

## CLAIRE SINN BREAKS SCHOOL RECORD



Wayne Trace's Claire Sinn passes the record in points at Wayne Trace and Paulding County schools in girls basketball with this 3-point shot at the 5:32 mark in the 1st quarter! Erin Mohr previously had the record that

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she held since 2016. More pictures at westbendnews.net

## SINN ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR PC COMMISSIONER

My name is Tom Sinn and I'm excited to announce my candidacy for Paulding County Commissioner. I am running unopposed in



the March primary but will be on the Democratic ticket on the November ballot.

Many of you know me but for those who do not, I am a lifelong resident of Latty. I graduated from Wayne Trace High School in 1974 and started my career locally by assisting with the family business, Don & Perry's. I then joined Hartzog Lumber Company and later Alltel, where I was employed for 14 years. I have also been a bus driver for Wayne Trace Local Schools for the past 15 years. I am also an active member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish.

I have dedicated much of my life to public service, having held multiple positions in local politics since 1979. Currently, I am the Mayor of Latty and the Zoning Inspector for Paulding and Benton Townships and Payne Village. In these roles I have assisted with the following accomplishments: first-time purchase of snow equipment for the village; purchase of the Penn Cen-

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## FIRST IN THE NATION EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS POWER PANEL



Fred Pieper and Bruce Weidenhamer check out the emergency power panel at the digester at Haviland Drainage Products.

The Paulding County Ohio Amateur Radio Club in conjunction with Haviland Drainage products now has an emergency communications power panel. The panel will be able to provide power even when the electric grid is down.

The power panel was installed at the digester at Haviland Drainage Products. The digester operates independent of the grid and will be able to provide power

for an extended period of time even when the grid is offline.

The radio club was gifted a recreational trailer which they are converting into an emergency communications trailer. The trailer when finished will be able to provide potential lifesaving communications to the proper authorities when conventional means of communication are not available.

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## PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL TO JOIN GREEN MEADOWS CONFERENCE

Monday, March 2nd, 2020  
After a meeting with the Green Meadows Conference on Friday, February 28th, 2020, Paulding Exempted Village Schools has committed to join the GMC as its 8th member starting in the 2021/22 school year. The board will make reso-

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## Community Calendar

### 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
- Fraud Lunch-n-Learn @ NH Comm Ctr., 11:45am

### March 6

- Live Music & S'mores @ Genesis House, Antwerp, 5-8pm
- Hicksville KofC Fish Fry @ St. Michael's, 4:30-7pm
- Mission Service @ Paulding NAZ, 6pm

### March 7

- Regional Spelling Bee @ PFW Rhinehart Music Ctr, 10am
- PCH Health Fair @ Ant. Reg. Health Ctr.

### 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

### March 11

- Lenten Lunches @ First Pres. Church, Paulding, 12-1pm
- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm

### March 12

- Open Mic @ Continental Legion, 6-8:30pm

### March 13

- CMH Foundation Purse Bingo @ Hicksville Eagles, 7pm
- The Big Band Sount @ Huber, 7:30pm



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## HERITAGE LIONS MEMBER RECOGNIZED FOR 55 YEARS OF SERVICE



The Heritage Lions met on February 25 at St. John Lutheran Flatrock church. Several invited guest attended the meeting where a light meal was served. Chairpersons explained their various projects and the impact it had on the community. President Ed Coy (pictured above) presented Dave Hockemeyer with an award related to his 55 years of service to the Lions.

## OHIO WEEKLY FLU HOSPITALIZATIONS CONTINUE TO RISE ODH MEDICAL DIRECTOR URGES FLU SHOTS AS NEARLY 1,000 PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) reports that the number of new influenza-related hospitalizations rose again last week. The 994 hospitalizations from February 2 to February 8 marks a new high for the 2019-2020 flu season and a 19% increase over the previous week.

These numbers bring to 5,457 the total hospitalizations since the season began at the end of September, and are more than double the hospitalizations reported during the same week of last year's flu season. The current report can be found here.

"One in 12 Americans is likely to get sick from flu this season," said ODH Medical Director Mark Hurst, MD. "The next person hospitalized could be you, your child, or another loved one. Protect yourself and everyone around you by getting a flu shot and following other precautions."

Adult flu deaths are not reported to ODH; however, two Ohio children, girls ages 11 and 16, have died from the flu this season.

The virus can be especially dangerous for people who are very young or elderly, people with compromised or weakened immune systems, people with chronic health conditions, and pregnant women. If you are in one of these categories and develop flu symptoms, Hurst advises, seek medical care right away.

Certain antiviral medications can ease flu symptoms and are especially important

for people in high risk groups.

While ODH remains on vigilant watch for COVID-2019 (coronavirus disease 2019), state infectious disease experts also are monitoring flu-related activity -- from lab data to emergency department visits to thermometer sales -- in an effort to keep Ohioans healthy. They will continue to do so through the end of flu season in May.

They advise the following to help prevent flu, caused by contact with respiratory droplets from the cough or sneeze of an infected person:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth after touching objects.
- Practice good habits, including disinfecting surfaces, getting plenty of sleep, and managing stress.

Symptoms typically start one to four days following exposure and include fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headache, and fatigue.

"Along with severe illness, flu can lead to missed work and education, limit family time, and diminish quality of life," Dr. Hurst said. "We encourage workplaces, schools, nursing homes, and other facilities to protect Ohioans by ramping up cleaning and disinfecting efforts and supporting other prevention habits."

You cannot get the flu from the flu shot, and it is recommended for everyone older than 6 months. If you have

had issues with the flu shot before, talk to your medical provider about options that might not cause problems.

Learn more about the flu and precautions to take at [www.flu.ohio.gov](http://www.flu.ohio.gov).

## OHIO EPA BEGINS TESTING DRINKING WATER UNDER OHIO PFAS ACTION PLAN

Ohio EPA announced that it has begun collecting samples to test for the presence of certain per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in Ohio's drinking water.

The testing, which is being conducted as part of the statewide PFAS Action Plan, will determine if the chemicals exist in any of Ohio's 1,500 public water systems. Approximately 250 schools and daycares with their own public water systems are being tested first.

"Children are considered a sensitive population when exposed to environmental contaminants like PFAS," said Ohio EPA Director Laurie A. Stevenson. "We need to ensure the water that children drink at these schools and daycares is not contaminated with PFAS above the Ohio PFAS Action Levels."

PFAS are manmade chemicals used in products such as carpeting, upholstery, cookware, food packaging, and firefighting foam. PFAS can be transported through rainwater run-off or migrate through soil, posing potential contamination threats to surface and ground waters.

Although there are currently no national drinking water standards for PFAS nor mandates for its testing, Governor Mike DeWine called for the development of the PFAS action plan to identify the extent of PFAS chemicals in Ohio's drinking water systems. If PFAS is detected in a public water system, Ohio EPA will work to help the system to implement preventative and long-term measures to reduce PFAS-related risks.

Ohio EPA will provide the test results to each public water system and publish the data publicly on Ohio's interactive PFAS website, [pfas.ohio.gov](http://pfas.ohio.gov) under the 'data' tab. Once a sample is collected, testing is anticipated to take several weeks due to the complex nature of analytical methods.

Ohio EPA expects to complete sampling of Ohio's 1,500 public water systems, including those that serve communities, schools, daycares and mobile home parks, by the end of 2020.

Ohio EPA and ODH are also working together to provide the public with educational information and resources regarding PFAS, including information for individuals that have private drinking water wells.

For more information on PFAS and Ohio's PFAS Action Plan, visit [pfas.ohio.gov](http://pfas.ohio.gov).

## CHOW LINE: EATING FEWER TRANS OR SATURATED FATS BETTER CHOICE FOR HEART HEALTH

*I'm focusing on improving my nutrition as part of my overall health resolutions for this year. Do you have any tips on how to make heart-healthy food choices?*

February is a good time to focus on healthy food choices and heart health, as the month was designated

American Heart Month by former U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1963. As such, health care advocates, including the American Heart Association, take this time every year to promote consumer awareness of heart health and the impact that foods can have on your health.

This is significant considering that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of American consumers. Limiting unhealthy foods and making wise food choices are important parts of developing and maintaining a heart-healthy lifestyle. One way to do that is by realizing that your everyday food choices can make a big difference for your heart, writes Dan Remley, an educator in family and consumer sciences for Ohio State University Extension.

"Heart-healthy eating includes choosing food with less saturated fats and trans fats," Remley writes in *Everyday Food Choices Make a Big Difference for Your Heart*, a blog post at [LiveHealthyLiveWell](http://LiveHealthyLiveWell).

The site, which can be found at [livehealthyosu.com](http://livehealthyosu.com), is a free information resource that offers science-based consumer information and insights. It's written by OSU Extension educators and specialists in family and consumer sciences who promote health and wellness. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

"Saturated fats are usually solid at room temperature and are found mostly in animal products," Remley writes, noting that "trans fats or trans fatty acids are formed when vegetable oils are made into margarine or shortening."

For example, the fat in most red meat is more saturated than the fat in chicken, turkey, and fish, he writes. Meanwhile, trans fats are found in foods made with "partially hydrogenated vegetable oil" or "vegetable shortening."

The Dietary Reference Intake (DRI) recommends adults eat no more than 22 grams of saturated fat per day for a 2,000-calorie diet. The DRI was developed by the Institute of Medicine and represents the most current scientific knowledge on nutrient needs of healthy populations.

"Buying leaner cuts of meat and removing the skin from poultry can help reduce fat content," Remley writes. "Read labels to check for trans fats, but be aware that food manufacturers can indicate that there are 0 grams of trans fats if their product has less than .5 grams per serving."

The American Heart Association recommends these other tips to lower your saturated and trans fats intakes:

- Eat a diet that focuses on fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy products, poultry, fish and nuts, while limiting red meat and sugary foods and beverages.
- Choose naturally occurring unhydrogenated vegetable oils such as canola, safflower, sunflower, or olive oil.
- Look for processed foods made with unhydrogenated oil rather than saturated fat or hydrogenated (or partially hydrogenated) vegetable oils.
- Use soft margarine as a substitute for butter, and choose soft margarines (liquid or tub varieties) over

## SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold. My feet have closely followed his steps; I have kept to his way without turning aside."

*Job 23:10-11 NIV*

## LaROSE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT OATH OF CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY



Secretary of State Frank LaRose was the keynote speaker at the Oath of Citizenship ceremony in the Ohio Statehouse. 219 new Americans took the oath and are excited to become Ohio voters. With assistance from the Franklin County Board of Elections, many of these new citizens and their families registered to vote.

harder stick forms. Look for "0 g trans fat" on the Nutrition Facts label.

- Limit your intake of doughnuts, cookies, crackers, muffins, pies, and cakes, which are examples of foods high in trans fats.

- Limit commercially fried foods and baked goods made with shortening or partially hydrogenated vegetable oils. These foods are very high in fat, and that fat is likely to be trans fat.

- Limit fried fast food. Commercial shortening and deep-frying fats are still made by hydrogenation and contain saturated and trans fats.

Chow Line is a service of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and its outreach and research arms, Ohio State University Extension and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. Send questions to Chow Line writer Tracy Turner, 364 W. Lane Ave., Suite B120, Columbus, OH 43201, or [turner.490@osu.edu](mailto:turner.490@osu.edu).

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tral railroad property and its transformation into a recreational park; development of a \$1.3M sewer system; and creation of a new townhall for council meetings, which also provides an office for our Fiscal Officer.

As a proud member of our community, I look forward to your vote in November.

*The Family of Edmond (C buck) Demongeot*

would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all for the many kind words, cards, messages, food, flowers and prayers with the sudden loss of our loved one. Our special thanks go out to Father Mike, The Altar Rosary Society at St. Rose De Lima Catholic Church, and the staff at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home.

**God Bless You**  
—The Demongeot Family

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**EARLY RECORDS IN THE PAULDING COUNTY COURTHOUSE, PART 2**



By: Jane Niece, Paulding County Bicentennial Committee

Part of a series PAULDING - In a search for the earliest records held in the Paulding County Court-

21, 1839, in New Rochester. In the matter of the estate of the late Samuel Banks - the same case where the earliest records from the Probate Court were found - the judges appointed William Banks and Martin S. Runyan "full power and authority ... to administer all and singular the said goods and chattels" of Banks' estate.

In the next session, held in April, 1840, Judge Emery D. Potter granted Reason Spurrier, W. Saylor, and Richard Banks licenses to keep taverns in their Carry-all Township homes for a fee of \$6 each, and he awarded Abraham Davis and Horatio Curtis tavern licenses at New Rochester for \$10 apiece.

The first two bills of indictment handed down in Paulding County charged Moses Hanshaw with assault

given, that on the 2nd day of June, 1892, the undersigned took up a stray, being a two-year-old steer, roan color, medium size, horns sawed off."

Across the hall and still on the courthouse's first floor, the Auditor's vault holds "Section 16" records dating to 1848. In The Official Ohio Land Book Dr. George W. Knepper explains that support for public schooling was provided by the Land Act of 1785, which set aside Section 16 in every township for the "maintenance of public schools within said township."

Recorded in the "Section 16" volume on the "Brown Township" page on July 20, 1848: Royal Cooper paid \$18.89 in taxes and Shadrack R. Hudson paid \$37.41 in support of their school.

The next earliest tax records in the Auditor's office can be found in the "Auditor's Duplicate 1864" volume. Many familiar Paulding County names - Gordon, Hughes, Simpson, Tate, French, Snook - can be found in this book dating back to the Civil War era. For the year 1864, Auglaize Township had the highest total taxes levied, \$18.60, and Jackson Township the least, \$11.40.

Back in the courthouse basement are the Board of County Commissioner's records. The earliest volume found there is "Journal 1862." Much of the early business recorded in this volume has to do with the building of roads and bridges. In that year, David Naveau petitioned for the "establishment of a county road forty feet in width commencing at the west corner of the lock one mile west of Junction and on the north side of the Wabash & Erie Canal; thence running east along Section 24 down to the Junction and crossing the canal at Griffiths Store to intersect the street running near said store."

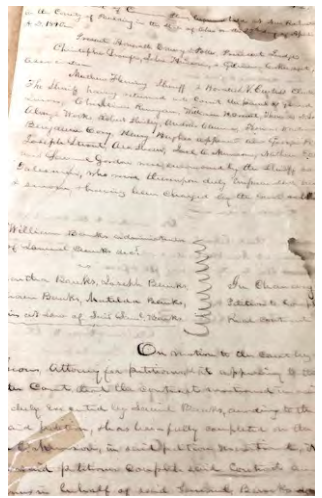
Also that year, plans for building a bridge over the Auglaize River were made. Brown Township had collected more than \$1,000 to fund the project and Brown Township had collected around \$700, together totaling enough for work to begin. The county commissioners approved that the auditor publish a notice for sealed proposals for bridge construction for 30 days in the Paulding Independent newspaper.

The county commissioners also established rules for traveling on roads and bridges. Rules for crossing the Maumee River bridge near Antwerp included, "That no person shall ride or drive any horse or horses stage coach or other vehicle over this

bridge faster than a walk; anyone violating this order shall pay for each offense five dollars, provided that the United States Mails shall not be subject to this penalty."

Carrying fire over the bridge in anything other than a lantern could incur a fine of \$5, driving more than ten head of horses or cattle over the bridge at one time could cost the offender \$10, and drawing timber over 45 feet long and 12 inches square at one time might set a settler back \$25.

Also in 1862, the board of commissioners determined that the courthouse needed repairs, "by lathing and plastering several offices, making two outside hall doors ... The



Among the county's earliest records are these accounts of proceedings from April 1840 in New Rochester. Photo courtesy Paulding County Bicentennial Committee.

old stairs in the hall to be removed and converted into a room for books, and the chimneys to be overhauled and rebuilt. The boards on the outside of the building that are off or become loose to be repaired."

In another notation, "The Board of Commissioners finding that F.T. Mellinger, county Sheriff, has taken more than ordinary care of the courthouse yard in preventing animals from pasturing or running in it. Therefore, the board gives him the privilege of cutting and appropriating to his own use the grass now growing on the same."

Back on the main floor, books stored within the vault in the Treasurer's office only date to the early 1900s. In 1904, the biggest business taxpayers in the village of Paulding were Paulding National Bank, Farmers Banking Company, Cincinnati Northern Railroad, Central Union Telephone Company, and Paulding Gas, Light and Fuel Company.

Another early book records taxes collected on roads named Payne Pike, Dunakin, Hook, Reeb, Hubbard, Nindeville and Musselman.

Maybe more interesting

**DAIRY FARM RECEIVES \$19,950 REBATE FROM NORTH WESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**



Pictured here are (l-r) GreenTop Acres' Trent Stoller and Samuel Tellez Rubi accepting a \$19,950 rebate check from North Western Electric Cooperative's Director of Finance and Accounting, Andrew Overman.

BRYAN, OH — Replacing old lights with energy-efficient LED bulbs isn't cheap - but if you're a member of a not-for-profit electric cooperative, it may be more affordable than you think. Thanks to North Western Electric Cooperative's (NWECC) Commercial and Industrial (C&I) Custom Lighting Program, businesses receiving electricity from the co-op, like dairy farm GreenTop Acres, are eligible for rebates when making significant energy-efficient lighting upgrades, as well as other improvements.

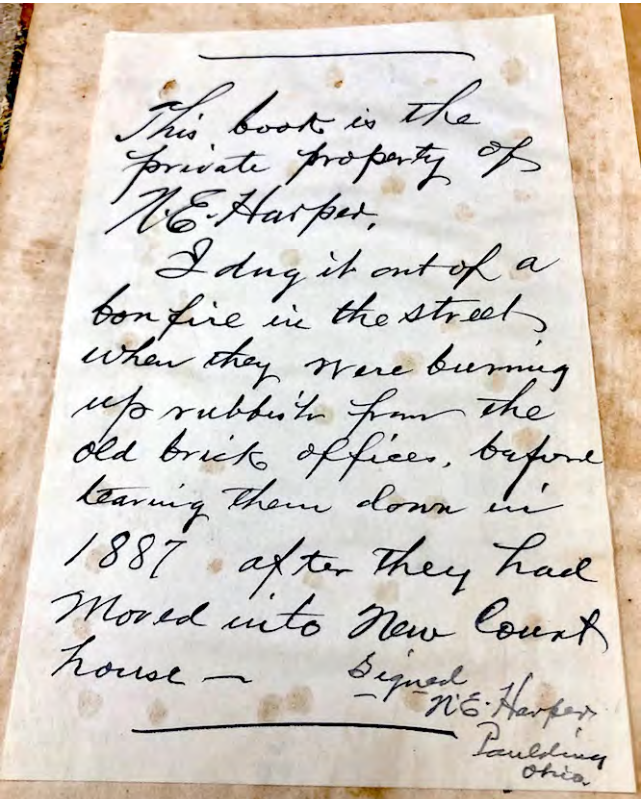
GreenTop Acres, located in Mark Center, took advantage of this program, receiving an \$19,950 check from NWECC after finishing installation of new LED lights to replace existing tungsten-halogen lighting. In total, GreenTop Acres reduced its energy use by 12,750 watts - reducing their initial wattage by more than 62%.

NWECC's C&I rebate programs allow commercial and industrial members to apply

for rebates toward energy-efficiency lighting projects and equipment purchases and installation. Rebates cannot exceed 50% of project costs (excluding labor), up to a total maximum rebate amount of \$25,000 for lighting and \$5,000 per rebate application for the improvements program. Rebates are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Pre-installation is required prior to installation by contacting NWECC at 800-647-6932. To learn more about NWECC's C&I rebate programs, visit <https://nwecc.com/content/member-services-0>.

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Shopkeeper N.E. Harper snatched Paulding County's earliest chancery records from a trash fire as officials were moving from the old courthouse into the current one in the late 1880s. He then kept the book for himself for a brief period of time before it made its way back into the courthouse. Photo courtesy Paulding County Bicentennial Committee.

house, a very old and fragile book was discovered in the Clerk of Courts' records on a shelf in the basement in a dark and windowless room.

This careworn book is not as thick as many of the other volumes, but it is almost as tall and wide. Its pages are ragged with age and the marks of water damage. Inside the front cover is glued a handwritten note that reads, "This book is the private property of N.E. Harper. I dug it out of a bonfire in the street when they were burning up rubbish from the old brick offices before tearing them down in 1887 after they had moved into new courthouse. Signed N.E. Harper, Paulding, Ohio."

Somehow these old chancery records, snatched from a fire by a shopkeeper, made their way back into the courthouse. To think this then 150-year-old volume that had already survived the county seat being moved three times - from New Rochester to Charloe to Paulding - makes one grateful for the records that have survived.

Harper saw the value in this book, which details Paulding's first court sessions after the county had been incorporated and began conducting its own business in 1839. Associate Judges Nathan Eaton, John Hudson and Gilman Mudgett presided over the court's first session held on November

and John Bowman with selling liquor without a license. In April 1841, Hanshaw pled guilty to the charges and was fined \$5.05. Bowman also pled guilty and was fined \$15 plus costs.

Making his way through the swampy terrain to hear these cases was no easy task for the judge. According to an early Toledo newspaper clipping adhered to a page in this volume, Judge Potter of Toledo was elected in 1839 for the Thirteenth Judicial District, which included Paulding and nine other counties in northwestern Ohio. Judge Potter then "purchased a magnificent horse on which he traveled about his district. He was compelled to swim streams and wade through deep mud in the almost trackless wilderness to reach places where it was his duty to hold court. He was occasionally compelled to camp out at night or stop at the rude log cabin of a pioneer in making the arduous journeys over his territory. A saddlebag contained his briefs, library and wardrobe."

Besides the rescued early court book, the Clerk of Courts maintains an extensive amount of records. One of the more unusual is a "Record of Strays" volume, which lists descriptions of animals that wandered onto the property of others. Within this book are entries like, "Taken Up! Notice is hereby

than the records held in the Treasurer's office is the story behind the door to its vault, which has the word "Cleveland" painted on it twice, spelled two different ways. The story goes that the city name was originally spelled C-L-E-A-V-E-L-A-N-D, but long-time Paulding County Judge Calvin L. Noble worked as a printer in Cleveland earlier in his life. There, he worked for the Cleaveland

Advertiser. One day he did not have enough space at the top of page one, so he omitted one of the letters, thus changing the spelling of the city's name.

Next time: How Paulding County was shaped geographically and jurisdictionally between 1820-1845.

More information on the bicentennial can be found on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/PauldingCounty200](http://www.facebook.com/PauldingCounty200)

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## PAULDING FFA RECEIVES LIVING TO SERVE GRANT FROM NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION



Pictured here are FFA Officers left to right Paige Jones and Sydney Reineck with FFA member Ben Weible who is giving hygiene items to help start the Panther's Care Closet from the Grant Funds from National FFA.

The Paulding FFA chapter in Paulding, Ohio has been awarded a Spring Semester-Long Living to Serve Grant in the amount of \$1,200. The nationwide program provides grant money to local FFA chapters to support semester-long service-learning projects that address needs related to community safety; environmental responsibility; hunger, health and nutrition; and community engagement during the fall semester.

The Paulding FFA plans to help address hygiene insecurities by creating a hygiene closet that will be accessible to all high school and middle school students if they are in need of any hygiene item. Students are currently receiving donations from students at their school to get startup products for the closet, and

will later use the grant money to grow the closet.

Last year, the National FFA Organization's Living to Serve Platform provided over \$500,000 to FFA chapters across the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Living to Serve Grants are sponsored by CoBank, Tractor Supply Company, Cargill, Chevrolet and CSX. For more information and a complete listing of sponsors, visit [FFA.org/livingtoserve](http://FFA.org/livingtoserve).

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 700,170 student members who belong to one of 8,612 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

## PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,*  
Can anyone anoint the sick, or does it need to be a pastor?

The Bible does not state that a layman cannot anoint the sick, but it does say, "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." - James 5:14. The two likely reasons for the elders or pastors handling this are:

1. They generally have more faith. Verse 15 says, "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick."
2. They generally have more skill and experience in dealing with sin. Sometimes sin is the cause of physical sickness: 1 Corinthians 11:30 - "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." John 5:14 - "Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." If that is the case, the sin

needs to be discovered, confessed and forgiven by God. Go to the pastor first!

If the sickness persists, doctors can be contacted. Matthew 9:12 - "But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. If the prayers and physicians do not resolve the sickness, you should claim God's abundant grace daily to see you through, and rejoice to know that God will do some great things through your sickness. 2 Corinthians 12:9 - "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." Romans 5:3-4 - "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope."

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## PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE TO HOST MISSIONS SERVICE

A mission's service will be held at Paulding Church of the Nazarene on Friday, March 6th. There will be a free will soup and sandwich supper served from 6:00-6:45pm. A missionary family will be speaking at 7:00 in the sanctuary, and all proceeds will go to their ministry in the Dominican Republic. The church is located at 210 Dooley Drive, Paulding. Join us for this fun night of togetherness and learning about the church in the Dominican!

## WHY DID THE JEWS AND SAMARITANS HATE ONE ANOTHER SO MUCH?

By: Lonni Lambert, Oakwood Church of Christ

The nation of Israel was divided into two nations in the days of Rehoboam (1 Kings 12). Israel was composed of the ten tribes to the north, and Judah was made up of Judah and Benjamin. The animosity between the Jews (inhabitants of the Judah, the southern kingdom) and Israelites began immediately after the division, as Samaria was the capital city of the northern kingdom (with Jeroboam as her first king). Rehoboam assembled an army to make war against Israel to reunite the kingdom, but God intervened through His prophet Shemihah (1 Kings 12:21-24). Later, in speaking of the reign of Abijam, Jeroboam's son, 1 Kings 15:6 says "there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life."

Immediately after the division, Jeroboam changed the worship of the Israelites in 1 Kings 12:25-33. No longer did the inhabitants of the north travel to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice and worship (cf Deuteronomy 12:5-14). Instead, Jeroboam set up idols in Dan and Bethel.

Later, after Israel's fall to the Assyrians, they began to intermarry with the Assyrians, contrary to Deuteronomy 7:3-5. This is why the Jews hated the Samaritans as "dogs," or "half-breeds."

The Samaritans were also a continuous source of difficulty to the Jews who rebuilt Jerusalem after returning

from Babylonian captivity (Ezra 4, esp v 10; Nehemiah 4, esp v 2).

Eventually, the religion of the Samaritans evolved to the point that they held only the Pentateuch (Genesis-Deuteronomy) as being the law of God, rejecting all the books of poetry and prophecy. Furthermore, they claimed their copy of the Pentateuch was the only original copy (a claim still made today by what few Samaritans still survive). Obviously, this was/is a claim rejected by the Jews.

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## FIRST UM CHURCH OFFERS "FRIDAYS AT FIRST"

First United Methodist Church in Van Wert will once again be offering "Fridays at First" beginning February 28. The purpose is to allow anyone the opportunity to come and go at will from 12 noon until approximately 12:45 pm and meditate while familiar hymns of our faith are played on the Noehren Pipe Organ. Organist Gloria Wendel will be playing beloved hymns and anyone may enter the sanctuary to escape the outside world and draw closer to God.

Once you enter the presence of the First UM Sanctuary, you will enjoy hearing many cherished hymns. You are welcome to stay the entire time or leave as you wish or need. The hope is that you will be drawn into His presence for time of prayer and meditation. The entire sanctuary will be open and seating is entirely up to you. There will be no spoken word or any order of worship. Psalm 95:2 says Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

You might want to take a few minutes away from work or lunch and sit for a time to be refreshed emotionally, spiritually, and physically. You are welcome to come into His presence just as you are.

The pipe organ at First United Methodist Church was designed and installed in 1977-78 by renowned organist and organ builder Dr. Robert Noehren of Ann Arbor, Michigan. It was dedicated Sunday, November 19, 1978 with an organ recital by Dr. Noehren. Gloria Wendel was the organist, Dr. Robert Scheidt was the organ committee chairman and Wayne Compton was the contractor. The Rev. William C. Stewart was Senior Pastor. The total cost of the organ, excluding construction, was \$110,000.

An organ fund has been established for the upkeep and repairs to the organ which is now over 40 years old. The purpose of "Fridays at First" is not to raise funds, but to offer a peaceful atmosphere for people to meditate and enjoy hymns of faith. However, if you would care to donate to the organ fund, a donation basket will be available just inside the entrance.

Pastor Chris Farmer, organist Gloria Wendel and Director of First Impressions and Worship Arts Paul Hoverman welcome you to First Church each Friday from 12:00-12:45 p.m. beginning February 28. Please use the wooden tower doors on Central Avenue to enter and exit.

## PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT LOCAL FOOD BANK



On Saturday, February 22nd students from Paulding Middle School volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry. Shown from left to right in the picture are Josiah Akom, Coach Jess Schultz, Christiana Martinez, and Hannah Arnold.

## HERITAGE LIONS CLUB MEETING SCHEDULED

The Heritage Lions in Hoagland will meet on Tuesday, March 10, 7 pm at St. John Lutheran Flatrock Church in Monroeville. John Nolan, Broadcasting & Media Relations Manager for the Fort Wayne Tincaps will speak on the team's history and prospects for the upcoming season, which begins April 9 at Bowling Green. A brief business meeting will follow. All are welcome to attend.

## OVERCOMING EVIL

By: Doris Applegate

Do you feel overwhelmed by the way things are changing in our country? You are not alone! We see the darkness but we must remember that our light shines bright in darkness.

The following verse tells of these days we live in:

When evil seems to boil  
Around our weary heads  
When goodness tries to show the way

Among these evil 'trends'  
We wonder, oh we wonder

How hearts can hold such hate

Turn their backs on what is right

And be so bold in what they 'state'

Trying now to over turn and

Rip apart truths always known.

For their shame they will

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Radio club members refine their skills regularly and can play a quiet but significant role during an emergency. Most counties have amateur radio clubs. According to Fred Pieper, club president, "Although club members view their involvement as a hobby (they reach out and talk to fellow amateur radio operators from their community, around the state, nation and internationally), most are also available upon request to provide communication

regret

We all reap 'seeds' that we have sown"

In 2 Timothy 3 we are told how evil men will be: "Lovers of themselves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, traitors, heady, corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith" Read the chapter for yourself - there is more there. Paul says that "evil men will wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" Paul urges the christians to "stay true to the faith of Jesus Christ" this is what we all must do who love the truth: "Stay faithful to the end."

Yes, the end will come and the righteous will shine forever in the Kingdom of God. My "earnest plea" is for us to become knowledgeable in the Bible. We don't want to be ignorant of what can improve our lives now and later. Why do we neglect the very and most important thing given for our success? Come on, there is no better time than now to pick up the Good Book and learn. Don't let Satan take away the very thing we all need. Will you read God's letters to you or discard them as if nothing? Proverbs 2:6 says: "For the Lord giveth Wisdom; Out of His mouth cometh Knowledge and Understanding!"

Amen

services during emergencies and at community events."

Amateur radio clubs have partnerships with such agencies as the American Red Cross, National Hurricane Center, National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster, Department of Homeland Security Citizen Corps, Salvation Army and Civil Air Patrol and the National Weather Service.

For more information about this project or Amateur Radio, email Fred Pieper at [fredpiep@bright.net](mailto:fredpiep@bright.net).

*Don't worry what people say behind your back...*

*God is going to bless you in front of their faces.*

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*"For, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

# PAULDING SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN SCIENCE OLYMPIAD NORTHWEST REGIONAL COMPETITION



Middle School Team members include: Joe Estle, Sheridan Matty, Emma McClure, Olivia Porter, Carmen Reno, Wesley Ludwig, Aiden Miller, Luke Beckman, Conner Coutts, Emma Porter, Toby Reno, Nico Stahl, Izaak Coutts, Aleah Matty, and Ty Jackson.



HS Team members include: Molly Adams, Isaac Smalley, Jon Clapsaddle, Megan Dearth, Trace McKinley, Gillian Porter, Quicy Porter, Sam Adams, Paige Jones, Coryn Bennett and Cassie Weller.

The Paulding High School and Paulding Middle School Science Olympiad teams participated in the

Northwest Regional competition at Bowling Green State University on Saturday, February 29. Both

teams qualified for State competition at OSU in Columbus in April. Congratulations to both teams!

## WOMEN MAY NEED EXTRA STEPS TO REACH FINANCIAL SECURITY



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

International Women's Day 2020 is observed on March 8. This special day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Yet, women still face gender barriers as they seek to achieve their financial goals. How can you address these challenges?

To begin with, you need to be aware of what you're up against. The wage gap between men and women has closed somewhat, but it hasn't disappeared. Full-time female employees earn about 82 percent of what men earn, according to the Census Bureau. Over a 40-year career, a woman who worked full time would lose, on average, more than

\$400,000 because of this wage gap, according to the National Women's Law Center.

Furthermore, a woman turning age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until age 86.5; for a 65-year-old man, the comparable figure is 84. Those two and a half years can amount to a lot more living expenses.

Plus, by taking time off from the workplace to raise children and care for elderly family members, women often end up with lower balances in their 401(k)s and IRAs than men.

So, what can you do to help even the playing field, in terms of building adequate resources for retirement? Here are a few sug-

gestions:

• Contribute as much as possible to your retirement plans. During your working years, put in as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. Most people don't come anywhere near the 401(k) contribution limit (which, in 2020, is \$19,500, or \$26,000 if you're 50 or older), and you might not be able to reach it, either, but strive to do the best you can. And every time your salary increases, bump up your annual contribution. If you are able to "max out" on your 401(k), you may still be able to contribute to an IRA. If your income exceeds certain limits, you can't contribute to a Roth IRA, which offers tax-free withdrawals of earnings if you meet certain conditions, but you may still be able to fund a traditional IRA, although the tax deductibility may be reduced or eliminated.

• Use Social Security wisely. You can start taking Social Security as early as 62, but your checks can be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. And if you're married, you may be able to choose between claiming your own benefits or receiving 50% of your spouse's benefits, which could help you if your spouse has considerably higher earnings. (Your spouse does not lose any benefits if you choose this route.)

• Look for every opportunity to save and invest. As mentioned above, women often lose out on some retirement savings when they take time away from the workforce to raise families and eventually become caregivers for elderly parents. But even if you aren't working full time, it doesn't mean you have no chance to boost your retirement savings. If you can do any paid work, whether it's part time or as a consultant, you can contribute to an IRA - and you should.

It's not easy to overcome the structural disadvantages women face when seeking to reach financial security. Taking advantage of the savings and investment possibilities available can help you make progress toward your goals.

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## 4 AND 20 BLACKBIRDS

By: Nancy Whitaker

I know I am guilty. I love pie. Pie can finish off a good meal and I have even observed people eat their pie first at dinners. Sitting here thinking about pie makes my mouth water for a piece of butterscotch, cherry, pumpkin, or peanut butter.



Have you ever went to a dinner and for dessert there was a big table full of all kinds of pie? If you are anything like me, you might go up and look at the gorgeous pies and get the piece you want first. (yes I have done it)

A local restaurant offers free pie with an entree every Wednesday night.

If you don't get there early, you might not get your choice of pie. I got lucky this week and got a piece of peanut butter. It was very good.

Of course, today's pie making is not like it used to be. I remember my grandma rolling out pie crusts and using plain old lard.

The more lard the better, and the more sugar added, the better.

There are still some people who make their own pie crusts, but I found out it is easier to buy frozen crusts. Do they taste as good? (that is determined by dedicated pie eaters)

In researching different kinds of pie I might want to make, I found some very strange ones.

Included were: camel pie, vinegar pie, beef and beer pie, green tomato pie, green grape pie, sweet chicken pie and ostrich pie.

Then do you recall the

nursery rhyme "4 and 20 blackbirds baked in a pie?"

Of course we know we have chicken pot pie, but I can't seem to call it a pie. If it isn't sweet, fruity or creamy, it is just not pie.

One time when I was a new wife, I made a mulberry pie. I was so proud of it, but I did not know you had to take the stems off the berries.

My poor husband couldn't eat it because of the stems and I was so humiliated I cried. No more mulberry or elderberry pie making for me.

Wouldn't it be fun to be a pie tasting judge? If there is ever a pie contest I hope I get to be a judge.

Now, for some reason, some people call pizza a pizza pie. I know my grandparents kept saying, "We want to try one of those Pizza Pies." Then when they first tasted it they were disappointed that it wasn't a pie.

Did you know that the Amish serve raisin pie at funerals? They may have a reason to serve it, but I do admit, "raisin or mincemeat pie is just not one of my favorites."

Lots of us have good old recipes for pie. What is your favorite kind of pie and how do you make it? Do you ever buy frozen pie crusts? Shall we eat our pie first?

Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for your Thoughts.

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## ME AND THE DNR

By: Stan Jordan

You know about 2 years ago, I called the DNR in Findlay (that is where our DNR man is located) to talk to him about having seen beaver in the Maumee. Well he didn't believe it and he told me there are no beaver in the Maumee or any in northeast Ohio. Fact is, I had to explain to him where Paulding County was located.

Well, I don't call him anymore, because you folks call me.

The other day Louis Beregszazi was in the office telling me about beaver damage in downtown Ft. Wayne. His business is called Upper Maumee Canoe and Kayak and he guides people all over this Maumee River area and he tells of lots of beaver damages he sees along the banks.

A number of people has told me about the Sand Hill Cranes that they see around here.

Dan Bowers reported that he saw a cormorant on his panel one day.

Mrs. Mabis told me about the crane and other visitors on their pond.

Mark Larimore also tells me about the migratory birds that visit his pond.

Then last spring a number of people told about some white swans in a pond down east of Antwerp. And by golly, I looked out of my famous window and I saw an eagle going east above 424 the other day.

We have reports of badgers in the area.

I get personal reports sometimes about wildlife people see, and that makes me feel good that the com-

mon man is aware and cares for our wildlife. I don't bother call the DNR anymore, I would rather talk to you folks. See ya!



An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse he had been living with for the last 40 years.

The Wizard says, "Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you."

The old man says without hesitation, "I now pronounce you man and wife."

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My ex wife just texted me "Wish you were here."

She does it every time she walks through a cemetery.

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Teacher: Give me a sentence using the words Defense, Defeat and Detail

Student: When a horse jumps over Defense, Defeat goes before Detail

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The President is walking out of the White House and heading toward his limo, when a possible assassin steps forward and aims a gun.

A secret service agent, new on the job, shouts "Mickey Mouse!" This startles the would-be assassin and he is captured.

Later, the secret agent's supervisor takes him aside and asks, "What in the world made you shout 'Mickey Mouse?'"

Blushing, the agent replies, "I got nervous. I meant to shout... 'Donald, duck!'"

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An elderly man in Louisiana owned a large farm for several years.

He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed

it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, to look it over, as he hadn't been there for a while.

Before he went, he grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he got closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, "we're not coming out until you leave!"

The old man replied, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked." Holding the bucket up, he said..."I'm here to feed the alligator!"

Some old men can still think fast.

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A young guy from North Carolina moves to Florida and goes to a big 'everything under one roof' department store looking for a job.

The manager says, "Do you have any sales experience?" The kid says, "Yeah. I was a vacuum salesman back in North Carolina."

Well, the boss was unsure, but he liked the kid and figured he'd give him a shot, so he gave him the job.

"You start tomorrow. I'll come down after we close and see how you did."

His first on the job was rough, but he got through it. After the store was locked up, the boss came down to the sales floor.

"How many costumers bought something from you today?" The kid frowns and looks at the floor and mutters, "One." The boss says, "Just one!!!! Our sales people average sales 20 to 30 customers a day. That will have to change, and soon, if you'd like to continue your employment here. We have very strict standards for our sales force here in Florida. One sale a day might have been acceptable in North Carolina, but you're not in the mountains anymore, son."

The kid took his beating, but continued to look at his shoes, so the boss felt kinda bad for chewing him out on his first day. He asked (semi-sarcastically), "So, how much was your one sale for?"

The kid looks up at his boss and says, "\$101,237.65."

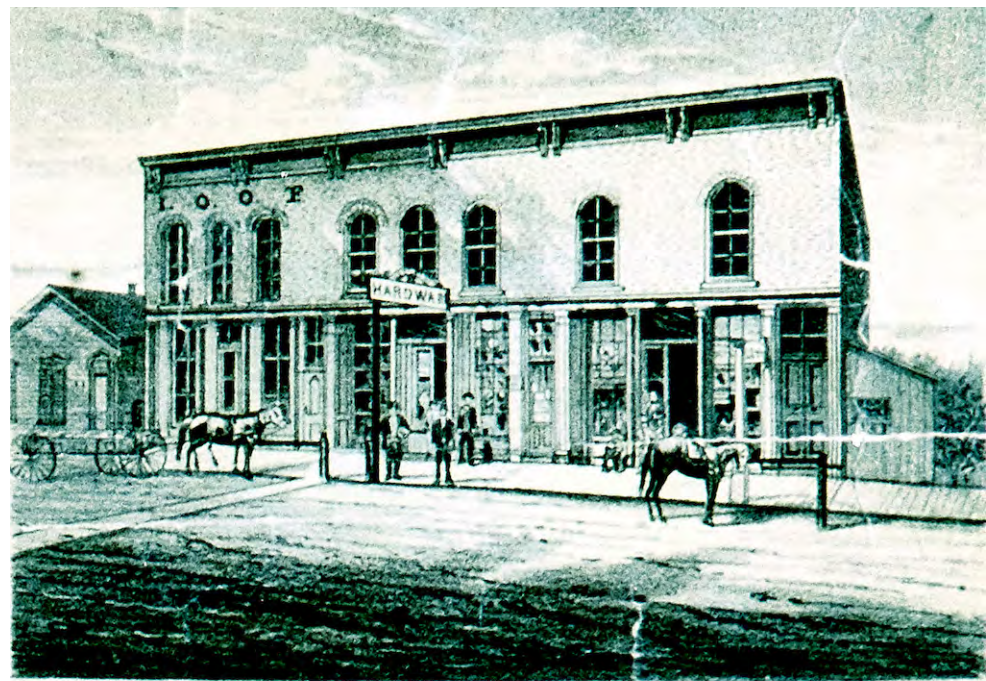
The boss, astonished, says "\$101,237.65!?! What the heck did you sell?"

The kid says, "Well, first, I sold him some new fish hooks. Then I sold him a new fishing rod to go with his new hooks. Then I asked him where he was going fishing and he said "down the coast" so I told him he was going to need a boat, so we went down to the boat department and I sold him a twin engine Chris Craft. Then he said he didn't think his Honda Civic would pull it, so I took him down to the automotive department and sold him that 4X4 Expedition."

The boss said, "A guy came in here to buy a fish hook and you sold him a boat and a TRUCK?!"

The kid said, "No, the guy came in here to buy feminine products for his wife, and I said, "Dude, your weekend's shot, you should go fishing!"

## THE GORDON BLOCK



GORDON BLOCK, ANTWERP.

By: Stan Jordan

The word "block" Mr. Ehrhart used lots of times, but here it is not a city block, just a few buildings.

In 1877 Mr. L.S. Gordon arrived here in Paulding County and done some work over in Paulding in a couple of offices. Then he came to Antwerp and he and a brother started a hardware on the northwest part of Main Street.

They were in business in a wooden building to start with. But, L.S. Gordon and his brother H.H. Gordon used the Bee-Argus office

room to make their plans to build their new building. After they moved in, it was considered the best hardware store around.

After L.S. Gordon died, his brother, Harry, continued the business. After a few years, H.H. Gordon passed away and his son E.V. Gordon was the manager for years.

Crystal found a few facts on the Gordon boys.

Harry H. Gordon was born in New York State in 1841, He joined the army in New York State for the Civil War, served a couple of hitches and ended up a first

sergeant. He is buried in the cemetery at Antwerp. He died April 6th 1930 at the age of 89.

Lewis Gordon was born in 1835 and died in 1894.

Edwin V. Gordon was born in 1875 and died in 1937.

They were all gone or retired and they had sold out to the Gaisford boys when in 1941 they had a big fire and destroyed the building. The Gaisford brothers were Ivan and Dick. Leroy was not in the hardware business.

Sometime after WWII, the Bee-Argus moved into the last building on that block.

See ya!

## THE NORTH END OF MAIN



By: Stan Jordan

Let me ramble around this end of town on what I remember and guess about some of it.

Well first, on your right, is now the F.E. Reeb store, but earlier, it was Derck & Reeb and in the 1930's it was Ray Reeb. Eventually it became the home of the Bee-Argus, probably in the 1950's. I assume this photo was taken in the 1920's, going by that newer model of car parked along side of the curb. That is a pretty sharp car for that time. There must have been a 'doin's' coming up as there are some men on the City Hall stringing a flag for the occasion.

I want to draw your attention to the bottom floor of the town hall. That was a ravine across there and that must have been some job bringing in all that dirt to make that street level. There is also a 3 foot tile that runs east and west under there, it drains to the east.

That little white building south of the town hall, I will tell you what I think I know about it. Now, jumping over into the late 1930's I think Bert Major Sr. had a shoe re-

pair shop there and by 1939 it was a small restaurant called Bert's Lunch, a kids' hang out.

South of the little white building in 1932 became the Chevrolet dealership of Harry Parent and Jack Leinard. Harry sold out in the mid 1930's and moved to New Haven or Ft. Wayne. Then at that time on south of Leinard's garage was P.B. Hipkin Tin Shop then Sidenbender Ins, then ABE's Lunch and there has always been a gas station on that corner as long as I can remember.

In the late 1940's or 50's Leinard's done a lot of remodeling and expanding. Getting back over to the right side of the street, at this time, south of the F.E. Reeb store,

the next two buildings were Gordon Hardware. It started in the 1870's and burned down in 1941. About that time, 1941, that side of street was the Lutheran Church, the Bee-Argus, Ehrhart's studio, Harry Ely's store, a beauty parlor and then Schilb's Furniture.

In looking this scene over, it is taken after 1930 because of the lights and phone wire. It is before 1941 because the Gordon Brothers Hardware is still in business. I would be going to school on Archer Drive and I don't remember that many buggies in town. Maybe a team and wagon or so.

This photo is from Mike Renno's collection.

See ya!

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Show dates are March 6th & 7th at 7:30 p.m. and March 8th at 2:30 p.m. at Payne Elementary Auditorium. Handicap accessibility is through the cafeteria door on the east side and the el-

evator is located in the hallway. Doors open 45 minutes prior to show time and tickets will be available at the door or at any of the school offices.

*Tarzan* is based on the Disney film and adapted from the story "Tarzan of the Apes" by Edgar Rice Burroughs.

## NSCC RECEIVES \$\$ FROM JOBSOHIO TO ENHANCE & EXPAND WORKFORCE EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Northwest State Community College received a \$513,000 investment from JobsOhio to enhance and expand the College's workforce education and development efforts throughout northwest Ohio. This is part of a \$1.5 million investment JobsOhio is making in the region, with the expressed goal of "increasing the number of workers with in-demand skills to power northwest Ohio manufacturers." The specific programs at Northwest State that will be featured are Machining and Industrial Automation Maintenance (IAM),

both of which are existing short-term certificate programs that are in high demand in the region.

Per a release from JobsOhio, this \$1.5 million investment "will support a regional marketing effort, driving interest and enrollment into existing programs, and go toward eight education providers to ensure the institutions have the equipment, instructional expertise and tools that align with the area's industry needs." The release also noted their work with the Regional Growth Partnership (RGP), the economic development partner for JobsOhio in the area. Through this collaboration, JobsOhio "engaged with 30 manufacturing businesses in the region to map critical skills, identify employer needs, and assess the educa-

tion landscape and capacity to fill those job requirements."

### INVESTING IN EDUCATION

The \$1.5 million investment made by JobsOhio will benefit a total of eight educational institutions, and is new money to the area for workforce education, training and development. Meanwhile, RGP and OhioMeansJobs recently highlighted their \$2.3 billion capital investment in a total of 124 projects, creating over 4,000 new jobs, and retaining over 20,000 retained jobs - all in our region. The investment in education will further strengthen the pipeline between Northwest State and area employers, and is lauded as a major investment in the power of education and strategic partnerships.

"We live in an era of leveraged partnerships. By working together we make a real difference in the Northwest Ohio quality of life. We are a proud partner with civic, business, and educational partners to make this happen. NSCC remains mission focused on strengthening our local communities," said Dr. Michael Thomson, NSCC President. "Job creators led this process, and JobsOhio and our many partners in northwest Ohio will continue to collaborate to successfully deliver the talent they need every time," added JobsOhio President and Chief Investment Officer J.P. Nauseef.

### ABOUT JOBSOHIO

JobsOhio is a private non-profit corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion efforts. JobsOhio works with six regional partners across Ohio: Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth, One Columbus, Dayton Development Coalition, REDI Cincinnati, Regional Growth Partnership and Team NEO. Additional information is available online at JobsOhio.com.

Details on the registration will be available soon online at NorthwestState.edu.

# DESK VIEW



By: Katie Oberlin

Much like what Antwerp's Marching Band does every July to learn their new music, the Sankt Goarshausen school band has a camp for four days to practice their music intensively. From Saturday to Wednesday at the beginning of February, we stayed in a youth hostel in Sargenroth on the opposite side of the Rhein River from our own. Youth hostels are common organizations in Germany that offer inexpensive room and board for youth groups and families. They are not as nice as hotels, but they have the basics (beds, bathrooms, food, games rooms, and sometimes even swimming pools).

The group, called Big Band, consists of four trumpets, four trombones, two flutes, two baritone saxophones, three tenor saxophones, two alto saxophones, one guitar, one bass guitar, a piano, and a drum set. Together, that makes 21 students between the ninth grade and the thirteenth grade who came to this camp. Every day, we played from 9:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M. with pauses for meals in

between. Lunch was always a hot meal with soup, pasta or rice with sauce, and dessert, and in typical German fashion, breakfast was cereal, or fruit, as well small rolls with meat and cheese, and evenings also had rolls with meat and cheese with a salad bar.

For two days, we rehearsed our individual parts in sectionals and then spent the evenings rehearsing in the whole group. The next day, all of the wind players called the "Bläser" worked on putting their parts together. We could really hear a difference between how we sounded at the beginning of the camp and the way we sounded then after working on all of the pieces. There are many well-known songs that we play such as "Don't Stop Me Now," "Runaway Baby," "Maneater," and "I'm Still Standing."

I play as the first trombone in the band with three other trombonists. There is Aimee, in my grade, second player, in the ninth grade Ricardo, third, and Alex, also in my grade, as the fourth trombone. In our sectional, we worked on specific parts of songs that we were having trouble with. We got help from an alumni trombone player named Tilman, who is now in college but played with the band a few years ago. It was difficult sometimes, but ultimately we were very productive, and there was a great deal of improvement in the band's playing. We had to stay focused and pay close attention to what we were doing because the pieces were often challenging. The camp really let us all get better with the music and

come together as one band. Our time in Sargenroth was super fun and let us all bond like a family. When we were not playing our instruments, we were talking together, making jokes, and playing games. We stayed up late every night, and on the last night, a few of us even took a short road trip to get McDonald's. In Germany, McDonald's is pretty similar and a little more expensive. At this time, they had a special: 20 chicken nuggets for five euros which was a steal.

The five days together in Sargenroth were definitely productive and also fun, I feel that we all got closer and sound better as well. The Big Band is going to South Korea in August and this camp was a good way for them to already start preparing for this trip.

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# LADY RAIDERS DISTRICT CHAMPS; CLAIRE SINN BREAKS SCORING RECORD



Wayne Trace girls take the District Championship after winning the game against Ottoville. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

DEFIANCE - The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders picked up the second district title in school history last Saturday at Defiance High School. The Raiders tangled with the Ottoville Big Green and when the dust cleared it was the Raiders winning out 60-49. Earlier in the season Ottoville defeated the Raiders in overtime and it was the Big Green who knocked the Raiders out of tournament play last year.

The game was highlighted when Claire Sinn set the school mark for most points by a Lady Raider. Sinn, who finished the night with 24 points and nine rebounds, surpassed 2016 graduate Erin Mohr who had held the record with 1,447 career

points. When the contest ended Sinn was sitting at the top with 1,469 points with at least one more game to play. The Raiders will head to Regional play at the Elida Fieldhouse on Thursday with a scheduled tip-off set for 8:00 p.m. The Raiders will play Kalida in the second game.

In the Ottoville match-up it appeared the Raiders would run away from Big Green. Wayne Trace took an early lead and moved out to an 11 point margin after one quarter of play 19-8. The red, white, and blue lead by as many as 18 in the second period before settling for a 35-22 advantage at the break.

However, the third quarter momentum quickly turned to Ottoville who whittle the Raider lead down to five with 5:00 remaining 36-31. The Raiders respond-

ed with a Claire Sinn basket and a free throw from Gracie Shepherd and two throws from Rachel Stoller to put the Raider lead back to double-digits at 41-31. Ottoville secured the final two-points of the quarter to send the Raiders into the fourth quarter holding a 41-33 lead.

Ottoville trimmed the Raider lead to five (36-31) in the early going but would get no closer. Two Claire Sinn free throws at the 3:30 mark had the Raiders up 51-40. The final nine Raider points came from the foul line to ice the big win and the district title for the Raiders.

Also scoring for the Raiders: Rachel Stoller 12 points, five rebounds; Miriam Sinn nine points; Gracie Shepherd six points, seven rebounds; Katrina Stoller six points; Katie Stoller three points.

## LIONS PULL AWAY FROM WARRIORS

LEO - In the boys basketball regular season finale, host Leo outscored visiting Woodlan in each of the four quarters to pull away for a 69-49 victory over the Warriors.

The Lions led 13-5 at the end of one period and expanded the margin in the second stanza, bucketing 16 points compared to Woodlan's 11 for a 29-16 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, the host Lions added 22 more markers while limiting Woodlan to 19 as Leo took a 51-35 lead into the final period.

Blake Davison paced the way for Leo with 20 points

while Zack Troyer bucketed 11 markers.

Other scorers for the Lions were D.J. Allen (eight), Carson Hart (seven), Ayden Ruble (seven), Andrew Tkacz (six), Eric Steger (four), Chase Bates (four), Landen Livingston (one) and Cameron Groves (one).

Woodlan was paced by Joe Reidy with 20 points and Aiden Bayman bucketed ten markers for the Warriors.

Mitch Mendenhall chipped in eight for Woodlan followed by Simon Henderson (five), Trevor Wiedenhoef (three) and Brennan Donovan (three).

Leo (16-7) will open sectional play when it battles Bishop Luers (15-6) Wednesday evening. Woodlan (13-

10) also starts sectional play Wednesday as the Warriors visit Garrett (2-19).

## RAIDERS WIN SECTIONAL; KALIDA UP NEXT

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

ELIDA - The Wayne Trace Raiders had an easy time capturing the Division III sectional title last Friday with a 60-43 win over ninth seed Fairview. The third seed Raiders will move on to district play on Thursday with an 8 p.m. scheduled tip-off against fifth seed Lima Central Catholic. LCC is coming off of a 59-44 win over second seed Bluffton. In the early match up the number one seed, Ottawa-Glandorf will

# ARCHERS MOVE ON TO DISTRICTS



Antwerp boys basketball won Sectional finals against Stryker on Friday, February 28th. They move onto District tomorrow night against Edgerton. More pictures at westbendnews.net

NAPOLEON - The Antwerp Archers continued their tremendous season Friday night with a 52-41 Division IV sectional victory over Stryker at the Grand Canyon in Napoleon.

It was the Panthers who jumped out to the early lead as Stryker recorded a 12-6 advantage at the end of eight minutes of action.

The Archers rallied in the second quarter to take a 22-18 lead at the midway point of the contest before widening the margin to 33-25 at the end of three periods.

Jagger Landers paced all scorers, bucketing half of the Archer points in the contest with 26 markers.

Jacob Savina added eight markers while Blake Schuette and Austin Lichty scored five points each. Luke Krouse posted four points with Jake Eaken and Jayvin Landers scoring two each.

Brandon Bowers and Joe Ramon each scored 13 points for the Panthers while Kaleb Holsapple chipped in 11 markers. Noah Huffman and Levi Barnum picked up two points apiece as well for Stryker.



Jagger Landers is sent to the line after getting fouled here. Landers scores both baskets. More pictures at westbendnews.net

battle eighth seed Coldwater. The two winners will return on Saturday for a 2 p.m. tip-off to decide who will move on to regional play.

The Raiders only placed four players in the scoring column but it was enough to secure the win. Senior Nate Gerber collected 27 points on 11-19 shooting including two buckets behind the arc. Gerber was 3-5 at the charity stripe. Alex Reinhart had a solid performance with a double-double on 17 points and ten rebounds. Rounding out the Raiders scoring was Reid Miller with eight points along with seven assists and three steals and Cameron Sinn finishing with eight points including 2-2 on his three-point shooting.

Fairview placed seven players in the scorebook with Caleb Franks finishing with 12 points and Chayse Singer chipping in 11 to lead Fairview who finishes the season at 11-13. Wayne Trace continues their tournament march with a record of 17-6.

## BULLDOGS CLOSE OUT REGULAR SEASON - 1 UP, 1 DOWN

This past week New Haven boys basketball closed out their regular season play. First up, on Tuesday, February 25, the Bulldogs hosted the Knights of Bishop Luers. The Knights paced the 1st quarter trailing the Bulldogs by 1.

In the 2nd quarter, the heat turned up and the Knights widened the margin away from New Haven ending the half at 31-23. New Haven couldn't catch the same fire in the 2nd half, and Luers continued to add to their score. Even with a big comeback in the 4th quarter, 26-21, the deficit was too large for the Bulldogs and they conceded the win to Luers: 63-72. The Bulldogs were led by Donovan Lewis with 21 points.

Score by the Quarter:  
New Haven - 16 7 14 26 = 63  
Bishop Luers - 15 16 20 21 = 72

Later on Thursday, the Bulldogs traveled to Archers territory of South Side High School. New Haven led this match up for the majority of the game. In the 4th quarter,

the Archers made a comeback attempt, but the efforts still fell in favor of New Haven. Final score: 77-67. The Bulldogs finish the regular season 16-6. New Haven were led by Jaker Williams with 22 points, Donovan Lewis 19 points and Dre Wright 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Score by the Quarter:  
New Haven - 19 22 17 19 = 77  
South Side - 15 11 17 24 = 67

New Haven is set for IH-SAA sectional play this week. They earned a first round bye, setting them up for sectional semi-final match on Friday, March 6th in Huntington, IN against the winner of March 3rd's face off, Columbia City vs. Huntington North.



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# WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING SENDS SIX TO DISTRICTS!



Wayne Trace Wrestling competed in Sectionals this past weekend. Wayne Trace has 6 wrestlers advancing to Districts next weekend at Troy High School.

- 113 - Jarrett Hornish, Sectional Champion

- 120 - Gabe Sutton, Sectional Champion
- 126 - Hunter Long, Sectional Champion
- 145 - Seth Meggison, Sectional Champion
- 160 - Eli Moore, Runner up

- HWT - Jacob Graham, 4th place
- 132 - Sam Moore, 5th place (district alternate)

Two other Raiders made the podium: 138 - Elliott Boroff, 6th place and 220 - Kaden Woolbright, 6th place.

## ANTWERP ADVANCES 2 TO DISTRICT WRESTLING

The Antwerp High School wrestling team recently competed in the sectional tournament at Archbold High School on February 28-29, 2020. Two of the Archer wrestlers were able to place in the top four of their respective weight classes, thus earning them a trip to the District tournament next Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7 at Napoleon High School.



for district all 4 years of his high school career. If either Reinhart or Mills can finish in the top 4 at Districts, they will punch their ticket to the state tournament the following weekend in Columbus. Congratulations to all the high school wrestlers for their hard work this season and we wish the best to Eli and Randall as they try to become state qualifiers next weekend at Napoleon. GO ARCHERS!!!



Earning a 3rd place finish was freshman Eli Reinhart at 113 pounds. Reinhart finished his tournament with a 3-1 record with 1 technical fall and 1 pin. Finishing 2nd at the tournament was senior Randall Mills at 126 pounds. Mills was 3-1 on the weekend with 2 pins and 1 major decision. This marks Mills' 4th time qualifying for the district tournament which makes him the 1st Antwerp wrestler to qualify

## PAULDING WRESTLERS MOVE ON TO DISTRICTS

Cole Mabis took 3rd, Riley Coil took 4th and Jordan Mudel took 2nd at District competition this past weekend in Archbold. These three Panther athletes will move on to Div. III District competition at Napoleon High School on March 6-7, 2020. Paulding also has one alternate, Dawson Lamb. Let's go Panthers!

## DISTRICT BOYS SEMIFINAL WAYNE TRACE VS. LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC TICKET INFO

Tickets for the Wayne Trace Boys Division III District semifinal game vs. Lima Central Catholic on Thursday, March 5, will be sold as follows at Wayne Trace:

Presale tickets will be available in the Wayne Trace High School office from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, and from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 5. Fans are encouraged to purchase tickets at Wayne Trace due to the school receives a percentage of the tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door on Thursday evening.

## GIRLS REGIONAL BASKETBALL TICKET INFO

The Wayne Trace girls basketball team will play in the Division IV Regional Tournament against Kalida on Thursday, March 5, at the Elida Fieldhouse.

Game time is scheduled for 8:00 p.m.

Presale tickets will be available at Wayne Trace High School from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4. Tickets will also be available on Thursday, March 5, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

## ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB CLOSES OUT TERRIFIC SEASON

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently closed out their season this past weekend at Wayne Trace on March 1, 2020. This has been a wonderful season for tournament participation and Sunday was no exception. 22 of the young archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 4th on the day were Starlette Ruffing, Greysen Grimes, Oliver McCague, Owen Dangler, Jordan Steel, Pearce Cottrell, and Auston Fish. Earning 3rd place for the tournament were Blade Ruffing, Duke Dangler, Brody Smith, Bennett Graham, Owen Parisot, Landyn Hermler, Dominic Bennett, Cooper Nestleroad, Carson Blair, AJ Eaton, and Ethan

Thomas VanKirk. Placing 2nd on the day were Teagan Eaton, Jameson Graham, and Zac Salas. The Archers crowned 1 champion Sunday as well. Keegan Gray-Wycoff won all 3 matches by pin on Sunday to claim his 2nd tournament championship this season. Congratulations to all of the archer wrestlers for their hard work this season. The Antwerp Wrestling Club coaches would like to recognize all of the wrestlers and their parents for their commitment the last 6 weeks to competing in tournaments and making this season the best season the wrestling club has ever had. We look forward to seeing all of you again next year. GO ARCHERS!!

## SECRETARY PERDUE ANNOUNCES NEW FSIS LEADERSHIP

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the appointment of Paul Kiecker to serve as Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). Mr. Kiecker will be assuming the role following the departure of Administrator Carmen Rottenberg, who is departing federal service after a career spanning two decades.

"Ensuring the safety of America's food supply is USDA's most important responsibility, and one that Carmen carried out with dedication and vision. I know she will continue her passion for food safety in the private sector," said Secretary Perdue. "Carmen is a true public servant and ushered in an era of modernization at the Food Safety and Inspection Service. This mission and drive will continue and advance with Paul Kiecker in his new leadership role. USDA's food safety team is the best in the world and works tirelessly to safeguard the food we serve our families every single day."

Carmen Rottenberg served as Administrator since May of 2018 but led the agency since August of 2017. As Administrator, Rottenberg spearheaded efforts to modernize the agency and implemented several key initiatives to target foodborne illness. Through her leadership and oversight, an unprecedented level of collaboration was achieved with federal, state and municipal agencies and other stakeholders.

"My colleagues in FSIS are among the best and brightest in federal government, and I am confident that the Agency will continue to "do right and feed everyone," long after my last day in this office," Carmen Rottenberg said. "Each and every day our FSIS team displays unparalleled commitment to decision making that is both protective of public health and supportive by science and data. They are public servants in the truest form of the term. It's been a thrill and absolute joy to work with Secretary Perdue and this USDA team, and I'm so proud of all we have accomplished."

"I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work so closely with Carmen over the past year," said Deputy Under Secretary Mindy Brashears.

# T-BIRDS NIP PANTHERS IN TOURNNEY OPENER



Paulding's Evan Edwards is sent to the line, scoring both, after getting fouled in the third quarter. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ELIDA - The Paulding Panthers gave Lima Central Catholic all it could handle Tuesday night at the Elida Fieldhouse but a late basket by Biggz Johnson lifted the Thunderbirds to a 49-47 victory in Division III boys sectional semifinal action.

The two squads were tied at 12-12 at the end of one quarter and were nip and tuck throughout the contest.

Paulding outscored Lima Central Catholic 12-10 in the second quarter to take a 24-22 lead at the midway point of the contest but the Thunderbirds rallied in the third period.

LCC picked up 13 points in the stanza compared to nine for the Panthers as the Thunderbirds posted a 35-33 advantage going to the final quarter.

Tied at 47-47 late in the

contest, Johnson came up with a loose ball and drove the lane for a bucket in the final minute to give the Thunderbirds the victory.

Rony Moore paced Lima Central Catholic with ten points while Johnson and Nate Stolly chipped in nine markers each.

Payton Beckman posted 17 points to lead the Panthers with Blake McGarvey adding 13 and Seth Dysinger chipped in ten.

Evan Edwards (four), Caleb Manz (two) and Hunter Kauser (one) also scored for the maroon and white.

Four seniors dressed in the Paulding basketball uniform for the final time on Tuesday as Evan Edwards, Seth Dysinger, Matt Schroeder and Alberto Martinez all will graduate this year.

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lutions for Paulding's departure from the Northwest Conference and its entrance into the Green Meadows Conference at its March 17th board meeting.

Paulding would like to thank the Northwest Conference, it's conference home for 46 years, for the many great years of competition and support. The other schools in the NWC have been great partners to work and cooperate with over these many years. We wish them the best of luck in their search for a new conference member.

We look to the future with

excitement as we believe this transition to the GMC is the ideal opportunity for our students, staff and community. We already have formed great relationships with the GMC schools for many years on the athletic field and court. Now we will have the opportunity to form those relationships on the academic side as well.

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# WT GETS PAST ARCHERS



Wayne Trace's Katrina Stoller runs into the key loaded for the jump when Antwerp's Alyvia Devore fouls, sending Stoller to the line. See more pictures at westbendnews.net



Antwerp's Lydia Brewer gets an opening for a shot in the key, adding two points to the Archers score board. More pictures at westbendnews.net

**DEFIANCE** - A pair of Paulding County rivals hooked up in the Division IV girls district semifinals Thursday night at Defiance High School and it was Wayne Trace that moved on with a 55-29 win over Ant-

werp. The Raiders controlled the contest from the opening tip as the red, white and blue took a 17-3 lead after eight minutes and never looked back. Wayne Trace posted a 28-13 margin at the intermis-

sion before opening the third quarter with nine consecutive points to extend the advantage to 37-13. The Raiders eventually posted a 43-16 lead entering the final stanza.

Claire Sinn and Katrina Stoller each scored 19 points to pace the Raiders while Miriam Sinn chipped in eight markers.

Kenadie Daeger (four), Katie Stoller (two), Abbie Stoller (two) and Gracie Shepherd (one) also scored for the Raiders, who improve to 20-4.

Four players dressed for the final time in an Antwerp girls basketball uniform. Alyvia DeVore, Tiera Gomez, Karsyn Brumett and Heather Oberlin all completed the Lady Archer careers Thursday night.

Astianna Coppes scored nine points to pace the way for the Lady Archers with Brumett adding six markers.

Oberlin (four), Hayleigh Jewell (three), Grace Schuette (three), Layla Copsey (two) and Lydia Brewer (two) rounded out the Antwerp scorers.

## C-SPAN FOUNDER BRIAN LAMB & PURDUE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT MITCH DANIELS TO BE FEATURED IN PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE'S OMNIBUS SPEAKER SERIES ON APRIL 15

The 25th season of Purdue University Fort Wayne's Omnibus Speaker Series ends with a flourish with a special appearance by Brian Lamb, executive chairman and founder of C-SPAN Networks, and Mitch Daniels, president of Purdue University and former Governor of Indiana.

The duo will take the stage together for a free-flowing exchange on Wednesday, April 15, and will engage in a lively conversation that includes how changes in the media impact our society, the state of free speech, and civil discourse in America.

Brian Lamb was born and raised in Lafayette, Indiana. He developed his interest in broadcasting as a child, and followed it through high school and college as he worked at Lafayette radio and television stations.

After graduating from Purdue with a degree in speech, Lamb joined the Navy. His tour included White House duty during the Johnson Administration and a stint in the Pentagon public affairs office.

After the Navy, Lamb returned to Lafayette, but soon moved to the nation's capital where he worked as a freelance reporter for UPI radio, a Senate press secretary, and in the White House Office of Telecommunications Policy.

In 1974, he returned to journalism and covered telecommunications issues as Washington bureau chief for Cablevision magazine.

It was from this vantage point that C-SPAN began to take shape. Congress was about to televise its proceedings and the cable industry was looking for programming. Lamb brought these two ideas together to create C-SPAN.

Lamb's work with C-SPAN has been recognized with the Presidential

# ANTWERP CHEERLEADERS TAKE 3<sup>rd</sup> IN STATE



The Antwerp Archer Cheerleaders competed in Division 6 State cheerleading competing on Sunday, March 1, 2020. They earned a 3rd place rating in Division 6 State! Congratulations Archer athletes!

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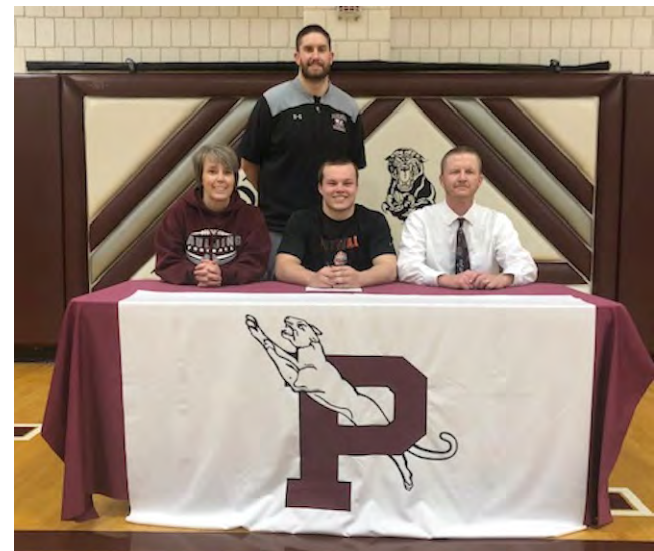
In recognition of his leadership as both a governor and a university president, Daniels was named among the Top 50 World Leaders by Fortune Magazine in 2015 and was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2019.

Prior to becoming governor, he served as chief of staff to Senator Richard Lugar, senior advisor to President Ronald Reagan and Director of the Office of Management and Budget under President George W. Bush. He also was the CEO of the Hudson Institute, a major contract research organization. During an 11-year career at Eli Lilly and Company, he held a number of top executive posts including president of Eli Lilly's North American pharmaceutical operations.

Daniels earned a bachelor's degree from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a law degree from Georgetown. He is the author of three books and a contributing columnist in the Washington Post.

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# SPY LAB @ GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Kim Walls and Mrs. Chelsea Miller's class transformed the Kindergarten room at Grover Hill Elementary into a secret spy lab! Our class had to complete mis-

sions in order to get clues to help us find Zero The Hero so we could have 100th day! Our missions were bowling to 100, writing to 100 with invisible ink, fingerprint

science, I Spy numbers with magnifying glasses, cracking the code using a giant 10 frame and a STEM activity! The Kindergarten completed their mission!

than 20 sports from archery to wrestling, many led by Central Ohio professional sports teams. Highlights include: Celebrity Meet & Greets, Arnold's Quest for Talent, Arnold Miss Fitness Pageant, non-stop stage entertainment, 200 booths, and fun zone with ziplines, mascots and more. This wall-to-wall fun event for families is free for children 14 and under and is held at the Ohio Expo Center's Bricker Building on Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8.

The 2020 Arnold Fitness EXPO will be held March 6-8 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center and feature more than 1,000 booths of the latest in sports equipment, apparel and nutrition and four stages that host unique, non-stop competitions and entertainment that combine to make the Arnold Fitness EXPO the heart of the Arnold Sports Festival.

Admission to the Arnold Fitness EXPO, most events at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, the Arnold SportsWorld Kids & Teens EXPO and all events at the Ohio Expo Center are included in the Daily EXPO Ticket. Tickets will be available at the door on event weekend. Children 14 and under are FREE. There is a parking at the Ohio Expo Center. FREE shuttles will run from the Ohio Expo Center to the Greater Columbus Convention Center on Friday, March 6 through Sunday, March 8.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jim Lorimer have co-produced the Arnold Sports Festival since 1989 when it debuted as a one-day bodybuilding competition known as the Arnold Classic. The Arnold Sports Festival has grown over the years and is now a four-day festival that features more than 80 sports and events.

"A Daily EXPO ticket affords a huge entertainment value for attendees to experience a great variety of sports and events," Lorimer said. "We are very proud to provide the opportunity for athletes, a majority of them youth, to compete at the largest multi-sport festival in the world."

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**"God Said This"**  
The Democratic party wants power (Psalms 5:8 1-11 The living Bible 58)" justice "You high and mighty politicians don't even know the meaning of the word: Fairness" which of you have any left? Not one!

All your dealings are crooked: you give justice in exchange for bribes. These men are born sinners, lying from their earliest words. They are poisonous as deadly snakes, cobras that close their ears to eth most expert of charmers.

O, Lord, break off their gangs. Tear out the teeth of these young lions, Lord. Let them disappear like water into thirsty ground. Make their weapons useless in their hands, let them be as snails that dissolve into slime, and as those who die at birth, who never see the sun. God will sweep away both old and young. He will destroy them more quickly than a cooking pot can feel the blazing fire of thorns beneath it. The godly shall rejoice in the triumph of right. They shall walk the blood-stained fields of slaughtered, wicked men. Then at last everyone will know that good

is rewarded and that there is a God who judges justly here at earth. God always has the last word.

Oh, by the way, President Donald Trump is like JFK he wasn't a yes man, he would get job done. Here is a (?) the Democratic party get rid of President Donald Trump and impeach him to get powers and control of the House (right). I thought phone tapping was against the law? Why don't you democrats do your jobs, and get off the president's back. (Kangaroo Court) a set up. This gossip impeaches his honor. We the people shouldn't vote for some of the democrats.

By: Arlene Lee Bachman

### REP. BANKS STATEMENT ON SENATE DEMOCRATS BLOCKING PRO-LIFE BILLS

After Senate Democrats filibustered the Pain Capable Child Protection Act and the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, Rep. Jim Banks, member of the House Pro-Life Caucus, released the following statement:

"Democrats in the House and Senate are completely out of step with mainstream America's respect for the sanctity of human life.

"Democrats blocked the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act that would prohibit abortions past the 20th week of pregnancy when studies show unborn children begin to feel pain. 64% of Americans support the bill, and the US is only one of seven countries in the world that allows abortions 20 weeks into a pregnancy. It doesn't matter if you use scientific, democratic, global or moral standards. By any measure, the Democrats' radical pro-abortion stance is shocking.

"Democrats also blocked the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act today, which mandates that doctors must attempt to save newborn survivors of failed abortion attempts. I've yet to hear a reasonable explanation for Democrats' opposition to this bill, and I don't expect to. Democrat support for infanticide is an indefensible stain on Congress and this entire nation."

### ARNOLD SPORTS FESTIVAL PRESENTS RECORD 80 SPORTS AND EVENTS

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The Arnold Sports Festival, already the largest multi-sport event in the world, will grow even larger in 2020 when an estimated 22,000 athletes from 80 nations compete in more than 80 sports and events March 5-8, 2020 in Columbus, Ohio.

Headlining the nation's largest multi-sport festival are IFBB Pro League professional bodybuilding contests and the Arnold Strongman Classic with the best

built and strongest athletes in the world. These premier physique and strongman competitions are featured daily at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

The 32nd Arnold Classic will be held at Battelle Grand on Saturday, March 7, along with the Bikini International, Arnold Classic Men's Physique and Arnold Strongman Classic Finals. Other IFBB Pro League events on the weekend include Fitness, Figure, Classic Physique, Women's Physique and Pro Wheelchair.

The Arnold Amateur NPC Bodybuilding, Fitness, Figure, Bikini & Physique Championships will be held at the Battelle Grand and Arnold Fitness EXPO from Thursday, March 5 through Saturday, March 7 and is expected to attract more than 700 athletes. The contest will feature the new Wellness Division for the first time.

New events in 2020 include: Arnold Medieval Fighting Invitational; WPO Powerlifting Semifinals; ROGUE World Weightlifting Challenge; Arnold Strongest Teen; Arnold Cup Stacking Tournament; Arnold Dart 'N Dodge; and Arnold Bike Rodeo.

Sports and events at the Ohio Expo Center in 2020 include Arnold SportsWorld Kids & Teens EXPO, baton twirling, cheerleading & dance, futsal, gymnastics and martial arts.

The Arnold SportsWorld Kids & Teens EXPO is helping kids be more active, building healthy habits for life. Attendees can try more

### READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

- OHIO LOCATIONS**
- Antwerp:** Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Genesis House, Pit-Stop, Subway, Manor House Assisted Living
  - Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart, Bryan Hospital
  - Cecil:** Maramart, Vagabond
  - Charloe:** Charloe Store
  - Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
  - Defiance:** Newman's Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Store, Werlor's Waste, Advanced Auto, Great Clips, Meijer Great Clips, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid
  - Edgerton:** Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Utilities Office, Napa
  - Grover Hill:** Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop
  - Hicksville:** Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, Senior Center, Community Memorial Hospital, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway
  - Latty:** Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center
  - Melrose:** Morning Star Convenience Store
  - Neoy:** Marathon
  - Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware, Dollar General
  - Paulding:** Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert

- 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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**PAYNE ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



Payne Elementary is pleased to announce our February Students of the month. They are (front row) Carter O'Dell, Layla Shellenbarger, Kennedy Childs, Kiptyn Mills, Ellyonna Tempel, and Camden Linder; (back row) Tyler Blankenship, Lily Boyd, Jada Gross, Stella Laukhuf, Kyrah Cook, and Kaden Wilcox. Not pictured: Javiero Vielma

**PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



Paulding High School announce their House Students of the Month for February. Pictured from left to right: House Stupendum- Audrey Cordova, House Excellentia-Alberto Martinez Calderon, House VVV-Julia McMaster, and House Palmarium-Jonathan Wolford.

**PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS**

**Criminal/Traffic Disposition**

**Malisha A. Eitnrear**, Defiance, OH; Menacing; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No unlawful contact with victim; Shall repay court appointed attorney fees

**Malisha A. Eitnrear**, Defiance, OH; Menacing; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No unlawful contact with victims

**Malisha A. Eitnrear**, Defiance, OH; Assault; Count C dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

**Jeffery D. Mekus II**, Payne, OH; Fleeing and eluding; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over

**Jeffery D. Mekus II**, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over

**Joseph R. Stahl**, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Jeffery D. Mekus II**, Payne, OH; OVI/under influence; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court

**Jermale R. Sykes**, Defiance, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collect 6/26/20; Monthly payments to begin 3/27/20 \$50/month

**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

**Jacob R. Hoisington**, Paulding, OH; 12 point suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay fines and costs by 6/26/20; Defendant is on standard probation; Defendant shall secure valid operator license by end of term of probation; Probation fees waived

**Jacob R. Hoisington**, Paulding, OH; Head lights; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collection 6/26/20; \$100 monthly beginning 3/27/20

**William N. Greene Jr.**, Convoy, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Thomas N. Pompei**, Fishers, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Chris Hankinson**, Antwerp, OH; Reckless operation; Guilty; ALS suspension vacated immediately; Pay or collect 3/27/20; Complete 20 hours community service under probation department, comply by 5/29/20; Work related driving privileges granted, expires 5/29/20

**Chris Hankinson**, Antwerp, OH; Left of center; Case dismissed at state's request

**Timothy D. Blackmore**, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request

**Dillon L. Freed**, Defiance, OH; Driving under non fra suspension; Case dismissed with defendant to pay costs

**Robert Lehman**, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to maintain general good behavior; Pay all fines and costs; No contact order is hereby vacated

**Jessica Rockwell**, Roseville, MI; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

**Jessica Rockwell**, Roseville, MI; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband to be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

**Scott Chlebek**, Defiance, OH; Driver license <6 mon; Case dismissed at state's request

**Scott Chlebek**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collection 2/28/20; Must provide proof of insurance by 2/28/20 by 4:00 p.m.

**Jordan A. Roelfs**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Gregory D. McBride**, Ossian, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Charles D. Dugan**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Tyler Gearhart**, Defiance, OH; Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Douglas J. Nighswander**, Cloverdale, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Donald Dotterer**, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Dillon M. Kinnaley**, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Andrew C. Moreo**, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jason H. Trenkamp**, Lima, OH; Physical control; Pled no contest, found guilty; May complete DIP in lieu of 3 jail days; ALS vacated immediately; DIP compliance by 5/29/20

**Jason H. Trenkamp**, Lima, OH; OVI/breath(low); Case dismissed at state's request

**Jason H. Trenkamp**, Lima, OH; Left of center; Case dismissed at state's request

**Michael D. Robinson**, Toledo, OH; OVI/under influence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant may attend DIP in lieu of 3 jail days; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; \$5 application fee waived after \$25 initial payment for driving privileges; DIP compliance date 7/31/20

**Heather R. Bennett**, Oakwood, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant took course

**Thomas A. Santos**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Kyle J. Kovac**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Holly R. Cacilhas**, Dearborn, MI; No tail lights; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Logan Swank Wallace**, Grover Hill, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Brandon C. Laney**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Delbert Short**, Hillsboro, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Emilio Herrera**, Toledo, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Pay or collect by 3/27/20

**Emilio Herrera**, Toledo, OH; Driving under fra suspension; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs; Pay or collect 3/27/20

**Tonya L. Meyer**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Stacie M. Belcher**, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Nicholas R. Metz**, Oakwood, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Nicholas R. Metz**, Oakwood, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Noah S. Khanolkar**, Fishers, IN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**John D. Getz**, Tucson, AZ; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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2/25/20 Cooper Kirk L to Habitat For Humanity Of Paulding County Ohio Inc; Third St; 0.2663 acres; Parcel 5 Cooper Parcels Oakwood Vill

**CARRYALL TWP**

2/24/20 Hahn Kenneth C Le Hahn Janice E Le to Hahn Kenneth C Le; Rd 220; 120 acres; N1/2 Ne1/4&Se1/4 Ne1/4 Carryall Twp Sec 13

2/25/20 Putman Bruce R Trustee & Putman Rebecca S Trustee to Putman Rebecca S Trustee; 2046 Rd 192 Antwerp Oh 45813; 24.587 acres; Pt Nw1/4Sw1/4 S Of Rd Carryall Twp Sec 29

2/25/20 Putman Bruce R Trustee & Putman Rebecca S Trustee to Putman Rebecca S Trustee; 2046 Rd 192; 86.413 acres; Pt Nw1/4 Sw1/4 N Of Rd & S1/2 Sw1/4 Carryall Twp Sec 29

2/25/20 Putman Bruce R Trustee & Putman Rebecca S Trustee to Putman Rebecca S Trustee; 2046 Rd 192; 33.364 acres; Pt Se1/4Nw1/4 Carryall Twp Sec 29

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2/25/20 Putman Bruce R Trustee & Putman Rebecca S Trustee to Putman Rebecca S Trustee; 2046 Rd 192; 107.21 acres; N1/2 Sec N Of R Carryall Twp Sec 32

2/24/20 Recker Dennis G Recker Monica A to Doolley Matthew; 122 Oswalt St; 0.2617 acres; Lot 7 Bank Add Antwerp Vill

2/24/20 Recker Dennis G Recker Monica A to Recker Dennis G Recker Monica A

2/26/20 Smith Marcia R to Smith Marcia R Coressel Todd A; Us 127; 0.89 acres; S Pt W Pt Se1/4 Crane Twp Sec 24

2/26/20 Smith Marcia R to Smith Marcia R Coressel Todd A; 14956 Us 127 Paulding Oh 45879; 4.4 acres; Pt N1/2 Ne1/4 Crane Twp Sec

2/26/20 Sinn Kathy to Sinn Gabe I; Rd 123; 20 acres; N1/2 Sw1/4 Nw1/4 Latty Twp S-9 Easement Ref V 583 P 1909 2

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Dennis G Recker Monica A; 118 Oswalt St; 0.4362 acres; Lot 11 Pt Bank Add Antwerp Vill

2/24/20 Hall Nate B & Hall Cristal L to Walk Zachery David; 405 N Main St; 0.5 acres; Lot 23 S 1/2 Block C Antwerp Vill

2/24/20 Hormann Kelly to Bauman Carla; 108 Maumee Ln Antwerp 45813; 0.247 acres; Lot 2A Maumee Landing Sub Ph 3(Pt Lots 5,6&7 Block G) Antwerp Vg

2/24/20 Martenies Megan E to Jackson Jamie; 116 Woodland Dr; 0.1492 acres; Lot 23 Kauffman Add Antwerp Vill

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2/24/20 Recker Dennis G Recker Monica A to Recker Dennis G Recker Monica A; E Woodcox St; 0.3426 acres; Lot29ptnptofs1/282X181.5 Murphy Add Antwerp Vill

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**SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

**MYCUMORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**CHARITY C. BOLLMAN, ET AL., Defendants,**

Case No. Cl 19 134.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 19th day of March, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., the real estate located at:

**3020 US 127, Haviland**

**Parcel Number: 24-19S-008-00**

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

Said premises appraised at Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 2nd day of April, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 TAMMIE JO VARNER (Present Name) to TAMMIE JO MCCULLOUGH (Name Requested)  
Case No. 20206003

**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 TAMMIE JO VARNER to TAMMIE JO MCCULLOUGH. The hearing on the application will be held on the

6th day of April 2020, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. in the Probate Court of Paulding, County, located at Courthouse - Second Floor - Room 202, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio.

**FILED**

**FEB 25 2020**

**PROBATE COURT PAULDING COUNTY, OH**

*Tammie Jo Varner*

Applicant's Signature  
Tammie Jo Varner

Typed or Printed Name  
13500 Kay Street, Apt. A

Address  
Paulding OH 45879

City State Zip



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101 N. Main Street, Antwerp, OH

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**ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS**

On February 15, an officer was called to a residence on River St. He found that a 13 year old had locked himself out of his home. The officer was told dad would be coming home soon and the officer stayed with the juvenile until his father returned.

On February 15, a resident of North Garden Apartments reported a blue four door car was driving circles around his building and thought this was suspicious. The caller reported that the vehicle had left and he wanted police to be aware.

On February 17, a resident of Park Avenue Villas reported that a man from Cecil keeps harassing him. The Cecil resident was contacted and instructed to have no further contact with the resident of Antwerp or charges could be filed.

On February 17, an assault was reported between juveniles. The case was investi-

gated. On February 17, a possible break in and suspicious activity was reported to be occurring at a residence in the village. Officers responded and investigated. The individuals were located at the home and had permission to be there and stated they were simply moving items out of the home.

On February 18, officers received a report of an alleged rape. Upon investigation it was found to be unsubstantiated.

On February 19, the police department investigated a case where an adult was sending inappropriate pictures of himself to a juvenile. The case was investigated and sent to the prosecutor for charges.

On February 20, a resident reported that he had been in correspondence with an individual on the internet. The person said they were wealthy and sent him a check to cash in the amount of \$6885. After going to the bank, he realized it was a scam and was advised to send some of the money back to the sender. He then took the check to the police department to let them know.

On February 20, a resident of the North Garden Apartments reported that she believed her roommate had been stealing her prescription medication. The case was investigated and forwarded to the Paulding County Prosecutor.

On February 21, an off-duty deputy reported seeing children climbing on top of the railroad cars near Cleveland Street. An officer responded, but was not able to find any kids at the reported scene.

On February 22, a burglar alarm was received from a downtown business. An officer responded and found the building and everything inside the business to be fine.

On February 23, a person reported that their son's debit card had been stolen and used by another family member. The case was investigated and found the suspect. A report was prepared and sent to the

Paulding County Prosecutor for charges.

On February 25, an alarm was received from a business. It was found when the officer arrived that the cleaning people had accidentally set the alarm off.

On February 25, the Antwerp Police Department received a call in reference to a report of an abused child. The case was investigated and the child was found to be okay and well-taken care of.

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

**OAKWOOD LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR MARCH**

“Learn to Sew”: ages 10 and up can learn to use a sewing machine and make a simple project. Two opportunities: March 19 (Thurs) @5:30 or March 22 at 10 am (Sat)

“Turn your old tee into a bag or veggie holder”: anytime of the day from March 17 through 21. Use our sewing machine or just make a sew-free tied up bag.

“Plant a seed, visit it to water and watch it under a grow-light, take it to a friend when it blooms” Week of March 24-28

**SPORTS CARD SHOW**

Saturday March the 21th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Ramada Plaza Center and Travel Hotel (formally the Hotel Fort Wayne) located at 305 E Washington Center Rd (exit 312a off of I-69) in Fort Wayne, Indiana there will be a sports card and collectibles show. Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance for both sport and non-sport cards and collectibles. Featured will be vintage and new singles, hobby boxes and supplies... attendance is free and the public is invited to attend. Please feel free to bring your items in for appraisal. For more information please contact Brian Mayne at 260-824-4867 or mscards@icloud.com or on Facebook at mcs cards.

**SCOUTS NEED YOUR HELP SCOUTING FOR FOOD**

‘Do A Good Turn Daily’, ‘Help Other People At All Times’ - These are the scouting slogans used by the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

The Van Wert County Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are participating in the Scouting For Food service, to help collect food items in support of the Cooperative Ministries Food Pantry.

The collected food items are distributed to help support individuals and families that are going through difficult times.

Food items needed are: canned soups, canned vegetables and canned meats. Also cereals, oatmeal, noodles, macaroni, jars of baby food, crackers, baking items, pastas and sauce. Non-perishable items needed include: dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels and shampoo.

The Scouts will place door hangers asking for support at homes on March 7th and will return March 14th to collect the bags. This year, McDonalds is sponsoring “Scouting For Food” with door hangers

and a coupon. Residents are asked to bag items that will be collected by the scouts. Scouting For Food bags should be placed on your front porch or steps by 9:00am March 14th.

Missed items or donations may be taken to the First United Methodist Church at Jefferson Street and Central Avenue.

Please help the scouts in providing a very important service for the community.

The Black Swamp Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, thanks you for your support.

**SECRETARY PERDUE JOINS WESTERN HEMISPHERE AG MINISTERS FOR SESSION AT AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK FORUM**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue will host agricultural leaders from key Western Hemisphere countries at USDA’s 96th Agricultural Outlook Forum February 20-21 in Arlington, Virginia.

Joining Secretary Perdue at a February 21 plenary session, titled “Feeding the World through Innovation,” will be Argentina’s Minister for Livestock, Agriculture, and Fisheries Luis Basterra, Canada’s Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau, and Mexico’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development Victor Villalobos. They will discuss cooperative approaches to promoting agricultural innovation and global trade as foundations of global food security.

“Last May, agricultural leaders from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, and Mexico joined me on the margins of the G-20 in Niigata, Japan, to affirm our intent to work together to champion global agricultural trade based on sound science. We represent some of the most productive farmers on the planet and have a common responsibility to feed our growing world population. Only by continuing to embrace innovative and transformative technologies are we as a world going to be able to produce enough food, fiber, and fuel for the future,” Secretary Perdue said. “I’m delighted we are able to come together once again to continue building the momentum and furthering our dialogue at this year’s Agricultural Outlook Forum.”

The 2020 Outlook Forum is themed “The Innovation Imperative: Shaping the Future of Agriculture.” The Forum’s plenary panel and several breakout sessions will focus on the central role science and innovation play in driving future growth and addressing challenges facing farmers.

The Forum is USDA’s oldest and largest annual gathering. It brings together more than 1,500 participants from the U.S. and around the world, including producers, processors, policymakers, government officials, and nongovernmental organizations. The Forum’s program includes more than 30 sessions and 100 expert speakers.

Visit the Agricultural Outlook Forum website to register. Follow the conversation at #AgOutlook on USDA’s Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

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

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Answers to “Sudoku puzzle on Page 15”

**Good News doesn’t just happen. It’s made!**  
Send us your good news and let everyone know of the great things happening in your community

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Annual Financial Report for the Antwerp Cemetery Association, Antwerp, OH, for the year ended or the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 is complete and available for public inspection, at the clerk’s office, by appointment. A copy of the report can be provided upon request.  
—Kim M. Kemerer, Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Paulding County unaudited 2019 Annual Financial Report is now complete and available for inspection at the office of the County Auditor, Paulding County Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, OH 45879.  
Claudia J. Fickel  
County Auditor

**VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES**  
The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04** on February 19, 2020, entitled, “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING’S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2020 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY.” This Ordinance approves the adoption of the 2020 Edition of the Ohio Basic Code as the code of ordinances for the Village.  
The publication of the Ordinance is by summary only. The complete text of the Ordinance may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

**NOTICE OF 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.**  
Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio  
www.pauldingohsheriff.com  
Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

**NOTICE**  
In pursuance of law (R.C. Section 323.08) I, Lou Ann Wannemacher, Treasurer of Paulding County, Ohio hereby give notice the 2019 Rate of Taxation forms are on file at the Treasurer’s Office in the Court House. If you need a copy mailed or faxed to you please call 419-399-8280, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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**vs.**  
**ROY WENDT, ET AL., Defendants.**  
Case No. CI 19 175  
Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:  
**208 North Main Street, Cecil Parcel Number: 15-05S-017-00**  
A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer’s Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.  
Total amount of judgment is Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-eight and 31/100 (\$6,338.31) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.  
Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;  
Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:10 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 19th day of March, 2020, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 2nd day of April, 2020 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.  
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## VAN WERT CIVIC THEATRE PRESENT LEAVING IOWA



Pictured here are (from left) Lisa Eichler, Ed Eichler (front), Shiloh Wittwer, and Trent Gossett (back) travel down the road in the next VWCT production.

By: Mary Ann Falk

Van Wert Civic Theatre announces their next production, *Leaving Iowa* by Tim Clue and Spike Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. on March 5, 6, 7, and 12, 13, 14 with Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. on March 8 and 15. Director Doug Grooms and his cast promise an evening of laughter and smiles and a few tugs at the heartstrings. *Leaving Iowa* is a show about the classic family vacation in a car. Don Browning, played by Trent Gossett, is on a journey to take his father's ashes to his childhood home. The journey takes an unexpected detour, and Don begins to reminisce about family road trips of the past. During the flashbacks of Don's memories, we see

Dad (Ed Eichler), Mom (Lisa Eichler), and Sis (Shiloh Wittwer) in the car with Don as they travel along through vacations of the past. On each of the stops, the memories are reenacted with the help of Dolores Foreman, Daniel Sanderson, and Courtney Wendel who play various characters throughout the show. While this family's car trip banter is unique, audience members who have ever taken a family road trip will recognize their own family.

For information go online at [vwct.org](http://vwct.org) or call the box office Monday - Friday from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at 419-238-9689. Van Wert Civic Theatre is located at 118 S. Race Street in Van Wert.

### COMPACTION OR POOR SOIL STRUCTURE?

I have a long-standing feud with engineers about soil compaction. Engineers insist that soil compaction is

caused by wheel traffic (true) but it also comes from excessive tillage, rain (think hard driving rains) and gravity (to a lesser degree). Soil compaction is poor soil structure due to a lack of roots and active

carbon (soil organic matter, SOM) from root exudates. Tillage adds soil oxygen that promote bacteria that breaks down the good soil structure (macro-aggregates, macro's) or soil that crumbles. The glues that form the macro's comes from plant roots and microbial waste or byproducts. Bacteria wastes are important for cementing soil particles into micro-aggregates (micro's) while fungi are important for producing glomalin that cement micro's together into macro's. Micro's are the building blocks to good soil structure, but without the glues, they cause poor soil structure or compacted soils. A balance of soil bacteria and fungus are needed for good soil structure.

Tillage promote bacteria populations over fungal populations, reducing glomalin and root exudate production. These glues in the soil have two major functions, they promote good soil aggregation and they serve as a food source for the microbes. Tilled soils are high in oxygen and bacteria which consume these glues as a food source. Micro's alone tend to set up like a brick wall. Farmer who excessively till their soil (get it too fine) often find that after a rain, the soil sets up like concrete because the soil becomes too dense. Macro's promote water infiltration, good drainage, and good soil structure.



Here is a simple experiment that gardeners, farmers, and school children can perform. Take a shovel and dig 6-8 inches in a tilled garden or field. You will find a compacted area or hard pan within 6-8 inches. On vertically tilled soils, you may find two areas, one at 2-4 inches (vertical tillage) and one deeper (6-8 inches) from plowing 40-50 years ago. Soil compaction/poor soil structure can last a long time, reducing yields 30% or more each year. Find an undisturbed area at the edge of a road ditch, a wooded area, or the corner of a field. Compare the soil structure. Soils with good soil structure have a dark rich color, high in SOM (smells great), have large soft peds (micro's glued together into macro's) that crumble. In undisturbed soils, you should not find any hard pans.

There are two ways to deal with soil compaction or poor soil structure. Mechanical solutions are short-lived lasting one year and contribute to long-term soil compaction or poor soil structure. A ripper or subsoiler will increase water infiltration 18 inches but it burns up SOM and leaves the soil susceptible to soil erosion. The biological approach may be slower (takes 2-3 years, roots penetrate about 1 foot/year) but it is longer lasting, increasing SOM by becoming a major storehouse for soil nutrient, and reduces soil erosion. Cover crop roots may increase water infiltration down 3 feet or deeper to improve water drainage.

Limit or totally reduce tillage to improve soil structure. Avoid subsoiling wet soils which cause smearing and sidewall compaction. Sec-

ond, plant cover crops yearly to maximize active SOM, root exudates, and glomalin that form macro's. Plant a mixture of legumes, grasses and brassica cover crops. Grass roots (sorghum, annual ryegrass, cereal rye) are fibrous and supply carbon and phosphorus. Legume roots (clovers: Balansa, crimson, red; hairy vetch; winter peas; Sunn hemp) have a deeper tap roots and supply nitrogen to balance the C:N ratio. Brassica's (daikon radish, kale, rape seed) reduce weeds and promote beneficial microbial populations. Sunflowers have deep roots while buckwheat have shallow roots (great for reducing surface compaction).

Third, keep the soil surface covered with crop residue. Surface crop residue reduces heavy rainfall impact and cushions the weight of wheel and implement traffic. Crop residue also reduces soil erosion, improves water infiltration, and regulates oxygen and soil carbon levels. Removing residue, is like removing the roof on your house. The house will soon rot out and collapse just like our soils tend to break down and collapse with excess tillage and a lack of live roots. I'll grant the engineers 2 things: Heavy wheel axle loads AND tillage are major problems causing soil compaction, but it takes Biology and live roots to improve soil structure!

### 2020 SPRING FEVER 31 BAG BINGO

Are you tired of the rain & gloomy days, join us for Convoy Community Days "SPRING FEVER 31 BAG BINGO" on Saturday March 14, 2020 at the Edgewood Park Building, Convoy OH, doors open 9am. Early Bird Bingo will be at 10am a 31 Bag filled with 31 bags. Regular bingo will follow the early bird with twenty games to win a 31 Bag filled with goodies from local businesses.

Get out of the house and enjoy a day with friends and good food. Cinnamon rolls & sandwiches will be available.

Sponsored by Convoy Community Days with proceeds to support local community organizations and projects.

### FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP. RECEIVES REGULATORY APPROVAL FOR UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP. MERGER

First Defiance Financial Corp. (Nasdaq: FDEF) ("First Defiance"), holding company of First Federal Bank of the Midwest ("First Federal Bank"), and United Community Financial Corp. (Nasdaq: UCFC) ("United Community"), holding company of Home Savings Bank ("Home Savings"), jointly announced today that approval has been received from the Federal Reserve Bank, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions (collectively, the "Regulatory Authorities") for the merger of United Community with and into First Defiance, followed by the merger of Home Savings with and into First Federal Bank.

This press release features multimedia. View the full release here: <https://www.businesswire.com/news/>

home/20200120005532/en/ Immediately prior to the merger, First Defiance will convert from a Unitary Thrift Holding Company to a Bank Holding Company, and it has elected Financial Holding Company status, and First Federal Bank will convert from a Federal Savings Association to an Ohio-chartered commercial bank.

"We are pleased to have received all necessary shareholder approvals in mid-December and now to have received all required approvals from the Regulatory Authorities. We are progressing as planned, and we anticipate to close the transaction at the end of January," stated Donald P. Hileman, President and CEO of First Defiance. "We are excited to bring together two organizations as a premier community bank with enhanced products, services and technology while honoring our commitment to superior customer service, personalized financial solutions and unwavering community support."

First Defiance's Board of Directors approved the selection of directors that will sit on the combined company's board following the completion of the merger. The new board will consist of 13 members including John L. Bookmyer, current First Defiance Chairman, serving as Chairman of the Board until succession of Donald Hileman to Executive Chairman when he relinquishes his CEO role. John Bookmyer will serve on the board until he stands for reelection at the 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Richard J. Schiraldi, current United Community Chairman, will serve as Vice Chairman of the Board until he stands for reelection at the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. In addition to Bookmyer and Schiraldi, there will be 6 directors from First Defiance and 5 directors from United Community:

Current directors from United Community that will serve on the Board following the merger:

Marty E. Adams, who will serve until he stands for reelection at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders;

Zahid Afzal, who will serve until he stands for reelection at the 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders;

Louis M. Altman, who will serve until he stands for reelection at the 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders;

Lee Burdman, who will serve until he stands for reelection at the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders;

Gary M. Small, who will serve until he stands for reelection at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Current directors from First Defiance that will serve on the Board following the merger:

Terri A. Bettinger, who will serve until she stands for reelection at the 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders;

Donald P. Hileman, who will serve until he stands for reelection at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders;

Jean A. Hubbard, who will serve until she stands for reelection at the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders;

Charles D. Niehaus, who will serve until he stands for reelection at the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders;

Mark A. Robison, who will serve until he stands for reelection at the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders;

Samuel S. Strausbaugh, who will serve until he stands for reelection at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

The transaction was announced on September 9, 2019, and is expected to close on January 31, 2020, pending the satisfaction of all closing considerations. Customer account conversion is planned for early third quarter 2020.

## Gorrell Bros.

AUCTIONEERS & REAL ESTATE  
1201 N. WILLIAMS • PAULDING, OHIO 45879

419-399-4066  
[www.gorrellbros-paulding.com](http://www.gorrellbros-paulding.com)

### LAND AUCTION

79+ ACRES Sec. 11, Harrison Twp.  
Paulding County, OH  
Sat., March 7 @ 10 AM.

**Farm Location:** Corner of Rt. 49 & Rd. 144 (1½ mi south of Antwerp or 4 mi north of Payne on Rt. 49 or 6 mi west of Paulding on Rd. 144) --- **79.292 surveyed acres of level "corn and bean land"**... 77.51 acres tillable; Latty soil with areas of Hoytville.. Nice drainage outlet Buyer receives farming rights for 2020 ...Auction Location Gorrell Bros Auctions @ 1201 N. Williams St., Paulding, OH ... Call or stop in the office for brochure & bidder's packet or visit our web site @ [www.gorrellbros-paulding.com](http://www.gorrellbros-paulding.com) or Auction Zip or see info tubes at the farm ...**Terms:** \$10,000 earnest money; closing on or before April 7, 2020; ...

**Seller:** Nila K. Mumby & Lonnie L. Watson Successor Trustees of The Earl Richard Watson Revocable Trust ...**Larry D. Correll, Broker; Don Gorrell and Aaron Timm Auctioneer**



JD Tractors, JD Drill, Case Dozer, Excavator, Spra Coupe, Wagons, Trailers



ONLINE ONLY

### FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION ENDING MARCH 11th

Preview: Feb. 29 & Mar. 7, 8 am-12pm  
5166 St. Rt. 15, Ney, OH 43549

[www.BidUnitedEdge.com](http://www.BidUnitedEdge.com)



419-298-1100

Owner: Darren Bok CAI, CAS  
Owner: John G. Singer Estate,  
John J. Singer Exec.

## Eicher Farm AUCTION

Allen County, IN • Grabill • Milan Township

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 • 6 pm

FARM LOCATION: 14510 NOTESTINE ROAD, GRABILL, IN  
Located just 1 mile west off of State Road 37, just across from Dutch Made Cabinets  
AUCTION HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER  
OF HARLAN, 12616 SPENCERVILLE RD, HARLAN, IN

offered in 4 tracts or in combinations

62.5±  
Acres, Home and Buildings

- Complete 5 acre Farm with Buildings
- Productive Tillable Soils • 11 acres of Woods
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In late 2016, Josh and Emma Metcalf met with Nicole Heffelfinger, the business advisor who helped them in making their business, Auburn Brewing Company, operational. She was instrumental in providing statistics and other necessary data to help the Metcalfs develop a sound business plan. Nicole also provided the couple with critical market research and helped them complete appropriate documents to ensure quick loan approval.

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select three local nonprofits that we partner with throughout the year. We don't have final numbers yet, but we donated over \$16,000 to those partners in our first year of business," explained Josh Metcalf. "The NE-ISBDC is a major asset to our company. They helped us secure essential financing, and our operational costs are in line with the plan we developed. We're even exceeding our conservative sales numbers. I've sent numerous existing and hopeful business owners to work with the NE-ISBDC because my experience was so positive."

"They're really great people who love giving back to their community. Their story is really cool, too," said Heffelfinger. "They were very adamant about purchasing and restoring a historic property because these buildings are an important part of any community." Another way the couple gives back to the community is by their involvement in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization.

The NE-ISBDC works every day helping small business owners find success and see their potential. They also understand that starting a business is a big investment emotionally and financially, so most of the services they provide are free.

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**Sudoku solution from page 13**

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**CHOW LINE: THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BROTH AND STOCK**

My dad asked me to pick up chicken stock from the store for a meal that he wants to make for dinner. When I got to the store, I bought chicken broth and brought it home. He sent me back to the store because he said stock and broth aren't the same thing. But aren't they really?

No, they are not.

Your dad is correct. There is a difference between broth and stock, and depending on which recipe he was making, the difference between the two could have an impact on the outcome of the meal. This is because, generally speaking, broth is lighter and more flavorful, while stock is thicker.

To understand the difference, it's important to understand what stocks and broths are. Stocks and broths are liquids used to make sauces, soups, stews, and other recipes.

The main differences between stock and broth are the use of bones or meat, the length of cooking time, and the type of seasonings added, writes Jenny Lobb, an educator in family and consumer sciences for Ohio State University Extension.

"Unless it's a vegetable stock, stock is made using bones, water, and a mixture of aromatic vegetables including onions, carrots, and celery. It's simmered for two to six hours and generally has added seasonings," Lobb wrote in Broth versus Stock, a blog posted at Live Healthy Live Well.

The site, which can be found at livehealthyosu.com, is a free information resource that offers science-based consumer information and insights. It's written by OSU Extension educators and specialists in family and consumer sciences who are concerned with health and wellness. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food,

Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

The boiling of the bones—generally chicken, beef, or pork—allows the bone marrow and collagen to be released from the bones, thus making stock much thicker than broth.

However, "broth, on the other hand," Lobb writes, "takes less time to make, and contains meat (unless it's a vegetable broth), vegetables, and seasonings, and is generally simmered on the stove top for no more than two hours."

Stock is typically used in sauces, gravies, stews, and as a braising liquid for meat, while broth works well as a base for soups, stir-fry dishes, dumplings, stuffing, and for cooking grains and legumes, she said.

"Although broths and stocks can be purchased in cans and cartons at the grocery store, it is fairly easy to make your own at home," Lobb said, noting that, "making broths and stocks from scratch can be a cost-saving activity if you save and utilize meat and vegetable scraps that would otherwise be thrown away."

And with the cold days ahead during the remainder of this winter, soups and stews are a great comfort food to keep you warm on the inside!

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Applications available at the Village Utilities Office or by emailing a request at [pldgvil@paulding-net.com](mailto:pldgvil@paulding-net.com), or on the website at [villageofpaulding.com](http://villageofpaulding.com). Applications will be taken until Friday, May 17, or until the position is filled.

To apply, please submit application and resume to 116 S. Main St. Paulding, OH 45879 or the above mentioned email address.

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# PAULDING FFA MEMBERS ADVANCE TO STATE PUBLIC SPEAKING



Pictured are the students who competed in the sub-district public speaking contest. (Back row L-R): Carter Manz, Mason Schlatter, and Luke McCullough. (Front row L-R): Baylee March, Sydney Reineck, Paige Jones, and Shannon Hale

By: Reporter: Paige Jones

On Wednesday, February 12th, the Paulding FFA had 17 members compete in the sub-district public speaking contest in Delphos, Ohio. The public speaking contest is divided into 4 divisions, with the first being creed speaking, where freshman members must memorize the FFA Creed by E.M. Tiffany. Paulding freshman, Carter Manz, competed in the contest and placed 4th.

The second category is beginning prepared public speaking where students must write and memorize a speech about the topic of their choice. Competing in this contest was freshman Mason Schlatter, who placed

2nd, and Paige Jones, who placed 3rd.

The third category is advanced prepared public speaking, which is very similar to beginning prepared, but for more advanced students such as junior and seniors. Competing in this contest was Sydney Reineck, who placed 1st in the division.

The last division is extemporaneous, where students are given 30 minutes to research a random topic and then must make up the speech during this time. Competing in this division was Luke McCullough, 3rd place, Shannon Hale, 1st place, and Baylee March, 6th place. The following members moved on to the district con-

test: Mason Schlatter, Sydney Reineck, and Shannon Hale.

The district public speaking contest was held in Spencerville on February 20th. Sydney Reineck placed 3rd with her speech about honeybees, Mason Schlatter with his speech about Wildlife's Impact on Agricultural Crops placed 1st, and Shannon Hale placed 2nd with her extemporaneous speech. Mason Schlatter and Shannon Hale will now move on to that state contest on March 7th in Marysville. The Paulding FFA would like to congratulate everyone who participated in the contest and good luck to those moving on to the state contest!

## PAULDING COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT RELEASES STATEMENT

We will not be sharing information about individuals under public health supervision or under voluntary quarantine for COVID-19 in Paulding County. These individuals are not showing any symptoms and are not under investigation. As is our nor-

mal practice when we monitor situations of infectious disease in the community, information will be shared as is necessary to protect the public while balancing individual privacy. As with other diseases, we do not routinely share suspected case information until it is confirmed. The same will be done with COVID-19.

## OHIO EPA ANNOUNCES H2OHIO FUNDING FOR WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Ohio EPA announced that it is awarding \$500,000 in H2Ohio funding to help improve sanitary sewer services for hundreds of residents in Miami County.

Ohio EPA is providing the funding to the village of West Milton as part of Gov. Mike DeWine's H2Ohio initiative. The money will support a planned project to construct sanitary sewers in the village of Ludlow Falls, where failing home sewage treatment systems have caused high coliform readings in nearby Ludlow Creek.

"Ohio's communities rely on wastewater infrastructure to protect public health, which is why my H2Ohio plan aims to assist communities that need help building infrastructure," said Governor DeWine. "This project will directly impact more than 200 people in Ludlow Falls and help improve the water quality in Ludlow Creek."

The project consists of constructing 9,600 feet of sanitary sewers, a pump station, and 7,300 feet of force-main to capture wastewater from Ludlow Falls and send it to West Milton's existing wastewater treatment plant.

"Throughout the state, addressing infrastructure needs, such as the extension of centralized sanitary sewers, is a key goal of H2Ohio," said Ohio EPA Director Laurie A. Stevenson. "Governor DeWine's H2Ohio plan enables Ohio EPA to extend its available funds to help more

communities like West Milton and Ludlow Falls address their water and sewer needs."

The West Milton project is also receiving grants from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Community Development Block Grant Program, and the Ohio Water Development Authority. Ohio EPA has also provided \$500,000 in principal forgiveness for the project from the state revolving loan fund.

As part of the H2Ohio initiative, Ohio EPA has also awarded a total of \$2 million in funding for drinking water infrastructure projects in Pike County, Coshocton, and New Waterford. An additional \$1 million in H2Ohio funding has been awarded for wastewater projects in Pomeroy and Williams County.

For more information on Gov. DeWine's H2Ohio water quality plan, visit h2.ohio.gov.

## STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH

Defiance - The Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal crash that occurred on February 29th, 2020 at approximately 12:16 a.m. The crash occurred on Christy Road .5 miles north of Banner School Road.

A silver 2003 Dodge Grand Caravan, driven by Jeffrey E. Miller, age 45, of South Whately, Indiana, was traveling north on Christy Road. The vehicle ran off the right side of the roadway and struck a tree. The driver was pronounced deceased on scene and was the only occupant in the vehicle.

The Patrol was assisted on

## LIMA MAN JOINS "SAVED BY THE BELT" CLUB



Pictured here are (l-r) Lt. Tim Grigsby, Joshua Foltz, and Trooper Chad Recker.

Allen County - Lima resident Joshua C. Foltz joined Ohio's "Saved by the Belt" Club today after his safety belt saved him from sustaining life-threatening injuries. The incident occurred on U.S. Route 30 in Allen County on February 8.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Lieutenant Timothy P. Grigsby, Lima Post commander, presented him with a "Saved by the Belt" certificate signed by Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath and Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol superintendent.

"Joshua is a living testimony to the effectiveness of safe-

ty belts," Lieutenant Grigsby said. "Everyone needs to buckle up every trip, every time."

Provisional data from 2019 shows 457 people in Ohio were killed in traffic crashes where a safety belt was available, but not in use.

The "Saved by the Belt" Club is a joint effort by the Ohio Department of Public Safety and more than 400 Ohio law enforcement agencies. This club is designed to recognize people who have benefited from their decision to wear safety belts.

Joshua also received a "Saved by the Belt" license plate bracket.

scene by the Defiance County Sheriff's Office, Tiffin Township Fire and EMS, and the Defiance County Coroner's Office. The crash remains under investigation at this time.

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