

SHISLER INSURANCE RE-OPENS AFTER REMODEL



The Paulding Chamber held a ribbon cutting for the re-opening of Shisler Insurance. Pictured here are (l-r) Brett Rogge, Greg White, Randy Myers, Cassandra Vance, Michael Menzel, Tanya Sinn, and Abby Hornish.

Paulding, OH: Shisler Insurance recently reopened their doors at 112 W Jackson St. Paulding, OH after an impressive eight week renovation. The new layout includes roomy offices, a welcoming entryway, and a fresh new look all around. One of the goals of the remodel was to let people know Shisler Insurance is

here to stay in Paulding. "I wanted to create the best work environment for employees to thrive in," says Randy Myers, Agency Principal. Shisler Insurance continues to offer home, auto, business, life, and farm insurances as well as senior medical products. They are open from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00

p.m. Monday through Friday and can be reached at 419-399-5121.

NOTICE TO READERS & ADVERTISERS

The last issue of the year (Issue 52) for the West Bend News will be dated December 22, 2020. The week of December 29 West Bend News will NOT have an issue. The first issue of 2021 will be dated January 5, 2021. All ads and articles are due on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020 before the requested issue. Friday, January 1, 2021 the office will be closed for the New Year holiday.

A NOTE FROM PAULDING COUNTY INTERIM HEALTH COMMISSIONER...



Dr. Virginia Halachanova, MD; Dr. Wendell Spangler, MD (Interim Health Commissioner); and Julie Arend, CNP

We would ask that residents of Paulding County (and those visiting) recommit our efforts to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. We have reached Risk Level 3/Red which means there is very high exposure and spread of COVID-19 in Paulding County.

There is the increased current concern of the coronavirus pandemic and now the onset of influenza (flu) season starting as well. If you are willing and your health care provider recommends it, please consider getting the flu shot. By getting the flu shot, you are less likely to get sick or spread the flu virus.

We know it has been a

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COVID-19 POP-UP TESTING SITE AVAILABLE IN PAULDING

Paulding - A COVID-19 pop-up testing site will be available in Paulding on November 30. Anyone can get a no-cost test at this location. No appointment is needed. A health care provider's referral is not needed. Quantities may be limited. Pop-up testing sites throughout Ohio are open to anyone.

Paulding Pop-Up Testing:

Paulding County Health Department & Ohio National Guard, November 30, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Paulding County Fairgrounds, 501 Fairgrounds Drive, Paulding, OH 45879

Have Something to sell?

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

EACS WILL MOVE TO VIRTUAL LEARNING FOR 7-12 GRADERS

East Allen County Schools will be changing to all virtual learning in grades 7-12 beginning on Wednesday, November 18th through Tuesday, November 24th. Thanksgiving Break is scheduled from Wednesday, November 25th through Sunday, November 29th. We are planning for students in grades 7-12 to return on Monday, November 30th; however, this may be subject to change depending

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Community Calendar

November 17

• ~~PCCL Board meeting~~

November 18

- Credit Class @ EC Development Small Innovation Ctr, Paulding, 3-4:30pm
- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

November 19

- Thanksgiving Grab & Go Lunch @ Def. Sen. Ctr, 11:30a-12p
- Open Mike Night @ Defiance Co. Coon Hunters Club (Hoffman Rd), 6-8:30pm

November 19-22

- Once Upon A Mattress @ Huber Opera House, 7:30pm (11/22, 2pm)

November 25

- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

November 26

- FREE Thanksgiving meals @ Paulding Eagles, 12-2pm

November 28

- SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY -- Paulding, Antwerp, Woodburn

November 30

- COVID-19 Pop Up Testing site @ PC Fairgrounds, 10a-2p
- Christmas Tree Lighting, Antwerp Greenway Park, 6-7pm

December 2

- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

December 5

- Merry & Bright tree lighting, Paulding, 3-7pm

December 9

- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

— = Canceled event

To add your event to the calendar email info@westbendnews.net
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PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT FOOD PANTRY



On Saturday, November 7th students and staff from Paulding Middle School volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry located in Paulding, Ohio. Shown in the picture from left to right are Nick Hatcher, Mrs. Jill Hatcher (Teacher), Max Fohner, and Damien Iliff.

2020 MVAS & GA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DONATION TO WOODBURN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME



Maumee Valley Antique Steam & Gas Engine Association Honorary Directors, Roger Schuller & Ron Nahrwold, present a Christmas fund donation of \$277 to Woodburn Christian Children's Home Residential Director, Hal Rogers.

SERVANT HEART AWARD

Hope Winhoven - Ms. Ashworth's Kindergarten Class

Hope has a heart like Jesus. Hope is very kind to each and every child in our classroom as well as each adult. She seeks out their attention and she seeks everyone's approval by doing kind acts each and everyday to show that she has

a heart like Jesus. Hope is one of the first people to jump out of her seat to try to help those in need from things like helping clean up after lunch and making sure everyone has what he or she needs. When someone is sad or hurts or not feeling well, Hope's heart hurts with them. I have seen many times that she consoles and comforts each of her classmates to let them



know she loves them. I've also witnessed her putting her arm around them and giving hugs to different people throughout the day when they are hurting. Hope has a Heart like Jesus and serves everyone with love and compassion. She constantly takes it upon herself to serve others and doesn't expect anything in return. Great job Hope for having a heart like Jesus. I am super proud of you, And keep up the great work. Ms. A.

Evelyn Lyons - Mrs. Gideon's 4th Grade Class



I would like to nominate Evelyn Lyons for the Servant's Heart award. Evelyn has the most giving spirit I have seen in a long time. From drawing me pictures to brighten my day, to helping out around the classroom, she is always the first to volunteer. I have not swept my classroom at the end of the day for at least a month,

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challenge to face the current pandemic, but we all have to work together to make our way through it. This includes mask wearing, social distancing, frequent hand-washing and sanitizing. Please try to avoid traveling to high-risk areas and consider necessary travel only. It is also very important to try to avoid touching one's face and cover one's coughs/sneezes.

If you feel sick, please do not go out in public other than to seek medical care as needed. This means we may have to avoid a social gathering, going to school or church that day until we know it is

safe to return out in public. If you feel sick, please contact your health care provider for advice.

We need to be careful with larger size gatherings. It is especially concerning over the holidays as family gatherings increase in frequency and size. Those who are traveling could easily spread the virus by bringing it with them or catch it locally and take it back with them.

It has been trying times and many are "COVID weary," but we must keep trying for the sake of our community, our families, and ourselves.

Jenna Kipfer - Mrs. Bradbury's 5th Grade Class



When the book fair was set up and students went out to make lists, Jenna Kipfer came back in with a list of books that mostly contained books she thought her sisters would like. While other kids were making lists for themselves, she was writing down books she thought would be good Christmas and birthday gifts for her family. She also guessed and won a jar of candy on Friday, not for herself but for her mom. She told me she was really hoping to win the candy because it was her mom's favorite candy. I admire how she thinks of others before herself.

Evan Benschneider - Mrs. Bradbury's 6th Grade Class



Evan truly is a kind and caring kid. He gave up his own recess time to help the neighbors clean up branches, he offered to help a kindergarten get onto the bus when he heard another student refuse, and he is always asking

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law."
— Psalm 119:18

to pray for other people. Evan is the first person to hold up two fingers and ask people to be quiet and respectful if someone else is trying to tell a story during lunch or class time. When he created a game to play during recess and there were more kids who wanted to play than he had cards for, he went home that night and made more so no kids would be left out of the game at recess the next day. Evan does so many kind acts and expects nothing in return for them. Evan is a wonderful example of what it means to serve with a heart like Jesus.

NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Northwest State Community College will meet on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 in room C200 at 12:00 noon for discussion and review of agenda items in preparation for their regular Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, December 11, 2020.

No action will be taken at this meeting.

KIDS' KORNER

Hello again!
Please keep staying safe. The Covid virus is still very much alive and is hurting very many people. Please be as careful as you can, OK?

When the disciples were in a boat with Jesus, a great storm came up. It was not at all unusual that a sudden storm would come up on the sea. Many fishermen were often caught by surprise by sudden storms, many of them violent.

When a great storm came up, the disciples were terrified. They looked for Jesus to help them and found Him soundly sleeping in the hull of the boat. That had to be pretty surprising, don't you think? When they got Him awake they begged Him for help.

Jesus commanded the storm to stop and, immedi-

ately, it stopped. The disciples were amazed, of course. Jesus had just demonstrated His power over the storms of the world.

Jesus is the Creator of all things, and He has control over all things. That means that He is always ready to help us in our time of need. And not just then, but He is always with us to help, comfort, and forgive us. What a marvelous God He is!

Now a bit of a challenge: According to Matthew, how many sparrows are sold for a penny?

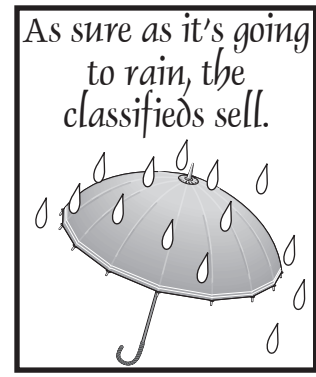
See you next week! May God keep blessing you and keeping you.

—Pastor Tim
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EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SET SECOND SEMESTER LEARNING OPTIONS

Beginning Friday, November 13th through Wednesday, November 25th at midnight, EACS parents will have the opportunity to select their child's second semester learning option through an online selection process. The options are in person or virtual. If no selection is made by the parent or guardian, the student will automatically be assigned to attend in person. This decision will remain in effect for the entire second semester unless it is deemed safe for all students to return by the state or local health department.

If parents have difficulty completing the online selection process, they can call their child's school by Friday, November 20th for assistance.



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DAY OF GIVING

The annual Day of Giving will be held at the Antwerp United Methodist Church

**Saturday, December 5, 2020.
9:00 a.m. until Noon**

The Day of Giving is a FREE event that will allow local families to "shop" for clothing and household items before the holidays. Appropriate Covid-19 safety protocols will be in place to ensure a healthy environment for all those who attend.

The church is accepting donations of gently used clothing, furniture, and household items beginning on November 30th. Mattresses, televisions, or electronics will not be accepted. Items may be dropped off at the Antwerp United Methodist Church, 202 East River Street, Antwerp on the following dates:

**Monday, November 30th from 9:00 a.m. until noon
Tuesday, December 1st from 9:00 a.m. until noon
Wednesday, December 2nd from 9:00 a.m. until noon
Thursday, December 3rd from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 4th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

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COMMON SENSE IS LIKE DEODORANT, THOSE WHO NEED IT THE MOST DON'T USE IT

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

Just because I claim not to have a lot of common sense, doesn't mean I am dumb.



Then, just because I am a bottled blonde also doesn't put me into a dumb classification.

However: I am not map saavy and I get lost very easy. Even I ask directions and think I know the way, I wind up miles from where I want to go. Sometimes when I go to places I frequent a lot, I will have my own set way to go. I will be fine if I stick to my way that I know.

But, if someone tells me a shorter way to go, it just doesn't work out. I know my own way, but thanks.

This reminds me of a joke that we have all probably heard.

The joke concerns Moses and the promised land with someone asking "Why did Moses wander with the children of Israel in the desert for 40 years?" The answer is, "Because he did not stop and ask directions."

Then I wonder, "What if Mrs. Moses would have been the leader?" Then again, maybe she would have wandered 40 years too.

So one of my New Years Resolutions for next year will be to find my own way to different places without getting lost, plus learn to follow directions.

I really hate to tell this, but one time I got lost driving from the newspaper office in Paulding to the post office.

After being lost for at least a half hour, I had to call the paper and admit I was lost. How embarrassing.

If anyone is like me, I do not stop and read directions on a new appliance or item I get. My friend, Denny, always reads the so called "manual" and can usually get something to work or put something together.

One time, I tried putting together a hanging cat swing. I was so proud when I got done, but something just did not look right. I put the cat in it and she hissed and jumped out just as the swing fell onto the floor. Guess what? I had put it together backwards. Poor cat.

I feel proud if I can hammer a nail, hang a picture, put batteries in items right and set all the clocks when the time changes. I must say this, "I am learning."

Before the virus hit us, I used to enjoy playing Bingo. We always had markers to dab on our paper cards. Of course one night I forgot my marker so I purchased a smaller marker which was bright pink.

I did not think much about it and when done playing Bingo I tossed the marker in my purse. The next Saturday evening, we were on our way to see my grandson play basketball in Indiana. I was looking for a tube of lipstick and grabbed a tube which I thought I must have gotten and forgot about..

It didn't look familiar so without reading, I looked in the car mirror and put the spongy soft pink stuff on my lips. Oh my! My lips were a beautiful bright pink and looked pretty good!

Then my whole mouth started burning so I finally looked at the label on my new tube and guess what? It was my new BINGO marker. Even though it did look pretty, it was more of an inky substance. Well needless to say the marker stayed on for awhile, however, it is just starting to come off.

One thing I do quite often is forget where I parked my car. Of course I have lost my car at Niswonger Performing Arts and other big parking lots. One time I stood outside my car (what I thought was MY car) trying to unlock it. This looked like my car and I was positive it was. Pretty soon after trying for about 10 minutes, some people came over to help me. No one could open the door. I was almost in tears when a nice man asked me, "Are you positive you parked here." I adamantly answered, "Yes sir, I parked right here. This is my car."

He told me to go around to the back of the car which was just like mine and look at the license plates and try and open the trunk. Well trunk did not open either. Then as I was looking at the back and

the trunk, I said, "Oh no! This isn't my car." By that time almost everyone had left but me and my Good Samaritans "

I pressed on my trunk button on my key ring and up went the trunk on another white car just like mine located down quite a ways from mine. I was very happy to find my car and for helping hands.

Something similar happened to me not too long ago. There was a white car that looked like mine, except this one wasn't locked. I even got in, but as I looked around, that car had a Mountain Dew in it and a pack of cigarettes. I said, "Oh no. This is not my car." I hurriedly got out and began the search for my vehicle. Another lady tried helping me and I found it two rows over.

To look, to listen, and to use common sense will be some of my New Years Resolutions for 2021.

However, if you see me running around. I may be lost or am having trouble finding my car. I may not always take directions or suggestions, but sure appreciate all the help I can get.

Have you ever lost your car or got in the wrong one? Can you put things together or follow directions? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

400th ANNIVERSARY OF LANDING OF MAYFLOWER PILGRIMS — PART 6

By: **Caroline Longardner**
"THE MAYFLOWER VOYAGE"

After many delays and the summer of 1620 slipping away, the MAYFLOWER sailed out of Southampton harbor on August 5, 1620 with the SPEEDWELL following behind in her wake. There were just over 120 passengers in all, and about 90 of them were on the Mayflower ship.

The Speedwell began leaking and the ships had to turn back to England for repairs. They made a second departure, all the while praying to God and wondering if they would ever get to America. On the second departure, the Speedwell leaned so far to the side that the passengers clung to her sides for dear life. This time when they returned to (Plymouth) England, they decided to abandon the Speedwell as unseaworthy. Those who wanted to continue with the new journey crowded onto the MAYFLOWER They sailed on September 6, 1620.

The MAYFLOWER's passengers were very seasick with the swelling ocean until they became accustomed to it. They seemed to make good progress with an Autumn gale. When the winds were strong the "terrified land-lubbers" bumped and jostled into each other as the top-heavy ship pitched wildly from side-to-side. The wind was said to have shrieked in the rigging and the vessel strained and groaned as she labored through the heavy sea.

Historians have explained that the MAYFLOWER was 90 feet long and 25 feet wide at her widest. The middle part of the main deck that was open to the weather was covered with canvas to keep the salt spray from the passengers and cargo. Both the bow and the stern of the ship had high wooden superstructures. The superstructure at the stern was bigger and higher than

the superstructure at the bow; for this stern castle, as it was called, contained the great cabin where the ships officers ate, as well as the captain or master's cabin was located there. More bunks were located there for important Pilgrim's company to sleep. The superstructure at the bow end of the ship — called the fore-castle — contained both the crew's quarters and the galley where the crew's meals were prepared.

It is likely that the Pilgrims' families had to get by doing whatever cooking they could manage elsewhere. The crew and the people in general probably grew ill and irritable in the hold of the MAYFLOWER. There was little hot food, the standard fare on the menu was cold biscuits, salted beef, and BEER. (Everyone drank beer, not water).

Everyone lived in dread of drowning, for the MAYFLOWER was a leaky ship (which was probably standard) and icy water was said to come streaming thru the cracks on the Pilgrim passengers (and all the passengers).

At one point, one of the Mayflower's main beams cracked and had to be mended with "a great iron scruce", which one of the passengers just happen to have brought along from Holland.

The frequent praying and psalm-singing of the Saints irritated the Strangers. Every day Elder Brewster led the daily prayers. However, he was no ordained priest, nor did he read from the services of the Church of England. Nor did the Leyden people confine their prayers to themselves. Some of those on board expected to impose their views on everyone.

The Strangers objected, fearing that the wrath of God would descend upon them all. It was felt that if God sank the MAYFLOWER, they would all drown together with no distinction between Saint or Stranger. They were afraid they would all drown together, but the Separatists prayed on, despite the jeering and complaints of the other passengers. Some felt that if the mighty King James had not intimidated them, surely their present companions would not.

For 66 long days and 66 long nights the MAYFLOWER sailed westward. Many of the passengers probably wondered if there even really was such a place as America on the other side of the ocean. The sea seemed endless.

On the morning of November 10, 1620, a pale, pallid dawn showed a strip of land on the horizon. All the passengers that could rushed to the deck for a sight of the "New World" -AMERICA. They had at last sighted "Cape Cod."

Captain Christopher Jones went along South, along the outer arm of the Cape. It was found the ship was directly in the path of Tucker's Terror (now known as Pollack's Rip), a rough, boiling shallows well known to mariners, even in those days. Instead of heading the MAYFLOWER out to sea again to avoid the shoals, Cap. Jones announced that the waters were impassable, and he returned to the northern tip of Cape Cod that night.

Ref: *Mayflower American History; The Plymouth Plantation by Wm. Bradford*

IDEAS FOR THANKING YOUR FAMILY



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

It's almost Thanksgiving. And although 2020 may have been a difficult year for you, as it has been for many people, you can probably still find things for which you can be thankful - such as your family. How can you show your appreciation for your loved ones?

Here are a few suggestions:

Invest in your children's future. If you have young children - or even grandchildren - one of the greatest gifts you can give them is the gift of education. You may want to consider contributing to a higher education funding vehicle.

Be generous. Do you have older children, just starting out in life? If so, they could well use a financial gift to help pay off student loans, buy a car or even make a down payment on a home. You can give up to \$15,000 per year, per recipient, without incurring gift taxes. Of course, you don't have to give cash - you might want to consider presenting your children with shares of stock in companies they like.

Review your insurance coverage. If you weren't around, it would leave some gaping holes - financial and otherwise - in the lives of your family members. That's why it's essential you maintain adequate life insurance. Your employer might offer a group plan, but it may not be

sufficient to meet your needs. There's no magic formula for determining the right amount of coverage, so you'll have to consider a variety of factors: your age, spouse's income, number of children and so on. Also, you may want to consider disability insurance - if you were unable to work for a while, it could cause a real problem for your family's finances.

Preserve your financial independence. When your children are young, you take care of them. But you certainly don't want them to have to do the same for you - so it's essential you maintain your financial independence throughout your life. You can do this in at least a couple of ways. First, consider investing regularly in your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts. The greater your resources during your retirement years, the less you may ever need to count on your family. And second, you may want to protect yourself from the devastating costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. A financial professional can suggest a strategy to help you cope with these expenses.

Create an estate plan. To leave a legacy to your family, you don't have to be wealthy - but you do need a comprehensive estate plan. You'll have to think through a lot of questions, such as: Have I named beneficiaries for all my assets? How much do I want to leave to each person? Do I need to go beyond a simple will to establish an arrangement such as a living trust? For help in answering all these issues, you'll want to work with an attorney.

By making these moves, you can show your loved ones, in a tangible way, how much you value them - and that can help you keep the spirit of Thanksgiving alive all year long.

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

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

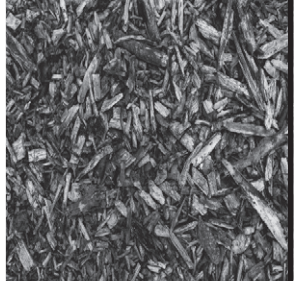
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BUFFALO WALLOW FIGHT

By: Stan Jordan

This previously ran July 28, 2010

The Red River War had a number of side battles and the Buffalo Wallow Fight was one of the more spectacular ones, this took place on September 10, 1874.

Colonel Miles' outfit was fighting one of the Red River Battles and his unit was running short of all supplies, so he sent two civilian scouts, Billy Dixon and Amos Chapman and four enlisted men, Sergeant Z.T. Woodhall and Privates Peter Rath, John Harrington and George Smith from his camp on McClellan Creek asking where was his supplies? He didn't know it, but Lyman's Wagon Train of thirty-six wagons were under a siege by Indians on the upper Washita River.

On the morning of September 12, they were in Hemphill County, a rolling county, they found themselves surrounded by about one hundred and twenty warriors; Comanches and Kiowa. Some of these Indians were from the wagon train siege.

Dixon and his companions decided to dismount and make a desperate stand, as there was no cover in this area. It wasn't long before George Smith took a bullet through his lungs. It was his job to hold the horses and when he went down the horses bolted with all the supplies, packs, canteens, coats, blankets and rations.

Not long, both Harrington and Woodhall were both hit and Chapman got hit in the left knee and it was shattered. All hell broke out here with one hundred and twenty wild Indians against six soldiers.

For a few minutes the savages slowed up and Dixon, who now had a minor calf wound, spotted a buffalo wallow a few yards away. He told his buddies to take refuge in this sort of shallow depression, this was about ten feet in diameter.

By noon all except Smith and Chapman had reached the safety of the Wallow. They

used their hands and butcher knives to make a parapet around this area and still kept the savages at bay away from the wounded men.

Dixon tried several times to get to Chapman, the wounded soldier, but the bullets and arrows drove him back. Finally, in the mid-afternoon he was able to reach Chapman and bring him into the wallow.

It was very hot, no water or food, but these boys were good marksmen and kept the Indians at bay. The Indians couldn't get to Smith to get his weapons.

After a few hours a rain storm came up and gave some relief from the heat and it seemed to slow up the Indians attack. But the rain brought colder weather on some wet soldiers.

While the Indians backed off a little, Pete Rath recovered Smith's weapons and ammunition and found that Smith was still alive. Dixon and Rath carried him over to the wallow, their make shift fort, and he died late in the night.

At night time the Indians left the area and Dixon and Rath got some tumble weeds and made beds for all the fellows.

The morning of September 13 dawned clear with no sight of Indians. Dixon volunteered to go look for help along a trail about a mile away. He soon saw a column of U.S. Calvary and was lucky to get their attention. It was about 225 men from Fort Union, New Mexico. The sergeant of the troops caused the Indians to leave the area and the wallow and Lyman's wagons.

Well, they didn't get much help from the troops. A little hard tack and dried beef. Major Price, who was leading the group said he would notify Colonel Miles and help arrive about mid-night.

George Smith's body was wrapped in a blanket and buried there in the wallow, and the wounded men were taken to Camp Supply for treatment. Chapman's leg was amputated above the knee a little later. Woodhall and Harrington recovered and continued their military service.

Colonel Miles recommended all these men receive the Medal of Honor for bravery under adverse conditions and one posthumously for Smith.

Dixon received his award from Colonel Miles while they were camped at Carson Creek near Adobe Walls.

The small battle or skirmish showed the guts and fortitude of some of our troops.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

This ran previously on February 34, 2010

In the high school Civics class they were discussing the qualifications to be the President of the United States. They are pretty simple, you must be a natural born citizen and at least 35 years old.

A blond girl in the class popped up and began complaining about how unfair it was to require a person to be a natural born citizen. In her opinion it makes it impossible for many qualified people to run for that office.

She went on and on with her argument, "What makes a natural born citizen better qualified for the office of President than one born by 'C' Section?"

This ran previously on March 17, 2010

These two blonde daughters promised their father that he could be buried at sea.

After he passed away and all the rites were over the girls loaded him into a row boat and headed out across the waters.

After rowing awhile, they stopped the boat and one measured the depth of the water and claimed it isn't deep enough yet. This happened two more times with the same reply.

After a fashion they stopped the boat and measured the water. The depth of the water was up to the girl's chest.

She said to her sister in the boat, "This is just about right now hand me the shovel."

This ran previously on March 24, 2010.

An old Indian from the Nez Pierce tribe was sitting along the bank of the Snake River in Northwestern Wyoming. As he sat there in the warm morning sun there was a bottle up on the shore. He got up and went over and picked up the bottle and shook it a little.

When he finally got the bottle opened, sure enough, a genie came out. He was glad to get out of that bottle. He told the Indian he would grant him three wishes.

"What is your first wish?" "I want enough whiskey to last all my life." "Okay, that's done, what is your second wish?" "Ugh, that I might live many, many moons." "Oh, that's done. What is your third wish?" The old Indian thought awhile and then said, "More whiskey!"

This previously ran on March 31, 2010

The blonde daughter had a beautiful wedding and she and her perfect husband had a fine honeymoon in Acapulco.

In a couple of days after they returned, the daughter had gone home to mother.

Mom said, "Why daughter, what can the matter be?"

The daughter said, "Ever since we have been home my husband has been using dirty 4-letter bad words."

"Well, gee whiz, what words is he using?" Mom asked.

The daughter replied, "Well, like work, cook, dust,

obey, wash!"

This previously ran on July 28, 2010

A drunk was proudly showing off his new apartment to a couple of his friends late one night. He led the way to his bedroom where there was a brass gong and a mallet.

"What's with that big brass gong?" One of the guests asked.

"It's not a gong, It's a talking clock," the drunk replied.

"A talking clock? Seriously?" asked his astonished friend.

"Yup," replied the drunk.

"How's it work?" the friend asked, squinting at it.

"Watch," the drunk replied. He picked up the mallet, gave the gong an ear-shattering pound and stepped back. The three stood looking at one another for a moment.

Suddenly, someone on the other side of the wall screamed, "You idiot? It's one-fifteen in the morning!"

See ya!

CHARLES HART EXECUTED FOR MURDERS OF GOOD CHILDREN

By: Jane Nice

Paulding County Bicentennial Committee Part 2 of 2



PAULDING - After the charred and mutilated remains of Ashby and Elsie Good were located in a pile of burned brush near their home three and one half miles northwest of Paulding on November 5, 1894, suspicion immediately fell on Charles Hart.

Some of his neighbors reported that Charley had behaved strangely during the search party's discovery of the bodies that morning. They also pointed the finger at him after he claimed that he was home on Sunday afternoon around the estimated time of the murders, which would have put him close enough to the crime scene to hear the children's cries.

Charley was further implicated on the evening the bodies were found when a bloodhound that was brought in from Scott repeatedly alerted between the site of the bodies' discovery and the nearby Hart home.

By that time, Charley was in the Paulding County Jail where Sheriff Ed Staley was questioning him. "He stated to the sheriff he could neither read nor write, did not know his age and had never been to school. He is apparently about 18 years of age and grossly ignorant," reported the *Paulding Democrat* on November 8.

"His denials of guilt were emphatic and his conduct not greatly different from any other person charged with so heinous a crime," the article continued.

Charley, who worked as a stove bolt cutter in the woods, told the sheriff that he had been with Levi Cain, a Black



In December 1894, Charles "Charley" Hart pled guilty to the murders of young siblings Ashby and Elsie Good. This is a sketch of where the children's bodies were found on November 4, 1894, north of Paulding.

man, on Sunday afternoon when the children had been murdered. That information led to Cain's arrest that same day. Charley's brother-in-law, Clarence Brindle, who had married Charley's younger sister Nora when she was only 13, was also taken into custody on Monday, November 5.

Soon after Cain and Brindle were incarcerated with Charley in the Paulding County Jail, a large crowd of citizens congregated outside and demanded justice. Fearing a lynching, Sheriff Staley quickly moved the prisoners to the jail in Van Wert. After several Paulding County men followed the prisoners there, Sheriff Staley knew he had a huge problem. Not only did he have to calm the public's fears, he also had to keep the suspects safe from the people who desired swift justice for the horrific murders.

On November 10, a fourth arrest was made in the case. An itinerant Methodist minister from Defiance, David Merritt, a Black man around 40 years old who had been staying with Charley's sister and brother-in-law at the time of the murders, was detained in the Paulding jail "as a witness more than anything else," reported the *Paulding Democrat* on November 15.

A coroner's inquest was held, its findings were kept from the public, and rumors fueled by reports from the daily newspapers in cities like Cincinnati, Toledo and Fort Wayne ran wild in the first couple of weeks after the crime.

Eleven days after the murders, the *Paulding County Republican* attempted to calm the public's fears. "We think we are safe in repeating what we said last week - that the people of this community are law-abiding; that they're satisfied the officers will bring the guilty parties to justice if

possible, and that the county has already been sufficiently disgraced by this outrageous affair."

Sheriff Staley and Paulding County Prosecutor F.W. Corbett decided against offering a reward leading to the arrest of the responsible party or parties, and instead called the Abbott-Mintz Detective Agency of Cleveland to help with the investigation.



Charles Hart's hanging at 12:22 a.m. on April 12, 1895, was the 20th legal execution carried out by the State of Ohio. His photograph was taken at the Ohio State Penitentiary before his execution.

In jailhouse interviews, Charley protested his innocence and implicated Cain and Brindle, and then changed his story to Merritt being the perpetrator. The fact that he switched his story further made him appear guilty in the eyes of the authorities and the public.

Due to his young age, his lack of education and his ignorance of legal matters, it is hard to tell if Charley understood the serious nature of anything he said. At every interview he asked to see his father, but was denied. In fact, his family had fled Paulding County in mid-November after an attempt was made to dynamite their home in the middle of the night.

A few days before their preliminary hearing, the pris-

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oners were moved as secretly as possible back to the Paulding County Jail. On November 22, Sheriff Staley and his deputies escorted Hart, Cain, Brindle and Merritt from the jail to the Paulding County Courthouse. By that time, news of their court date and whereabouts had been leaked.

“The streets were quite filled with people, so much so that the passageway to the jail was lined with a throng on either side,” according to the *Paulding Democrat*.

The courtroom was packed and the hearing was brief. All four prisoners were arraigned before Justice Henry E. Spring, and all entered a plea of “not guilty.”

Witnesses were called. Most damning against Hart was the neighbor’s testimony that “Hart told that the children were cut to pieces without having been near enough to see the remains.”

Merritt implicated Brindle by testifying to a strange story that Brindle had told about what had happened to him in the Van Wert jail. According to Merritt, Brindle said that “he had been put under the influence of a drug and had first barked like a dog, and then confessed the crime.” The *Defiance Daily Republican Express* reported on November 24. “He continued by telling the preacher: ‘The thing is all up with us now. We and Hart will both be changed.’”

At the conclusion of the hearing, Justice Spring released Levi Cain, bound David Merritt over to the next term of court, and remanded Charles Hart and Clarence Brindle to jail without bail.

“If the good people of Paulding County ever entertained an idea of wreaking

their vengeance (sic) upon the person of Charles Hart that was the last opportunity ever to be offered to do so within it borders,” the Paulding Democrat reported the following week, and they were right.

Charley and his brother-in-law were taken back to the Van Wert jail that night, but with the threat of violence looming especially against Charley, he was transported by train back to Paulding, where the Williams County Sheriff met them at the depot and whisked Hart away to the jail in Bryan.

It was in that jail where the Abbott-Mintz Detective Agency placed two men who posed as prisoners and gained Charley’s confidence, which led to Charley’s official confession to Sheriff Staley on Monday, November 26. Some reports stated that Charley believed that if he confessed he would be given a shorter sentence and that he would be allowed to see his father.

The *Paulding County Republican* reported Charley’s confession in the Bryan jail to the sheriff in their November 29 edition. Charley said that he had come upon the children that Sunday morning, and that they had invited him into the woods to hunt for hickory nuts with them. In the woods, Charley perpetrated a crime against the little girl. Afterward, Charley said that he realized that he would be in trouble, so he tied both of their hands and bludgeoned them to death before going home to get a butcher knife to cut them up.

He did not admit to setting them on fire, and offered no explanation for why there was no blood on his clothes.

Despite gaps in Charley’s story, the authorities were sat-

isfied that Charley admitted to being the lone killer of the Good children, and Brindle was released. A few days before Christmas, Charley was brought to Defiance County for his trial.

Before Judge Wilson Snook in a crowded Defiance courtroom, Charley, who was represented by Paulding attorneys John S. Snook and A.N. Wilcox, was asked to stand. The indictment charging him with murder was read.

The judge informed Charley that the penalty was death “as it meant murder in the first degree.” He then asked the defendant, “Knowing this to be the case, how do you plead?” reported the *Defiance Evening News* on December 20.

“Hart stood as immovable as a stone,” the article continued, “as he answered in a firm clear voice ‘Guilty.’”

Witnesses were called for the penalty phase. At the conclusion, Judge Snook said, “The sentence of this court is that you be taken to the penitentiary of the state and there under the authority of the law be hanged by the neck until you are dead, dead, dead.”

The judge set the execution for the second Friday in April 1895. The statutes at that time dictated that 100 days must pass between a conviction and the time when the sentence is carried out.

On Friday, April 12, just five months after the crime, Charles Hart was hanged in the Ohio State Penitentiary for the murders of Ashby and Elsie Good.

After no family member claimed his body in the allotted time, it was donated to medical science.

Jane Nice has been researching this crime to write a book about the Good-Hart Murders.

Next time: The bicentennial history series continues.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
*Dear Parson,
My friend hurt me deeply. I told her I forgave her, but in my heart I still have bitterness. Help me!*

There are differences between the way the world handles forgiveness and how the Bible instructs us. Matthew 18:35 - “So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.” When someone sins against us they owe us a debt they cannot pay. Matthew 6:12 - “And forgive us our debts, as

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PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL MAKE GIFT BASKETS FOR VETERANS



Shown in the picture are student council members from Paulding Middle School with gift baskets they made for veterans at The Gardens nursing home in Paulding, Ohio.

we forgive our debtors.” They cannot undo what they have done. It’s as though you are holding an IOU that can never be paid.

Trying to bury the debt is like burying watermelon seeds; they only grow up and multiply. You must destroy them. If you tear up the IOU it no longer exists. It has been paid. You have undeservedly paid their debt, just like Christ paid yours. Ephesians 2:8-9 - “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

That takes divine grace, which you must ask God to give you. Then you go before Him as your witness and tell Him that you with His help forgive your friend. He will take you seriously and make record of that.

When your flesh or Satan brings that hurt to your mind again, remember that debt has been paid. Then think on things that are pure, lovely and of good report. (Philippians 4:8)

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DURING NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH TAKE A STEP TO HELP NORTHWEST OHIO’S 96,000 ALZHEIMER’S CAREGIVERS

November is National Family Caregivers Month, but for Alzheimer’s caregivers the emphasis on families and caregiving is year-round.

For those with loved ones in long-term care facili-

ties, family ties are strained because they haven’t been able to touch their loved ones since March because of restrictions caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Caring for a loved one at home during the pandemic is stressful also because caregivers have had to take extra precautions - including limiting family and paid help - to keep their loved ones safe.

The Alzheimer’s Association Northwest Ohio Chapter is encouraging people in Northwest Ohio to take a step to honor a caregiver this month, which is also National Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month. For 96,000 people in Northwest Ohio, the role of caregiver is an awesome responsibility where sometimes the “giving” leaves them emotionally and mentally depleted.

“The Association provides free education and support services to lift caregivers up and help them provide the best possible care they can.

What we need is for people to help connect a caregiver you know to our free services or do something kind for those you love,” said Pamela Myers, Program Director for the Alzheimer’s Association Northwest Ohio Chapter.

Here are some examples of steps to help a caregiver:

Provide the Alzheimer’s Association’s 24/7 Helpline number, which is 800.272.3900, to a caregiver and encourage them to call

Volunteer to do a task for a caregiver to give them some free time

Link them to the Association’s support groups at https://www.alz.org/nw ohio/helping_you/caregiver_support_groups

Suggest that they call the Northwest Ohio Alzheimer’s local office at 419.537.1999 for a care consultation

“2020 has been extra challenging for caregivers,” Myers said. “Connecting them to us is a way for you to support and honor them.”

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Subway, Antwerp Manor Assisted Living

Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General

Cecil: 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village

Charloe: Charloe Store

Continental: Okuley’s Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Defiance: Newman’s Marathon Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid

Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Valero Gas, Marathon

Grover Hill: Ross’ Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop

Hicksville: Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway

Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store

Neyp: Marathon

Oakwood: Rhee’s Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General

Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrill Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff’s Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospi-

tal, Paulding Kwik Mart

Payne: Blueberry Pancake House, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty’s Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza

Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Scott’s Post Office

Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living

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

Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange 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: New Haven Tan McDonalds, Ken’s Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS

Woodburn: Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Bob’s Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop

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WAYNE TRACE CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS



The Wayne Trace Cross Country team recently held its annual awards night on Monday with several athletes receiving special awards. Girls recipients were (Front Row, L-R) Eliza-

beth Mohr (Most Improved Runner), Kiara Bahena (Coaches Award) and Kassydy Campbell (Most Valuable Runner). For the boys, athletes recognized included (Back Row, L-R) Carson

Rupp (Coaches Award), Alan Keysor (Most Valuable Runner), Austin Lyons (Third Year Varsity Award) and Ethan Moore (Most Improved Runner).

BULLDOGS, LIONS GRAB ALL-LEAGUE SPOTS

The NE-8 recently released its all-league football teams with several members of both New Haven and Leo garnering all-conference honors.

New Haven's Lane Woodson was a first team offense recipient at wide receiver with teammate Jan Carpenter named as a second team wide receiver.

Ethan Stetzel of Leo was voted the first team all-league center and fellow offensive lineman Landen Livingston garnered first team honors as an offensive guard. Carson McCauley also earned first team accolades as place-kicker and punter. The Lions' Kaden Miller was selected as a second team running back as well.

New Haven's Jakar Williams garnered honorable mention at quarterback and Jarrell Jackson picked up honorable mention at running back. Mason Morre took honorable mention at center while Jon Loudon and Connor Cannon were selected honorable mention offensive tackle as well for the Bulldogs.

Defensively, the Lions' D.J. Allen was selected a first team defensive end and Ethan Stewart also garnered first team defensive line honors.

At inside linebacker, Leo's Michael O'Brien and New Haven's Dre Wright both were named to the first team while the Lions' Tanner Jackson was a first team outside linebacker. Rylan Crawford was a first team all-NE8 safety for Leo and Damien Gudakunst was a first team cornerback.

Matthew Bobay of Leo was named as a second team defensive end while teammate Dallen Wirtz was a second team inside linebacker.

The New Haven duo of Raymond Britt and A'Vyonn Creech each picked up second team defensive line awards.

Honorable mention winners at outside linebacker were New Haven's Jamaron Hagler and Leo's Carson Hoepfner as well as the Bulldogs' Trevion Thomas at safety. The Bulldogs' Dre Wright was the honorable mention special teams player for the NE8 as well.

CLINE, WACHTMAN TABBED TOPS IN GMC

Fairview senior Kiersten Cline and Tinora senior Lexi Wachtman claimed the top awards in voting for the Green Meadows Conference all-league volleyball teams recently.

Cline was selected as the GMC Player of the Year by

the league's coaches while Wachtman was honored as the GMC Specialist of the Year.

Joining the duo on the GMC all-league first team were Tinora senior Tori Morlock, Hicksville sophomore Molly Crall, Fairview senior Anna Ankney, Antwerp junior Astianna Coppes and Tinora senior Tristen Norden.

Players voted to the GMC second team included Fairview senior Olivia Ricica, Hicksville senior Kennedy Phillips, Edgerton sophomore Brianna Wickerham, Ayersville junior Maci Froelich, Fairview sophomore Paige Ricica and Wayne Trace junior Rachel Stoller.

Garnering honorable mention honors were Antwerp junior Lydia Brewer, Ayersville senior Kaylynn Wellman, Edgerton sophomore Sadie Walther, Fairview freshman Kelly Crites, Hicksville junior Avery Slattery, Holgate senior Bria Tijerina, Tinora junior Emma Chaffins and Wayne Trace sophomore Gracie Shepherd.

APACHES SWEEP GMC AWARDS

A pair of Fairview seniors took top honors in the Green Meadows Conference foot-

ball awards for 2020 as the Apaches swept the individual awards.

Senior quarterback Doug Rakes was voted as the Offensive Player of the Year while senior defensive back took the Defensive Player of the Year honors.

Joining Rakes on the first team are fellow Apache seniors Caleb Frank (offensive end and placekicker), Noah Volz (offensive guard), Austin Bostater (offensive tackle), Timbrook (running back) Aaron Layman (offensive tackle) and Bryan Lucas (center).

Also picking up first team offensive awards were Edgerton senior Gannon Ripke (offensive end), Tinora senior Max Grube (offensive end), Hicksville senior Kole Wertman (running back) and Tinora junior J.P. Delarber (running back).

Players along with Timbrook on the first team defense from the Apaches are senior Corbin Keegan (defensive tackle), senior Wes Danny (defensive tackle), senior Russ Zeedyk (defensive end), senior Caleb Skinner (linebacker), Layman (linebacker) and Frank (defensive back and punter).

Tinora juniors Bryce Bailey (defensive end), Braden Hancock (defensive tackle), Grube (defensive back) and Casen Wolfrum (linebacker) completed the first team defense.

Wayne Trace placed three players on the second team offense in senior quarterback Trevor Speice, senior offensive end Owen Manz and junior offensive tackle Landyn Whitman.

Fairview senior Cade Ripke (offensive end), Tinora junior Eric Bohn (center), Edgerton senior Ashton Miller (offensive tackle), Fairview senior Corbin Keegan (offensive guard), Hicksville senior offensive guard Chase Railing (offensive guard), Edgerton senior Craig Blue (running back), Edgerton senior Isaiah Canales (running back) and Hicksville sophomore Christian Comisso (running back) completed the list of second team offensive awards.

Defensively, Speice and Manz both were recognized as Speice was selected as a second team linebacker while Manz was named as a second team defensive back.

Ripke (defensive end), Fairview senior Kaden Blair (defensive end), Ayersville senior Evan Clark (defensive tackle), Edgerton senior Jordan Warner (defensive tackle), Railing (defensive tackle), Canales (linebacker), Hicksville junior Kyler Blair (linebacker), Fairview senior Cade Ripke (defensive back), Hicksville senior Landon Turnbull (defensive back) and Edgerton sophomore punter Corey Everetts all received second team awards.

Honorable mention recipients from Antwerp were senior Dylan Hines and junior Jagger Landers while Wayne Trace seniors Gabe Sutton and Jacob Stouffer each were honored as well.

ACAC RELEASES ALL-LEAGUE FOOTBALL SQUADS

The ACAC recently announced its 2020 all-conference football squad with both Heritage and Woodlan placing players on the squads. Heritage senior offen-

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM



Shown is Mackenzie Leatherman as she puts a flag in the ground.

Oakwood Elementary hosted a Veteran's Day parade today. All students were encouraged to wear red, white, and blue and were given a flag to hold. Students formed a large circle outside the school driveway and veterans were encouraged to come and drive through the parade. The parade began at 10:15 and cars

lined up beginning at 9:50. It was an exciting and successful event with many veterans being thanked and cheered on. Patriotic music was being played as the veterans drove through and cards, letters, and pictures were handed to the veterans as they entered the parade.

sive lineman Clay Riddle picked up first team honors as did senior teammate Gage Pritchard at running back.

South Adams put seven players on the all-ACAC offensive first team. Starfire players on the squad were senior Nick Miller (tight end), senior James Arnold (quarterback), senior Bryan Hernandez (offensive line), senior Carter Lewis (offensive line), senior Drew Stutzman (wide receiver), senior Christian Summersett (running back) and junior Trey Schoch (wide receiver).

Adams Central junior Corbin Hirschy (offensive line) and the Bluffton trio of junior Jacob Landis (offensive line), senior Robert Malcolm (wide receiver) and senior Cody Mittlestedt (running back) also recorded first team offensive awards.

Woodlan juniors Beau Brooks and Carlos Taylor

each garnered second team offensive honors as offensive linemen. Warrior senior David Rogers Potter took second team honors at running back and Heritage senior Deontae Cobbins was named to the second team as a wide receiver. Woodlan senior quarterback Jacob Snyder also received second team honors.

Adams Central sophomore Cody Lautzenheiser (offensive lineman), Jay County junior Wyatt Bergman (offensive lineman), South Adams' senior Brayden Gilbert (offensive lineman), Adams Central junior Brayson Yergler (tight end), Bluffton junior Alec Reiff (wide receiver), Adams Central junior Nick Neuenchwander (running back) and Bluffton senior Hayden Nern (quarterback) all took second team offensive honors as well.

On the defensive side, first team awards went to Adams



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WAYNE TRACE PAYNE ELEMENTARY OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Wayne Trace Payne Elementary announced their Students of the month for October. Pictured here are (front Row) Avery Welch, Londyn Dargenson, Liberty Matthews, Aubree Lamb, Callen Stoller, and Boston McGarvey; (back Row) Kamden Fore, Asher Messman, Aaron Bohland, Blake Noggle, Brass Mansfield, Lilly Holbrook, and Conner Reuille.

Central senior Joseph Collier (defensive lineman), Bluffton junior Cameron Farmer (defensive lineman), Jay County senior Bailey Cox (defensive lineman), South Adams' senior Austin Gomey (defensive lineman), Adams Central junior Blake Heyerly (linebacker), Bluffton junior Kaine Moore (linebacker), South Adams' senior Jacob Plattner (linebacker), South Adams' junior Aiden Wanner (defensive back), Adams Central junior Alex Currie (defensive back) and South Adams' senior Brandon Bixler (defensive back).

Locally, Heritage sophomore Rylan Whitacre was named a first team linebacker while Patriot senior teammate Beau Bosler was a first team defensive back.

Jay County senior Sheldon Eley was selected as the first team punter and Bluffton senior Kody Kinsey was named the first team placekicker.

Woodlan junior defensive Isaac Manning picked up second team honors as did sophomore linebacker Austin Snyder. Warrior sophomore defensive back Ethan Vardaman also received a second team award.

South Adams' also had a pair of second team defensive players named to the squad, including senior Timmy Davidson (defensive lineman) and senior Dom Kahn (defensive line).

Bluffton junior Garrett Pauley (defensive lineman), Jay County senior Rylee Hufstel (linebacker), Adams Central senior Mason DeRoo (linebacker), Bluffton senior

Reece Johnston (linebacker), Adams Central freshman Keegan Bluhn (linebacker), Adams Central sophomore Gavin Cook (defensive back), Bluffton senior Seth Bennett (defensive back) rounded out the second team defense.

The second team punter was South Adams' senior Nick Miller while Starfire junior Aiden Wanner was tabbed the second team kicker.

WARRIORS COME UP SHORT TO BRAVES

DECATUR - Visiting Woodlan gave host Bellmont all it wanted Friday night in girls basketball action but the host Lady Braves held on to post a 39-35 victory over the visiting Warriors.

Evah Smith led the way for the Lady Warriors with a double-double, totaling 14 points and 11 rebounds while also chipping in three steals and an assist.

Lydia Dyer added nine points, two rebounds and an assist and Ella Smith recorded four markers for Woodlan, which falls to 1-2 on the season.

Alicia McMahon aided the Lady Warrior cause with three points, two rebounds, three assists and two steals while freshman Taylor Knuebuhler finished with three points and three boards.

Dakota Krohn posted two points, one rebound, four assists and three steals as well for Woodlan. Abby Gentz recorded one rebound, two assists and a steal.

Woodlan will visit Leo (2-3) in a battle of East Allen County School District rivals on Friday before visiting Churubusco (2-1) on November 24.

BOYS BASKETBALL SITES RELEASED

The Northwest District Athletic Board of the Ohio High School Athletic Association released the district boys basketball tournament assignments recently with few changes for the upcoming 2020-2021 season.

Division II district action will take place at Spencerville with most of the Western Buckeye League squads in attendance. Eight of the 11 schools come from the WBL as Celina, Defiance, Elida, Kenton, Lima Shawnee, St. Marys, Van Wert and Wapakoneta all take part in the district along with Bryan and Wauseon from the Northwest Ohio Athletic League and Napoleon of the Northern Lakes League.

Both Paulding and Wayne Trace are in the Division III district that is scheduled to be hosted by Lima Senior. The Panthers and Raiders are joined in the district by squads from Allen East, Bluffton, Coldwater, Delphos Jefferson, Fairview, Liberty Benton, Lima Bath, Lima Central Catholic, Ottavio Glandorf, Riverdale and Tinora.

In Division IV, Antwerp is slated to be in the district at Defiance High School as are several other Green Meadows Conference members. Ayers-

ville, Edgerton, Hicksville and Holgate also are included in the Defiance district as are teams from Edon, Fayette, Hilltop, Montpelier, North Central, Pettisville, Stryker, Toledo Christian and Toledo Emmanuel Christian.

Another Division IV district will be hosted by Elida High School and will feature teams from Columbus Grove, Continental, Cory Rawson, Crestview, Delphos St. John's, Fort Jennings, Kalida, Leipsic, Lincolnview, Miller City, Ottoville, Pandora Gilboa and Patrick Henry.

The southern district for Division IV in this area is hosted by Wapakoneta and includes several schools from the Midwest Athletic Conference.

MAC teams in the district are Fort Recovery, Marion Local, Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville, Parkway and St. Henry with the remaining teams coming from Ada, Lima Perry, Lima Temple Christian, Ridgemont, Spencerville, Upper Scioto Valley and Waynesfield Goshen.

PATRIOTS PICK UP ROAD WIN OVER PANTHERS

LAGRANGE - Heritage went on the road Tuesday night in girls basketball action and the Lady Patriots came home with a 46-41 victory over host Prairie Heights to improve to 3-0 on the season.

The Lady Panthers recorded a 12-9 lead after one quarter of action but Heritage responded to tie the contest at 21-21 after two periods. After both teams bucketed a dozen markers in the third quar-

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WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School announced their October students of the Month. The students earning this honor are the following: (front, l-r) 10th grader Ian Clevenger, 12th grader Cassidy Campbell, and 7th grader Clay Stoller; (back, l-r) 9th grader Colin Beebe, 8th grader Broc Grimes, and 11th grader Kyle Klinker.

(Continued from Page 1) on the community spread. Elementary students in grades PK-6 will continue in person learning at this time. The elementary students will also have Thanksgiving break from Wednesday, November 25th - Sunday, November 29th.

Due to an influx in recently confirmed positive cases, we will be transitioning to all virtual learning in grades 7 - 12. This decision is based on the number of substitutes needed and our inability to cover all of the classrooms. So, we are optimistic that by having the 7 - 12 receive instruction virtually that this will free some substitutes to help out in our elementary level classrooms. We are hopeful that this strategy will be temporary in our junior and high school classrooms.

All teachers and staff will

continue to report to work and will be available for assistance with the virtual option for 7 - 12 as well as in person instruction for the elementary. In the meantime, our custodians will continue to deep clean and sanitize our buildings.

At this time extra-curricular activities will continue as planned following COVID protocol. Staff will be in contact with students regarding any changes that need to be made.

We will continue to work in partnership with the Allen County Department of Health as we monitor the community spread. "Parents/Guardians, we need your help and support in following COVID mitigation strategies so that we can slow the spread in our East Allen Community", said Superintendent Hissong.

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ROBOTICS MINECRAFT CHALLENGE



Congratulations to junior Kyle Klinker and freshman Eli Stuart who have been competing in the BEST Robotics Minecraft challenge for the past six weeks. For all of their hard work, problem solving, and patience, Kyle and Eli placed FIRST in the region! They will join the rest of the team in a variety of other BEST Robotics virtual competitions next week. Good luck Robotics team!

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ter, the visiting Lady Patriots put up 13 points in the final stanza compared to Prairie Heights' eight to wrap up the 46-41 win.

Ella Bickel scored 18 points to lead the way for Heritage with Claire Bickel adding ten markers. Shelby Schane (nine), Kendall Zelt (five) and Abby Zelt (four) completed the list of Lady Patriot scorers.

Ella Bickel also added six rebounds, one assist and one steal with Schane adding four boards and two assists. Kendall Zelt also hauled down four rebounds with Claire Bickel totaling three, six assists and two steals. Abby Zelt recorded two boards and three steals.

Trevyn Terry topped Prairie Heights with 14 markers and Kennedy Kugler chipped in 13 points. Other scorers for the Lady Panthers were Alayna Boots (eight), Caylee Bachelor (three), Kylee Lealand (two) and Karlie Hartman (one).

Kugler picked up seven rebounds and dished out three assists for Prairie Heights with Boots posting five assists and two steals. Terry also finished with three rebounds, one assist and one steal.

LADY PATRIOTS SUFFER FIRST LOSS

MONROEVILLE - The middle two quarters proved to be the difference Thurs-

day night in Monroeville as Garrett dominated the two frames and rolled to a 45-20 victory over Heritage in non-league girls basketball action.

The Railroaders and Patriots were tied at 4-4 after one quarter before Garrett outscored Heritage 14-4 in the second stanza to take an 18-8 halftime advantage.

Garrett then followed that up by outscoring Heritage 19-3 in the third quarter to expand the margin to 37-11 entering the final period.

Claire Bickel, Lydia Schultz and Abby Zelt each scored four points for the Patriots while Kendall Zelt bucketed three markers. Madi Scheumann and Ella Bickel both bucketed two markers and Ava Pilon hit a free throw as well for Heritage.

Kendall Zelt and Raelyn Mullins brought down nine and seven rebounds, respectively, for the Lady Patriots. Abby Zelt and Ella Bickel picked up six and five boards, in that order. Shelby Schane finished with two assists and Ella Bickel had two steals.

Bailey Kelham and Morgan Ostrowski each bucketed 15 points for Garrett with Taylor Gerke chipping in nine markers. Nataley Armstrong posted six points as well for the Lady Railroaders.

Ostrowski also hauled down 14 rebounds for Garrett while Gerke picked up four rebounds, two assists and five steals. Armstrong dished out eight assists and recorded five steals with Kel-

ham recording two assists and six steals.

ANTWERP JH/HS 1st 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2020/21

*Denotes 4.0

Gold Card 4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-)

SENIORS: Morgan Boesch, Rylan Brooks, Carmen Cruz, Kadi Donat, Mallory Ehrhart, Aaron Hawley, *Dylan Hines, *Austin Lichty, Laura Miller, *Kathryn Oberlin, Siera Octaviano, Gage Partin, Madison Ruen, *Emily Sanders, Joshua Timbrook, Eric Thornell

JUNIORS: *Lydia Brewer, *Nathan Dunstan, *Kate Farr, *Breanna Fulk, Jaidis Getrost, Nicholas Jones, Jagger Landers, Emerson Litzenberg, *Gaige McMichael, *Kennadi Recker, Emma Shuherk, Kennedy Trabel

SOPHOMORES: *Gavin Clevinger, Zachery Devall, Shaylee Garrett, Isabelle Graham, Hayleigh Jewell, Lydia Krouse, Makenna Lawson, Anna Meglich, *Rayni Rister, Ethan Sanders, Kendra Spitheth, Aerial Snyder, Autumn Zuber

FRESHMEN: Landon Brewer, Myranda Brooks, Cohen Hitzeman, Addyson Hormann, Reid Lichty, Aewyn McMichael, *Brooke Molitor, *Hannah Molitor, Kahlea Shook, *Leila Spyker

EIGHTH GRADE: *Allison Carnes, Elle Clem, Derek Hines, *Lydia Johnson, Jonah Keys, *Aiden Lichty, *Braylen Moreno, Skyler Octaviano, *Madisyn Peters, Brynn Reinhart, *Caroline Rohrs, *Eden Shuherk, *Grace Lynn Stoller, Jessica Thornell, Kayden Winslow

SEVENTH GRADE: Kalli Billman, Krystal Bradbury, Nikalas Brandenburg, Marcelo Cruz, *Leigha Doster, Andrew Johnson, Griffin Kosch, Hayden Lengacher, Camryn McAlexander, *Zaine McMichael, Harlee Moore, *Hampton Rogge, Taylor Shull, Taylor Stiebling, *Raelynne Zuber

SIXTH GRADE: *Briley Bagley, Tatum Boyer, Payleigh Dickess, Reese Durbin, Blake Gribler, *Josie Hahn, *Aiden Hook, Eliana Hormann, Emery Jones, Emily Laker, Jennifer Lawhorn, *Tyler Overman, *Nathan Sanders, *Gabriella Snyder, Keira Spyker

Blue Card 3.66-3.33 (with no grade less than a C+)

SENIORS: Madyson Bauer, Heaven Bruce, Lydia Butzin, Alicia Maag, Molly Reinhart

JUNIORS: Mia Altimus, Layla Copsey, Summer Franklin, Morgan Kniceley, Alexandra Lehman, Leslie Pollock, Kaden Recker, Allison Reinhard, Kiera Reyes, Grace Schuette, Trinity Wieland, Ilse Zijlstra

SOPHOMORES: Owen Brinneman, Taylor Carr, Katelyna Fish, Kyleigh Logan, Levi Miller, Madelyn O'Donnell, Elijah Reinhart, Hope Roebel

FRESHMEN: Camden Fuller, Sara Lawhorn, Falyynn McAlexander, Isabella Meyer, Emma Saul, Connor Shipley, Emma Townley, Lucy Wales, Zane Wolf

EIGHTH GRADE: Shelby Bowley, Noah Bradbury, Drew Eaken, Isabella Jackson, Teeghun Marlin, Tavin Sholl, Magdaline Trabel

SEVENTH GRADE: Sara Farr, Amelia Graham, Dylan Hahn, Ty Jackson, Estee Lichty, Caleb Lockhart, Lilly-

anna McKay, Landon Orozco, Tyler Palacios, Colten Sargent, Lauren Walters

SIXTH GRADE: Roman Delong, Maclaren Ehrhart, Maddox Friend, Keegan Gray Wyckoff, Alexisa Hankinson, Lexy Hicks, Alyssa Lawson, Ethan Marlin, Michael Rohrs, Madison Schmidt, Lucas Sproles

Honor Roll 3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a C)

SENIORS: Logan McKeever, Landyn Reyes, Autumn Smith

JUNIORS: Hailey Grant, Luke Krouse, Hayden Wagner

SOPHOMORES: Eric Gonzalez, Ashlynn Hinkle, Brooke Hounshell, Ross Lee, Ethan Lichty, McCartney Lucas, Parker Moore, Kearstyn Pierce, Jillian Treece, Laura Wolf

FRESHMEN: Carson Altimus, Nathan Boyer, Nathan Dzib, Syris Gale, Caleb Laker, Jill Magoulas, Taylor Morales, Benjamin Savina, Samantha Sheedy

EIGHTH GRADE: Colton Bashore, Kali Jo Blake, Jeffrey Castillo, Faith Clem, Karsen Donat, Nayelly Esparza-Reyes, Owen Franks, Lillian Friend, Jaxon Jones, Caydence Lawson, Jace McCreery, Lucas McKeever, Bella Mitcham, Bryce Sholl, Dayne Sholl

SEVENTH GRADE: Carter Bashore, Andonia Christakopoulos, Alexander Dunham, Corbin Eaton, Emory Ehrhart, Raelley Franklin, Ella Hughes, Miley Jewell, Zaybriel King-Bauer, Dominic Laker, Camron Pettijohn, Ethan Porter, Corbin Sargent, Braxton Schilt, Ethan Thomas-VanKirk

SIXTH GRADE: Aliyah Brown-Kiessling, Hailey Clem, Gage Clevinger, Maddilan Doster, Brayden Dunderman, Kole Elston, Danica Lehman, Lincoln Lucas, Madison McCoy, Kara Pierce, Weston Rhonhouse, Holly Richey, Allison Sproles

EACS WINTER ATHLETICS - FANS IN THE STANDS JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS VOUCHERS WILL BE USED

The stages are based upon the Indiana Department of Health's county map and are re-evaluated regularly.

ALLEN COUNTY RED STAGE

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ALLEN COUNTY YELLOW STAGE

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- Wrestling Events: 4 tickets per rostered athlete. Other tickets available on first come first served basis not to exceed capacity numbers.

JEFF MUMMA JOINS PCED BOARD

PAULDING, OH - The Paulding County Economic Development Board met last week in place of the annual Business Industry Appreciation banquet that is usually hosted at this time. During the meeting Jeff Mumma, Credit Analyst with the Antwerp Exchange Bank, was voted in as the newest member of the board. Jeff becomes the first board member to complete the newly introduced board interview process. He will fill the financial position that was vacated with the retirement of Deanna Schroeder early in 2020.

Meeting guests this month included Paulding County Commissioner elect Clint Vance and EMA Director Ed Bohn. Clint presented his thoughts for collaboration with the board in the future and fielded questions from the board. Ed shared communication about a recent Zoom meeting with Governor DeWine in regard to increasing Covid cases and shared his concern with Paulding County cases.

In other board action, the Governance Committee presented the updated organization by-laws which included term limits for board members. Upon the board acceptance of the recommended changes, it was noted that former member Randy Derck should be commended for his 34 years of commitment to the Paulding County Economic Development office. Randy, who just recently retired from the board, not only participated on the board since its inception, but was an integral part of building the organization and establishing the existing by-laws.

The Personnel Committee presented their recommendations in regard to future performance reviews for the director and other hired personnel. The committee is currently working to establish a standard to rank the

reviews against. More detail is being gathered as the project moves forward.

Director Tim Copsey provided updates for top projects from around the county and shared his frustration with not being able to host the banquet this year. In regard to the safety of everyone involved, it was the right decision at this time. In lieu of the banquet, the board will be sending out its first annual report along with the 2021 membership investment forms. The hope is that PCED supporting members, and new potential supporting members, will learn something new about the PCED office through this communication. It may also entice the public to reach out to the office and inquire about more information in the future. These packets will be going out in the mail soon.

All board members updated the group with the current open projects for the organizations they represent. The balance of the meeting was discussion about general board business. The next scheduled board meeting will be in January 2021.

NORTHWOOD MAN & WOMAN JOIN "SAVED BY THE BELT" CLUB

Northwood residents Kallin S. St. John and Katherine P. Scott joined Ohio's "Saved by the Belt" Club today after their safety belts saved them from sustaining life-threatening injuries. The incident occurred on Pemberville Road in Wood County on September 20.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Sergeant Shawn G. Fosgate, Bowling Green Post assistant commander, presented them 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.

"They are a living testimony to the effectiveness of safety belts," Sergeant Fosgate said.

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.

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



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NORTHWEST PROPANE IN DELTA TO IMPROVE SERVICE FOR EXPANDING CUSTOMER BASE



Bryan-based NW Ohio Propane (NWOP) recently acquired the assets of Northwest Propane in Delta, Ohio, in order to expand and improve service for existing northwest Ohio, northeast Indiana, and southern Michigan customers. The acquisition includes Northwest Propane's tank plant near West Unity at the Williams and Fulton County line.

More than 1,000 customer accounts are being absorbed by NWOP. Both companies provide service to the same market - residential, agricultural, industrial, and commercial accounts - in the same territory, which NWOP Director of Operations David Dietsch says is one reason why the buy-out made sense.

"Our business models and philosophies align," Dietsch said. "We both believe in providing local customers with reasonable prices and superior customer service. Now we will be delivering those things through one company and one name, NW Ohio Propane."

Due to increased demand and community expansion, NWOP also added another bulk tank next to their Bryan customer office located at 04125 State Route 576, Bryan. Having two bulk tanks on site will ensure an adequate supply of propane for current and new customers this winter and beyond.

As part of the acquisition, NWOP will be adding one new full-time employee, one

part-time employee, and several propane trucks in the future. All services will be run out of the Bryan office, and customers of both NWOP and Northwest Propane will not see a change to their quality of service.

"We are excited for the future and grateful for our community's support, which has allowed us to expand," Dietsch said. "We will continue our mission of providing excellent service and are proud to be your local propane partner."

To learn more or schedule a delivery, visit www.nwohiopropane.com or call 1-844-636-NWOP (6967). NWOP reminds customers not to run out of propane this winter, as it can result in a serious safety hazard like fire or explosion.

Bryan-based NW Ohio Propane (NWOP) is a subsidiary company of North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NVEC), which has been providing rural Williams and Defiance counties in northwest Ohio with affordable, reliable and safe electric service from a locally owned company for over 80 years. NWOP's mission is to continue that tradition of service excellence by providing residential, agricultural, industrial and commercial service to northwest Ohio, as well as the surrounding areas in northeast Indiana and southern Michigan.

possible." ALG Health has several more product lines submitted for approval and continues to work through the process on each of those.

The company has recently expanded its manufacturing capabilities to include a 100,000 sq ft facility in Bryan, OH but does not plan to stop there. "Our number 1 priority is to get the Bryan facility staffed and fully operational," Harmon said, "we know that to meet the increasing demand, we can not stop there. We are actively looking at other locations around the country to increase our manufacturing capabilities."

About NIOSH
The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 external icon established NIOSH as a research agency focused on the study of worker safety and health, and empowering employers and workers to create safe and healthy workplaces. NIOSH is part of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It has the mandate to assure "every man and woman in the Nation safe and healthful working conditions and to preserve our human resources." NIOSH has more than 1,300 employees from a diverse set of fields including epidemiology, medicine, nursing, industrial hygiene, safety, psychology, chemistry, statistics, economics, and many branches of engineering.

About ALG Health: ALG Health is a 2020 division of the parent company, Axis LED Group, a manufacturer of commercial and governmental LED lighting. Using its manufacturing expertise, ALG Health produces personal protective equipment, including disposable surgical masks and medical-grade respirators. Having received NIOSH approval, the company concentrates on servicing the medical community, first responders, military, and humanitarian efforts. For more information, check out www.alg-health.com.

FINDLAY POST TO TARGET FAILURE TO YIELD VIOLATIONS IN HANCOCK COUNTY

Findlay - Failure to yield is the largest contributing factor for serious injury and fatal crashes in Hancock County. As a result, troopers from the Findlay Post will be working a targeted enforcement effort to reduce the number of injury and fatal crashes in Hancock County.

Starting next week, and continuing unit the end of November, Findlay troopers will be focusing their enforcement efforts on failure to yield violations such as stop sign and red light violations. "Unfortunately we have seen a large increase in fatal and serious injury crashes this year alone, and when we look back at a one year period from October of 2019 through October 2020, we have had 70 crashes in which people were either seriously injured or killed," said Lt. Matt Crow, Findlay Post Commander.

"When we look at traffic crashes we look at them from the perspective of ed-

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

education, engineering, and enforcement. All three are pivotal in preventing injuries and death. We educate the public on a regular basis through the media as well as public speaking engagements such as driver's education classes and speaking to local civic organizations. We work hand in hand with ODOT and our local partners when it comes to looking for ways to improve our roadways, and finally we enforce the law when those driving choose to violate it", said Lt. Crow. During this enforcement effort, there will be zero tolerance for failure to yield violations. We encourage everyone to come to a complete stop and take an extra moment to ensure it is clear before proceeding through a stop sign or red light.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, is requesting a **PROPOSAL FOR CLEANING THE COURTHOUSE AND OTHER COUNTY OFFICES** during January 1, 2021, thru December 31, 2021. Specifications may be obtained in the Commissioners' office in the basement of the courthouse, Room B-1, Paulding. The proposal shall be marked "2021 Paulding County Courthouse and other County Offices Cleaning" and addressed to the Clerk of the Board. The proposal must be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners not later than 10:30 a.m. on the 25th day of November, 2020. The Board of County Commissioners' office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals. Should you have any questions, please contact the Paulding County Commissioners' Office at 419-399-8215.

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The Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, is requesting a proposal for snow removal for the Paulding County Courthouse, County Parking Lot, Board of Elections, 303 W. Harrison St. and 120 S. Walnut St. during January 1, 2021, thru December 31, 2021. All inquiries must have a certificate of liability included with their bids. Specifications for county lots may be picked up in the Commissioners' office in the basement of the courthouse, Room B-1, Paulding. The proposal shall be marked "2021 Paulding County Snow Removal" and addressed to the Clerk of the Board. The proposal must be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners not later than 9:30 a.m. on the 25th day of November, 2020. The Board of County Commissioners' office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals. Should you have any questions, please contact the Paulding County Commissioners' Office at 419-399-8215.

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The Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, is requesting a **PROPOSAL FOR MOWING, LANDSCAPING AND GROUND MAINTENANCE** for the Paulding County Courthouse Square, 120 S. Walnut St., 303 W. Harrison St., Paulding County Annex Building and Board of Elections during January 1, 2021, thru December 31, 2021. All inquiries must have a certificate of liability included with their bids. Specifications for county lots may be picked up in the Commissioners' office in the basement of the courthouse, Room B-1, Paulding. The proposal shall be marked "2021 Courthouse Square, Annex Building, Board of Elections, Walnut and Harrison St. Mowing and Ground Maintenance" and addressed to the Clerk of the Board. The proposal must be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners not later than 9:30 a.m. on the 25th day of November, 2020. The Board of County Commissioners' office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals. Should you have any questions, please contact the Paulding County Commissioners' Office at 419-399-8215.

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The Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, is requesting a **PROPOSAL FOR MOWING THE LOTS** at the Eaton Cemetery, 5 Span Park, the old county hospital cemetery, Extension Hall and (6) Auglaize River Sewer Pump Stations during January 1, 2021, thru December 31, 2021. All inquiries must have a certificate of liability included with their bids. Specifications for county lots may be picked up in the Commissioners' office in the basement of the courthouse, Room B-1, Paulding. The proposal shall be marked "2021 Paulding County Mowing and Trimming" and addressed to the Clerk of the Board. The proposal must be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners not later than 9:30 a.m. on the 25th day of November, 2020. The Board of County Commissioners' office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals. Should you have any questions, please contact the Paulding County Commissioners' Office at 419-3998215.

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MELISSA ESCALERA, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 20 012.

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 10th day of December, 2020 at 10:15 a.m., the real estate located at:

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Parcel Number: 30-14S-045-00

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

Said premises appraised at Thirty Thousand and No/100 (\$30,000.00) 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 17th day of December, 2020 at 10:15 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
James L. Sassano, Attorney for Plaintiff

WOODBURN LIONS CLUB DONATION



Woodburn Lions Club recently donated \$500 to The Shepherd's House.

USDA ANNOUNCES ONEUSDA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR SUMMER 2021

Get the first leg up on your career ladder with a summer 2021 internship at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). As part of the federal Pathways Program, USDA offers paid federal internships at USDA agencies and offices around the country. USDA is hiring interns from high school to graduate level for a broad range of occupational fields, from veterinary science, to engineering, to natural resources management, and finance.

This developmental program gives students experience to enhance their educational goals and shape their career choices. USDA internships involve on-the-job experience, mentorship, and training tailored to the student's education, experience, and interests.

The program is available to students who are currently enrolled in qualifying educational programs or institutions from high school to graduate level.

In 2020, USDA hosted thousands of in-person and virtual internships around the country, many of which were through the federal Pathways Program. Next summer, USDA will hire Pathways interns in hundreds of locations in nearly every state in the country for the following occupational fields:

- Administration and Office Support
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The deadline for summer 2021 internship applications is Monday, November 16. Application review will begin immediately. For more information on the program and eligibility, visit www.usda.gov/internships or email internship@usda.gov.

Educators, youth-serving organizations, and students can find more USDA resources to foster the next generation of agricultural professionals at www.usda.gov/youth.



REDUCING SOIL COMPACTION

Indian Summer is here with warmer temperatures and some sunlight as farmers try to finish up harvest. A lot of field work is being done including deep and shallow tillage. A farmer down the road from my house, did some deep ripping on very wet soils. When he left, I think he might have left half the field on the road! Even though we had extremely dry weather this year, recent rains have kept our soils really moist, even muddy. As farmers, we might want to think about what long-term damage that tillage equipment might be doing to our soils. The following information comes from an article I co-wrote on "The Bi-

ology of Soil Compaction" Journal of No-till Agriculture in 2011.

Soil compaction is a common and constant problem on most farms that till the soil. Heavy farm machinery can create persistent subsoil compaction. Scientists have found that compacted soils (a) physically restricted root growth; (b) decrease root zone aeration; and (c) reduces drainage, (d) increased losses of nitrogen from denitrification, (e) increases soil erosion. Soil compaction may persist for 10 years or longer before nature (freezing and thawing) solves the problem.

Subsoilers typically operate at depths of 12-18 inches to loosen soil and alleviate compaction. When subsoiling removes a hard pan, traffic must be controlled or compaction will reoccur. If a hard pan does not exist, equipment traffic on damp soils can create one. Research indicates that yield increases from deep tillage are rare, and short-lived. Hard pans are primarily the result of tillage (smearing wet soils) at any depth (shallow or deep), and not so much wheel traffic. Fuel, labor, equipment, and time makes subsoiling an expensive operation. Subsoiling dry soils (although more effective) requires even more fuel.

Low organic matter levels make soils more susceptible to compaction. Surface crop residues cushion the effects of soil-compacting forces. Crop residues can be compressed but retain their shape (like a sponge) once the traffic has passed. Tillage accelerates soil organic matter (SOM) decomposition with a 60% decrease in SOM in the last hundred years. Soil organic matter (roots, root exudates) is usually bound to soil particles (especially clay particles) to form soil aggregates (micro and macro) which resist compaction.

Micro-aggregates (less than 0.01 inch) are very small fine soil clay particles surrounded by SOM. Roots and microbes combine micro-aggregates to form larger macro-aggregates, which allows the soil to crumble, an indication of good soil structure. Macro-aggregates are larger in size (greater than .01 inch), are less stable, and give soil structure; allowing for greater air flow and water infiltration. Compacted soils tend to have more micro-aggregates than macro-aggregates. Tillage causes a loss of SOM and the macro's to break down into micro-aggregates, leading to poor soil structure and denser soil with increased soil compaction. Soil compaction is a result of macro-aggregate depletion by tillage.

For example, have you ever seen a farmer excessively till a soil until the soil is fine as dust (micro soil aggregates)? When it rains and the soil dries out, the soil turns to concrete. Macro-aggregates hold 80% of the carbon and plant available nutrients. Macro-aggregates allow our soils to breathe, water to infiltrate, and stores water while allowing excess water to drain away.

Glomalin is a glycoprotein created by combining a protein from mycorrhizal fungus with a complex sugar contained in plant root

PAYNE AMERICAN LEGION DONATES TO PAYNE FOOD BANK



Payne American Legion Post 297 presented a check for \$1000 to Jim Henriot representing the Payne Food Bank. Shown are Legion members Jack Baumle, Jerry Stebing Tim Baumle and Jim Henriot.

exudates. Glomalin acts like a glue to cement micro-aggregates together to form macro-aggregates (crumbly soil), which improves soil structure. Glomalin initially coats the plant roots and then coats soil particles.

In order for glomalin to be produced, plants and mycorrhizal fungi must co-exist. Glomalin needs to be continually produced because it is readily consumed by bacteria and other soil microbes. Bacteria thrive in tilled soils because they are more hardy and smaller than fungi, so bacteria numbers may increase rapidly in tilled soils. Fungi live longer and need more stable conditions to survive. Fungi grow better under no-till soil conditions with a continuous living cover and a constant supply of carbon food sources. Since fungi do not grow as well in tilled soils, less glomalin is produced and fewer macro-aggregates are formed. With fewer macro-aggregates, a soil is more likely to possess poor soil structure and is more susceptible to compaction. Thus, susceptibility of soils to compaction is a direct result of a biological problem. Soil compaction persists due to a lack of co-existing living roots and mycorrhizal fungi.

CHRISTMAS AT FOUNTAIN PARK OPENING NIGHT EVENT CANCELED

The Van Wert Service Club and Optimist Club of Van Wert, in conjunction with Historic Main Street Van Wert and the Van Wert City Parks Department regretfully announced the cancellation of the opening night festivities, slated to take place November 25, 2020.

After Governor DeWine's most recent announcements addressing the rapid spread of Covid-19, all groups agreed it was in the best interest of our community members to cancel the festivities. Christmas at Fountain Park displays will be still be lit November 25, 2020 through January 2, 2021, from 6:00 pm -10:00 pm (weather permitting).

All organizations would like to extend their gratitude for the businesses and individuals who have made donations to support the

maintenance and growth of Christmas at Fountain Park. It is through the generosity of our donors and our hardworking volunteers that this event is made possible.

Mask wearing and social distancing is recommended. Christmas at Fountain Park is attended at the risk of the attendee. Van Wert Service Club, Optimist Club of Van Wert, Main Street Van Wert and the Van Wert Parks Department are not liable for risk of exposure to viruses. Please adhere to all state mandates and social distancing recommendations.

"ZOOMING" BROWN BETTY BUSTER BROWNS

This past Sunday, November 8, 2020, Brown Betty Buster Brown 4-H club was in session for their second meeting. This meeting took place over Zoom at 4 pm. There were 27 members plus parents in attendance. Some members joined from their homes, grandparents' homes and even from cars.

At this meeting, present-

tations were given by Avery Cooper and Trenton, Matt and Abby Bail. All of them did a wonderful job giving facts and using posters to help. Members also played a fun name game that Stroker Etter, the Recreation Officer, taught the club.

Officer training will begin on November 16th through the 24th using Zoom. Check the Clover Connection email for specific dates and times. Brown Betty Buster Brown 4-H club meetings are always on the second Sunday of every month. There are six meetings left for the Brown Betty Buster Brown 4-H club. To participate in the fair, members need to attend at least four meetings. Family 4-H sign ups begin on January 1st. This year should be easier than the past due to the new app. Make sure to download it.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, December 13 at 4pm using Zoom again. Be sure to check Facebook for the link.

—Civil Pumphrey

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DOWNTOWN VAN WERT REDEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN UPDATE



The Downtown Van Wert Redevelopment Master Plan team is hosting a virtual public meeting on Thursday, November 19th at 6 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community with an overview of the planning process and key findings, present plan framework, and recommendations, and engage the public in a series of activities to gain input/feedback on the plan elements.

The vision for this plan has come to life from the feedback from the public and the recurring themes that are being heard within the community. Findings from the public survey and community engagement support a desire to attract more businesses, to create more engaging public spaces, and to incorporate a variety of public art into downtown. From recruiting a flagship restaurant/brewery to the heart of downtown to creating more green space in and around downtown to making the streets pop with art and color, the feedback clearly reinforced the desire to usher downtown into a new era of development and prosperity. Creating public spaces and art in the downtown, attracting, growing, and supporting a variety of businesses, and embracing partnerships and community collaboration are all project goals supported by key community stakeholders, engaged residents, and the project steering committee.

This virtual public open house gives the community another opportunity to weigh in on all the progress that has been made. In-depth technical analysis, along with robust community engagement, has helped the planning team create the plan vision, which outlines the goals, objectives, and action items for downtown Van Wert.

“We need you, THE COMMUNITY, to provide your input to help finalize the plan so that you can use it as a tool to help downtown Van Wert for years to come.” shares, Hall Block, VWCF Property Manager. “We hope to see you on November 19th at 6 pm, please visit vanwert-forward.org/getinvolved to join through Zoom.”

NUMEROUS FINDINGS ISSUED IN VILLAGE OF WILLSHIRE AUDIT

Auditor of State Keith Faber’s Office released the 2017-2018 financial audit of the Village of Willshire in Van Wert County, Ohio. Among other findings, the audit included a \$791 finding for recovery.

Between October 2017 and June 2018, the Village paid interest charges and late fees in the amount of \$791, due to late filing of State Income Tax and Ohio Public Employees Retirement System withholdings. The Vil-

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lage did not remit the first and second quarter state income tax withholding payments in a timely manner and under remitted withholdings by \$555, for 2018. As a result, the Village was assessed a \$700 late fee and \$49 in interest in the fourth quarter.

Also during 2018 and 2017, 8 out of 24 Ohio Public Employees Retirement System monthly withholdings were not timely remitted resulting in \$40 in late fees and \$2 in interest assessed. Additionally, the Village over remitted \$1,007 in 2017 but under remitted \$1,841 in 2018.

Late fees and interest for failing to properly pay state income taxes and retirement withholdings are not considered a proper public purpose.

A finding for recovery was issued against Karen Hunziker and her bonding company, Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc., jointly and severally liable, in the amount of \$791 and in favor of the Village of Willshire’s General fund.

Additional findings in the report include:

- Noncompliance – Approval of Pay Rates
- Noncompliance and Material Weakness – Budgetary Noncompliance
- Noncompliance and Material Weakness – Accuracy of Financial Reporting
- Noncompliance – Utility Rates Charged
- Noncompliance – Meetings of Council
- Material Weakness – Bank Reconciliations

HEALTH ORDER ENFORCING MASK-WEARING IN RETAIL LOCATIONS SIGNED

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced that Ohio Department of Health Interim Director Lance Himes signed a health order to enforce mask-wearing in retail locations across the state in compliance with the statewide mandatory mask order signed on July 23, 2020.

“Every retail employee has the right to work in an environment that is as safe as can be, which means all customers must wear masks. Further, each Ohioan who goes out to shop has the right to know that every store they enter will be safe and the

people they encounter in that store will be wearing a mask,” said Governor DeWine. “We know that masks work. They are the easiest, most cost-effective way to limit the spread of COVID-19.”

This order restates that everyone 10 years-old or older must wear a facial covering when in a retail store and includes the following provisions:

Retail Locations
All retailers must post and enforce a sign indicating that masks are required at all entrances. Employees are not required to put themselves in jeopardy or risk harm when enforcing this order.

All retailers must post at all entrances a maximum capacity limit to ensure a minimum of six-foot physical distance can be maintained throughout the location.

All retailers should mark six-foot separation spots in all check-out lines.

All retailers should arrange all store aisles to be directionally one-way, if required to achieve appropriate social distancing.

All retailers should place hand sanitizer stations at high-contact locations.

All retailers must require employees to stay home if symptomatic.

All retailers must disinfect high-touch areas after each use (e.g. carts, baskets, and other equipment).

All retailers should provide reasonable accommodation to any person unable to wear a mask into the store by providing online or telephone ordering and curbside, non-contact pick up or delivery options.

This order does not apply to those medically or developmentally unable to wear a face covering.

Each business should designate an on-site compliance officer for each business location and each shift during all business hours to enforce these requirements.

Compliance Enforcement

State of Ohio employees with enforcement powers, including the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation Retail Compliance Unit employees working on behalf of the Ohio Department of Health, representatives of local health departments, and local law enforcement are authorized to inspect and enforce the order.

All retailers shall allow representatives of the Ohio Department of Health, a local health department, or law enforcement to inspect public areas during business hours.

The representative will issue an initial warning to the business before issuing a notice of violation requiring closure.

If a notice of violation of these orders is issued by a representative from the Ohio Department of Health, a local health department, or law enforcement, the retail location must immediately shut down for no longer than 24 hours to allow for dissipation of COVID-19 airborne droplets.

Citizens observing non-compliance should notify the Ohio Department of Health call center at 1-833-4ASKODH (1-833-427-5634).

This order does not apply to restaurants, bars, banquet

Sudoku solution from page 7

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and catering centers, hair salons, day spas, nail salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, body piercing locations, tanning facilities, gyms, dance instruction studios, or personal fitness venues as these businesses fall under previously-issued, existing orders.

This order takes effect beginning at 12:01 a.m. on November 16, 2020.

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2 – **CLAIMS ASSISTANCE** – Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

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Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

LINDSEY & COMPANY HITS 15 YEARS OF SERVING PAULDING & SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES



Lindsey Horrmann of Lindsey & Company Hair Studio started their business in December 2005 in Paulding, OH. The new business officially opened in January 2006. The West Bend News would like to take this time to recognize the outstanding business owners who have stayed the course even during difficult times.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Lindsey Horrmann commissioned a new

logo for her company to replace the logo she had been using for many years. She worked with the West Bend News & Printing graphic designers to procure new vinyl for the inside and outside of her establishment, revealing a new look for the company.

Even though COVID-19 financially hurt a lot of businesses, Horrmann has fared quite well after opening again. Horrmann stated, "We have been very busy and we are still serving our customers."

Congratulations to Lindsey Horrmann and her workers for another outstanding business serving their community!

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ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 5TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for the 5th annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony! This year, however, will be quite different from past years.

Due to coronavirus protocols, we will not be hosting the usual in-person event, instead, we will be "lighting up" live on Facebook! This will give everyone the opportunity to enjoy the show from the comfort and safety of their own homes. We will be going live on the evening of November 30th. You will also notice a few other changes this year.

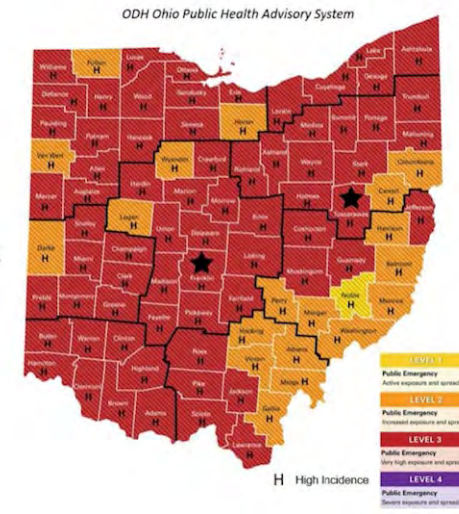
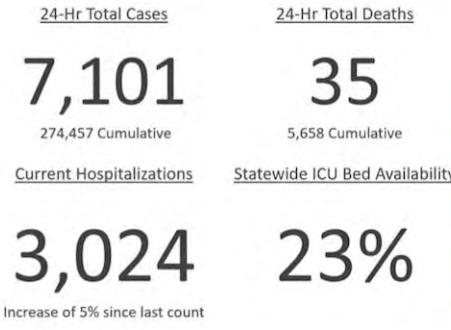
We will not be using the tree that we have been using for the past 4 years. The tree has outgrown our chamber volunteer group efforts to decorate it. This year we have spruced up and revamped the arbor area at the Village Green which is located behind the tennis court. We will be lighting up the Nativity as well as some new additions! The Chamber has planted a new tree that will someday be the spotlight of our future tree lightings to come. We hope that the lights will brighten your Christmas season and bring Joy, Hope, and Happiness to our town despite the difficult year. Please join us live on Facebook to help us illuminate Antwerp together!

PCHD RELEASE ON COVID

COVID-19 cases continue to increase across Paulding County, and the upcoming holidays create a risk

LATEST COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS IN PAULDING COUNTY

Key Indicators



As of November 16, 2020: Paulding County Ohio has a total of 483 cases of COVID-19. This includes:
Confirmed Cases: 419
Probable Cases: 64

Hospitalizations: 55
Presumed Recovered: 282
Deaths: 8
COVID-19 Questions? Call or visit the Ohio

Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard: www.coronavirus.ohio.gov
1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634)

that this will continue. Most people are doing a good job at school and work, but the things we do at home around our friends and family are just as important to prevent COVID-19.

If we're smart, we can enjoy the holidays and drive cases down, because we know how to effectively reduce the spread of the virus. Find tips from the CDC about how families can safely enjoy the holidays here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#thanksgiving>

Watch for symptoms of COVID-19 and stay at home away from others if you might be sick, even with mild symptoms.

Symptoms can be comparable to the flu and range from very mild to severe. Read more about them here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

If you can't taste or smell Thanksgiving dinner, it's a good idea to stay home.

Some people with COVID-19 report a distinct loss in taste or smell, which isn't typical with flu. Influenza symptoms may also arrive more suddenly, while COVID-19 illness can appear anywhere from 2-14 days after infection.

If you think you might be sick, contact your health care provider to discuss your symptoms and ask if you should be tested for flu or COVID-19.

Consider alternative ways of celebrating Thanksgiving this year so that you don't put your family and friends at risk.

The safest gathering will involve only people you live with.

Share your great recipes rather than exchanging dishes or treats.

If you host guests, talk ahead of time about ways to keep the group safe, and make sure everyone understands why it's important.

Set up smaller dining areas or card tables that allow people to be together while keeping distance between groups.

Limit people going in and out of the areas where food is being prepared or handled, and identify one person to do the serving so

no one shares utensils. Instead of potluck-style gatherings, encourage guests to bring food and drinks for themselves and for members of their own household only.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT PAULDING EAGLES

The Paulding 2405 Eagles Auxiliary, with the help of our Men, will be offering a FREE Thanksgiving dinner to anyone in the community.

Thanksgiving Day, Noon to 2pm.

This will be a drive up service, you will pull in the alley behind the club, where you will tell us how many dinners you need, then you will be directed to drive to the front through the side alley where your dinners will be brought out to your

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