To find the next earliest records, one has to climb the staircase to the second story of the courthouse and explore the vault in the County Probate Court. There, stored in a metal box labeled "A1," are papers relating to the settling of the estate of Samuel Banks, dated 1836 and 1837. Some of the writing is illegible and some of the fragile scraps of paper are joined together with red wax.

The first marriage recorded in the county after Paulding came under its own jurisdiction in 1839 was between George Gamble and Nancy Glassmire, who obtained their license from Justice of the Peace Horatio Curtis on November 16, 1839. The "Marriage Certificates Paulding County, 1839-1860, Book 1" can be found in the Probate Court vault.

Documents stored in one of the metal boxes pertaining to an early estate sale list the property of Robert Alexander, late of Brown Township, which was sold at public auction on April 4, 1855. Among the items listed was a hand-saw, which sold for 25 cents and an auger for 50 cents. Elias Alexander purchased both. The auction items that brought the most money were a wagon, which sold for \$13, a red cow for \$17.50, a gray mare for \$34, and a dray mare for \$50.50. The entire sale netted \$132.48 for Alexander's estate.

Next time: Early records held in the Paulding County Courthouse, Part 2.

More information on the

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

LATTA SUPPORTS EFFORT TO PRESERVE THE GREAT LAKES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) released the following statement after voting in support of H.R. 4031, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Act of 2019:

"The Great Lakes are the crown jewel of our region. They are the largest freshwater system in the world and protecting Lake Erie and the other lakes has always been a focus of mine in Congress. Communities in Northwest Ohio rely on the Great Lakes for drinking water and they are the source for jobs, recreation, and more. The GLRI is a significant effort to protect and preserve the Great Lakes so that generations to come have fresh fish to eat and safe water for drinking. But even more than that, this bipartisan and bicameral legislation works to eliminate harmful algal blooms, protect and restore habitats for native species, combat the spread of invasive species, and bolster clean-up efforts in designated Areas of Concern. I am proud the House voted to further address ongoing environmental concerns that threaten public health, water quality, wildlife, and economic disruption."

Congressman Latta serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee and has been a leader in implementing clean drinking water policies. He is a longtime supporter Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and has also joined his colleagues to send multiple letters advocating for the preservation of the Great Lakes. Additionally, Congressman Latta is the author of the Drinking Water Protection Act, a bill that became law in 2015 that amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risk of algal toxins in drinking water.

AVOID THESE ESTATE PLANNING MISTAKES

You save and invest to meet a variety of goals during your lifetime: college for your children, long vacations, a comfortable retirement, and so on. But you probably also want to leave something behind - to your loved ones and, possibly, to the charitable organizations you support. To do so, you'll need to develop a comprehensive estate plan, but to make that plan work, you must avoid some common mistakes.

Here are a few of these pitfalls you'll want to avoid:

- Not writing a will - If you were to die "intestate" - without a last will and testament - the state in which you live would determine how your property was distributed. And the state's decisions may not match what you had in mind at all. Furthermore, a will is where you would name guardians for your minor children.
- Not going beyond a will - While a will is an essential component of estate planning, it's often not enough.

You may need to create other documents, such as a living trust, which, among other benefits, enables your estate to avoid probate, a time-consuming and public process that can lead to disputes among your heirs and others. And a living trust lets you place highly specific conditions on how and when you want your assets distributed. You might also consider other legal documents, including a power of attorney, which allows you to appoint a person or organization to handle your affairs if you can't do so yourself, and a health care directive, which lets you name someone to make health care decisions on your behalf, should you become physically or mentally incapacitated.

• Choosing the wrong executor - An executor is responsible for distributing property to your beneficiaries and paying off any debts and taxes your estate may owe, among other tasks. Because the role of executor is so important, you need to choose someone who is reliable, competent and trustworthy. It's certainly possible to find such an individual in your

own family, but many people choose someone who is either conflicted, too busy or simply not up to the task. If you have doubts about picking a good executor, you may want to turn to a trust company. The costs likely will be higher than if you chose a family member, but the results may be much better.

• Not naming proper beneficiaries - Many of your assets - 401(k), IRA, life insurance and so on - require you to name a beneficiary. These beneficiary designations are powerful, often superseding the instructions in your will. If circumstances change in your life, such as new children, or divorce or remarriage, you may well want to change beneficiaries. It's easy to do - but it's also easy to overlook.

• Not updating ownership of assets - A change in your family situation or changes in the laws governing income and estate taxes could require you to update ownership designations of financial assets.

And here's perhaps the biggest mistake of all: not understanding what's in your estate plan. You need to work closely with your tax, legal and financial professionals to create a plan you fully comprehend and can communicate effectively to your loved ones. Surprises are often pleasant in many areas of life - but estate planning is not one of them.

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ALSTV GET NEW FURNITURE



Pictured here with a picture of their grandma are Jake Eaken, Annabelle James, and Drew Eaken, current students at Antwerp Local School.

Antwerp Local School's ALSTV would like to thank the Jean Detmon Memorial Scholarship fund for purchasing couches and a chair for ALSTV's state-of-the-art studio. Students in the class use the new furniture as they create content for the daily broadcasts that air to the entire school district and community via the ALSTV Archers Live YouTube channel. The furniture will also be used on the set for interviews.

The Jean Detmon Memorial Scholarship fund sponsors scholarships for eight seniors at Antwerp High School every year, but it has also funded projects for the Antwerp Local School Library and now the ALSTV broadcast program. Detmon was a former teacher and librarian at Antwerp High School and also helped launch the broadcast program almost 20 years ago.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
My son is being bullied at school and told to commit suicide. How do I handle this?

First, contact the proper authorities. God gave them their authority for our protection. Romans 13:3-4a - "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good."

Second, teach your son not to return evil for evil, but to overcome evil with good (Romans 12:17-21). Christ was bullied more severely than anyone and showed us how to handle it righteously.

A. He withdrew Himself from His oppressors when appropriate. John 8:59 - "Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through

the midst of them, and so passed by."

B. He showed His oppressors pity and a forgiving spirit. Luke 23:34a - "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

C. He taught and practiced returning good for evil. Matthew 5:43-44 - "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

D. He kept looking at the future joy, victory and reward for His suffering. Hebrews 12:2 - "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

E. He kept quiet and did not retaliate, but instead He committed Himself and the

proper vindication over to His Heavenly Father. 1 Peter 2:23 - "Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously."

Your son will learn, as he follows these examples, that through Christ he has more power than all those who would bully him.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

FORBIDDEN FOODS IN THE BIBLE?

By: Lonnie Lambert, Oakwood Church of Christ

What New Testament passage gives Christians permission to eat pork and other foods formerly forbidden of Jews?

While the Jews were subject to various food laws, forbidding to eat several types of food (e.g. pork), the Christian is under no such restriction today.

Note the following texts: Matthew 15:17-20

"Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man." KJV

Mark 7:15-19

"There is nothing outside the man which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man. ["If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."] When he had left the crowd and entered the house, His disciples questioned Him about the parable. And He said to them, "Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him, because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?" (Thus He declared all foods clean.) NASB

1 Timothy 4:1-5

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving; For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer." KJV

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POPCORN WITH A PURPOSE



Oakwood Kindergarten recently embarked on a new adventure. Our little students have big hearts! They worked with their teachers and volunteers to hold a popcorn sale at Oakwood Elementary. For our first popcorn sale

we sold 330 bags of popcorn and raised just over \$308. The money was used to adopt Anwen, a koala that was injured in the wildfires that happened in Australia. They also had enough money to help plant 28 new food trees. You can

find more information about our adopted koala and how you can help at: <https://shop.koalahospital.org.au/>

We plan to continue our fundraising efforts and make a difference near and far as we raise money to help others.

EVIL HAS AN END

By: Doris Applegate

The times we live in are absolutely CRAZY! If it were not for our faith and trust in Lord, Jesus Christ, we could really despair. But we have a god who created all things and given substance to His creation. We trust the god who is the only God. There are no gods great than God Jehovah. Whoever could outsmart Satan by the great plan to send his only son, Jesus Christ to be born of a woman, become flesh just like us, die on a cross of torture to redeem mankind back to Himself is surely a god that we can worship and trust.

Satan thought that he had our Lord Jesus, but did he get fooled! We give glory, honor and praise to such a great loving god even in the midst of all the evil and sin going on in our world. Our Jesus was so willing to come to earth and die for us, that we love to rejoice, love, praise and serve Him and Him only.

We want no part of sin and evil and when we do sin we ask Jesus to forgive us and we are forgiven. We have the peace of God and sleep well. There is NO other way to live. There in Psalm 5 we see where God has no pleasure in wickedness, nor will evil dwell with Him. He hates all workers of iniquity and the foolish will not stand in His sight. God will destroy those who speak lies and He abhors the bloody and deceitful man. In this Psalm David asks God to lead him in righteousness and make the way straight for him because of his enemies. These people (some like today) have no faithfulness in their mouth, their inward part is very wicked; their throat is an open sepulchre, they flatter

with the tongue.

David asks God to destroy them and let them fall by their own counsels, cast them out in multitudes of their own transgressions for they have rebelled against God. David then asks God to bless those who trust in the Lord and let them shout for joy. For thou Lord, will bless the righteous and with favor, will encompass him about as with a shield. How great is that? Surely the wicked in our government will not stand. Keep the righteous leaders in prayer for protection, wisdom and God's favor.

Amen

FERTILIZER APPLIED YEARS AGO STILL AFFECTS LAKE ERIE

Although corn or soy-

(Continued from Page 1)
ticed, residents should run your tap water until the water is clear. This notice is being given to try to avoid discolor-

beans could not be planted on 1.6 million acres of Ohio farmland last year and little to no fertilizer was applied to those fields, the amount of phosphorus entering Lake Erie still was high.

That might seem odd. After all, many of those unplanted acres were in north-west Ohio, the region that feeds into the Maumee River and ultimately into Lake Erie.

But a lot of phosphorus was already present in fields from fertilizer applied years before, and older phosphorus is another contributor to the level of phosphorus in Lake Erie, said Greg LaBarge, an Ohio State University Extension field specialist. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of Ohio State's College of Food, Agricul-

ation to clothing during the hydrant flushing.

If you have questions, please call the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371.



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WT GROVER HILL STUDENT COUNCIL RECOGNIZED FOR EFFORTS



Student Council members pictured from left to right: Standing – Braxton Schnipke, Jensen Beining, Caden Sinn, and Lance Maenle. Seated – Campbell Volk, Aubree Miller, Addison Stoller, and Zach Stoller.

Grover Hill Student Council spearheads many service projects for their building each year. Lead by Mrs. Jessica Davis, some of the projects include presenting the Veterans Day program, organizing

and promoting specials Spirit & Pride days, collecting recycling items for the building, and supporting a school wide Penny Toss for the needs of American Red Cross. One of their future fund-raising

projects is to design a “school t-shirt.” One of the most rewarding activities for student council to participate in is a canned food drive for Neighbors In Need.

tural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Phosphorus runoff from farm fields is a main cause of the harmful algal blooms plaguing the lake.

“Phosphorus was already in fields, ditches, rivers, and tributaries, and it just moved downstream,” LaBarge said.

The rain added momentum. 2019 was the sixth wettest year on record in Ohio, which increased the chances that phosphorus, an ingredient in fertilizers and manure, would travel downstream with the rainwater, said LaBarge, an agronomist involved in a statewide phosphorus water quality monitoring effort.

Given how much rain the

state received last year, particularly in northwest Ohio, the predictions for the summer phosphorus levels in Lake Erie were even higher than they turned out to be.

The trend toward more and more rain is expected to continue.

For the state to significantly reduce the phosphorus levels in Lake Erie, a lot more needs to be done besides changing the methods and amounts of fertilizer farmers apply each year to their fields, LaBarge said.

He is among 65 presenters at the March 3-4 Conservation Tillage and Technology Conference, an annual event sponsored in part by OSU Extension at Ohio Northern University

tactics considered to reduce phosphorus runoff, from applying fertilizer below the surface of the soil to modifying drainage ditches to slow water flow and allow the phosphorus to settle.

If trying some of these approaches leads farmers to saving money, buying less fertilizer, or earning more from higher yields, farmers will likely adopt them, LaBarge said.

“The practices have to bring about some economic advantage for farmers to have widespread adoption of those practices.”

For more information, visit ctc.osu.edu.

AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO UNCOVERS \$22,238 IN THEFT

Auditor of State Keith Faber released the 2019 audit of the University of Toledo, and issued a finding for recovery against Jason Woodward, a former university employee who spent \$22,238 of the university’s money on personal expenses.

“This case uncovered an appalling abuse of public dollars,” Auditor Faber said. “Student’s pay enough for college, they certainly shouldn’t be footing the bill for this employees personal expenses.”

On July 5, 2019, the Internal Auditor for the university issued a report related to financial activities under the control of Woodward, who resigned during the Laura Johnson, director of the National Center for Water Quality Research at Heidelberg University.

“We can’t significantly reduce the phosphorus levels in Lake Erie by only changing farming practices done each year,” LaBarge said. “We need to look at other things.”

Specifically, LaBarge is referring to improving water drainage systems on fields, more planting of cover crops to increase the soil organic matter and the soil’s ability to retain more water, and installation of phosphorus filters placed underground on fields to strip out phosphorus passing through them.

The fact that little to no fertilizer was likely applied to 1.6 million acres in Ohio last year likely made a difference to the phosphorus load entering Lake Erie, Johnson said.

Last year, the severity of the Lake Erie harmful algal bloom was 7.3—more than double the severity level of the bloom in 2018 but less than the 2015 bloom of 10.5.

“How much fertilizer farmers place on their fields and how they apply that fertilizer between the fall and spring of any crop year have a pretty big influence on phosphorus loads in the spring and summer,” said Johnson, who did an analysis last year of phosphorous loads in the Maumee River.

“There’s also a substantial amount of phosphorus leaving fields that was applied years before. It will take time and patience to achieve the reductions in phosphorus that we need to reduce the severity of the annual algal bloom.”

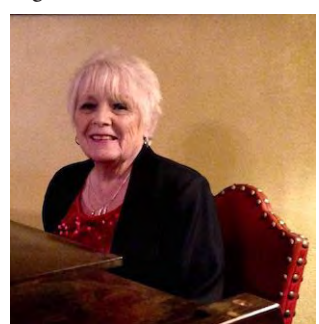
Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine recently approved funding cost-share programs that help farmers pay a range of



PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

By: Nancy Whitaker
HOW SMART ARE YOU?

Does anyone like watching and playing along with Jeopardy and seeing how much trivia and facts that you know? I find it challenging.



Jeopardy is a game show with 3 contestants and a host, Alex Trebek.

Close to a year ago, Trebek announced on his show he had been diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

How devastating for him, his family, and his fans. To me, Jeopardy would not be the same without this long time game show host.

Trebek said he was going to fight his cancer saying he still planned on working because his contract wasn’t up for another 2 years.

I know I don’t know Alex Trebek on a personal level, but when someone makes his appearance in your home for over 20 years, you feel like you do know him.

Jeopardy has been a part of our evenings, so much so, that my friend, Denny and I play it almost every evening.

Now, Denny always beats me and he thinks he knows everything. (shhhh, notice I said that he thinks he knows) He is smart on history, politics, music and sports.

My better categories are the Bible, food, words, and some history. We play the game for a dinner out and I probably owe him dinner every night for a year.

I used to play Jeopardy with my son every night before he left the nest. He surprised me, because that kid knew everything. I mean he never missed a question. I thought to myself, “I have raised a genius. That boy must get his brains from me.”

But, I never found out until later that he had a secret way to win. The show was on at 3:30 p.m. and he and I watched it together at 7:30. Well, at 3:30 my son would

watch the episode and knew all the answers at the 7:30 show. He sure fooled me.

My hopes were dashed when I learned that he was not a so called genius, but actually was pretty smart.

My Mama always looked forward to Jeopardy. When she was so ill in a nursing home, she looked forward to watching Jeopardy.

Even though she did not answer many questions, she still loved the show and of course Alex Trebek. If she knew he had cancer now she would be praying her heart out for him.

Did you know that Alex Trebek was born in Canada and graduated from Ottawa College with a degree in philosophy?

However, Alex Trebek has been the host of Jeopardy since the syndicated debut of the show in 1984.

On the Jeopardy website Trebek says, “I think what makes Jeopardy! special is that, among all the quiz and game shows out there, ours tends to reward and encourage learning”.

There are actually Jeopardy tests you can take online. In fact, I took one and I got 10 out of 12 right!! (does that make me a genius?)

There have been some impressive winners on Jeopardy such as Ken Jennings who won 74 straight games. Then recently, there was James Hausenauer, a professional gambler, who won over 4 million dollars in 33 games of Jeopardy

Well, how would you like to answer a few Jeopardy questions?

Here goes:

1. What is the world’s most widely spoken language?

– Mandarin Chinese

2. What currency is used in Kenya?

– Shilling

3. What do you call a baby kangaroo?

– Joey

4. What is the world’s second-tallest animal?

– Elephant

5. What is the world’s longest-living mammal?

– Human

6. How many hearts does an octopus have?

– Three

How did you do? Do you ever play Jeopardy and are you good at it? What subjects are you good at? Want to challenge me at a game? Let me know and I’ll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts

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A.J. SMITH

By: Stan Jordan

A.J. is one of the early settlers of Paulding County. He was born in 1816 in the state of New York, the son of Thomas and Jane (Jone) Smith.

In early manhood he came to Paulding County and bought 78 acres, which he still owned. He was the first sheriff in Paulding County. He married Miss. Catherine Bogert in 1857. They had a number of children, I knew two of them: Ms. Vinnie Rhumbaugh and Mrs. Ab Derck. He was very active in all of the area businesses.

All of these people helped in Antwerp's progress. See ya!

PAULDING COUNTY

By: Stan Jordan

Last night was February 12, 2020 and here in Paulding County we celebrated being 200 years old (1820 - 2020). There was a big gathering at the former armory, that was remodeled into a fine church, and all the seats were taken.

I was seated down front so I could hear and see what was going on. I was sitting right across the aisle from Governor DeWine and we had a nice talk about WWII and his father being a veteran. I enjoyed talking to him.

The program consisted of a number of dignitaries from the area to Columbus, but there was some local people who talked and made the evening very interesting. After the meeting everyone was invited to go to the court house and see the 200 years in pictures.

Some of these pictures are from the John Paulding Historical Society, assembled and finished by the West Bend News.

The Governor visited all the floors of the court house and were very interested in all of the pictures. He remarked that he had not seen any display that was any better.

When the people started home, it was snowing and I think it got worse the farther south people traveled. I hope everyone got home alright.

I had a very interesting talk with Mr. and Mrs. George Carter, the CEO of PPEC. I want to thank Angel and Julia Steiner for all of their help for that memorable evening. Most people don't know how many volunteers hours were put in by everyone involved with getting this event prepared.

I am going to take this means to try to thank all of them, from all of us...Thank You!

See ya!

SR 49

By: Stan Jordan

SR 49 is a state highway in the western part of the state of Ohio. It begins in Drexel, in an area within the City of Trotwood, at US 35, now that is all in the south. Then it runs northwest to Greenville then runs pretty much straight north close to the Indiana state line, all the way north to Michigan state line where it meets up with Michigan M49.

It runs north to Greenville, Fort Recovery, Wiltshire, Convoy, Payne, Antwerp, Hicksville, Edgerton and Edon. Then it interchanges with the Ohio Turnpike, that is the first interchange east of the Indiana state line up around Convoy.

49 has been added to and subtracted from down in southern part of Ohio, but it has always been a good road. If you are going to follow SR 49 very far south I suggest you take a road map. See ya!

ARCHERS WRAP UP UNDEFEATED SEASON

DELTA - Antwerp completed an undefeated regular season on Monday night as the blue and white rolled past host Delta 53-29 to finish the year with a record of 22-0.

The two squads were tied at 12-12 at the end of one quarter before the blue and white outscored the Panthers 14-8 in the second stanza for a 26-20 halftime advantage.

Antwerp opened the lead up further in the third quarter, bucketing 11 points compared to Delta's three as the Archers seized a 37-23 lead entering the final stanza.

Jagger Landers posted 14 points to lead the Archers in the victory while Jayvin Landers added nine markers.

Blake Schuette and Owen Sheedy chipped in seven points apiece for Antwerp with Jacob Savina having six and Austin Lichty five.

Luke Krouse recorded three markers and Hunter Sproles posted a basket for the blue and white.

Hunter Tresnan-Reighard topped Delta with nine points while Braden Risner chipped in seven markers.

Josh Tresnan-Reighard added five points followed by Nolan Risner (four), Bryce Gillen (two) and Guillermo Asensio (two).

DEJARNETT, SINN, BILLMAN TAKE TOP HONORS

Local coaches and local players each garnered special honors recently as the District 7 girls and boys basketball awards were released last week.

On the girls side, Wayne Trace head coach Bethany DeJarnett was named the Division IV Coach of the Year while senior standout Claire Sinn was selected the Division IV Player of the Year.

Antwerp senior Karsyn Brumett was named to the first team with Lady Raider senior Miriam Sinn garnering second team honors.

Honorable mention awards in Division IV were given to Wayne Trace freshman Gracie Shepherd, Antwerp senior Heather Oberlin, Archer sophomore Astianna Coppes and Raider junior Katrina Stoller.

Paulding senior Chelsi Giesige picked up first team honors in Division III while senior Sydney McCullough and junior Jalynn Parrett both garnered honorable mention awards.

In boys awards, Antwerp mentor Doug Billman was picked as the Division IV Coach of the Year.

The Archers also had five players earn District 7 honors. Sophomore Jagger Landers and senior Jayvin Landers each garnered first team recognition while junior Austin Lichty, sophomore Luke Krouse and senior Jacob Savina all received honorable mention.

In Division III, Wayne Trace senior Nathan Gerber earned first team District 7 honors to lead local recipients.

Honorable mention selections in Division III included Wayne Trace senior Reid Miller and Alex Reinhart, Paulding senior Seth Dysinger and Panther juniors Payton Beckman and Hunter Kauser.

RENOVATION IN ANTWERP



Old Hotel cor. River. Cleveland St

By: Stan Jordan

This is called The Antwerp Hotel on the corner of West River Street and Cleveland. This was about 1900. In the picture, the hotel looked in pretty good shape yet, but the canal was out of business, the reservoir was drained and most of the factories that used logs had

closed up and gone so the hotel was not too busy.

Up till now the Presbyterian Church was two blocks west on the corner of West River Street and Maddison Street. This hotel was torn down and the Presbyterian Church was erected pretty much as it is now, but the steeple was blown off by the

wind over the years. In this picture, River Street was not paved, and it wasn't paved until 1917.

All lots are one chain wide and two chains deep. Two surveying stones laid out on corner of Monroe and West Canal. A chain is 66 feet.

See ya!

DAYS GONE BY



By: Stan Jordan

I showed the picture of this corner store in last weeks' West Bend News. I didn't talk about the corner store, because that store is hip deep in my memories.

In this picture it was called Graves and Doering, well I knew both of those men.

Sam Graves lived on N. Main St. and had a daughter, Eula. I don't think she ever got married. Later on, Marjorie Leinard lived in that house for years. Marjorie was a nice lady, she lived to be almost 100 yrs. old.

Joe Doering had a daughter, Lucille and she married Tayler Long and Tayler bought Sam Graves out and the store became Doering and Long.

In 1941 - 42 I worked in that store before and after school and Saturdays. I worked with Gerald Hawkins, Bob McCreery, Helen Hartman and Bertha Chaney. Times were slower then, you called everybody by their first name. People had more time, the farmers all had smaller farms and had time to talk. When you walked down the street, you

knew everyone you met. The town was about 1,000 people then, it is about 1,700 now. Everyone came to town on Saturday night to buy groceries or go to the movies, maybe just visit. From River Street south to Daggett, things were pretty busy.

Most of the fellows who worked in Fort Wayne, like G.E., Harvester and so on, brought home about \$18.00, that was about average.

I worked there until I turned 18, then I went to a defense plant.

That store stayed Doering and Long till after the boys came back from the war. Then Jim Panico married Joann Long and they bought the business and it became Panico's and then he built that store over behind the Marathon, probably in the 1960's. It had a couple of owners later.

In 1947 or 1948 Tayler Long had apartments built in the other two floors of that building. During 1920

and before even there was a lot going on in those floors above the store. The Odd Fellows loof met up there and even the Red Men Lodge met there. I remember the Red Men, but not the Odd Fellows. The second floor was like an auditorium and the high school had the junior and senior class plays up there. But then in 1937 we had a gym and stage action at the school.

Antwerp in the late 1930's and early 40's was about like any other small town. About everyone was back to work, I guess nearly every family had a car, most of the farmers had electricity now. Things were on the up-swing and that is when the war started. For the first six months the news was all bad.

It was a different time, everyone helped and neighbors were neighbors and helped each other. It was a long four years.

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The couple have four children: Bill Schmidt, Jr (Paula), Guam; Kevin L Schmidt (Tammy), Antwerp; Aimee L. Smeed (Ron), Metamora; Ann M Forrer (Brad), Payne. There are 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. A celebration will be taking place in Florida with long time friends and in Ohio with family and friends. Thanks to everyone who have been a part of our lives for all these years.

QUICK START SENDS KNIGHTS PAST WARRIORS

WOODBURN - Visiting Norwell took control in the first quarter and never looked back as the Knights rolled past host Woodlan

77-46 Saturday evening in non-league boys basketball action. The Knights jumped out to a 23-7 advantage after eight minutes of action and never were challenged from that point on.

Norwell expanded the margin in the second quarter, outscoring Woodlan 21-13 to push the lead to 44-20 at the midway point of the night. The Knights then added 20 more points in the third period compared to the Warriors' dozen, widening the gap to 64-32 entering the final stanza. Will Geiger topped Norwell with 17 points in the contest, leading a quartet of Knights who reached double digits. Eli Riley added 14 markers for the Knights while Luke McBride chipped in 11 points. Drew Federspiel also had ten points for Norwell. Conner Torsen posted seven points for Norwell followed by Lleyton Bailey (six), Jon Colbert (five), Brody Boly (four) and Jared Conrad (three). Mitch Mendenhall topped Woodlan with 19 points and Joe Reidy posted 14 markers. Aiden Bayman recorded nine for the Warriors followed by Trevor Wiedenhoef (three) and Colin Hahn (one).

The contest was the final home game in the careers of Woodlan seniors Aiden Bayman, Ben Reidy, Trevor Wiedenhoef, Colin Hahn, Mitch Mendenhall and Christian Moore. Woodlan (13-9) will conclude the regular season with a game at Leo (14-7). Norwell (20-1) ends the regular season with a road trip to Homestead (13-8).

GIESIGE NAMED NWC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Paulding senior Chelsi Giesige was selected as the Northwest Conference girls basketball Player of the Year in voting by the league's coaches recently. Giesige averaged 16.8 points a contest while adding three assists and three steals per game in leading the Lady Panthers to an overall record of 18-4 while Paulding finished 5-3 in the league. Columbus Grove head coach Brian Schroeder was named the NWC Coach of the Year after his Lady Bulldogs were undefeated in league play at 8-0 while finishing 18-3 in all games. Giesige was joined on the first team by Spencerville junior Emma Leis, Crestview senior Alexia Gregory, Columbus Grove sophomore Kenzie King, Allen East senior Tori Newland, Columbus Grove senior Angel Schneider and Spencerville senior Nelaya Burden. Second team honorees in the Northwest Conference were Bluffton junior Laykin Garmatter, Delphos Jefferson sophomore Alycia Lindeman, Crestview junior Bailey Gregory, Pirate senior Libby Schaadt and Columbus Grove senior Abby Gladwell. Those receiving honorable mention included Crestview junior Olivia Cunningham, Lincolnview sophomore Kendall Bollenbacher, Delphos Jefferson Addy Stewart, Paulding senior Sydney McCullough, Ada freshman Courtney Sumner, Bluffton senior Kayla White, Spencerville junior Gillian Goecke, Columbus Grove sophomore Savannah Ridenour, Lincolnview junior Brianna Ebel and Paulding sophomore Janae Pease.

Columbus Grove was the outright league champion at 8-0 with Spencerville finishing second with a 6-2 record. Paulding, Bluffton and Crestview all posted slates of 5-3 and Delphos Jefferson recorded a record of 4-4. Lincolnview was 2-6 followed by Allen East at 1-7 and Ada was 0-8.

THAMES, WHEELER LEAD THE WAY IN VICTORY OVER LORAIN

By: Chris Schmidbauer, Sports Information Director

Toledo, OH -- In their final home games in an Owens uniform, Whitney Thames and Shyah Wheeler each tallied double-doubles to help lead Owens to a 75-43 win over Lorain on Wednesday night. The game would get off to a slow start offensively, with the two teams combining to shoot just 8-34 from the floor in the games opening ten minutes. Despite the slow start, Owens would still hold a double digit lead after the first period at 16-6. The second quarter would be a higher scoring affair, with both teams reaching double digits in points for the period. Owens would add five more to their halftime total, heading to the locker room up 33-18. Whitney Thames would lead the way, scoring nine points and grabbing 11 rebounds in the game's first 20 minutes. The halftime break cooled off the offense, as both teams would struggle from the field again. The two teams would combine to shoot just 10-42 in the third, but despite the struggles, the Express were able to outscore the Commodores by seven in the period at 16-7. Both teams would heat up a little bit from the field again in the fourth. Shyah Wheeler would score 14 points in the period to lead the way for the Express, as Owens once again would put more distance between themselves and Lorain. Owens would outscore the visitors 26-16 in the final period of play, which saw the finishing touches on the team's 32 point victory. Whitney Thames would have a night on the glass. The sophomore would grab a career high 23 rebounds, 13 of which came of the offensive end, in the game to go along with 17 points, which was a season high. Her previous high was 21 rebounds, which Thames tallied in last year's first round NJCAA Division III tournament game against Avery Point. The stat line also represents the fifth double-double of the season, and Thames's 13th overall in her Owens career. Shyah Wheeler's 14 point in the final quarter would spur her on to a 20 point evening. She also grabbed 14 rebounds to add another double-double to her season total. She now has six total

double-doubles this season for the Express and 14 total during her time donning the red and white of Owens. Lilliana Velazquez would add 15 points in her final home game at Owens as well. She also had three assists in the game. Owens shot 36.6% (30-82) from the floor during the game, but the team did take advantage at the free throw line. The Express shot 83.3% (10-12) during the contest. The Commodores shot just 23.4% (15-64) for the ballgame. They were led in scoring by Vanecia Billings, who had 13 points during the game. Owens would outscore the Commodores 40-24 in the paint and 21-6 when it came to second chance points. The Express finish the regular season 9-13 overall and 6-3 in the conference. Lorain falls to 6-19 overall and 2-8 in the OCCAC.

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS OWNERS: NW OHIO CHEER & TUMBLE



The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome NW Ohio Cheer and Tumble to the Antwerp Community. Ribbon cutting was on February 16th at their new home within the MAC gymnasium complex on 204 Archer Drive. Pictured are: Chamber members Matt Eicher and Sue Fowler; Owners: Blake, Emma, Kole and Katherine Whitman; and Chamber member, Angel Steiner.



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NH WRESTLER ENDS SEASON 4th IN STATE



New Haven wrestler, Elijah Chacon, went to State competition this past weekend. He ended his Junior year season in 4th place in the 138 weight class. Photo by Melissa Amstutz.

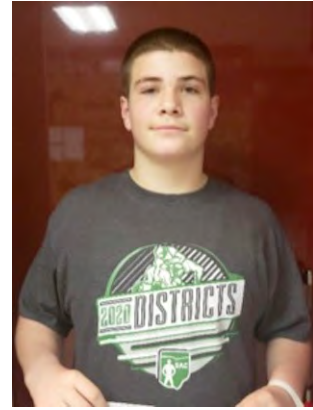
SCHULTZ QUALIFIES AS A STATE ALTERNATE FOR WT JH WRESTLING

It was a tough day on the mats Sunday, February 23, at the second weekend of Districts for the Junior High wrestlers. Three wrestlers from Wayne Trace traveled to Oregon Clay for a final attempt to qualify for the State competition in March. The

brackets were loaded and a long day of competition was ahead of the boys. Conner Blankenship led the morning of wrestling. With a bracket of 28 kids, Conner had a lot of work ahead of him. Unfortunately, the first two kids he faced put a lot of pressure on Conner and forced him out of the running early. Blankenship did some great things in his

matches and realized some of the aspects that he will continue to work on to improve in the off-season.

Maddox Treece was next in line for the Raiders and had a large bracket of 19 wrestlers. Treece came out strong, pinning his first opponent. The next match for Maddox resulted in a loss sending him to the consolation bracket to battle back. Treece then wrestled and was making a strong comeback in his match, but unfortunately lost by two points and found himself knocked out of the



Blake Schultz

competition for State. Treece remained positive and looks forward to off-season training and opportunities to prepare for next year.

Blake Schultz also made the trip to Oregon Clay and was among those in a 9-man bracket. Blake won his first match by one point in a nail biter match. The final score being 4-3, advancing him further towards the championship. His next match proved to be more difficult. Schultz found himself pinned in round two, sending him to the consolation round, but still hopeful for a placing finish to state. Blake then

wrestled an opponent from Ayresville who pushed him the entire match and ended up defeating Schultz. Blake's day was not over however. Blake still had to wrestle one more round to determine if he would end the day in 7th or 8th place, guaranteeing him a State Alternate position for March. Schultz won the match 1-0 by a technical violation and secured a 7th place finish. Schultz can register as a State Alternate for the State competition in March with the hopes of wrestling on the State floor.

Wayne Trace is proud of all of our wrestlers and their efforts in improving and taking opportunities and chances whenever they arise. Good luck in the off-season. Go Raiders!

RAIDERS DROP FINAL GAME ON THE ROAD

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

OTTOVILLE - The Wayne Trace Raiders completed their regular season on the road last Friday with a non conference game at Ottoville. The Big Green jumped out to an early lead and coasted to a 61-48 win over the Raiders. With the win Ottoville pushes their win streak to 14 games and will enter tournament play with an impressive 19-3 mark. Wayne Trace finishes the season at 16-6 and 6-1 in Green Meadows lay, good for a second place finish.

The Big Green came out on fire in the first quarter and secured a 21-9 advantage after one quarter of play. Ottoville continued to stretch their margin in the second frame and built its largest lead at 20 to lead late in the second stanza 37-17 and was never threatened in the second half.

The Raiders were paced in scoring by Reid Miller who poured in 24 points along with three assists. Nate Gerber was also in double figures, finishing with 11. Only three other Raiders scored with Alex Reinhart chipping in eight followed by three points from Cameron Sinn and two points from Trevor Sinn. Reinhart also collected six rebounds to lead the Raiders on the boards.

Ottoville placed two of their players in double-digits led by junior Josh Thorbahan leading the Big Green with 21 points, nine rebounds, and six assists. Kyle Manns added 10 points with team mate William Miller collecting six points and eight rebounds and Drew Fisher adding six points and three rebounds. Both Fisher and Miller are the two lone seniors who were playing in their last varsity game on their home court.

The Big Green shot 47-percent from the floor hitting on 30-64 while the Raiders were 19-54 for 35 percent. Wayne Trace canned 13-14 at the foul line while Ottoville was 8-13. Ottoville won the battle of the boards 29-22 with both team turning it over nine times.

JUNIOR VARSITY: Wayne Trace defeated Ottoville 37-28 to put a wrap on their season. The red, white, and blue ran off 21 wins in a row after falling in their season opener to Columbus Grove by just two points. Scoring for the winners were Grayson McClure 10, Cameron Sinn 10, Garrett Williamson 5, Joe Munger 4, Landon Whitman 3, Trevor Sinn 3, Race Price 2.

PANTHERS DROP SEASON FINALE ON SENIOR NIGHT



Paulding Seniors were recognized at senior night. One senior, shown here, is Alberto Martinez who shot for three and scored in the first quarter! See more pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - Paulding and Lincolnview closed out the regular season in boys basketball action with the Lancers posting a 53-39 victory over the Panthers.

With the win, Lincolnview wraps up the regular season with a record of 11-11 overall and 6-2 in the Northwest Conference while Paulding finishes action at 6-16 in all games and 2-6 in the league.

Early on, it was the Panthers who took control as the maroon and white opened an 11-4 advantage after one quarter.

However, that was short-lived. Lincolnview responded by outscoring Paulding 21-10 in the second quarter, going in front for good by posting a 25-21 halftime lead.

The Lancers then extended the margin in the third period, picking up 11 points compared to Paulding's six as the blue and gold recorded a 36-27 lead entering the final stanza.

In the fourth quarter, Lincolnview sealed the win by outscoring Paulding 17-12 for the 53-39 victory.

Jake Bowersock paced a trio of Lancers in double digits with 15 while Creed Jesse and Jonathan Overholt both chipped in ten markers.

Aaron Cavinder and Clayton Leeth scored eight points apiece and Daegan Hatfield recorded two points.

Paulding also placed three players in twin digits, getting 13 from Blake McGarvey to lead the way while Payton Beckman and Seth Dysinger both bucketed ten.

Bert Martinez and Kayden Sarver also picked up three points each for Paulding.

Paulding opens tournament play Tuesday night when the Panthers travel to the Elida Fieldhouse for an 8:00 p.m. game against Lima Central Catholic.

Lincolnview takes on Miller City Wednesday night at Van Wert in the 8:00 p.m. contest.

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LADY PANTHERS MOVE ONTO DISTRICTS!



Paulding's Janae Pease drives into the key and scores two points on this layup basket. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Paulding played in the OHSAA Girls Basketball Sectional Final on Saturday, February 22nd at Lincolnview High School. After four quarters, the Paulding girls are Sectional champs for the first time since 2006 and they

break the program win total! Final score: Paulding 56, Coldwater 34. The girls improve to 19-4 and move on to districts where they will face the Fairview Apaches at Elida High School on February 28th.

ARCHERS WIN SECTIONAL FINALS; SET UP REMATCH WITH WT IN DISTRICTS



Antwerp Senior Heather Oberlin is fouled and sent to the line for free throws at the close of the game against Fayette. More pictures at westbendnews.net

BRYAN - Antwerp took part in the Division IV girls basketball sectional semi-fi-

nals at Bryan on Tuesday night where the Lady Archers overcame a third quarter ral-

ly by Fayette for a 36-32 win over the Eagles.

The blue and white jumped in front early in the contest, scoring 14 points to open a 14-6 advantage after eight minutes of action.

Antwerp scored five points in the second quarter while the Eagles picked up six as the Archers took a 19-12 halftime lead.

Fayette rallied in the third quarter, scoring 13 points in the stanza compared to five for Antwerp as the Eagles posted a slim 25-24 margin entering the final period.

The Lady Archers then responded with a dozen point fourth quarter while limiting Fayette to seven to record the victory.

Brumett topped the blue and white with a dozen points while Heather Oberlin added 11 and Astianna Coppes chipped in ten.

Reinhart (two) and Gomez (one) also scored for Antwerp.

Junior Trista Fruchey bucketed a game high 23 markers and Jensyn Robinson scored four points. Addisyn Bentley posted three and Amber Gaona had two to complete the Eagle point scorers.

It was the final game in the careers of Eagle seniors Zoe Keiser, Addisyn Bentley and Jillian Figgins as Fayette closed the season with a record of 12-11.

The Antwerp Lady Archers took the next step down the tournament trail Saturday night as the blue and white rolled past Stryker 45-24 to win a Division IV sectional championship at Bryan.

After Stryker posted a 6-5 advantage at the end of one period, the rest of the night belonged to the Lady Archers.

Antwerp scored 14 second quarter points with the Panthers picking up only five as the Lady Archers opened a 19-11 margin at the intermission.

The third quarter was much of the same with Antwerp bucketing a dozen more markers compared to Stryker's four, giving the Lady Archers a commanding 31-15 lead at the end of 3 quarters.

Karsyn Brumett paced the way for Antwerp with a dozen points while Heather Oberlin bucketed nine for the Archers. Astianna Coppes and Gomez both chipped in eight for Antwerp, which improves to 14-10 overall on the season.

Alyvia DeVore (3), Laura Miller (2), Grace Schuette (2) and Lydia Brewer (1) completed the scoring for Antwerp.

Stryker, which closes its season with a record of 13-10, was paced by Courtney Stewart with eight points while Makenzie Caldwell chipped in six markers.

Emilyanne Cox and Haylee Fulk both scored three points for the Panthers while Kalista Blevins and Sage Woolace recorded two markers apiece.

Antwerp now takes on Paulding County rival Wayne Trace in the 8:00 p.m. Division IV district semifinal game at Defiance on Thursday.

ANTWERP WRESTLERS HAVE GOOD DAY AT TINORA

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently competed in the Tinora Tournament on Sunday, February 23, 2020. All 20 young Archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight

classes. Finishing 4th on the day were Duke Dangler, Jordan Steel, Dominic Bennett, Teagan Eaton, and Riley Smith. Earning 3rd place finishes were Starlette Ruffing, Blade Ruffing, Brody Smith, Oliver McCague, Owen Dangler, Carson Blair, Pearce Cottrell, AJ Eaton, Keegan Wycoff, and Griffin Kosch. Placing 2nd on the day were Cooper Nestleroad and Auston Fish. The Archers once again crowned 3 champions this week as well. Earning 1st place finishes were Owen Parisot, Zac Salas, and Ethan Thomas VanKirk. If Thomas VanKirk can finish in 1st place next week at Wayne Trace, he will have won all 5 tournaments in the GMC tournament series thus earning him a champion's pull-over. Congratulations to all the Archer wrestlers for their hard work this past weekend and we wish you luck next week as you close out your season. GO ARCHERS!!

BOYS SQUADS GET TOURNAMENT MATCHUPS

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana High School Athletic Association announced the matchups for the sectional tournament in boys basketball on Sunday as area squads were notified of their tournament paths.

In Class 4A at Fort Wayne Carroll, opening round matchups on March 3 has Northrop against North Side and East Noble playing DeKalb.

On Friday, March 6, host Carroll awaits the winner of the Northrop-North Side game while Snider will take on the East Noble-DeKalb victor. Sectional championship play then takes place on Saturday evening.

The other local sectional in Class 4A takes place at Huntington North where New Haven and South Side picked up byes to Friday.

Columbia City battles host Huntington North on Tuesday with that winner returning Friday to play the Bulldogs. Homestead also takes on Wayne Tuesday night with the Archers awaiting the victor of that contest on Friday.

Class 3A play at Garrett starts on Tuesday as Bishop Dwenger battles Concordia. The winner of that quarterfinal contest returns on Friday

TOP SEED RAIDERS WIN SECTIONAL IN EASY FASHION



Wayne Trace Senior Miriam Sinn rebounds and puts the ball back up in the basket for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

BRYAN - The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders captured a Division IV Sectional title Saturday night at Bryan. The Raiders, the number one seed in the Defiance District, soundly defeated North Central 51-17 and will advance to play Antwerp (14-10) on Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. In the early contest, number two seed Ottoville will tangle with number three seed Crestview.

The Raiders jumped out to an 11-0 lead and never looked back. In the second quarter the Raiders totaled 16 points while keeping the Eagles scoreless in the second quarter and taking a 29-5 advan-

to play Angola.

On Wednesday night, a pair of quarterfinals take place when Woodlan battles the host Railroaders and Leo squares off against Bishop Lurers. Those two winners then return to play on Friday.

At Norwell, Belmont

tage to the locker room at the break. The Wayne Trace lead grew to as many as 35 points in the third quarter and a running clock was instituted with 5:44 remaining in the third period.

Claire Sinn led all scorers with 21 points while senior Miriam Sinn added 14 for the winners. Also scoring for the red, white, and blue was Rachel Stoller chipping in six and Abby Moore with three. Christina Graham, Katie Stoller and Kenadie Daeger each added two points a piece and Katrina Stoller added one point to round out the Raiders scoring. With the win the Raiders improve their season mark to 19-4.

plays Greentown Eastern followed by Oak Hill against Mississinewa in Tuesday night action.

The Belmont-Eastern winner returns Friday to tangle with host Norwell while Heritage challenges the Oak Hill-Mississinewa winner.

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Grover Hill January Students of the Month are: (Front L-R): Piper Densmore, 2B; Alivia Moiser, 2A; Grayson LaBounty, 1B; Makenna Miller, TK; Ian Scarberry, 3A; Brynlee Maenle, 1A; Jase Miller, KB and Carson Devenny. (Back) Jaydon Shoup, RS2; Corbin Stoller, 3B; Campbell Volk, 5B; Miley Jacobs, 5A; Aubree Miller, 6B; Keriona Bell, 4B; Issiah Killion, 6B; Bolu Omanayin, 4A and Lexi Moore.

PAULDING & OAKWOOD STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT BLACK BEARS



Anna Gurney, Education Specialist with Paulding SWCD, helping students at Oakwood Elementary construct a black bear.

By: Patrick Troyer, District Technician

How do animals survive in the cold? How do humans survive in the cold? Students at Paulding Elementary and Oakwood Elementary have had fun in recent weeks learning about how animals adjust to surviving the cold winter months. As humans, we adjust by putting on hats, coats, gloves, or migrate south to cope with the winter! Students had a great time learning how the black bear survives the cold season.

The black bear is a species that is native to Ohio but has seen population declines in the state primarily due to lax hunting laws and settlement in Ohio. Excess hunting and deforestation led to the largest decline in the black bear

population and those who were still in Ohio fell victim to farmers and homeowners defending their properties since the bear was viewed as a nuisance animal. While you can likely guess that the black bear got its name from the color of its fur, this species can also appear in brown, blue-black, and even white.

The black bear is not a small animal by any means. The adult black bear can range in weight between 150 to 700 pounds! Typically, males will average around 300 pounds while females will be on the lighter side averaging around 175 pounds. Black bears are also unique in their ability to walk on all fours our stand on their hind legs. Next, students learned about the habitat of the black bear.

Black bears like areas with plenty of woods with hardwood and coniferous trees to surround them while swampy areas also seem to suit their needs, says ODNR. They are found across the United States, Canada, and even northern parts of Mexico. The black bear has an omnivore style diet, meaning that it will include both plants and animals in their diet. Common items in the bear's diet include: grasses, berries, moss, fish, and insects. Bears also like to eat many of the foods that we also enjoy as humans.

The black bear will revolve the times they are active around the habits of humans. According to ODNR, black bears observe a crepuscular activity schedule which means their activity peaks during the early morning or late evening hours. In areas where humans are active, the black bear will have more of a nocturnal lifestyle which means they will be active during the overnight hours and observe rest during the day.

With the onset of the winter season, bears will hibernate during this cold period, which consists of a dormant period and a deep sleep. To prepare for hibernation, black bears will increase their food intake in the fall and summer to build up body fat which is what they will live off of during the winter. They will ride out the winter in their dens which help to keep them warm all throughout the winter. Black bears will construct their dens in areas such as caves, brush piles, and even up high in tree holes.

The breeding season for black bears will take place anywhere from the middle of June to the middle of July. Common with this species is the fact that the first litter born to a female bear will only consist of one cub while any future litters that she may have will generally have two to three cubs with one litter being born per year. When the cubs are born, their eyes are shut until they reach the age of about six weeks. According to ODNR, the cubs remain with their mothers for the first year and a half of their life as she is the only parent who cares for the young.

To help them learn about the black bear, students had fun making their own hibernating black bear craft by covering a plate with

lots of fur (black tissue paper) so the bear stays warm, and then giving their bear eyes, ears, nose and mouth. If your school/civic/educational group would like this program or a similar one, be sure to contact Anna Gurney, Education Specialist at the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District at 419- 399-4771 or education.specialist@pauldingswcd.org.

ACCREDITATION OF THE BUSINESS PROGRAMS AT RHODES STATE COLLEGE REAFFIRMED BY ACBSP

The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) www.acbsp.org Associate Degree Board of Commissioners has reaffirmed accreditation of the business programs at Rhodes State College, in Lima, Ohio.

The business programs at Rhodes State College were first accredited by ACBSP in 1991, making Rhodes State one of the first to achieve ACBSP accreditation. The College is required to go through the reaffirmation process every 10 years to maintain ACBSP accreditation.

"Rhodes State College has shown its commitment to teaching excellence and to the process of quality improvement by participating in the accreditation process," said ACBSP Chief Accreditation Officer Dr. Steve Parscale, who will present the Certificate of Reaffirmation of Accreditation at ACBSP Conference 2020 in Chicago, Illinois, on June 28. "This reaffirmation of accreditation is evidence that Rhodes State is committed to maintaining the highest quality business education for their students for the next 10 years, just as they have done since 1991," said Parscale.

"The ACBSP reaffirmation of accreditation validates our commitment to delivering high quality business education to our students by focusing on the continuous improvement of our curriculum and delivery methods," said Cara Rex, Chair of the Business Program at Rhodes State College. "It shows that our faculty and staff are dedicated to ensuring our business graduates are equipped with the education and skills necessary to be successful in their chosen careers."

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VANTAGE STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR HOSA STATE COMPETITION



Pictured here are the Vantage HOSA state qualifiers: (back) Health Information Management junior, Halie Davis (Antwerp) and senior, Rachel Breese (Parkway). Front: Health Technology seniors, Emma Zielke (Antwerp) and Chloe Kunkleman (Delphos Jefferson).

Congratulations to the Vantage Career Center students who placed in the top three of their category at the 2020 Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) Regional competition and will be moving on to state. Health Information Management junior, Halie Davis (Antwerp), Silver, Behavioral Health and senior Rachel Breese (Parkway), Gold, Medical Law and Ethics. Health Technology seniors Emma Zielke (Antwerp), Gold, Human Growth and Development and Chloe Kunkleman (Delphos Jefferson), Silver, Dental Terminology!

HOSA competitive events are designed to provide a system for recognizing the competencies developed by members through Health and Biomedical Science class instruction, related to training and activities. Competitors are evaluated according to set standards of performance by professionals from the health care community appropriate to each event. The Health Occupation Students of America state competition will be held on March 31 through April 1 in Columbus, Ohio. Best wishes to our Vantage students competing at state competition!

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The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.

- There are two basic services the agency provides:**
- 1 – Emergency Financial Assistance – Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
 - 2 – Claims Assistance – Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
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PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE & MICHIGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE INITIATE STUDENT TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Purdue University Fort Wayne and Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, Michigan recently signed an agreement allowing Washtenaw students to transfer their Associate of applied science degree toward a Bachelor of applied science degree from Purdue Fort Wayne. The goal of the agreement is to provide those students with an avenue for continuing their education. It is also designed to minimize the loss of credit hours and duplication of coursework, which can frequently occur when transferring.

"We want to offer non-local students a convenient way to earn their bachelor's degree from our university and this agreement is one way we can achieve this," said Carl Drummond, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management at Purdue University Fort Wayne. "Since the requirements of our Bachelor of applied science degree can be completed entirely online, traditional barriers to obtaining a Purdue degree are removed for out-of-state students. We are excited to welcome Washtenaw graduates to the Mastodon family."

Washtenaw students will be able to transfer up to 88 credits toward their bachelor's degree. They will then

be required to complete a minimum of 32 resident credit hours at Purdue Fort Wayne which can all be earned through online classes. A total of 120 credits is required to graduate.

Students may complete the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) requirements prior to admission to Purdue Fort Wayne. Students who haven't satisfied the MTA or MACROA agreement must complete Purdue Fort Wayne's general education requirements as it applies to transfer students.

"Building this partnership with Purdue Fort Wayne is another way to help students reach their goals," said WCC Vice President for Instruction Kimberly Hurns. "The ability to transfer up to 88 credits from WCC will save students money and completing a Purdue Fort Wayne bachelor's degree entirely online simplifies the path to student success."

This is the second transfer agreement Purdue Fort Wayne has entered into with a Michigan community college. The first agreement, signed last fall, was with Macomb Community College, located in Clinton Township, northeast of Detroit.

Transfer students may begin their classes at Purdue Fort Wayne as early as this semester.

To learn more about how the transfer program works, call the Division of Continuing Studies at 260-481-6619.

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Responses need to be received by Friday at 5:00 pm to be considered for the next publication. We reserve the right to edit for length, content and worthiness.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Meet OSU Extension and Consider Voting FOR the Replacement Levy

Are you familiar with the OSU Extension of Paulding County and the services it offers to the community, No? Well, neither did I seven years ago when my daughter came home and said she wanted to join 4-H. I learned the 4-H program for our youth is just one of the programs offered through OSU Extension. Early in her 4-H career, my daughter presented a project on gardening and while completing her project she volunteered with and learned from the Master Gardeners of Paulding County, becoming a Junior Master Gardener. Did you know the Master Gardener program is an outreach of OSU Extension? Have you admired the flower boxes, urns, and beds in your community? They could have been planted by these volunteers. Other services and programs currently offered through the Extension include Agriculture/Natural Resources Education and Mental Health training.

The OSU Extension Office in Paulding County has a replacement levy on the March 17th ballot. The current levy is at 0.25 millage and the replacement levy will be 0.7 millage. This means if you own a \$100,000 piece of property your tax contribution would be about \$2.04 a month. That's just a little more than the price of a small, iced caramel macchiato at McDonald's! The replacement levy will help to ensure the OSU Extension

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Office can continue to offer current services and to expand programs to include Family and Consumer Sciences. Family and Consumer Sciences programming will be available to all adults and children. Please consider and vote FOR the future of Paulding County OSU Extension on March 17th.

—Jodie Rister

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RE: REVOLUTIONARY WAR VET MARKER PLACED IN PAULDING CO.

This is in reference to your recent picture and writeup on "William Richardson - Revolutionary War Veteran in Paulding Co. His grave site is located in Fought Cemetery in Washington Twp. Clint Vance, Vice-President of the John Paulding Historical Society and Walter Lang, President of History Matters, Inc. are shown with the new marker saying that Clint Vance was instrumental in organizing efforts with the Washington Twp Trustees."

Dear Editor:
Per the newspaper of February 10, 2020, a marker was placed at the above graveside. In some newspapers it implied that this was the first time this had ever been done at this site. An explanation and possible apology is due to the members of the Daughters of the American Revolution if the memorial that was placed at that site in April, 1977 has been removed.

Paulding Co. Commissioner Mark Holtsberry is aware that an individual in Paulding (who is no longer living) was adamant that the DAR remove the marker on Mr. Richardson's gravesite a few years ago. This person caused excessive humiliation at public places for the DAR and threatened to "Remove the marker at that grave if the DAR did not remove it!" He wrote a letter to the DAR chapter which was presented to the chapter assembly stating just that. The General Horatio N. Curtis Chapter did not move on that demand, however. He claimed that Richardson did not deserve that recognition.

My question is: Where

WOODBURN LIONS CLUB MEETING INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS



The Woodburn Lions Club held their annual Valentine's banquet on the evening of Monday February 10 at the Woodburn Community Center. Dinner, catered by Grant's Catering, was followed by a monthly business meeting. Three new members were officially initiated into the club during the meeting. New member Gloria Gerig was sponsored by Lion Harold Gerig, new member Jer-

ry Womack was sponsored by Lion Monna Gerig and new member Dave Price was sponsored by Lions Club president Shane Mumma. The Woodburn Lions are looking forward to a year of continued growth and service to the community. Meetings take place on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7 PM at the Woodburn Community Center. All are welcome.

is the DAR marker that was placed at the Fought Cemetery in 1977 on Richardson's grave? Why isn't William Richardson listed at Paulding Co. Courthouse as a Rev. Patriot? His GSA (service papers from the National Archives) should be ordered by the veterans' committee, if they have not already done so. Several family members and the Daughters of the American Revolution have done William Richardson's lineage research.

Are there questions that have been answered that were unanswered in 1977? Is no service info available at this time? If not, why is Clint Vance able to place another marker at THIS time (when the DAR was being treated badly about it before?). Why is Com. Holtsberry (Vet. Com.) allowing this or disallowing this? If this is "Politics" - Shame on them.

I appreciate anyone who can answer any of these questions for me and my present DAR chapter.

I have left copies at West Bend News of news items showing that services were held at that time and place, naming organizations, officers and family that were present at the graveside at Fought Cemetery.

—Caroline Wells Longardner,
7292 Rd 176, Antwerp, OH. 45813;
Former Chapter Regent:
GEN: HORATIO N. CURTIS CHAPTER - DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REV. MEMBER:
MARY PENROSE WAYNE CHAPTER - Daughters of the American Revolution, Fort Wayne, Indiana

The deadline for ads and article submissions is Friday at 5:00 p.m.

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, 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: Sailors, 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
Lakewood: Rhee's 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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VANTAGE STUDENTS HEAD TO SKILLSUSA OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Vantage students earn spot at SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships. Back: John Pseekos (Delphos Jefferson), Trevor Siefker (Kalida), Jacksyn Nichols (Fort Jennings), Tanner Mathewson (Delphos Jefferson). Front: Violet Taylor (Parkway), Jacob Rose (Paulding), and Makenna Suever (Van Wert). Not Pictured are Mark Rice (Delphos Jefferson) and Robert Hobart (Paulding).

Congratulations to the following Vantage Career Center students who have placed in the top three in their category at the 2019-20 SkillsUSA Regional Championships, held at Penta Career Center in Perrysburg, Ohio on February 14: John Pseekos (Delphos Jefferson), Tanner Mathewson (Delphos Jefferson) and Makenna Suever (Van Wert), Senior Welding, received gold in Welding Fabrication; Trevor Siefker (Kalida), Senior Precision

Machining, received gold in CNC Lathe; Jacob Rose (Paulding), Senior Precision Machining, received gold in CNC Technician; Jacksyn Nichols (Ft. Jennings), Senior Welding, received silver in Welding; Mark Rice (Delphos Jefferson), Senior Carpentry, received silver in Carpentry; Violet Taylor (Parkway), Senior Criminal Justice, received silver in Extemporaneous Speaking; and Robert Hobart (Paulding), Senior Auto Collision Repair,

received bronze in Collision Repair. Over 700 students competed at the SkillsUSA Regional competition in various divisions. Vantage Career Center will have a total of 21 students representing Northwest Ohio at the SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships held in Dayton, Ohio on April 4, 2020 and in Columbus on April 7-8, 2020. Vantage wishes all our competitors the best of luck at SkillsUSA state competition.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Nicholas A. Hitchcock, Hicksville, OH; Criminal trespassing; Pled no contest, found guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Shall have no contact with victim; No unlawful contact with property; Complete 40 hours of community service; Shall

repay court appointed attorney fees

Charles W. Day, Saint Henry, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant waived citation

Robert L. Carnahan, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Shall have no unlawful contact with victim

Laketta D. Higdon, Fair-

view Height, IL; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Megan M. Dysinger, Paulding, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Forest J. Stuckey, Archbold, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James A. Hasch, Paulding, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state; Costs waived

James A. Hasch Sr., Paulding, OH; Resisting arrest; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Travis Dix, Broughton, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Charles Farisht, Cecil, OH; Aggravated menacing; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Addition to rules of probation; No contact with victim; Complete 20 hours of community service

Desiree L. Dunbar, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request

Desiree L. Dunbar, Paulding, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Pay or collections 10/30/20; Monthly payments of \$25 per month beginning 3/27/20; Proof of insurance provided

Dale R. Jividen, Antwerp, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Larry Stahl, Paulding, OH; Failure to yield/left turn; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dakota S. Williams, Edgerton, OH; Driving under fra suspension; Guilty; Fine may be reduced if defendant shows

progress of becoming valid; Warrant and warrant block recalled; Defendant may be released today; Pay or collections 12/18/20

Trevor C. Ferguson, Spencerville, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kiarro K. Hawn, Grover Hill, OH; Receiving stolen property; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding Common Pleas Court

Shelby K. Williams, Payne, OH; Endangering child; Defendant has been indicted by the Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over

Shannon R. Fry, Paulding, OH; Possession of drugs; Defendant has been indicted; Case shall be bound over

Sunny K. Parker, Battle Creek, MI; Fleeing and eluding; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over

Tracy L. Smith, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Douglas A. Goyings, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dennis P. Steele, Van Wert, OH; OVI suspension; Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility not provided-BMV to be notified; Defendant shall pay \$100 per month commencing 3/27/20; Pay or collections 6/26/20

Dennis P. Steele, Van Wert, OH; Left of center; Case dismissed at state's request

Dennis P. Steele, Van Wert, OH; Distracted driving; Case dismissed at state's request

Deshawn Tremayn C. Wimbley, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lonnie D. Smith, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Teresa Osborn, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Randy R. Bowling, Losantville, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ricky L. Bradford, Cecil, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

CARRYALL TWP
2/18/20 Hatlevig Nicole C to Bell Nicole C Bell Brandon L; 209 E Daggett St; 0.1699 acres; Lot 20&W1/2 Vac Alley Daggett's 2Nd Add Anterp

EMERALD TWP
2/18/20 Debbv LLC to Qc Communications Inc; 18176 Us 127 Cecil Oh 45821; 7.08 Acres; Pt Sw1/4 Of Us24 Emerald Twp S-6

HARRISON TWP
2/19/20 Gonya Mary C Le To Bradtmueller Sara Bradtmueller Oh; 7261 Rd 11 Payne Oh 45880; 0.88 Acres; Pt Secor Ne1/4 Se1/4 & Spt S1/2 Se1/4 Harrison Twp Sec 31

JACKSON TWP
2/18/20 Klopfenstein Leon R To Cms Holdings & Rentals Llc; 803 Johnson Rd; 0.3099 Acres; Lot 75 & Lot 74 E 15Ft Noneman Em Acres Allot#1 Paulding Village

2/18/20 Manz Enterprises LLC to Heck Terry G Sr Heck Monica L; 13813 Kay St; 0.3444 acres; Lot 3 W50ft & Lot 4 E50ftnoneman Em Acres Allot#3 Paulding Vil-

READING BUDDIES AT WT PAYNE ELEM.



Mrs. Pfeiffer's 3A classroom students were reading buddies with Mrs. DeJarnett's KB classroom. Pictured here is Casandra Mitchell reading with Lydia Shepherd.

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LATTY TWP
2/18/20 Fast Pamela to Treece Ronald R Trustee Treece Karla J Trustee; Sr 114; 29.58 acres; Pte1/2E1/2Sw1/4 Latty S-23

PAULDING TWP
2/19/20 Brown Susan D Etal to Elder Christopher; 603 E Wayne St; 0.3182 acres; Lot 4 & N 1/2 Alley E 1/2 Buffalo St Morrow Add Pldg Vill

2/19/20 Brown Susan D Etal to Elder Christopher; E Wayne St; 0.01 acres; Lot 5 Ept &21/2Buffalo Stoutlots S-13 Paulding Vill

DEFIANCE POST INVESTIGATES A SERIOUS INJURY CRASH



On February 21, 2020

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: 17-35S-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 Payne
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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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;

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SYNERGY STUDENTS RECEIVE DONATION



SYNERGY Learning Center students are shown accepting a check from Executive Director Vicki Smith from United Way of Van Wert County. Students pictured are Chris Runyon - Van Wert, Ethan Kremer - Antwerp, Coyote Sharp - Lincolnview, Daisy Dix - Paulding, Isaac Schott - Van Wert, and Cailynn Scarberry - Wayne Trace.

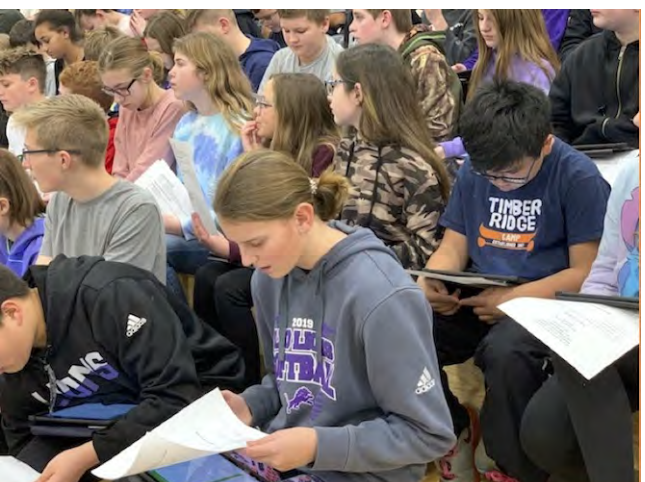
Hospital with serious injuries. Mr. Rex E. Wimmer succumbed to his injuries while at the Toledo Hospital that afternoon.

State Route 111 was closed for two hours while troopers investigated the crash. Assisting at the scene

was Defiance County Sheriff's Office, Defiance City Fire and Rescue and J&R Towing and Recovery.

Impairment is not believed to be a factor and seatbelts were in use. The crash remains under investigation.

LEO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS RECOGNIZED BY EACS BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES



The Leo Elementary 6th grade ELPY Awards presenters (ELPY - Excellence in Literary Performance Yearly) were recognized by the Board of Trustees for academic excellence. The students went above and beyond to represent their class and present their case for the fictional literary character that best exemplifies perseverance. The students briefly explained the ELPY PBL experience and what they were charged to do.

The Board members saw firsthand the application of skills via PBL units through the eyes of the students.

The Board also recognized members of the Indiana and World VEX Robotics Championships competitive teams. These students also explained to the Board about VEX Robotics, their competition experiences, and their upcoming Indiana Championship.

Congratulations Leo Elementary students!

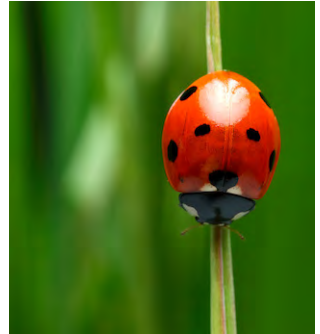
WHERE DID THAT LADYBUG GO?

By: Patrick Troyer, District Technician

Insects are found all around us wherever we go

in our travels. We see those beetles, ladybugs, sow bugs, and so much more during the warm summer months. Mosquitoes get swat at as we enjoy a nice leisurely stroll on a warm summer night. As

winter is slowly drawing to a close, the question may have come up of where all those insects have ventured off to?



Ladybug (Credit: San Diego Zoo), which is one of the many insects homeowners can find in their attics or crawl spaces during the winter months.

Do they disappear as winter comes and suddenly reappear when spring comes? The answers contained in this article may greatly surprise you!

Insects have developed various methods to survive the coldness that comes with the winter season. According to Michigan State University Extension, most insects will make their way south to avoid the cold weather of the north while a clear majority of them will stay around here throughout the winter. The question then becomes, if they stay here where do they go? You may not like this answer... but your home! Insects that you may find in your home during the winter would be ladybugs, cluster flies, and elm leaf beetles. They may be found in any crawl spaces, attics, or entranceways to your home. University of Nebraska Extension writes that prior to humans providing heated homes for insects to escape to during the winter, insects would find some hospice in hollow logs.

This fact you may have already discovered a time or two! Michigan State Extension notes that other species will overwinter in their immature stage of their lifecycle where they will find shelter in the ground, under any leaf debris, or any nooks and crannies they can find where they will stay warm. Other insects produce their own "anti-freeze" called glycol which they will use to prevent themselves from freezing in the winter.

Insects that stay in cold climates for the winter will overwinter in specific life stages respective to their species. Some will overwinter as

eggs (1st stage of lifecycle), larvae (2nd stage), pupa (3rd stage) or even adults (final stage). Larvae appear in a worm-like form while the adults are the actual insects you will see. Insects that overwinter as eggs would be the bagworm which invades trees in the spring while those who overwinter as larvae would be the cicada. University of Nebraska Extension writes that yellowjacket or paper wasp queens, and some mosquitoes can overwinter in the adult stage as they simply find a protected spot out of the cold that will keep them warm. Some insects will make their own body heat to stay warm in the winter. The Smithsonian writes that honeybees have been known to generate their own body heat as they overwinter in hollow logs by consuming stored honey.

For the most part, a wide variety of the insects that are found in our area can withstand the cold weather we have, given that there are no major fluctuations in the temperature. The Smithsonian writes that many insects can gain the shelter they need and the food they need by finding "micro habitats" in places such as deep in the soil which provide enough for them to survive the winter. Snow benefits the insects as there is another layer of insulation available to them to stay warm and maintaining a steady temperature on the ground.

There are some insects that will halt their growth, development, and other activities through the winter with a metabolic rate that is enough to keep them alive, according to the Smithsonian. They enter diapause, which is an insect's version of hibernation that vertebrate animals such as the black bear undergo.

For those insects that do not stick out the winter here, what do they do and where do they go? Migration is one way insects will escape the cold weather of winter. The monarch butterfly is a prime example of this practice. As fall starts to set in and winter close on the horizon, monarchs will begin its journey south. University of Nebraska Extension writes that monarchs east of the Rocky Mountains will make the journey south which will typically take them into central Mexico while monarchs that are west of the Rockies will make an excursion to southern California. The Monarch Butterfly is a true migratory species in that they will make a return to their northern areas each spring and southern areas each fall. Crop pests are one of the most obvious insects that make a migratory journey as the seasons come and go.

Now that you have read this article, you may be taking a second look at the crawl space or attic in your house looking for any critter that may have taken up residence to ride out the cold of winter. The wonders of the outdoors never cease to amaze us!

NHEG ADDS COLOR GUARD & BATON TO OFFERINGS

The New Heights Educational Group (NHEG), in response to interested parents and students in the area, has added a color guard and baton corp to their list of programs; it is open to all students regard-

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

less of school choice. NHEG is also seeking coaches and assistant coaches for these programs.

For more information, interested parties should contact NHEG, at NewHeightsEducation@yahoo.com or call 419-786-0247, and provide their name, student(s) name(s), age, grade level, birth-date address, phone number, and email address. NHEG will schedule a time for families to meet and coordinate dates and times for tryouts. Coaches, assistant coaches, and parents who will be working closely with the students will need to complete a background check.

The New Heights Educational Group received a grant for \$500 in December

2019, from Allstate. NHEG Director, Pamela Clark, stated, "This grant is appreciated and needed. We will put them to good use."

The National School Choice Week and the New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) empower parents and help students achieve their dreams. Event location will be announced soon. Check our blog for updates. <http://www.NewHeightsEducation.org>. The event will be held on January 31, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Gluten-free and soy-free potluck, pies, and board game night. Please join us for a night of fellowship and fun! Please respond by January 15, 2020, and let us know what you are planning to bring to the potluck.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP - March 2020 SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

The Village Utility Department intends to start hydrant flushing starting the week of March 2, 2020. The first area to be flushed will be located south of River Street, depending on weather this process should take the four weeks. Starting approximately March 30, 2020 hydrants north of River Street will be flushed. The above schedule is contingent on weather and/or emergency repairs.

Residents may experience temporary discolored water during this process. If noticed, residents should run your tap water until the water is clear. This notice is being given to try to avoid discoloration to clothing during the hydrant flushing.

If you have questions, please call the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371

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. CI 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

NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME

PROBATE COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
 MICHAEL A. WEHRKAMP, JUDGE
 IN RE: Change of Name of Jessica Nicole Ratliff (Present Name) to Jessica Nicole Weller (Name Requested)
 Case No. 20206002

day of April 2020, at 3:30 o'clock P.M. in the Probate Court of Paulding County, located at Court-house - Second Floor - Room 202, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME [R.C. 2717.01]

Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons, that the applicant has filed an Application for Change of Name in the Probate Court of Paulding County, Ohio, requesting the change of name of Jessica Nicole Ratliff to Jessica Nicole Weller. The hearing on the application will be held on the 13th

Jessica Ratliff
 Applicant's Signature
Jessica Ratliff
 Typed or Printed Name
 24821 Rd. 207
 Address
 Oakwood OH 45873
 City State Zip

YOUNG ARTIST SHOWCASE 2020



Pictured is Ryan Rager, a 2017 senior from Lincolnview High School, performing Schubert's "Impromptu", Opus 90, No. 2. Photo Credit: Dave Mosier, VWIndependent

The Van Wert County Foundation will present Van Wert County's most talented students in its 17th annual Young Artists Showcase. Student musicians from Van Wert, Lincolnview, and Crestview High Schools will perform in this prestigious event based on their performances and ratings at the recent OMEA Solo & Ensemble contest. First United Methodist Church in Van Wert will host this event. It begins at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2020. This performance is free and the public is encouraged to at-

tend. The showcase consists of solo vocal, instrumental, and piano performances as well as instrumental and vocal ensembles. Since 2003, students that performed in this recital have gone on to become professional musicians, music teachers, and other accomplished careers in professional fields. Doors open to the public at 2:00 p.m. First United Methodist is at 113 W. Central Ave. in Van Wert. Please use the Central Avenue or Jefferson Street entrances to the church.

RECYCLING ROUNDUP

The numbers are in and January was a banner month for the WMEA Program. We recycled 11,485 pounds of material or almost 6 Tons. That included newspaper, cardboard, magazines, catalogs, mixed paper, #1 and #2 plastics, aluminum and steel. I believe we're going to exceed that number for February as I calculate the weigh slips through Feb 20th. It's looking good. Residents of

Paulding County, you are some excellent recyclers! I'd like to recognize our



Boy Scout Troop #315 of Paulding County. Led by

Scout Master, Andy Porter, and Committee Members, Jeremy Coutts and Josh Cox. These young men have been in charge of the Grover Hill/Scott/Haviland Run for almost 4 years. The first Saturday of every month they meet up and head out for Grover Hill where they do an excellent job of unloading vehicles, sorting and then loading the recycling from that part of our County. There are approximately 13 Scouts that participate on a rotating basis. According to Scout Master, Andy Porter, the 2 biggest benefits for his members are gaining experience interacting with the public and then learning about responsibility. They are very aware that by providing this service, they're doing their part to keep material out of the landfills.

I would also like to recognize the members of the Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club. Coordinated by Cherry and Jerry Klopfenstein. These kids assisted with the Payne Run on February 15th. Rex Boroff and his son, Remington, along with Julie/Greg Manz and their children, Cohl and Ashlyn, and Ezra and Amos Sinn, all came out on a frigid Saturday morning to start learning about the ins and outs of recycling. It was a hectic and fun 2 hours as folks started lining up to drop off their recycling and me explaining the difference between #1 and #2 plastics, all at the same time. These families jumped right in and didn't miss a beat as they unloaded and learned at the same time! I'm pretty sure the donuts that we had helped mitigate the pain as we took turns getting in the vehicles to warm up and have a snack.

Thursday evening, February 20th, found me at the Youth Leadership Building making a presentation to their entire Club and many parents, about 70 in all. We discussed the 3 R's of Recycling and began learning how to distinguish what can and cannot be recycled in Paulding County. Everyone got to participate by having an item to identify as being recyclable or not, and why. Moving forward, if you would like me to give a presentation to your business, group or club just give me a call at the office. Length of time and content can be tailored to meet your need. The number at the office is 399-3630.

We are going to make a change to the time and day of the Latty and Briceton runs, effective immediately. The pickups will be combined with the new day scheduled for the second Wednesday of every month and the new time of 2:30-3:00. Location of the pickup will be at the Latty Park/Village Meeting Hall by the post office. For March, then, it will be Wednesday, the 11th starting at 2:30.

Just as a reminder, please, do not drop your recycling ahead of time. If the posted times/locations are not convenient for you, the WMEA Program provides many options during the month to meet our County's recycling needs. As always, you can take your recycling to Erie Recycling in Antwerp. Their facility is open 24/7 and owner, Rob Gerken, has everything labeled for your convenience and ease of

drop off. Also, as a reminder, Paulding County is no longer accepting glass.

Have a great rest of the month and keep up the good work!

VWAPAF APPOINTS NEW BOX OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR VAN WERT LIVE EVENTS

The Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation (VWAPAF), is pleased to announce the appointment of Quincy Thompson to Box Office Director. This position is the direct representative for ticket sales of all Van Wert Live events at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center and at the Grandstand. Executive Director, Tafi Stober states, "The VWAPAF Board and staff were seeking an individual who embodied energy and excellence in customer service. Quincy's professional experience at managing deadlines, implementing



change and managing workflow, all while projecting a very positive personal brand, make her a perfect fit within our continuous improvement environment."

Quincy joins the VWAPAF team of professionals at a time when Box Office innovations are underway. Entertainment seekers will now see the Van Wert LIVE brand emerge with a new online presence and new ticketing platform for all Niswonger and Grandstand events presented by the VWAPAF. Digital ticketing with convenient print-at-home options and on-site device scanning will now be an option for patrons. Quincy welcomes the opportunity to guide our patrons through the ticketing process as we adapt to new technology.

"This community sets my heart on fire. My strong desire to contribute to the region through the performing arts is an extension of that pride. It is a distinct honor as the Box Office Director to be able to play a role in the entertainment we provide to the region. The vibrancy Van Wert exudes is awe-inspiring. The entertainment at the Niswonger has produced energy that is contagious and compels people to travel for miles to experience. It is my personal goal to ensure that experience in Van Wert exceeds expectations. As the concert venues and offerings grow to include a broader audience, I am eager to be behind the scenes helping patrons select their perfect seat to adventure!"

The Mission of the VWAPAF is to make Van Wert the entertainment destination of Ohio. The Van Wert LIVE brand is the identity that represents the concerts presented by

the VWAPAF, most widely known by The Niswonger Performing Arts Center venue and also The Grandstand and Fountain Park.

"Quincy Thompson has a bright and beautiful personality that reflects the warm nature of Van Wert. We are a welcoming community and I cannot think of a more fitting individual to be the face and voice of Van Wert to our residents and guests. We are poised for growth as we reach out to new audiences through the programming of new venues. Quincy is a dynamic part of this vision," shares VWAPAF Board Chairman, Gary Taylor.

The Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation is powered by the Van Wert County Foundation. The Van Wert LIVE (VWAPAF) Business Office is located within the Niswonger Performing Arts Center at 10700 SR 118 South, Van Wert, Ohio.

THREE PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP TRUSTEES RE-ELECTED TO BOARD

Three Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative trustees have been re-elected to the board: Joseph Kohnen, District 1; Dr. John Saxton, District 6; and Dr. Ronald



Joe Kohnen

Black, District 9.

District 1 includes members who reside in Indiana's Allen and Adams counties: Marion, Madison, Monroe, Preble, and Union



Dr. John Saxton

townships.

District 6 includes members living in Ohio's Paulding County townships



Dr. Ronald Black

of Auglaize, Brown, Latty, and Washington, as well as the Defiance County townships of Defiance and Highland.

District 9 includes members who reside in Ohio's Putnam County townships of Sugar Creek, Pleasant, Union, Ottawa, and Riley.

Kohnen resides in Monroeville, Indiana; Saxton resides in Oakwood, Ohio; and Black resides in Ottawa, Ohio. Together, they have more than 20 years of PPEC board experience.

PPEC members will not be receiving official ballots for the 2020 Board of Trustee elections in the mail this February, as no members submitted petitions to run against incumbent trustees. As stated in the co-op Code of Regulations, uncontested elections allow for automatic re-election of current trustees.

Each trustee serves a three-year term. The PPEC board of trustees consists of nine co-op members who each represent one district within the territory. Trustees set the strategic direction of the co-op and are responsible for establishing, reviewing, and revising corporate policies to ensure that service to the PPEC membership is foremost in mind, while maintaining a stable yet competitive position in the industry by setting rate structures.

The entire board will be present at the annual meeting on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at the co-op's office in Paulding. The meeting starts at 10 am and is followed by lunch. Please call PPEC at 800-686-2357 or visit www.PPEC.coop for more information.

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

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BULLDOGS TAKE A HIT FROM CAVALIERS ; OVERTAKES PATRIOTS

New Haven Boys hosted Canterbury in varsity basketball on February 18th. The boys fell to Canterbury 81-66.

Bulldog Game Stats:
 Thomas Latham – 21 points, 8 rebounds; Donovynn Lewis – 21 points; JaKar Williams – 16 points, 10 rebounds, 7 assists; Jamarr Hutchins – 15 points, 3 steals; Dre Wright

Score by the Quarter:
 New Haven – 27 13 24 17 = 66

Canterbury – 16 29 15 6 = 81

Bulldogs traveled to Heritage for Friday night boys basketball. Bulldogs were fierce in this match up and dominated the game. Final score: 61-30.

Bulldogs were led by Donovynn Lewis with 16 points. JaKar Williams also contributed 12 points.

Score by the Quarter:
 New Haven – 7 24 15 15 = 61

Heritage – 0 5 11 14 = 30

LADY ACES MOVE TO NEXT ROUND OF SECTIONALS

Hicksville girls basketball ball squared off against Allen East in the Division III OHSAA girls sectionals held at Bluffton High School on February 18th.

After falling behind in the 1st quarter, the Lady Aces dug deep to change the status quo. They did not fall behind again — Final score: 49-32. They clinched this win to move on to the second round of Sectional play on February 22nd at Bluffton High School where they will face Ottawa-Glandorf. They have a 6:15 p.m. tip-off.

Score by the Quarter:
 Allen East – 10 9 6 7 = 32
 Hicksville – 7 16 13 13 = 49

Scorers of the Game:
 Allen East – Newland 12, Richardson 10, Tobe 3, McKenzie 3, Whitley 2, Thaxton 2
 Hicksville – Schroeder 13, Slattery 10, Bergman 8, Phillips 5, Eicher 5, Villena 4, I Smith 2, Crall 2

BULLDOGS OUTLAST PANTHERS IN OT

EDGERTON - Edgerton outscored visiting Paulding in overtime as the Bulldogs outlasted the Panthers for a 58-55 victory Thursday night in non-league boys basketball action.

The Panthers jumped in front after one quarter, opening a 13-5 advantage at the end of eight minutes of action. Edgerton outscored Paulding 17-12 in the second stanza to slice the deficit to 25-22 at the midway point before the maroon and white controlled the third quarter.

Paulding picked up 14 points in the third period while limiting the Bulldogs to seven, extended the advantage to 39-29 entering the final quarter.

However, it was all Bulldogs in the last eight minutes of regulation.

Edgerton outscored Paulding 18-8 in the period, knotting the game at 47-47 at the end of regulation.

In the extra session, it was the Bulldogs who prevailed by outpointing Paulding 11-8 to record the victory.

Jaron Cape scored 17 points to pace the Bulldogs, who improve to 11-11 on the season.

Logan Showalter added 13 markers for Edgerton, which also got nine points from Colin Gary and eight by Noah Landel.

Arryn Pahl (four), Gannon Ripke (four) and Craig Blue (three) completed the scorers for the Bulldogs.

Paulding was paced by Blake McGarvey with 19 points while Seth Dysinger added 16 markers and Payton Beckman chipped in a dozen.

Boston Pease posted three points for the maroon and white followed by Evan Edwards (two), Caleb Manz (two) and Hunter Kauser (one).

Paulding will open sectional action on Tuesday as the Panthers battle Lima Central Catholic in the second game of the evening at the Elida Fieldhouse.

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CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 1/20/20

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Councilmen Voirol, Gerig, Watts and Martin were in attendance. Chief Parker was not present. Chief's Report: Nothing to report. Superintendent's Report: The superintendent mentioned that there was noticeable loss between what the water plant produced versus what was consumed through metered accounts in 2019. The superintendent and the clerk-treasurer are discussing where these losses may be occurring and are working on lowering the percent of loss in 2020.

Mayor's Report: The mayor discussed potential items to be addressed by the 2020 Community Crossings grant application with the council and asked for feedback and general comments or concerns. The mayor asked the superintendent to describe to the council issues that have been discovered regarding sump pumps. The superintendent went over information regarding the city's current sewer use ordinance and mentioned that sump pump violations from utility customers have become an issue that needs addressed. He then asked for feedback from the council regarding potential changes to enforceability and penalties for non-compliance. The mayor encouraged citizens to consider signing up for the auto pay option for the utility payments through the city. The last property in the industrial park has just recently sold. There are two residents that are interested in Councilman Renner's vacated seat for District 2 Councilman seat and a decision will be made by the mayor to be announced at the following meeting. The mayor is a part of All In Allen which is an advisory committee to discuss the future of Allen County and wanted to encourage council members to consider learning about this process.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the January 6th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on January 6th as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor, except Councilman Martin who abstains. Warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Watts went over information regarding a rezoning request that was presented at a recent meeting and discussed the potential ramifications to the city if no action is taken as the land owner has now placed that lot up for sale. Councilman Watts discussed the potential rezoning of this lot to R1 and then moved to proceed with rezoning this lot to R1 through the Allen County Plan Commission, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor except Councilman Martin who is opposed.

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

Audience: A resident asked for consideration towards a sewer credit due to a non-functional water heater that was discharging into his sump pump pit to be pumped into his yard. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to create the sewer portion of his bill based on his average consumption for all affected months, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. A resident had requested that the city reach out to the land owner for consideration on the rezoning issue. Another resident appreciates that the council wants to rezone the lot to R1 but also recommends reaching out to the owner personally. A resident mentioned that he appreciates the police department trying to reduce speeding of vehicles exiting the city limits. A resident stated that she enjoyed the light parade and was glad to experience it.

Councilman Voirol moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

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PAULDING FFA QUALIFIES FOR STATE AG SALES COMPETITION



Pictured here is members of the Paulding FFA Ag Sales team left to right Baylee March, Carter Manz, Paige Jones and Jonathan Reinhard.

By: Reporter, Paige Jones

On Tuesday, February 18th, the Ag Sales team competed at the district contest in Riverdale, Ohio. The team consisted of freshman Carter Manz, sophomore Paige Jones, junior Baylee March, and senior Jonathon Reinhard. The agricultural sales competition consists of four different parts. The first is an online test to determine who will be on the team, but these scores are also factored into the team score. Then they have a 15 minute preparation session, where they are graded on their teamwork and ability to develop effective selling strategies together.

During this session is where they plan for their sale, and then they go to the third part where they are asked questions by the judges about their plan and teamwork. Finally, each student had to go individually and try to sell their product to the judges. This year the product the team marketed was benches and trash cans for parks. At the district contest, the team placed 2nd overall with Baylee March placing fourth individually. This 2nd place finish qualified the team to move on to the state contest on March 10th! Great job to the Ag sales team and good luck at the state competition!

PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION OBSERVES GRAIN BIN SAFETY

Each year, farmers risk their lives on the farm when they enter their on-farm storage (grain bins).

Grain can bury a worker in a matter of seconds. Because these accidents happen way too often, Marshall Memorial Supporting Foundation-Paulding County Area Foundation launched a Grain Safety Grant in 2015. Each of the volunteer EMS/

Fire Departments in Paulding County were asked to submit a request for grain safety equipment.

With Paulding County rich in agriculture, Marshall Memorial Supporting Foundation-Paulding County Area Foundation approved equipment to the following departments; Payne Fire Department, Paulding Fire Department, Cecil Fire Department, Oakwood Fire Department, Scott Fire Department, Auglaize Fire Department and Grover Hill Fire Department.

Training opportunities for emergency responders were provided for a good understanding of the steps needed for the ultimate goal of a victims' survival. Grain Bin Safety Week ran from February 16 - 20, 2020. The Foundation understands the importance of our farmers in Paulding County and will continue to do our part for their safety.

COBBLESTONE HOTEL PRESENTS TO ANTWERP

The MAC gym hosted the Cobblestone Hotel event that was scheduled by Paulding County Economic Development Director, Tim Copsey. Janice Tata was introduced and spoke about how Cobblestone Hotels started in Wisconsin with the first hotel at 31 bedroom suites. That opened in 2009. Within 1 year they opened up their fifth hotel.

Janice had been in the hotel business for 30+ years. Now she is in hotel development with the Cobblestone Hotels. There are five hotel projects going on in Ohio right now and they have looked at the study that put Antwerp at the center with Auburn to the north, New Haven/Fort Wayne to the west Defiance to the east and Van Wert to south and the

most used highway happens to be right at Antwerp.

There are 18 states with the Cobblestone franchise hotels with about 100 that are open or nearing opening.

Passive investors are ones that are willing to put their money in, but don't want to have to run the investment. 30% is about what the banks are wanting and that would total at about 1.7 million dollars to get the project rolling for a 54 room hotel.

There were several questions asked to Ms. Tata that included destinations, cost per day, square footage, etc. The building is 173x65 feet for the footprint of the ground.

The franchise prefers that all work be done locally if standards can be met. The franchise fee is \$2.75 per room per day, and a 6% off the sales for management.

OHIO EPA ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GRANTS

Communities planning water quality improvement projects may be eligible for grants from Ohio EPA covering 100 percent of a project's costs. Ohio EPA has issued a request for proposals, with applications due March 16.

The funding is being made available through Section 319 of the federal Clean Water Act, which addresses nonpoint source pollution affecting lakes and streams. The Agency anticipates more than \$2.5 million in funding will be available to local governments, park districts, soil and water conservation districts, and others to implement water quality improvement projects to reduce sources of impairments such as nutrients, habitat, channelization, and sediment. To be eligible, projects must be



Photo by Jordan Gonzales, Defiance, OH.

By: Stan Jordan

This nice picture was taken by the reservoir in Defiance, OH.

I have read that the female eagle is 1/3 or 1/4 bigger than the male. Well then it leads me to believe that the top one is a female. I read somewhere that there is a little more

curve in the female beak than the male beak.

I assume they are talking about her going into the nest. It is about that time of the year, but they are enjoying a nice sunny day.

If you see any eagles, let me know.

See ya!

included in a watershed plan known as a Nine-Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy.

This year, these subgrants will provide 100 percent of the project cost and have a maximum three-year term. Local participants are not required to provide matching funds. Ohio is providing the necessary match through state funded projects.

Historically, communities have utilized these funds to implement agricultural nutrient reduction practices, stream restoration, acid mine drainage abatement, storm water quality retrofits,

and more.

Applications for 2020 nonpoint source implementation projects must be received by March 16, 2020. The application and request for proposals are available on Ohio EPA's website.

Prospective applicants should review the announcement and application forms carefully and direct questions to John Mathews, nonpoint source program manager, at 614-265-6685 or john.mathews@epa.ohio.gov; or to Rick Wilson, technical program specialist, at 614-644-2032 or rick.wilson@epa.ohio.gov.

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