

CRASH INTO HISTORIC FORT CAUSES DAMAGE



A horrendous crash damaged the Historic Old Fort.

Historic Fort Wayne was heavily damaged by an automobile Thanksgiving morning. A neighbor called the FWPDP after noticing the automobile lodged in the Fort wall. When the FWPDP arrived on the scene, they found the damaged automobile but the driver was gone. An investigation is pending. This is not the first time the Fort has been damaged by a vehicle. Historic Fort Wayne Board of Directors have often expressed concern over the excessive speed of drivers along that stretch of Spy Run.

The accident damaged the northeast corner of the Fort's wall causing structural damage to several of the large timbers which provide the foundation to the outer walls. The baker's oven in that corner also sustained a significant hit by some of the planks and timbers. There are numerous cracks in

the mortar on three sides of the oven. Due to the complications existing from the proximity of the dike, the baker's oven location, and the remaining original concrete foundations, it will be an expensive repair. The Fort needs your help! For more information visit: <https://oldfortwayne.org/get-involved/donate/>

About Historic Fort Wayne, Inc.: Founded in 2004, Historic Fort Wayne is a Non-Profit Organization that manages the Old Fort in Fort Wayne, IN. Our goal is to educate the community about Historic Fort Wayne and its significance to the Northwest Territory, the State of Indiana, and the United States during the 17th and 18th centuries. We are a 100% volunteer organization. Most events are free to the public. All programming is funded by private and corporate donations.

FROM THE DESK OF DR. MARTIN MILLER

With November drawing to a close and the ongoing issues with COVID-19, the number of events at our school in December will be very limited in comparison to past years and limitations will also be in place with the



number of spectators allowed to view events that are scheduled. Fortunately, our winter

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EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS TO EXTEND VIRTUAL LEARNING FOR 7 - 12 GRADERS

Tuesday, November 24th was the last day for all student attendance. Wednesday, November 25th started our Thanksgiving Break.

East Allen County Schools will be continuing virtual learning in grades 7 - 12 through Friday, December 4th. We are optimistic that students in grades 7-12 will return to in person learning on Monday, December 7th. By having students in grades 7-12 return on December 7th, we are hoping that we will see a decrease in the possible spread of COVID

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The deadline for the West Bend News is Fridays at 5pm for the following issue.

Send your news, ads, and classifieds to info@westbendnews.net

Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.

PAYNE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND CONTEST

The Payne Event Committee announces their Christmas tree lighting to be on December 13th at 6pm as a Facebook Live event.

The contest for best Christmas decorating and lights in the Village of Payne could win you a gift card! Prizes: 1st - \$50

gift card to Marathon, 2nd - \$25 gift card to Marathon, 3rd - \$25 gift card to Marathon

Three winners will be announced on December 21st. A picture or a short video of 30 seconds or less will be accepted for the contest. You can submit your photos or video to mayor@villageofpayne.com Be sure to include your name and phone number. The deadline to submit is 12/13/20

100 AR POINTS!



Congratulations to Londyn Dargenson for earning 100 Accelerated Reading points. Londyn is one of the youngest students at Payne Elementary to reach 100 points this early in the second grade. Londyn is in Mrs. Cox's 2A classroom and is reading machine!! Great job, Londyn!

BAD AUDITIONS BY BAD ACTORS

A hilarious comedy is exactly what the title says: Bad Auditions by Bad Actors.

Anyone who has auditioned for a play or musical will relate to this play and perhaps to characters on both sides of the audition table! The pressure of being put on the spot to perform can bring out both the best and worst in people, but can also have hilarious results, as you will find out when you attend the show at the Huber on December 11, 12, or 13.

Bad Auditions by Bad Actors is about a new casting director who needs to find two lead roles for the play Romeo and Juliet, but she has trouble finding good actors. They all

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Community Calendar

December 2

- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

December 5

- Shop the Square in Paulding, 3-7pm
- Drive Thru Prayer Vigil @ 1st Pres. Paulding, 3-7p
- Paulding tree lighting @ Herb Monroe Park - 6pm
- CANCELED - Day of Giving @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p

December 6

- Caroling @ Hicksville Park by FB Field, 6pm
- Cecil Community Church prayer meeting at 6 PM.

December 8

- CANCELED - Paulding Co. Democratic Party meeting

December 9

- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

December 9-13

- Van Wert HS Musical: Tarzan streamed

December 11-13

- Bad Auditions by Bad Actors @ Huber Opera House, 7:30pm (12/13, 2pm)

December 13

- Cecil Community Church - Movie "In His Image" 6pm
- Payne Christmas tree lighting - FB Live @ 6:30 pm

December 16

- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

December 19

- Wreath Laying Ceremony @ St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding
- Cecil Comm Church Food Distribution - 12-3 pm
- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

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



OBITUARIES

GROVER HILL, OH
Freda (Adkins) Farris, "Granny", 84, of Grover Hill passed away Monday, November 23, 2020 at Paulding County Hospital. Arrangements have been entrusted to Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory.



ANTWERP, OH
Mary Louise Mabis, 89, of Antwerp passed away at Vancress of Payne, Saturday, November 28, 2020.

Mary Lou was born in Hicksville on June 21, 1931, to the late Ila (Saylor) and Dearl Singleton. She always made her family top priority, taking pride in her children and loved being a grandmother always making sure to keep a snack drawer ready when they would come to visit.

Mary Lou & her husband Bob operated M & B Lawn & Garden for many years from their home. She worked alongside Bob and became the parts manager, bookkeeper, and head go-for the business. The knowledge that she gained from this business lead her into a job at C & C Distributor in Ft Wayne Indiana for a number of years after M & B closed.

She will be sadly missed by her children, Tylene (Bill) Boylan, Twila (Gary) Demongeot, & Rick (Nancy) Mabis; siblings, Betty Singleton & Shirley Miller; 10 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; & 4 great great grandchildren with 1 more on the way!

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, whom she married in 1950, & siblings, Richard Singleton, Carolyn Wann, Vada Singleton, Genevieve Baumgart, Mollie Thompson, Max Singleton, & Barbara Miller.

Mary Lou's service is Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 10:30 AM with viewing one hour prior at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp.

Due to state mandate, guests must wear masks at all times, maintain social distancing, and

refrain from contact to keep everyone safe while participating in Mary Lou's viewing and funeral service.

She will be laid to rest at Wiltzie Cemetery in Payne.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Paulding County Dog Kennel

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com



NEW HAVEN, IN
George D. Bischoff, 88, passed on Sunday, November 29, 2020 at Parkview Hospital Randallia, Fort Wayne. Born in Fargo, North Dakota he was the son of the late Virgil and Bertha (Holderbaum) Bischoff and was raised in North Dakota and northeastern Indiana until he left for the Army at age 17. He served in Japan and Korea. After the war, he married the love of his life, Shirley (Culver) Bischoff, who survives him after 66 years of marriage. He was a member of the New Haven United Methodist Church. A lifelong mechanic, he briefly ran a Standard Oil gas station and garage in New Haven, then spent most of his career in the maintenance garage of International Harvest until they left Fort Wayne. After Harvester, he worked several other mechanics jobs and in his "retirement", he squeezed in another 39 years as a used car dealer in Decatur Indiana. Known for an easy smile, quick wit and willingness to help family, friends and even strangers stranded along the road with their automotive problems.

He is also survived by his children, Mike Bischoff, Kathy Bischoff Talman and Mark Bischoff; and ten grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his siblings, Gene, Virgil Jr, and Virginia.

Funeral service is 1 p.m. Friday, December 4, 2020 at Harper's Community Funeral Home, 740

St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven with visitation one hour prior - Masks and social distancing required. Pastor Chuck Fenwick officiating. Visitation is also 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial in IOOF Cemetery, New Haven. Preferred memorials are to New Haven United Methodist Church and Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana. For online condolences, please visit www.harperfuneralhome.com.



FORT WAYNE, IN
Carl R. Howard, 81, of Fort Wayne, passed away on Friday November 27th. Carl was born in Antwerp, OH in 1938 to the late Dennis and Esther Howard.

He retired from GE in 1994 after a 35-year career. Carl was actively involved in several GE clubs, including golf, bowling, softball, and trap and skeet. He loved snowmobiling with his family and neighborhood friends. He enjoyed flying, earning his pilot's license in the early 1970's. He served as past president of the Zanesville Lions Club.

Carl married Brenda DeVore on June 25th, 1960. Together Carl and Brenda farmed, and owned and operated Howard's Sod Farm in Yoder, IN. In retirement he especially enjoyed taking the grandchildren on "Papa Days" and spending time with the family at their cottage on Hamilton Lake.

Carl is survived by his daughter, Caren (Casey) Jones of Ft Wayne; son, Edward Howard of Ft Wayne; and daughter, Amy (Alan) Baker of Winter Haven FL; grandchildren, Ryan and Mekenzie Vachon of Ft Wayne, Mallorie and Morgan Howard of Ft Wayne, and Mya and Alyson Baker of Winter Haven, FL. Carl was preceded in death in 2007 by his wife of 47 years Brenda; 2 infant children Carrie Jo Howard and Timothy Allen Howard; brothers Robert Howard and Ralph Howard.

Visitation for Carl will be on Friday December 4th from 4-7 pm at FairHaven Funeral Home and Cremation Services (6557 N Clinton ST.) A private Graveside ceremony will take place on Saturday at 9 Mile Cemetery. Preferred memorials in Carl's honor may be directed to the Community Harvest Food Bank or Nine Mile United Methodist Church.

THE COUNT IS ON

By: Doris Applegate
 Count, count, count...get it right cause "we the people: want to know who was elected for the job!"

In Proverbs 11:1 we read: "A false balance is abomination to the Lord, but a Just Weight is His delight" then we know how God wants our election results to be HONEST and RIGHT. After all, this country was DEDICATED to almighty God and so it BELONGS to Him.

No one wants false balances but the TRUTH. May the best man win when all is said and DONE! When I was a child and told a lie, my mouth soon discovered what kind of soap tasted best: The red lifebuoy was probably a bit more "pure" and less "germy", but the white Ivory was "ugly" tasting! I didn't have a choice in the matter because it was usually de-

pendent on how close to the sink mom was. The red soap showed up longer in my teeth while I gagged and spit trying to get it out. The soap bubbles was also a part of the ordeal. Now today, this form of punishment would be considered "child abuse" and so the liars go unpunished until they feel the heat of hell fire...Yes the liars go to hell! (Rev. 21:8). The fearful, unbelieving, the abominable, murders, sorcerers, whore-mongers, idolaters and ALL liars shall have there part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

Hey, I'll take a mouthful of lifebuoy any day...How about you? Just remember, you can't trust a liar. Jesus Christ will NEVER lie to you and me...He is "The way, the truth and the life." "No one comes to God the Father but only through His Son, Jesus Christ. He will take that LYING DEVIL out of you and it will feel GOOD. Give your life over to Jesus and His BLOOD will wash you clean. You won't even have the desire to lie again because the TRUTH lives in you.

Amen & Amen.

ANTWERP UMC DAY OF GIVING POSTPONED

The Antwerp Methodist Church will be postponing the Day of Giving until after the first of the year due to Covid. Please watch the West Bend News for updates.

CECIL COMMUNITY CHURCH ANNOUNCES DECEMBER EVENTS

Hosted by: Cecil Community Church, 203 S. Main St, Cecil OH 45821, 419-564-8383. We give out Masks!

Prayer Meeting: December 6th the church will host a prayer meeting at 6 PM.

Movie: December 13th 6 PM IN HIS IMAGE: God's View of Gender & Sexuality

December 20th 6 PM In His Image movie Extra

Food Distribution: December 19th 12-3 PM Food Pantry - Stay in car for distribution.

Christmas Eve Service: December 24th 7 PM Christmas Eve Service

Concert: December 27th 6 PM Bluegrass Praise Band & Refreshments

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
 A bus in the Philippines was ambushed by radical Muslims. They asked each passenger at gunpoint if they were Christians. They came to a missionary who was holding his four-year-old son. The father said he was a Christian, so they shot. The bullet went through the boy, killing him, and proceeded into the father, who survived. Should the father have lied?

No! He did not know his son would die, but the father was willing to die rather than to deny his Lord. Matthew 10:38 - "And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." God never approves of lying. In Proverbs 6:16-17 God declared He hates lying and calls it an abomination. Proverbs 19:5b says, "...he that speaketh lies shall not escape."

Some may say Rahab lied concerning the Jewish spies in Joshua 2:1-5 but was commended in Hebrews 11:31. She

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives"

— 2 Peter 3:10-11

PRAYER VIGIL IN PAULDING



First Presbyterian Church, Paulding, held the first of two drive-through prayer vigils against Covid last Saturday. The event will be repeated this coming Saturday, Dec 5, from 3-7 pm in the church parking lot at the corner of W Caroline and N Williams St, Paulding.

Anyone is welcome to drive into the lot and pick up a flyer with prayer sugges-

tions and related scripture. People may also leave prayer requests, or park in the lot and pray right then.

The timing of the drive-through prayer event coincides with the Shop the Square and tree-lighting at Herb Monroe Park organized by the Paulding Chamber. Questions? Contact the church office at 419-399-2438.

was commended for receiving the spies and trusting in their God, but not for lying (See Joshua 2:9 and 11). The Bible does not reveal what correction she received for lying.

It is never right to do wrong to do right. The moral law of God should be obeyed even when it does not seem to make human sense. Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." We should always obey and leave the eternal results in God's hands. It will make sense in heaven when we see it from His perspective.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

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prior to them returning. Elementary students in grades PK - 6 will continue in person

learning at this time.

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.

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.

East Allen County Schools appreciates your patience and understanding. We wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. We hope that you stay safe and healthy!

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IT IS ALWAYS SPECIAL!

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

Will we be able to get together again? I am looking forward to Christmas and getting together with my family, but you never know if



Covid19 will keep us at home.

Food is something we all think about for the holidays and some of us have traditional foods we serve at Christmas. Some have pizza, ham, turkey, roast beef, potatoes, salads and cakes and pie. But, Christmas dinner does not have to be necessarily ham, potatoes and cake and pie.

For the past 3 years I have ordered Sub sandwiches with toppings and a cookie platter. Then everyone brings something and it is not a formal deal, it is just simple and good.

What we cook for the Christmas holidays certainly has changed over the year's. When we compare what is served on our holiday tables now, to what our ancestors were eating a century ago, it is quite different. Christmas dinners 100 years ago, while

very special, were sometimes cobbled together from what was on hand. Opossum and wild game stuffed with dressing was a food that our ancestors cooked and were thankful to have. And the children were happy to get an orange on their stocking.

Then they may have had to serve Consommé, game soup, or oyster stew. However, it is rare that you find soups and stews currently being served at our Christmas dinner today. I used to try and cook something a little different each year. One year I cooked a rabbit and another year, a turducken. We even tried a buffalo pie one year.

I tried to get my kids to at least try something different, but no way would they ever eat a bite of rabbit.

They said it reminded them of "Bugs Bunny." To tell the truth, I thought it looked like it was going to hop out of the pan. I remember one year when I was about 8 or 10 years old, my grandpa went hunting on Thanksgiving. He thought he might get lucky and get a duck, rabbit or a pheasant. He didn't carry a gun, but he had one of the biggest slingshots I had ever seen. In his coat pocket he had little steel balls to use as ammunition. Well he came back with a pheasant. The details of seeing grandma cook the poor thing will haunt me forever. But we all bowed our heads and listened to Grandpa's lengthy prayer thanking God for our nice dinner.

As we think back over our old memories, a lot of us still have some of our ancestors

spirits in us. We all have some sort of traditions when it comes to Christmas. Every year we add to our memories—good and bad.

They are something to think about and remember as we grow older. The history of our ancestors celebrations is something to think about, because our memories become another generations history. One game we have played for the past 20+ years is The Dollar Game. Our family looks all year to find that perfect \$1 gift to wrap and put in a pile. Every year someone has got these old underwear that they have to wrap up next year and wrap and bring back. To tell all of our fun with The Dollar Game through the years, would take a whole new column.

This year has been a challenge, but we just need to hang on, have faith and trust God. How things have changed throughout the years. I don't know about anyone else but I am ready for a good old fashioned Christmas. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Have you ever cooked a different type of Christmas dinner? What are your traditions and favorite memories? Have you ever cooked a turducken or eaten a pheasant for Christmas?

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



STRIP TILLING TO IMPROVE SOIL HEALTH

No-tilling corn is a difficult transition for most farmers. When farmers start no-tilling, the transition time may last 3-7 years and corn yields may often be reduced during that transition period. An alternative is to strip till the soil which gives a farmer some of the benefits of each tillage system. Strip-tillage is minimum tillage 6-10 inches wide and 3-8 inches deep in a band where the corn seeds will be planted next year. The area between the tilled strips is no-till which allows the soil to be protected by crop residue and/or cover crops. The tilled zone typically dries out and is warmer in the spring, promoting good corn germination.

Typically, a farmer will pre-form the strips in the fall using specialized equipment, although sometimes the strips are formed in the spring, depending on weather conditions. Generally, strip tillage reduces the number of field tillage operations down to one or two passes compared to several passes using conventional tillage. Most strip till equipment requires about 30 horsepower per tilled row. Reducing tillage between the tilled strips improves soil structure, reduces soil compaction, and reduces soil erosion. The tilled strips though may still have soil compaction and erode. On sloping fields, contour strip-tilling around the slope or hill may help reduce rills and gully erosion. Overall, strip tillage should have less soil erosion than conventional tillage but more than no-till.

There are several benefits to strip still. The warmer soil and aerobic condition in the tilled seedbed generally produce a good seed bed and seed to soil contact for planting corn. Strip till works well in poorly drained flat heavy clay soils. Farmers save time and fuel due to fewer tillage passes which reduces tillage costs. In strip till systems, liquid fertilizer is often applied in the tilled strip where seed is planted. Precision application of fertilizer improves fertilizer plant uptake efficiency and may result in less fertilizer being utilized. Some farmers plant in the strips without GPS, but without GPS it can be difficult to stay on the row. Earthworm populations will increase in the 20 to 22-inch undisturbed zone along with beneficial microbes that do not tolerate tillage. Controlled traffic becomes a huge benefit in strip till if it is performed every year on the same strips, reducing field soil compaction. In general, corn yields will be similar in strip till compared to conventional tilled soils, but without as much soil erosion. Strip till is also considered a conservation form of no-till.

There may also be some problems with making strip till succeed. Sometimes in the spring, the fall tilled strips can be difficult to plant into if the strips erode or become uneven due to excessive rainfall or melting snow over the winter. Often crop residue may mingle into or obscure the tilled strip, depending on weather conditions and slope. In a dry spring, the tilled zone may be too dry resulting in reduced corn germination. If the strip tillage is performed in a wet field in the fall, some of the benefits may be reduced due to poor soil structure and compaction. Farmers who alternate between full tillage one year and strip till the next will probably see fewer advantages due to the soil disturbance. Farmers should avoid moving the strip once it is established, because it just increases the impacts of soil compaction and soil disturbance over a larger area. Just like no-till, strip till takes several years of transition to see most soil benefits.

The biggest soil health benefit of strip tillage comes from the undisturbed soil which promotes earthworms and beneficial microbes. According to Frank Gibbs, retired NRCS soil conservationist, 2-3 earthworm middens per square foot is common in minimum tilled soils, increasing to 4-6 middens in strip till. When a good crop rotation is used in combination with cover crops and good drainage, 8-9 middens per square foot is possible. These earthworms may consume 9 tons of crop residue yearly and greatly improve soil structure. To promote earthworms in a strip till system, good drainage is a key along with soils that are well aerated and not compacted. Minimizing the tillage to a small band and planting a cover crop in undisturbed strips provides earthworms with both food and shelter. Strip tillage with cover crops and increasing earthworm population may promote huge soil health and environmental benefits to our soils.

PC OHIO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB RECEIVES PORTABLE GENERATOR



Pictured are (L to R) Jason McClain, Fred Pieper, and Bruce Weidenhamer

The Paulding County Ohio Amateur Radio Club recently took delivery of an 8000 watt portable generator. The generator will be used to power the clubs emergency communications trailer when traditional power is not available.

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home sporting events that take place in the main gym will be viewable on your computer by going to Youtube.com and typing Antwerp Athletics in the Search Bar. A specially designed camera has been positioned in the main gym to provide this service. Radio station 102.7 FM will also live-stream and provide broadcasters for all Antwerp home Varsity boys' and girls' basketball games. Visit www.my1027.org to view the games.

Parents, students, and community members are reminded to visit the COVID-19 Data Dashboard located at the top of our school website page. The Dashboard serves as a means to keep the public informed regarding the number of COVID-19 situations/cases in a school community. The Dashboard has two main components. One of the components is a data-image illustrating the number of active confirmed positive cases among students and staff. This page is updated a least once a week. The other component is a section with three frequently asked COVID-19 questions/answers including a link to a COVID-19 Related Decision-Making Protocol document.

**One of the many initiatives that have been put in place at our school to address the COVID-19 situation is the use of artificial intelligence body temperature sensor devices. There are currently two devices located in the school for the purpose of checking the body temperatures of individuals upon entry into our school. The devices are located in the MS/HS office and the A-Wing entrance area. The temperature sensor device located in the MS/HS office (nicknamed Sheldon), resembles a small computer tablet on a stand. The device has a built-in camera that uses sensors to read the forehead temperature of the individual who is standing in front of the tablet. After reading the body temperature, the device displays a numerical temperature reading and gives a green or red colored light display indicating if you passed or failed.

On behalf of the students, staff, administration, and Board of Education, a thank you to the voters of the district for your support of the Permanent Improvement tax

The generator was purchased with funds from Operation Roundup sponsored by Paulding Putnam Electric.

The club wishes to show gratitude to Paulding Putnam Electric and Ace Hardware for making the purchase of this generator possible.

levy renewal. The continuation of the tax levy will allow the district to advance the effort to provide a high-quality educational facility and equipment for our students. Examples of the funds current and future use include our effort to increase the safety and security of our students and staff by installing new fencing on the western side of our playground area and a new emergency entry gate placed on the northern corner. We will also add additional mulch to the playground area.

Our breakfast and lunch programs have seen a significant increase in the number of meals served during the month of October. This is due in large part because of the announcement by the USDA that all breakfast and lunch meals served to our students will be free of charge for the remainder of the school year. Prior to the month of October, our cafeteria provided an average of 309 breakfast and 3,500 lunch meals per month. During the first month (October) of the free program offering, our cafeteria served 2,565 breakfast and 6,682 lunch meals.

Winter weather and safety of the students is always a concern during the next several months. Although decisions on whether to delay or cancel school are always made with the safety of students in mind, changes in the weather and road conditions can happen quickly. Please make sure your contact information in Instant Alert is up to date so you receive notice of delays, cancellations, or early dismissals.

Friday, December 18th will be the final day of classes before the holiday break. There will be no school December 21st - January 1st. Classes resume Monday, January 4th. I hope everyone has an opportunity to spend time with family and friends during this holiday season.

I am very thankful for the support from the community, students, staff, administration, and school board. I am surrounded by people who have a vested interest in making Antwerp Local Schools a great place for each child to reach his/her potential.

—Yours in education,
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NH LIONS AWARDS 50 YEAR MEMBERSHIP PIN



At the New Haven Lions Club Oct. 14th meeting, PDG Don Cooper presented a 50 year membership pin with letter of declaration to Lion Victor Fitch. Also, the Club will have oranges and grapefruit starting Dec. 5th, 12th and 19th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Ken's Meat Market in New Haven, Indiana. The address is 846 Lincoln Hwy E.

NEW LAB TEST CLARIFIES THE POTENTIAL PROTECTIVE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ANTIBODIES

Knowing you have developed antibodies against the SARS-CoV-2 virus after recovering from COVID-19 doesn't tell you everything about your immunity. The levels and even types of antibodies can differ among patients, and those differences can influence whether a person is protected against being reinfected.

Scientists at The Ohio State University have developed a new lab testing procedure for the detection of antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 that gives results more quickly than existing assays and specifically identifies so-called "neutralizing" antibodies - those that protect by blocking infection of cells.

"With many assays currently in use, we can detect antibodies, but that doesn't tell us if they're neutralizing antibodies. We only know the level of antibodies someone has," said Shan-Lu Liu, professor in the Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine's Department of Veterinary Biosciences and the senior author of a new journal article describing the assay.

"Some antibodies might

be protective, some might not be protective, and some might even enhance infection - we know with this type of coronavirus and some other viruses, some antibodies can even do harm," he said. "Our assay examines whether antibodies are potentially protective, which means they prevent a patient from reinfection and block viral replication. That's the outcome of infection that we want people to have."

In analyses of blood samples from several different populations that had tested positive for COVID-19, the researchers found with this new assay that, overall, ICU patients had produced the highest concentration of neutralizing antibodies, and convalescent plasma donors and health care workers had the lowest antibody levels.

"So the more severe the disease, the higher the antibody levels produced. And what this tells us is there is a wide spectrum of different antibody levels after infection," said Liu, also an investigator in the Center for Retrovirus Research and co-director of the Viruses and Emerging Pathogens Program in Ohio State's Infectious Diseases Institute. "We're in a pandemic now, but eventually we'll be able to see not just how many people

were infected, but also the outcome. Our assay could be used to tell whether antibodies have been developed in individuals who have had contacts with SARS-CoV-2."

The research is published online in the journal JCI Insight.

Liu and colleagues developed what is called a "pseudo-type" virus neutralizing antibody assay, in which an HIV vector and core is coated with the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein to detect antibodies against the coronavirus. The team applied a new approach by selecting a different form of light-producing enzyme that can be detected conveniently in culture media containing the virus-infected cells. That choice saved several steps, and time, in the detection process without losing accuracy and sensitivity to the target virus.

Co-first authors Cong Zeng, a postdoctoral researcher, and Jack Evans, a student in the molecular, cellular and developmental biology graduate program, completed the majority of the work to develop the assay.

With the new analytical tool in hand, scientists in the College of Veterinary Medicine collaborated with Gerard Lozanski and others in the College of Medicine to analyze 221 patient blood samples to validate the effectiveness of the assay and verify that the detection test could be scaled up for widespread screening.

The samples were derived from 104 hospitalized COVID-19 patients, 49 of whom were in intensive care; 42 health care professionals who had tested positive for COVID-19; 38 convalescent plasma donors (recovered patients who donated plasma for potential therapeutic use in very sick COVID-19 patients); and 37 control samples from patients who had been hospitalized with respiratory conditions before September 2019.

Results showed that, in general, hospitalized patients - and ICU patients in particular - had the highest concentrations, or titers, of neutralizing antibodies in their systems. However, over 14% of those who had been hospitalized had no or very low levels of antibodies.

Of the health care professionals, 40% were negative for neutralizing antibodies and 36% had low concentrations. And more than half of the convalescent blood donors had concentrations of antibodies that were too low to qualify them as donors for treatment of COVID-19 patients, Liu said.

The assay detected no SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in the samples from people who had been sick with other types of respiratory diseases.

The test accuracy was further validated by verifying in a lab setting that the antibodies detected in the COVID-19 patient blood samples did in fact neutralize the authentic SARS-CoV-2 virus.

It won't be long before the assay is put to a larger test. The effectiveness, sensitivity and specificity of the assay were important factors in Ohio State's successful application for a \$10 million National Cancer Institute grant awarded last month for studies of the long-term impact of COVID-19 on first responders, health care workers and

the general population. Two of the co-authors on the JCI Insight paper will be co-principal investigators of the first-responders study: Eugene Oltz, chair of microbial infection and immunity in the College of Medicine, and Linda Saif, Distinguished University Professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine's Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and the Food Animal Health Research Program in the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

"We will use this assay to conduct a serological study of first responders in Columbus, among others," Liu said.

Additional applications could include screening for protective qualities in lab-manufactured monoclonal antibodies designed for therapeutic purposes and neutralizing antibody production in vaccine candidates.

Patent applications have been filed covering the assay and its use in a variety of applications. Inventors named on the applications are Liu, Zeng, Evans, and co-authors Panke Qu and Yi Min Zhang.

"We are pleased to have developed a neutralization assay which provides a sensitive, specific and simple method for determining the neutralizing antibody titers in patient serum or plasma with results being achieved in 24 hours - without requiring access to a biosafety level-3 facility," Liu said.

"We'd like to make it widely available as quickly as possible because we think it's a rapid and simple system compared to other systems."

Additional co-authors, all at Ohio State, are Rebecca Pearson, Richard Robinson, Luanne Hall-Stoodley, Jacob Yount, Sonal Pannu and Rama Mallampalli.

The research was supported by a fund provided by an anonymous donor to Ohio State's College of Veterinary Medicine, grants from the National Institutes of Health, a Glenn Barber Fellowship and an Ohio State COVID-19 Seed Grant.

URL: <https://news.osu.edu/new-lab-test-clarifies-the-potential-protective-effects-of-covid-19-antibodies/>

WAYNE TRACE 1ST 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2020/21 CORRECTION

MERIT HONOR ROLL 4.0 GPA:

11th Grade: Rachel Stoller, Malia Wittwer, Faith Meraz, Cameron Sinn, Nathan Sinn, Abbie Stoller, Tatum Tigner, Therin Coyne, Kate Laukhuf, Jeremiah Molitor, Carly Blankenship, Ethan Noggle
FIRST HONORS 3.99-3.67

11th Grade: Brayson Parrish, Madison Farquhar
SECOND HONORS 3.3-3.666

11th Grade: Haylee Finckro, Alexander Kohart, Christina Graham, Elijah Spinner, Joel Reinhart, Kyle Klinker, Trevor Sinn, Anastasia Crates, Alexa Campbell, Carson Laukhuf, Brenna Moore, Jackson Newman
THIRD HONORS 3.0-3.2999

11th Grade: Tianna Cooper, Christopher D'Ambrosia, Cameron Graham, Jaylin Baldrige, Keegan Short, Alexander Franklin



ZEKE

By: Stan Jordan

Two boys from way down south went down to the Army Recruiter to enlist in the service.

The first brother went in to see the recruiter. After the usual salutation the soldier asked our boy what his qualifications were.

The boy said, "Southern Baptist!"

"No, no, I mean what do you do?"

"Oh, I'm a pilot."

"Oh, boy, we can sure use you, we need pilots."

And soon our boy was all signed up legal-like.

He went outside and told his brother it didn't hurt or anything and he was all signed up an it was his turn.

So the brother went inside and the Recruiter made him welcome and asked all the questions and then asked what he could do and was doing.

He said, "I am a wood cutter."

"A wood cutter? You are not as important as your brother, he is a pilot."

"Well, I beg your pardon, he can't 'pile it' until I cut it!"

This was brought to us by Oley McMichael. I See ya!

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ABILENE, KANSAS

By: Stan Jordan

Abilene was noted as a cow town before the big cattle drives came in 1857. The first settlers came and set up residence on the West Bank of Mudd Creek. This was in Dickinson County up in the northeast part of the territory. Lots of times it was called 'Queen of the Cow Towns'.

Some people got the name Abilene out of the Bible, it means City of the Plains. A Mr. Hersey started that name and he had a two-room log lean-to and he made a deal with the Butterfield Overland Stage to house and feed the passengers and employees. His slogan was the 'best square meal east of Denver'.

The town grew as a Mr. McCoy built a stock yard there and the town became the first cow town of the west. It was the largest stockyard west of Kansas City and the Kansas Pacific Railroad came there in 1866.

The famous Chisolm Trail started here and went west and this brought many settlers and pioneers and it became one of the wildest towns in the west.

A dwelling was built on the other bank of the Mudd Creek. A man named 'old man Jones' came and built a log cabin and it was a store, but the most he sold was whiskey.

The town was laid out in 1860 and made of log houses, but the use of streets made it look like an up and coming town and became the county

seat of Dickinson County.

After the railroad came and all the western ranches brought their cattle to the rail head it was called the largest stockyard in the west. It was the market for Texas cattle for four years.

In 1869 and 1870, a number of houses and buildings were erected along with the new court house. This was made of brick and stone. Then a two-story hotel was built and was needed by all the travelers and the cowboys. But with all that fast growing it became a lawless town with lots of gamblers, dogs and prostitutes—the town needed a lawyer.

On June 4 the city mayor was Theodore Henry and he hired the first chief of police, Thomas J. 'Bear River' Smith. He was known as 'the no gun Marshall'. He had a reputation of using his fists instead of a gun. His first law was to prohibit anyone from carrying a gun. His reputation was good enough that most people went along with his rulings, even the gamblers and cowboys. But Smith's career as a lawyer did not last very long. When attempting to arrest a man suspected of murder named, Andrew McConnell, he turned and shot Smith. But Smith returned fire and shot McConnell before falling to the ground wounding him. A man named Miles, who was a co-conspirator of McConnell, grabbed an axe and nearly cut Smith's head off. McConnell got twelve years and Miles received sixteen years for this gruesome crime.

Well after this, in 1871, the Mayor hired Wild Bill Hickock as Marshall. Bill already had a reputation of a gunman. Bill used his reputation and his twin pistols and the townspeople pretty much obeyed the laws.

John Wesley Hardin was in Abilene but he murdered a man and left town in a hurry. Later on it was revealed that the tough man, Hardin—nearly all the men he killed were unarmed.

Hickock was there awhile but he spent most of his time in the saloons rather than on his police duties. He eventually left town and worked his way up north into Deadwood in the Dakotas and that's another part of the history of the 'old west'.

Abilene sits on what is now I70, one of the main arteries of the United States east and west traffic. The pioneers went through Kansas City and St. Joseph and then hit Abilene and all the trails west. I think the Cattle and the railroad had a lot to do with opening the west.

President Ike Eisenhower was born in Denison, Texas. His family moved to Abilene in 1892. He attended school and graduated there. He called it his home town and is buried there.

See ya!
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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:
GOD OR SOCIALISM**

Do you know that you can believe in God and Jesus, attend church regularly, help your neighbor, be a good person and still go to Hell when you die? Many of you don't believe that, but it's true. Think strongly about that before reading on. Did you forget anything? Satan and his followers believe in God and Jesus. If you did forget something, correct it now or join Satan for eternity. Read your Bible. The Book

of Genesis explains where Satan came from while the Book of Revelation tells where Satan will be going. Will you be going with Jesus or Satan? Read you Bible and attend a good Bible believing church. Use care in your choice as not all churches are Bible believing. No nation in history who knew and followed God was removed. Look at Russia, Cuba, Korea and others.

About 1917 Stalin said, "Give them free healthcare and then we can control them." Then in 1959 after being under communism for 42 years, Russia's Nikita Khrushchev in his address to the United Nations said, "Your children's children will live under communism. You American's are so gullible. No, you won't accept communism out-right, but we will keep feeding you small doses of socialism until you finally wake up and find you already have communism."

On Sept. 29, 1959 Khrushchev said to America, "We will not have to fight you. You will weaken your economy until you fall like overripe fruit into our hands. Your democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those willing to work and give to those who would not."

Here are some contributing factors leading to communism. It's first called socialism but then becomes communism. Research the following and ask yourself who was behind each one and why?

Who gave us separation of church and state? Who censored pastors? Which party promised better life to African-Americans for 70 years, but never did? Who wants gun control? Who favors increased welfare? Who removed God from school, military and life? Who said, "No more Chris-

tians" ? Who changed education? Who supports higher taxes and bigger government?

This election will make or break America. America deserves your best. Will you give your best? Did you say the sinners prayer and ask God to forgive your sins? If you didn't with meaning, you might see Satan when your earthly life is finished.

PS. I started the above in early October. Our so called election is now over. If it stands that this socialist party is the winner, you will have witnessed the move from being free to being like Russia or China with someone watching you all the time. I think the election was rigged. Science, mathematics, common sense and democrats not allowing republicans to be present when counting ballots in battleground states adds up to fraud.

-Richard Mastin,
Hicksville, OH

**THANKSGIVING & THE
PILGRIMS - PART 8**

By: **Caroline Longardner**

How much do you know about THANKSGIVING, our national holiday, that is coming this year on Thursday, November 26, 2020. This will be the 400th year commemoration of this event and the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The National Society of the Mayflower Descendants had planned a very large celebration for this anniversary (with the new replica of the Mayflower ship and many reenactors with parades and many parties and dinners). This has all been delayed because of the Covid-19 until next year.

As a member of the Ohio Society of the Mayflower Descendants, I am descended from GEORGE SOULE, who was an indentured servant of Gov. Winslow. George Soule was a signer of the Mayflower Compact, was a "Stranger" (meaning that he did not have money to pay his passage over on the Mayflower and it was paid for by Gov. Winslow. In return, Soule was a school teacher for 9 years to pay off his passage). My mother was Kathryn Irene Soule Wells, B. 1913 in Macomb Co. Michigan. Her lineage goes directly back to George Soule. Her family was very happy when I finally got it proven in 1989.

After a difficult voyage in November 1620, the Mayflower anchored at Cape Cod, north of the limits of the Virginia Colony, and beyond any organized law. Some form of government was necessary. Those who intended to settle here at Cape Cod comprised

two separate groups: the religious dissenters from England and Holland, and those who hoped to better themselves in the new Colony. Differences of opinion had arisen between these groups on the voyage. These differences had to be reconciled if the colony was to survive. Therefore...The MAYFLOWER COMPACT was signed on November 21, 1620 in the "Great Cabin" aboard the Mayflower, forty-one male passengers composed a written document, which was a vow, a pledge, a word of honor that all who signed it, as well as their families, promised to abide by its proclamation.

(It was November 21st, of our Calendar is the same as November 11th of the old style Calendar (sic)).

NOVEMBER 21ST
The Anniversary of The signing of the Mayflower Compact

The Compact
IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subject of our dread sovereign Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc.

Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents, solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape Cod, the 11 of November, in the reign of our sovereign Lord King James; of England, France and Ireland the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Domini 1620.

Footnote for following paragraph: a=Has Descendants; w=Brought wife; d=Died first winter

w John Carver, a Samuel Fuller, wd Edward Tilly, wa

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George Soule (Richard More and Henry Sampson were young boys and did not sign the Compact. Both have descendants).

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PANTHERS PICK UP COUNTY RIVALRY WIN



Junior Lydia Brewer shoots from the foul line for a point for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net



Paulding's Claire Schweller puts up a shot as she is guarded by Antwerp's Kennadi Recker. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Paulding Lady Panthers opened an eight-point lead after one quarter and never looked back as the maroon and white cruised past county rival Antwerp 55-41 in non-league girls basketball action Tuesday night.

The Lady Panthers doubled up the Archers for a 16-8 lead after eight minutes of action before each team scored ten second quarter points, giving Paulding a 26-18 half-time advantage.

Paulding then broke the game open by outscoring Antwerp 22-7 in the third quarter for a 48-25 lead entering the final period.

Janae Pease led all scorers with 15 markers for the Lady Panthers while Sadie Estle and Audrey Giesige each bucketed a dozen markers. Jalynn Parrett chipped in eight points and Claire Schweller posted five markers. Maggie Manz (two) and Carlea Kuckuck (one) com-

pleted the list of Paulding scorers.

Antwerp was paced by Ali Reinhart, who bucketed a dozen markers for the Lady Archers. Kennadi Recker and Lydia Brewer chipped in six points each for the blue and white with Grace Schuette, Astianna Coppes and Aewyn McMichael recording five apiece. Hayleigh Jewell also connected on a pair of free throws for Antwerp.

JH ARCHERS SPLIT WITH HOLGATE

Antwerp's junior high girls basketball teams made the long trip to Holgate Tuesday night where the two squads split games.

The Lady Tiger seventh graders were victorious over Antwerp with the Archers' Miley Jewell and Ella Hughes bucketing a free throw each.

Antwerp's eighth grade

squad defeated the Tigers 35-21 behind 20 points from Jessica Thornell and nine by Caroline Rohrs.

Faith Clem chipped in five markers and Maylynn Carnahan added one point for Antwerp.

RAIDERS PICK UP PAIR WINS OVER LANCERS

In junior high girls basketball action on Monday, the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders picked up a pair of victories over Lincolnview.

Wayne Trace's seventh grade team recorded a 20-8 win over the Lancers behind eight points from Caroline Winans and six more by Caeren Winans. Lexi Moore also had four markers for the red, white and blue.

Hughes and Braggs topped the Lancers with five and three points, respectively.

Wayne Trace led 7-2 at the end of one period and took a 12-6 advantage into the locker room. The Lady Raiders posted an 18-8 advantage at the end of three quarters.

In the eighth-grade matchup, Harper Myers scored 15 points with Tianna Sinn adding six as the Lady Raiders posted a 27-25 victory over the blue and gold.

Kathleen Stoller also chipped in four points for the red, white and blue. Emerson Walker had nine points for Lincolnview followed by Emma Bowersock (six) and Ashlyn Price (six).

Wayne Trace outscored Lincolnview 9-0 in the third quarter, turning a 17-12 half-time deficit into a 21-17 lead at the end of three periods.

ARCHERS WIN SEASON OPENER

In the season opener for girls basketball, the Antwerp Lady Archers pulled away late from visiting Edon for a 36-30 win in non-league action at the home of the Archers.

Antwerp took a 9-5 lead at the end of one quarter before Edon trimmed the deficit to 17-16 at the intermission. The Lady Archers outscored the Bombers 7-6 in the third quarter to widen the margin to 24-22 at the end of three periods.

Each team picked up two field goals and a three-point field in the final stanza but the Archers made five foul shots to Edon's one to pull away and post the 36-30 victory.

Astianna Coppes led the way for Antwerp with a dozen points while Lydia Brewer bucketed eight and Kennadi

Recker added six.

Grace Schuette chipped in five points for the Lady Archers while Ali Reinhart and Hayleigh Jewell both recorded a basket. Molly Reinhart also connected on a free throw for Antwerp.

Ashley Kaylor scored ten points to top Edon and Allison Kaylor added seven markers with Kerrin Toven chipping in six. Olivia Mitchell, Sydney Bignell and Paige Briner all hit one field goal in the contest and Carlie Kiess hit one of two foul shots.

RAMS SWEEP PAST ARCHERS

Tinora went on the road and picked up a doubleheader sweep of host Antwerp in junior high girls basketball action Monday evening.

The Lady Ram seventh graders recorded a 14-6 win over the Archers. Raelley Franklin paced the way for the blue and white with four points and Ella Hughes chipped in two markers.

In the eighth-grade matchup, Tinora took home a 27-15 victory over Antwerp.

Caroline Rohrs had six points to top the Archer effort with Madisyn Peters bucketing three markers. Jessica Thornell, Maylynn Carnahan and Kali Blake all had two points for the blue and white.

WARRIORS CRUISE TO WIN OVER EAGLES

CHURUBUSCO - The Woodlan Lady Warriors made the trip to Churubusco Tuesday night for a non-league girls basketball contest and rolled to a 77-40 victory over the Eagles.

Woodlan took control in the opening stanza, bucketing 23 points as the Lady Warriors seized a 23-13 advantage at the end of eight minutes.

The visiting Warriors then expanded the margin in the second quarter, adding 20 more markers while limiting Churubusco to eight in widening the gap to 43-21 at the intermission. Woodlan then pushed the lead to 61-31 entering the final quarter.

Sophomore Evah Smith led a trio of Woodlan players in double figures with 24 points while junior Dakota Krohn added 20. Freshman Taylor Knuebuhler posted 11 points for the Lady Warriors.

Juniors Olivia Baumert and Rachel Emenhiser each recorded eight markers for Woodlan followed by junior Hannah Dietel (four) and senior Lydia Dyer (two).

Smith and Knuebuhler both grabbed eight rebounds for the Lady Warriors with Krohn and Knuebuhler each picking up six steals. Dyer dished out five assists to lead Woodlan.

Woodlan will host Eastside on Tuesday before welcoming in Adams Central for an ACAC battle on Saturday.

RAIDERS OPEN WITH 3-POINT LOSS TO CG



It's a tough first quarter for Wayne Trace, but a fantastic recover, brought them within sight of victory. Junior Trevor Sinn picks up a basket for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - The Wayne Trace Raiders welcomed the Columbus Grove Bulldogs to the Palace last Friday to tip-off the 2020-21 high school basketball season. The home team put up a solid effort before bowing to the talented Bulldogs 52-49. In the closing seconds and the Bulldogs clinging to a one-point advantage Jackson Schroeder canned two free throws to ice the game for the Putnam County visitors.

Columbus Grove is coming off an unforgettable season with a No. 1 ranking, finishing undefeated at 26-0, and making their way to the Division IV Bowling Green regional finals. It was at that point when the OHSAA halted tournament play due to COVID 19.

The Bulldogs return the bulk of last year's team led by senior Blake Reynolds, senior Tayt Birnesser and junior Trey Sautter. Columbus Grove jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter and secured a double-digit margin after eight-minutes of play 16-5. However, the Raiders bounced back in the middle two periods to outscore CG 33-21 to take a 38-37 lead heading into the final quarter. The contest was back-and-forth in the final stanza with the Bulldogs eking out the three-point win.

Reynolds led all scorers with 22 while team mate Birnesser added 20. Reynolds shot 7-14 from two-point range while adding 8-12 from the free throw line. The senior, who stands 6-4, also added 13 rebounds to finish the night with a double-double. Birnesser had a solid shooting night hitting

4-6 from the two-point area and 4-9 behind the arc. Rounding out the scoring for the Bulldogs was Sautter six, Schroeder two and Ethan Halker two.

A much younger Raider's squad with just three seniors held their own on opening night against one of the best teams in the area. Leading scorer for the red, white and blue was junior Trevor Sinn with 14 points on 3-4 in two-pointers, 2-7 behind the arc, 2-3 from the foul line while adding three assists.

Kyle Stoller, just a freshman, came through for the Raiders on opening night with a double-double on 12 points and 10 boards. Rounding out the Raiders scoring was Cameron Sinn eight points, Brooks Laukhuf seven points, Grayson McClure five points, Garrett Williamson two points and Camaron Graham adding a point.

Teams stats show both teams shooting a similar percentage with the Raiders hitting 48 percent (11-23) of their two-point goals and 29 percent (6-21) of their three-point goals. From the foul line the Raiders were 9-12. The winning Bulldogs, they shot 50 percent (11-22) inside the arc and 33 percent (6-18) behind the three-point arc. At the foul line, Columbus Grove connected on 12-16.

Rebounding was nearly even with the Grove collecting 29 boards to 27 for the Raiders. For the first game of the season turnovers were low with CG committing 10 while the Raiders did well at protecting the ball in collecting just seven miscues.

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ARCHER BOYS WIN BATTLE OF COUNTY RIVALS



Antwerp Junior Hunter Sproles was able to trick the guard, score under the basket, and picked up a foul shot too! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - In a game between a pair of Paulding County rivals, it was host Antwerp who dominated visiting Paulding in a 71-33 victory Saturday night in boys non-league basketball action. The Archers opened a 19-6 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before expanding the margin to 38-17 at the intermission. Antwerp made sure there was no doubt in the

outcome in the third quarter, scoring 20 more points compared to the Panthers' eight in pushing the advantage to 58-25 entering the final stanza. Antwerp was paced by Luke Krouse with 23 points while Austin Lichty and Landon Brewer both bucketed 11 markers. Jagger Landers also reached double digits with ten points. Other scorers for the blue



Blake McGarvey, Senior at Paulding, gets under the basket early to score the first 2 points for the Panthers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

and white were Hunter Sproles (seven), Gaige McMichael (five), Kaden Recker (two) and Dylan Hines (two). Landers also hauled down nine boards to top Antwerp with Krouse grabbing seven boards and dishing out four assists. Brewer also picked up four assists while Landers and Lichty both had three assists. Blake McGarvey led the way for the maroon and white with a dozen points while Payton Beckman scored eight markers. Hunter Kausser chipped in four points

followed by Andrew Adams (three), Christian Bauer (two), Nick Manz (two) and Boston Pease (two). Antwerp is scheduled to return to action on Friday as the Archers welcome in Fort Jennings and will be live streamed at MySports.live, before playing at Pandora Gilboa on Saturday. Paulding will host its home opener on Friday night as the Panthers welcome Defiance to the Jungle.

LADY RAIDERS FALL TO ST. JOHNS IN SEASON OPENER

By: Joe Shouse, Sportswriter
HAVILAND - On opening night of the girl's high school basketball season the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders fell to Delphos St. John 55-49. Both teams played a very close first quarter with St. John's holding a slim one-point margin after eight minutes of play 16-15. The Raiders struggled offensively in the middle two periods with just eight points in each quarter. The Blue Jay's were on top 31-23 at the break and managed to increase their lead to 43-31 heading into the final quarter. The Raiders erased some of the Blue Jay's lead but could not get over the hump after outscoring them 18-12 in the fourth. The winners placed five players in the scoring column but it was the duo of Paige Gaynier and Melanie Koenig who did most of the offensive damage for the Blue Jays with 48 combined points. Gaynier finished with 33 points while her team mate added 15. Gaynier connected on just 3-11 of her two-point field goals but made up for it behind the arc with 7-9 shooting. At the foul line she was a perfect 6-6. Koenig connected on 3-9 from the two-point area and made her only three-point attempt while hitting 2-5 from the foul line. Wayne Trace, who only dresses two seniors on this years varsity squad, was led by senior Katrina Stoller. The 5-8 playmaker had a solid performance with 20 points including 3-4 from the two-point area, 4-7 from behind the arc, six rebounds, four assists and three steals. Both junior Rachel Stoller and sophomore Gracie Shepherd each added nine points a piece. Shepherd, the talley player on the team

at 5-10 collected six rebounds and picked up three steals. Shepherd had a solid night shooting hitting 4-8 from the field. Rounding out the Lady Raiders scoring was Christina Graham with six, Sydnee Sinn three and Abby Moore two. As a team the Raiders hit 13-29 from two-point land for a 45 percent clip and 6-12 from behind the arc. At the foul line WT collected just 5-11 with the Blue Jays connecting on 10-15 at the stripe. St. John's connected on 9-24 from the two-point area for 38 percent and 9-15 behind the arc for 60 percent. The Raiders won the battle of the boards 26-21 but committed 18 turnovers to 16 for St. John.

PANTHERS ROLL PAST PIRATES IN OPENER

CONTINENTAL - Paulding jumped in front early and never looked back as the Panthers opened their 2020-2021 boys basketball season with a 66-35 win over Continental Friday night. The Panthers took control of the contest in the opening stanza, opening a 20-8 lead following eight minutes of action. Paulding pulled away from there, outscoring Continental 16-8 in the second stanza to push the margin to 36-16 at the intermission. The maroon and white then picked up 16 more points in the third quarter compared to ten for the Pirates, extended the lead to 52-26 at the end of three periods. Payton Beckman paced the maroon and white with 28 points in the contest while Blake McGarvey also reached double digits with 15 markers. Christian Bauer chipped in six for the Panthers, who also got four each from Hunter Kausser and Luke Zartman. Boston Pease posted three points while Dylan Kuckuck, Zach Gorrell and Nick Manz all had two for Paulding. Gavin Huff topped the Pirate effort with a dozen points and Andrew Hoeffel chipped in nine markers. Rounding out the Continental scorers were Alex Sharitts (five), Bryce Recker (four), Braxton Stegbauer (three) and Hunter Tegenkamp (two). Paulding hits the hardwood again on Friday night as the Panthers host Defiance in a non-league battle.

LADY PATRIOTS SPLIT PAIR OF GAMES
MONROEVILLE - This week saw the Heritage Lady Patriots take on a pair of squads from the Summit Athletic Conference with games against Snider and North Side. Saturday night, it was the Lady Patriots who jumped in front early and never looked back as Heritage cruised to a 61-32 win over North Side. The host Patriots led 21-8 at the end of one period before expanding it to 36-9 after two quarters. Heritage held a 44-25 lead entering the final stanza. Claire Bickel paced the way for the Lady Patriots with 17 points and Abby Zelt bucketed 14 markers for Heritage. Ella Bickel also reached double digits with 13 points in the contest. Lydia Schultz chipped in six for Heritage followed by Carly Gerardot (four), Kendall Zelt (four) and Raelyn Mullins (three). On Tuesday, Heritage dropped a 58-32 decision to visiting Snider as the Panthers outscored the Patriots 35-14 in the second half. Snider led 11-2 after one quarter before Heritage pulled to within 23-18 at the intermission. However, the Lady Panthers responded by outscoring the Patriots 18-7 in the third quarter to take a 41-25 lead into the final period. The black and gold then won the fourth quarter with a 17-7 scoring margin to seal the 58-32 victory. Ella Bickel and Claire Bickel led the way for Heritage with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Other scorers for the Lady Patriots were Abby Zelt (four), Kendall Zelt (three), Lydia Schultz (two) and Raelyn Mullins (two). Claire Bickel also picked up eight rebounds in the contest while Ella Bickel, Kendall Zelt and Abby Zelt all had six boards. Ella Bickel also finished with three steals in the game. Heritage will visit Fremont Wednesday evening in a non-league battle before traveling to South Adams in an ACAC battle on Saturday.

LADY RAIDERS SWEEP EDGERTON
In junior high girls basketball action on Tuesday, the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders posted a sweep of Green Meadows Conference rival Edgerton. The red, white and blue seventh graders defeated the Bulldogs 30-17 behind 16 points from Caroline Winans and six more from Careen Winans. Lexi Moore also had five markers for Wayne Trace. Kathleen Stoller scored 14 points in the eighth-grade game as Wayne Trace remained unbeaten at 3-0. Tianna Sinn also had 11 for the Lady Raiders and Harper Myers chipped in nine.



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A BRIEF HISTORY OF BUFFALO PLAID

Was it Paul Bunyan? Woolrich? The lumberjacks of Maine? Where exactly did the buffalo plaid phenomenon come from? When it comes to the classic red and black buffalo plaid, it seems this pattern has prevailed for a very long time.

Buffalo plaid originated from none other than Woolrich Woolen Mills. The Amer-

ican clothing company began producing the Buffalo Check shirt around 1850, which means we've been rocking this plaid for over 150 years. At its inception, the shirt was an instant hit with workers and outdoorsmen braving the elements and has been in the Woolrich line ever since. Legend has it that Woolrich's designer of the distinctive style owned a herd of buffalo and that's how it got its name.

MANAGING YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN UNDER A NEW EMPLOYER

Your employer-sponsored retirement plan is a valuable asset. But sometimes things happen that can affect the status of your plan. So, for example, if you work for a hospital that changes ownership, and you have been participating in a 403(b), 457(b) or 401(k)

So, unless you really need the funds and you have no other alternative, you may want to avoid liquidating your account.

Roll your account into your new employer's plan. If it's allowed, you can roll over your old 403(b), 457(b) or 401(k) plan into your new employer's plan. Before making this move, you'll want to look at the new plan's investment options (which should be numerous) and fees (which should be low). If you move the money directly to the new plan, you won't be taxed at the time of the transfer, and your funds can continue to grow tax-deferred.

Leave your plan with your old employer. If your account balance is above a certain level, you may be able to leave your plan with your old employer's plan administrator. You won't be able to contribute any more money to the plan, but if you like the investment options you've chosen, keeping the money in your old plan might be a viable choice.

Move your account into a traditional IRA. One possible advantage to moving your 403(b), 457(b) or 401(k) into a traditional IRA is you'll open up a world of new investment options, because you can fund your IRA with virtually

any type of vehicle, including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit (CDs) and exchange-traded funds. And if you already have a traditional IRA, you can combine the new funds with the old ones, making it easier to track your holdings. As is the case with leaving your money in your old employer's plan or transferring it to a new plan, you'll continue to benefit from tax-deferred growth. Keep in mind, though, that IRAs have costs, too, possibly including transaction costs to buy or sell new investments. (One more thing to keep in mind: When you want to move a retirement plan to an IRA, you may want to make a direct rollover, so the old plan's administrator moves the money directly into the IRA, allowing you to avoid immediate taxes. If you were to make an indirect rollover, you'd get the money yourself, but your old employer would have to deduct 20% for federal taxes, and you'd have to deposit the entire balance, including the withholding, into your IRA within 60 days.)

Which of these choices is best for you? There's no one "right" answer for everyone. You'll want to consider all the options and possibly consult with your tax advisor and financial professional. But do all you can to protect your retirement plan - you've worked hard to build it, and you'll need to rely on it to help you pay for your years as a retiree.

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OHSAA CONFIRMS PARENTS CAN ATTEND ATHLETIC CONTESTS

Following Governor Mike DeWine's remarks during his news conference on Tuesday (Nov. 24), the OHSAA, in conjunction with the Governor's Office, recommends that schools restrict attendance to only the parents of the participants, or eliminate all spectators, for their winter sports competitions through December 31, 2020, due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases.

"We want to follow this recommendation so that our kids can continue to compete," said OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute. "We believe it is crucial that parents be permitted to attend the contests of their children, but large crowds at our indoor athletic contests are not a good idea at this time. We all need to work together to give our kids and schools the best chance at having a full winter season."

Schools will determine the process for how parents will attend athletic contests, such as how many are permitted and where they will be placed to watch the contest.

Regarding media coverage, the OHSAA asks schools to still permit media coverage of their contests, but the number of media attending should be restricted to those who regularly cover the teams involved. Schools are encouraged to provide live video streaming of their athletic contests for those who cannot attend.

The OHSAA provided the following recommendations for member schools:

- For those schools that decide to admit parents, list the names of the parents on a roster sheet that is located at your ticket window/admission table. This will help clarify who should/should not be admitted and will hopefully eliminate non-parents from attending.
- Limit media to those who normally cover your school and consider utilizing a streaming service in order for fans to view your contest(s).
- There is no prohibition on cheerleaders and pep bands, but schools should make their own decisions on these students' participation and should strongly consider not sending cheerleaders to away contests.

As administrators were notified last week, the OHSAA winter sports seasons are moving forward as planned. That decision was made after the Executive Director's Office had discussions with the Governor's Office, the OHSAA Board of Directors and numerous administrators combined with the results of the membership survey in which 56 percent of the 1,464 respondents recommended that the OHSAA begin all winter sports contests as they are currently planned and scheduled.

The decision for schools to move forward with sports is a local decision. Schools may certainly choose not to participate in a contest or to pause their season(s) for a period and should do what is in their best interest. The OHSAA believes that our member schools provide student-athletes with the safest possible environment to continue participating, and we all recognize the educational, physical and mental health benefits of participation.

2020 4-H EXCHANGE CLUB HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT THE FAIR

The Van Wert 4-H Exchange Club would like to invite you to the 13th annual Holiday Lights at the Fair. In 2007 we started with only 13 displays and 500 vehicles drove through. This year's show has over 120 displays and we are expecting 4500 vehicles to drive through. Exhibits are themed around the holidays and are supplied by local businesses, individuals, churches and clubs. Opening Night is Wednesday November 25th from 6:00-9:30 pm. We are open every Thursday through Sunday from November 26- December 13 from 6:00 to 9:30 pm. From December 17 - December 25 we are open every night 6:00 to 9:30 pm. Carriage rides through the Light Show will be November 25th, December 11th and 12th by reservation only. Masks are required during the carriage rides. Contact Cindy (419-203-1413) to reserve a time. Santa will be at the Light Show every Saturday night.

To access the Light Show please enter at Fox Rd Gate 4. Decals (limited amount) are also available to enjoy the Light Show unlimited times. To find out more information, contact Jay 419-203-2234 or Cindy 419-203-1413. You can also visit our Facebook page, 4-H Exchange Club Holiday Light

Show. The Van Wert County 4-H Exchange group is composed of youth ages 13-18 from all areas of the county. This event is a fundraiser for the group to help support the cost to host or travel to other states in the summer. The 4-Hers experience their culture and lifestyle, build friendships and learn more about other areas of the country making memories that last forever.

INJURY CRASH CLOSES BALTIMORE ROAD EXIT ON US 24

Defiance- The Defiance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is currently investigating an injury crash which occurred November 25, 2020 at approximately 4:00 am on US 24 on the eastbound exit ramp at the Baltimore Road Exit (Exit 22), in Defiance County.

A 2015 Freightliner semi-tractor and trailer, driven by Jaspreet Randhawa, from Planfield, Indiana, was exiting off of US 24 at Baltimore Road(Exit 22), when he traveled off the right side of the roadway and then overcorrected back onto the roadway. The vehicle overturned, spilling the load it was transporting on the exit ramp. Mr. Randhawa was transported to the Defiance Regional Medical Center for non-life threatening injuries.

Assisting at the scene were the Defiance City Fire Department, Defiance City EMS, Defiance County Sheriff's office, Ohio Department of Transportation and John's Towing and Recovery. The crash currently remains under investigation.

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have incredibly odd quirks and what seems like a simple task proves impossible. The pool of actors, Joni Rosebrock, Aaron Hawley, Keith Robinson, Evan Raub, Jerem Scott, Ivy Bromegan, Mallon Ehrhart, Ilse Zijlstra, is far-fetched and includes extreme method actors, performers who just don't know what to do with their hands, and one particular woman who may or may not think she's a cat. This entertaining comedy will bring you to the last place you'd ever want to be...behind the doors of a casting session. Will a good actor ever show up? Will this play ever get cast? Will the casting director have a nervous breakdown before the day is over? We shall see!

Cord Ehrhart is directing this Ian McWethy comedy, produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc., to be performed at the Huber on December 11-13, 2020. Friday and Saturday's show times are 7:30. Sunday, December 13 is 2:00 p.m. Due to limited seating because of Covid, please call 419-542-9553 for reservations.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

December 1, 2020
Paulding County Commissioners
115 N. Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879
419-399-8215

To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

On or about, but not before, Thursday, December 10, 2020, the Board of Paulding County Commissioners will submit a request to the State of Ohio for the release of Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the following project(s):

Project Name: Paulding County, Village of Paulding- Skate Park Replacement Project Village of Latty- Street Improvements Project Brown Township- Road Resurfacing Project Source of Federal Funds, CDBG, B-F-20-1CF-1
Purpose- Parks & Recreation Facilities, Street Improvements, Street Improvements Identification of Multi-year Project
Location: Village of Paulding, Village of Latty, Brown Township
Estimated Cost of Project: Village of Paulding Skate Park Replacement Project (\$49,800), Village of Latty Street Improvements Project (\$40,900), Brown Township Road Resurfacing Project (\$29,300).

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for the project(s) is on file at Maumee Valley Planning Organization located at 1300 E. Second Street, Suite 200 Defiance, Ohio, 43512 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The ERR may also be provided upon request electronically via email. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the Board of Paulding County Commissioners located at 115 N. Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879 or by email to heather@pauldingcountyoh.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Board of Paulding County Commissioners by U.S. mail or email at the addresses above. All comments received before Thursday, December 10, 2020 will be considered by the Board of Paulding County Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION
The Board of Paulding County Commissioners certifies to the State of Ohio that Tony Zartman in his capacity as President of the Board of Paulding County Commissioners consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State of Ohio's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Board of Paulding County Commissioners to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
The State of Ohio will accept objections to its release of funds and the Board of Paulding County Commissioners certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Board of Paulding County Commissioners; (b) the Board of Paulding County Commissioners has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State of Ohio; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development at OCD@development.ohio.gov. Potential objectors should contact the State of Ohio to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Tony Zartman, President of the Board of Paulding County Commissioners 115 N. Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879



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PAULDING ELEMENTARY OCTOBER MINDSET MARVELS



Paulding Elementary School October 2020-21 Mindset Marvels are left to right: Front row: Julia Hull, Raegen Nicelley, Lexi Sunderman, Aspen Grace, Beka Mericle, Kamden Laney. Middle row: Tucker Stoller, Sawyer Hunt, Caroline Miller, Carlie Lero, Emma Steingass, Jayce Setser. Back row: Graham Miller, Gabby Mullins, Alayna White, Ingrid Escobar, Sam Verfallie, Piper Pease

UNSUNG HERO: DENISE COLEMAN

By: Courtney Shull

The first thing that comes to mind you think of Denise Coleman is her exceptionally kind heart. Of course, next you will likely think of her creative and caring work at Petals and Vines. Denise probably does not remember this, but when I was a young girl, she made a big difference in my life. She made time to offer a compliment which empowered a nerdy little girl. I was that nerdy little girl. She was a beautiful older sister to one of my friends. She heard me singing while I was playing at their home, and said “you should do something with that sweet voice.” She probably thought nothing of it, but to me, it was the world. You just never know when the things you say and do make a positive difference. She made a difference then, she makes a difference today.

Her friends say Denise is known for using her creative talents to bring smiles to others. One friend said, “She uses her God given talents to spread love and joy.” Another friend said, “When she worked at the school, I always felt supported when I talked to her, and I did not always feel that around others.” Denise’s family says she is “the best listener....and she genuinely cares.” “she forever puts others before herself and works tirelessly in and out of her shop to let everyone know they are special and are loved.”

Denise Coleman is a blessing to her family, her friends,

and to the whole community. She was an unsung hero, and is now one of our favorite, Everyday Heroes. Her every day is about giving and love. Thank you for being exactly who you are Denise!

Each week through the end of the year, I will recognize a new Unsung Hero. We will not let 2020 keep us from appreciating the amazing people around us!

ARCHERS PULL AWAY FROM DSJ FOR WIN

DELPHOS – Antwerp opened its 2020-2021 boys basketball season on the road Friday night where the Archers visited Delphos St. John’s.

After being tied following the first quarter, Antwerp pulled away over the final three quarters for a 60-46 win over the host Blue Jays.

Luke Krouse led a quartet of players in double figures for the blue and white with 15 points while Austin Lichty chipped in 13 markers. Jagger Landers also hit twin digits with a dozen and Landon Brewer posted ten for the Archers.

Owen Sheedy (eight) and Hunter Sproles (two) picked up the remaining Antwerp points.

Leading the way for the Blue Jays was Landon Elwer with 14 points and Nolan Schwinnen bucketed a dozen markers.

Also scoring for Delphos St. John’s were Brenden Oleson (eight), Matthew Kahny (five), Jason Gillespie (four) and J.J. Bonifas (three).

The Archers return to action with games against a pair of Putnam County League squads this weekend. Friday night, Antwerp hosts Fort Jennings in a non-league battle before traveling to Pandora Gilboa on Saturday night.

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WT STAYS UNBEATEN

HAVILAND – Wayne Trace’s seventh and eighth grade basketball teams each improved to 4-0 on Saturday morning as the Lady Raiders defeated Holgate in Green Meadows Conference action.

Tianna Sinn bucketed nine points with Kathleen Stoller and Harper Myers both adding six as the eighth-grade team defeated the Tigers 32-24. Tijania Mya scored eight points for the Tigers while Madison Young chipped in seven and Jordan Hoellrich had five.

Wayne Trace’s seventh grade cruised to a 44-16 win over the Lady Tigers behind 13 markers from Careen Winans while Lexi Moore added a dozen. Addison Stoller also had six points.

Justice Healy topped Holgate with eight points and Hannah Fritz added four.

INDOT HOSTING HIRING EVENTS FOR SEASONAL WORKERS

The Indiana Department of Transportation is looking for people to help keep Hoosier roads safe this winter. INDOT will host open interviews for seasonal positions on Thursday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The hiring events are taking place at the Fort Wayne, Wabash and Elkhart subdistricts.

Fort Wayne Subdistrict: 5333 Hatfield Rd. Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Wabash Subdistrict: 1290 Manchester Avenue Wabash, IN 46992

Elkhart Subdistrict: 58905 County Road 9 Elkhart, IN 46517

Winter Seasonal Workers remove snow and ice, perform related maintenance duties and other winter operations duties as assigned. The positions run now through March and pay \$16 an hour. INDOT offers \$250 sign on and \$500 retention bonuses for eligible candidates. A valid driver’s license and commercial driver’s license (CDL) are required. A high school diploma or GED is preferred.

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, face masks are required and social distancing will be observed at INDOT hiring events.

VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL AVAILABLE SOON!

The Van Wert High School Theatre Department would like to announce that our production, Disney’s Tarzan®, The Stage Musical, will be available for streaming December 9-13. Our production was filmed at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center. This musical is based on the story, Tarzan of the Apes, by Edgar Rice Burroughs, Disney’s 1999 animated film, and the book by David Henry Hwang. With music and lyrics by Phil Collins, audience members will also enjoy all the favored melodies from songs such as “You’ll Be In My Heart,” “Son of Man,” and “Two Worlds.” Set deep in the jungle, Tarzan®, The Stage Musical focuses on stories of family, love, acceptance, and determination.

Enjoy our production from the comfort of your own home. Streaming times vary to accommodate all time zones. Ticketing and streaming services provided by ShowTix4U. Three ticket options are available including: Single Viewer, Scarlet Package, and Gray Package. Tickets can be purchased now on our website (VWHSTheatre.weebly.com). As we look to continue our financial security for future productions, we are asking for each viewer to purchase a code, and in situations for additional family members, the package deal. VWHS Theatre would like to thank 2020 Musical Production Sponsors Eastside Auto Repair and Sales, Tisha Fast: State Farm Insurance Agency, Vancrest of Van Wert, Unverferth Dentistry, Eaton Corporation, and Van Wert Manor for their continued support! Disney’s Tarzan, the Stage Musical is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com.

STORING SMALL HOLIDAY MEALS SAFELY

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we plan to host only our immediate family for Thanksgiving this year, but I still anticipate having leftovers. How long after Thursday can we safely eat the leftovers?

The survey found that 79% of respondents say they plan to celebrate only with household members, 73% plan to follow social distancing measures, 67% plan to wear masks, and 62% plan to celebrate with no more than 10 people in their homes.

And even though more people are opting for smaller turkeys this year, according to the National Turkey Federation, leftovers are still likely to be plentiful this year. With that in mind, it’s important to know how long is too long to eat turkey leftovers.

You’ll be happy to know that if you store your leftover turkey in the refrigerator within two hours of cooking, you can eat the leftovers for up to four days, according to the U.S. Department of Agricul-

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to “Sudoku puzzle on Page 11”

ture. These short-but-safe limits will also keep refrigerated foods from spoiling.

However, it’s important to note that the recommended refrigerated storage time for different foods can vary by food type, but in general, the refrigerated storage time is quite short, according to Sanja Ilic, food safety state specialist with Ohio State University.

“After four days of refrigeration, the risk of foodborne illness-causing bacteria growing on leftovers increases,” Ilic said in a previous Chow Line. “And because pathogen bacteria typically doesn’t change the taste, smell, or look of food, you can’t tell whether leftovers are safe to eat.”

For turkey storage, the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service recommends that you remove the turkey from the bone, slice it into smaller pieces, and store it in small containers if you plan to eat it within four days. If you want to store the turkey longer, you should pack it into freezer bags or other airtight containers and place it in the freezer. While the taste and texture of the frozen meat will decline after about four months, turkey that is correctly prepped for frozen storage is safe to eat indefinitely, the USDA says.

For the other leftover foods, you should cover and wrap them in airtight packaging, or seal them in storage containers for storage in the refrigerator. This helps to keep bacteria out, retain moisture, and prevent leftovers from picking up odors from other food in the refrigerator, the USDA says. Taking care to store leftovers correctly can help you avoid getting a bad case of foodborne illness.

“Remember that cooked foods have to be kept out of the temperature danger zone (40 to 135 degrees Fahrenheit),” Ilic has said. “Turkey, like other cooked foods, should be kept warm (135 degrees Fahrenheit.)”

“Turkey can only be at

room temperature for two hours. After that, it should be refrigerated.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Clostridium perfringens is one of the bacteria that can grow in cooked foods that are left at room temperature for too long after cooking. It also produces toxins that cannot be inactivated by reheating the foods.

In fact, C. perfringens is the second most common bacteria that causes foodborne infections. As many as one million individuals are affected by C. perfringens each year, according to the CDC. Perfringens food poisoning symptoms include severe abdominal cramps and pain, diarrhea, and flatulence within six to 24 hours after eating foods that contain high numbers of bacterial cells.

Another interesting fact: C. perfringens outbreaks occur most often in November and December, with many of the outbreaks linked to turkey and roast beef, according to the CDC.

Here are some other tips from the USDA regarding leftovers:

Keep leftovers in a cooler with ice or frozen gel packs if the food is traveling home with a guest who lives more than two hours away.

Store stuffing separately from leftover turkey. Remove the stuffing from the turkey, and refrigerate the stuffing and the meat separately.

When reheating cooked foods, be sure to use a food thermometer to make sure they have been heated to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

Lastly, whether those leftovers are served as turkey casserole, turkey soup, turkey pot-pie, turkey salad, turkey quesadillas, or turkey tetrazzini, remember to keep food safety in mind so that you can do without developing a bout of food poisoning.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

In compliance with section 5715.17 of the Revised Code of Ohio, notice is hereby given that the real estate valuations and assessments in Paulding County for the current year have been revised and the valuations completed and are open for public inspection in the Paulding County Auditor’s Office located at 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, OH.

Paulding County Board of Revision complaints must be filed in the office of the Paulding County Auditor, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, OH 45879 beginning January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021.

Claudia J. Fickel, Paulding County Auditor

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THANKSGIVING AT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY



As Thanksgiving approached, kindergarteners at Grover Hill learned that there are many ways to show others that we are grateful for them. Students wrote some of the things they are most thankful for on "leaves" and added them to their "Gratitude Trees".

OHIO STATE HONORS STUDENT NAMED 2021 RHODES SCHOLAR

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The Ohio State University senior and Dublin native Daniel Lesman has been named a 2021 Rhodes Scholar.

Lesman is Ohio State's ninth Rhodes Scholar, and the third Buckeye to be honored in three years - an unprecedented feat in university history. Ohio State's previous recipients were Henry Wu (2020) and Laila Ujayli (2019).

The Rhodes Scholarship was founded in 1902 and supports graduate study at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. Thirty-two scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding seniors and recent graduates across the United States.

"On behalf of Ohio State, we congratulate Daniel Lesman on this outstanding accomplishment. His commitment to research and service beyond self reflects the values of our university community and we are thrilled to see Daniel receive this well-deserved honor," said President Kristina M. Johnson.

The Rhodes Trust selected Lesman for his work founding a non-profit organization that provides educational resources to homeless and at-risk students, as well as his biomedical research on Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD), Huntington's disease, and COVID-19.

"The Rhodes Scholarship is an exceptional achievement, and we are so proud to see Daniel Lesman honored with this award," said Executive Vice President and Provost Bruce A. McPherson. "Congratulations to Daniel, his family and his academic mentors at Ohio State."

Lesman is pursuing a major in biomedical science with research distinction, and he has maintained a perfect academic record while studying subjects like chemistry, biology, and genetics. He is a Goldwater Scholar, Astronaut Scholar, university honors student and Maximus Scholar.

As a senior in high school, Lesman joined Dr. Nicolas Wein's genetic therapy lab at

Nationwide Children's Hospital so he could aid in research developing a cure for DMD, which leads to progressive muscle degeneration. Inspired by a friend who has DMD, Lesman continued researching genetic therapy at this lab throughout the course of his undergraduate career, designing and testing small modified RNA molecules to correct the mutations that cause DMD. Lesman is currently leading a project aiming to restore DMD patients' missing dystrophin protein. Additionally, Lesman researched how therapies mitigating DMD may be applied to Huntington's disease.

During summer 2019, and again remotely during summer 2020, Lesman conducted research with the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, conducting biomedical and genomics research in Dr. Fei Chen's lab, which develops tools for basic science research. During his first summer at the Broad Institute, Lesman researched how engineering principles could be used to combat disease. When Lesman rejoined this lab remotely during the summer of 2020, he led a project assisting the global battle against COVID-19 in which he developed a better understanding of the evolution of SARS-CoV-2 by discovering mutations in the virus and determining their functional outcomes.

Lesman was awarded Goldwater and Astronaut scholarships during his junior year in recognition of these research endeavors. Lesman's research has been published in Nature Biotechnology.

During Lesman's freshman year at Ohio State, he volunteered at Star House, a center for youth experiencing homelessness. Lesman realized that there was an unmet need for academic tutoring among Star House residents, and he eventually founded Pass the Class, a nonprofit organization that has served over 100 homeless and at-risk youth. The organization is currently expanding to other universities across the country.

"As our students go on to attend institutions of higher education and achieve other important milestones, the value of education has never been

more apparent to me," he said.

As a Rhodes Scholar, Lesman plans to pursue Master of Science (MSc) degrees in evidence-based social intervention and policy evaluation and physiology, anatomy and genetics. This multidisciplinary course of study will enable Lesman to examine the ways in which policy choices, including educational policies, can impact students of various backgrounds, while also continuing his research on rare genetic disorders. After earning these degrees at Oxford, Lesman will return to the United States to earn an MD/PhD.

Lesman intends to dedicate his career as a physician-scientist to working with patients while continuing his research on genetic disorders, all while removing barriers to education. As a Rhodes Scholar, Lesman will utilize his experiences studying in the U.K. to learn new perspectives on research, health care, and educational policies.

Ohio State University students interested in pursuing the Rhodes Scholarship or other national fellowship opportunities should contact the Undergraduate Fellowship Office located within the University Honors & Scholars Center, fellowships.osu.edu. More information on the Rhodes Scholarship can be found through the Rhodes Trust, rhodesscholar.org

URL: <https://news.osu.edu/ohio-state-honors-student-named-2021-rhodes-scholar/>

SECRETARY LAROSE ANNOUNCES 1,027 OHIO ATTORNEYS SERVED AS POLL WORKERS AS PART OF LAWYERS FOR LIBERTY

Even ahead of the onset of COVID-19, Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose was focused on recruiting new poll workers for the 2020 elections. Beginning with a Working Group of select leaders from county boards of elections, plans were put in place early in 2019 to provide innovative and intensive efforts to ensure polling locations were fully staffed on election day. With the dangers of COVID-19, these efforts became exponentially more important.

One of the most important of these outreach efforts came to fruition in July of this year when Secretary LaRose won the approval of the Ohio Supreme Court to allow Ohio lawyers to receive required Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit for serving as a precinct election official on Election Day. A post-election review of the program, known as Lawyers for Liberty, has revealed that 1,026 Ohio attor-

neys served as poll workers. This innovative recruitment campaign also resulted in other professional organizations, such as accountants, librarians, and realtors, to create similar programs encouraging members of those professions to serve as poll workers in Ohio. This creative approach to poll worker recruitment became a national model which was emulated in other states as well.

"We couldn't wait for them to come to us -- we needed to go to them, and wow, did they step up," said LaRose. "Serving as a poll worker isn't easy. It's long hours and hard work - but it's also incredibly rewarding. Make no mistake, this election would not have been as successful as it was without these dedicated, patriotic Ohioans."

Lawyers for Liberty, combined with other recruitment efforts with businesses, veterans groups, charities, high schools and colleges, and even barber shops, led to a total of 56,789 Ohioans trained and ready to serve poll workers on Election Day. Not only was this record-breaking participation in an important civic duty, but will pay dividends well into the future. Many of this year's first-time poll workers will continue to perform this crucial duty for Ohio in future elections.

MINUTES FOR THE WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 11/2/20

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Voil, Chief Parker as well as Councilmen Wairs, Martin, Gerig, and Thompson. Scott Federoff on behalf of the Woodburn Marathon and Kaleb with Reliance was also present. Councilman Watts was absent for a portion of the meeting due to being dispatched to the scene of an accident.

Chief's Report: The Chief went over details regarding the new hire process that is currently in motion.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report. Mayor's Report: The mayor went over details regarding the refuse bids that were received by October 23rd and awarded at the Board of Works and Public Safety earlier this evening. After discussion, Councilman Voil moved to read Ordinance 20-1391 (Re-Establish Garbage Rates for 2021-2023) as corrected in full, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 20-1391 as corrected, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. The public hearing and the final reading will take place at the November 16th meeting. The mayor gave an update to the Clean Closure project to the Council.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the October 19th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Voil moved to accept the minutes from the October 19th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Voil moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. The clerk-treasurer explained that a CARES reimbursement request has been submitted to the state for the full available amount to the city of Woodburn for 2020. This request is based on public safety salary hours and will go in its entirety into the General Fund. Given this change, it was determined to proceed with the previously approved purchase through Reliance but the invoice will be paid between tax funds, water, and sewer utilities through appropriated line items.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Martin discussed the possibility of a mural that could be located within the city limits as part of a grant of \$5,000 from the NewAllen Alliance and wanted to know what the Council's thoughts were on putting a mural on the water tower or other locations. The mayor suggested that the Councilman come up with a few different ideas and present them at a future meeting. Councilman Thompson mentioned that the Chili Cookoff is still on as sched-

uled at this time. She also explained details regarding the Santa Toy Patrol. For questions call Tonya Thompson at 260-255-0075. Councilman Voil had a question about the asphalt cracking on Center Street. The superintendent will look into his concerns later this week.

Audience: Scott gave an explanation as to the need to consider Ordinance 20-1392 (Consider Rezoning Petition REZ-2020-0031) After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to read Ordinance 20-1392 by title only, second by Councilman Voil, all present in favor. Councilman Voil moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 20-1392, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Voil moved to suspend the rules to waive any additional readings and adopt Ordinance 20-1392 as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Ordinance 20-1392 is adopted as presented. Two separate residents requested an additional month of summer sewer discount due to watering and planting in their respective yards. After discussion, Councilman Martin moved to credit the sewer portion of the utility bill to reflect charges equal to the average consumption on each account for an additional month for both residents, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Voil, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

Go to www.cityofwoodburn.org to see previously approved minutes and recent community news.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BENTON TWP
11/24/20 Wannemacher, Robert L Trst Wannemacher, Deborah M Trt to Wannemacher, Robert Le Wannemacher, Deborah M Le; Rd 47; 77.916 acres; N1/2 Se1/4 Less 2.084 A Benton Twp S-2
11/24/20 Wannemacher, Robert L & Wannemacher, Deborah M to Wannemacher, Deborah M Le; Rn 72; 25.232 acres; W1/3E1/4Ne1/4Benton Twp S-11
CARRYALL TWP
10/22/20 Haver Realty Company B Haver to Haver Realty Company B Haver; 201 S Main St; 0.0758 acres; Lot 26 50Ft N Pt Daggett1st Add Antwerp Vill
10/22/20 Haver Realty Company B Haver to Haver Realty Company B Haver Etal; 103 Railroad St; 0.0551 acres; Lot 25 231/2 Ft Daggett 1St Add Antwerp Vill
PAULDING TWP
11/24/20 Wannemacher, Robert L Trst Wannemacher, Deborah M Trs to Wannemacher, Robert Le Wannemacher, Deborah M Le; Rn 71; 6.5 acres; S Pt Ne1/4 Ne1/4 S-30 Pldg Twp
11/24/20 Wannemacher, Robert L Trst Wannemacher, Deborah M Trs to Wannemacher, Robert Le Wannemacher, Deborah M Le; Cr 71; 33.937 acres; Pt Ne1/4 S-30 Pldg Wt
11/24/20 H&S Investments to Schroeder, Richard E Iii Schroeder, Hannah F; W Jackson St; 0.0061 acres; Lot 137 W 1/2 S 4 Ft O.p. Paulding Vill
11/24/20 H&S Investments To Schroeder, Richard E III Schroeder, Hannah F; 220 W Jackson St; 0.1 acres; Lot 152 W 1/2 O.p. Paulding Vill
11/23/20 Schweller, Todd J to Martinez ,Oswaldo Martinez Valerie, A; 611 Gasser Rd; 0.96 acres; Outlot 12105 Paulding Village Outlots
WASHINGTON TWP
11/24/20 Buehrer, Penny L to Buehrer, Penny L Etal; 2740 Rd 165 Grover Hill Oh 45849; 1 acres; Pt Sw1/4 Nw1/4 Washington Twp S-29

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, vs.

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:

333 West Wayne Street, Paulding 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.

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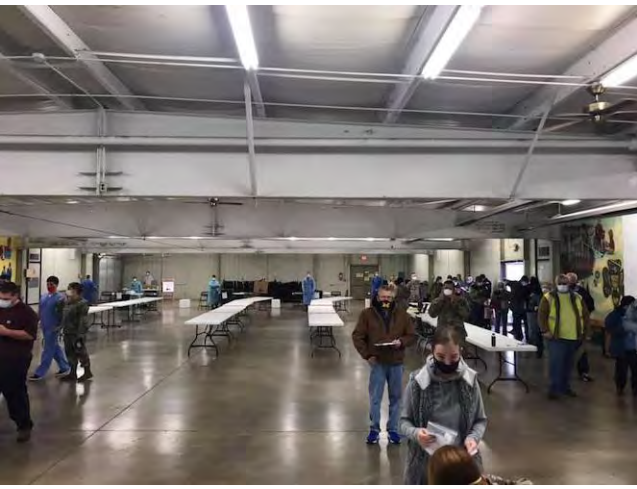


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PC HAS BIG TURNOUT FOR TESTING



The Paulding County Health Department and the Paulding County EMA worked together to bring free COVID testing to the fairgrounds for the residents of Paulding County. There were 139 covid-19 tests at the Paulding County Extension

Center and handled by the Ohio National Guard.

People maintained social distancing and were able to wait in their vehicles while the tests were individually taken. Results will be given back soon to the residents.

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio – Wildlife District One

This fall, State Wildlife Officer John Coffman, assigned to Fayette County, assisted a motorist who struck a large white-tailed buck deer. The collision totaled the vehicle and the deer did not survive. The motorist was able to salvage much of the venison at a local processor and was allowed to keep the buck's rack. It was not the way a hunter wants to achieve a trophy, but it was a better ending to a bad day.

Northwest Ohio – Wildlife District Two

During the 2020 waterfowl season, State Wildlife Officer Reid Van Cleve, assigned to Ottawa County, received a call from a waterfowl hunter asking if anyone had reported finding a lost firearm. The person was hunting at Little Portage Wildlife Area that morning and forgot his shotgun when he left. Officer Van Cleve stated that he had not received a call but would go look for it. He immediately drove to the wildlife area and was able to locate and secure the firearm. The hunter was appreciative and retrieved his shotgun the following day.

While patrolling at Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area on the opening day of early teal hunting season, State Wildlife Officers Antoinette Jolliff, assigned to Hancock County, and Nathan West, assigned to Wyandot County, responded to a report of a group of hunters shooting continuously at one of the ponds that is known to have excellent wood duck habitat. While the officers looked for the hunters, they saw several wood ducks fly over, as well as

fresh feathers resting on the water's surface. Wood ducks are not legal game during the early teal hunting season. The officers contacted the hunters, who said they were hunting for geese but were not successful. Further investigation revealed one of the hunters shot a duck that he could not identify, which he had thrown the into the brush and then continued to hunt. State Wildlife Officer Nathan Kaufmann, assigned to Richland County, and K-9 Officer May were called to the scene and located the duck, which was identified as a female wood duck. The hunter was cited for taking a wood duck out of season and paid \$325 in fines, court costs, and restitution.

Northeast Ohio – Wildlife District Three

During the summer of 2020, State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, received an anonymous tip regarding individuals who were possibly digging ginseng on Brush Creek Wildlife Area in Jefferson County. Ginseng is a highly regulated plant species and cannot be collected on state wildlife areas at any time of the year. After conducting surveillance, Officer Porter contacted three individuals who all had ginseng in their possession. The illegal ginseng was seized, along with digging tools and cell phones as evidence. They each received a total of \$330 in fines and court costs. All evidence was forfeited.

State Wildlife Officer Aaron Brown, assigned to Wayne County, received a call about an eastern screech-owl trapped in some netting on a work site. He responded to the situation and freed the tangled bird. Officer Brown determined the owl was unharmed and it was able to fly

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Southeast Ohio – Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officer Ryan Donnelly, assigned to Washington County, received a call in early September from a man in who had questions about deer hunting. The man stated he used to hunt many years ago, but had other obligations which ultimately took priority over hunting. But this year was different, and he wanted to get back into the sport. He asked about daily limits and what license and permits he needed to hunt deer. Officer Donnelly explained to him the current regulations, and while speaking with him determined where he lived. Using this information, Officer Donnelly was able to bring up the new HuntFish OH app which provides users a map of all the vendors who sell Ohio Division of Wildlife license and permits. While using the app, Officer Donnelly provided the caller with the closest license vendors to his location.

The caller was appreciative of the information and went out that afternoon to buy his license and permit.

In October, State Wildlife Officer Darin Abbott, assigned to Lawrence County, received a complaint about a vehicle spotlighting and shooting deer at night. With information provided by the caller, Officer Abbott identified a suspect. The suspect is a convicted felon, and possession of a firearm and discharging a firearm are in violation of the individual's parole. Officer Abbott contacted the suspect. He seized the deer and the rifle, and at the request of the Adult Parole Authority he arrested the suspect. Felony and misdemeanor charges are pending in court.

Southwest Ohio – Wildlife District Five

Recently, the Ohio Division of wildlife hosted an online TEAMS event, and the public was invited to meet K-9 officers and learn about the great work they do. Hosted by State Wildlife Officer Jason Keller, assigned to Warren County, and K-9 partner Scout, as well as Ohio State Parks and Watercraft Officer Jason Lagore and K-9 partner Ranger, the K-9s showed off some of their impressive skills that help officers find and prevent wildlife violations. The dogs are trained to detect wild game, gunpowder, and ginseng. The K-9s can also track people and can be used to find lost hunters and people hunting without permission.

State Wildlife Officer Gus Kiebel, assigned to Clermont County, received a Turn In a Poacher (TIP) call about a deer in the bed of a truck at a local store with no tag on it. The caller provided the license plate from the vehicle.

Officer Kiebel determined that the owner of the vehicle purchased a deer permit at the store just before the TIP was submitted. The suspect lived in northwest Ohio, so State Wildlife Officer Craig Barr, assigned to Allen County, followed up with the man. He admitted to harvesting the deer without a deer permit and failing to game check the animal. He paid \$185 in fines in Clermont County Court.

OHIO STATE REACHES ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENTS IN STRAUSS CASES

The Ohio State University today reached further settlements in cases involving Richard Strauss.

Strauss was employed by the university from 1978 to 1998 and died in 2005.

In May, Ohio State announced the establishment of a \$40.9 million Qualified Settlement Fund to be distributed to 162 survivors with whom the university had reached a settlement in 12 lawsuits.

Ohio State today reached a \$5.8 million settlement with 23 additional survivors in five lawsuits related to the sexual abuse committed by Strauss. These additional settlements average approximately \$252,000 per survivor, as did the first settlement of the 162 survivors. To date, the university has now settled with 185 survivors, represented by 10 different law firms, for a total settlement of \$46.7 million. No taxpayer, tuition or restricted donor funds are utilized for these settlements.

"The university has condemned Strauss' reprehensible conduct and expressed its appreciation to survivors for coming forward," said Ohio State President Kristina M. Johnson. "Our work toward restorative justice continues."

The new settlements announced today will be administered as were the first: Funds will be allocated on an individual basis based on the harm and damages experienced by each survivor. A special master, independent of the university and exper-

Sudoku solution from page 7

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rienced in the area of sexual trauma claim evaluation, will oversee the settlement process.

In addition, all of the participating plaintiffs will dismiss their claims against the university.


"Our ongoing negotiations with Ohio State have resulted in a fair settlement process that acknowledges the harm inflicted on individual survivors and provides a pathway to healing," said Rick Schulte, lead negotiator for the plaintiffs' firms in both settlements. "Once again, Ohio State has stepped forward and done the right thing."

Ohio State continues to participate in good faith in the mediation process with the survivors involved in the remaining lawsuits, and remains committed to a resolution with plaintiffs, including a monetary resolution.

"Nothing can ever fully repair the damage suffered long ago and trauma the victims continue to experience today," Attorney General Dave Yost said. "The current leadership at Ohio State should be commended for embracing its responsibility to do the right thing by those victimized by Richard Strauss."

The Strauss matter was brought to light after the university launched and announced publicly an independent investigation of Strauss' abuse after one survivor came forward in April 2018. After a year-long investigation by the independent law firm Perkins Coie, the university released a 180-page report in May 2019 that detailed acts of sexual abuse against at least 177 former students. The report concluded that university personnel at the time failed to adequately respond to or prevent Strauss' abuse. Ohio State also released all relevant public records on the university's Strauss investigation website.

As part of the Perkins Coie investigation, the university reached out broadly to 115,000 alumni and former student-athletes who attended Ohio State during Strauss' (Continued on page 12)


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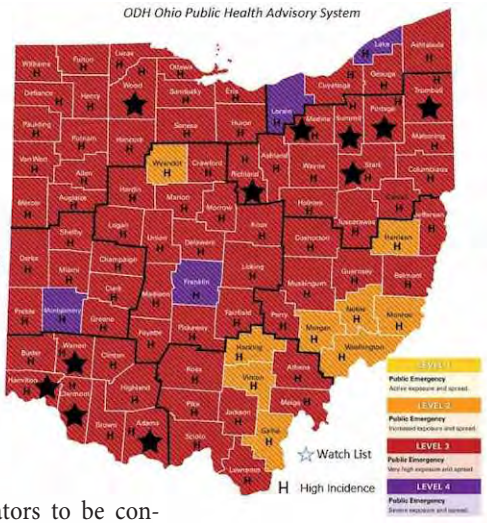
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RELEASES TWO-DAY TOTAL OF COVID-19 CASES

24-Hr Total Cases
7,729
 414,432 Cumulative

24-Hr Total Deaths
21
 6,399 Cumulative

Current Hospitalizations
4,907
 Increase of 4% since last count

Statewide ICU Bed Availability
25%



The state's two-day total of positive COVID-19 cases was 7,729, according to the Ohio Department of Health. This number captures reported positive cases from Thanksgiving Day and today. The daily average for cases reported for the past seven days is 9,197 cases.

The data compiled by ODH also shows 72 deaths and 474 new hospitalizations were reported during this two-day period. The daily average for deaths reported for the past seven days is 56. The daily average for hospitalizations reported during the past seven days is 286.

Increased case numbers and hospitalizations during the past month are impacting the state's healthcare system. These increasing case numbers and hospitalizations are reflected in this week's Public Health Advisory System that shows four counties: Franklin, Lake, Lorain, and Montgomery at the highest risk level (purple).

Eleven counties also moved to the watch list on the Public Health Advisory System this week. These counties meet

enough indicators to be considered at risk level 4 or purple, because of the sustained impact on healthcare utilization. However, the system requires them to meet these criteria for two weeks in a row to ensure a consistent trend in the data before they become purple. On the watch list are: Adams, Clermont, Hamilton, Medina, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Warren, and Wood counties.

Ten of the 11 counties on the watch list are in the Akron and Cincinnati regions, which now have fewer adult ICU beds available. This is largely due to increases in COVID-19 ICU patients.

More information on the overall numbers can be found on the coronavirus.ohio.gov website.

Paulding County released the latest numbers as of November 30:

Paulding County Total Cases: 729
 Confirmed Cases: 643
 Probable Cases: 86
 Hospitalizations: 68
 Presumed Recovered: 440
 Deaths: 12

November 29, 2020
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PATROL INVESTIGATING INJURY CRASH

Findlay - The Ohio State Highway Patrol Findlay Post is currently investigating a single commercial vehicle injury traffic crash that occurred November 29, 2020 at approximately 02:54 A.M. on Interstate 75 southbound near Milepost 162 Allen Township, Hancock County

Unit #1- Karar Sheab, age 34, of Ontario, Canada, was driving a 2015 Freightliner. Mr. Sheab sustained minor injuries because of the crash, and was transported to Blanchard Valley Hospital by Hanco EMS.

Mr. Sheab was traveling southbound on Interstate 75; when he swerved to the right

avoid a vehicle that was displaceable from a previous crash. Mr. Sheab then overcorrected causing his vehicle to rollover onto its left side. Mr. Sheab's vehicle then struck the concrete median barrier, and a deer.

All three lanes of Interstate 75 were closed for approximately three hours, currently the right lane is the only lane closed for the cleanup.

Hanco EMS, Allen Township Fire Department, and Hall's Towing assisted the Ohio State Highway Patrol at the scene. Mr. Sheab was wearing his seatbelts, alcohol / drug use is not a factor in the crash, the crash remains under investigation.

PREMIER BANK WELCOMES TINA SHAVER AS CHIEF RISK OFFICER

Premier Bank is pleased to announce the addition of Tina Shaver as Executive Vice President, Chief Risk Officer.

Shaver brings over 30 years of banking and financial institution consulting experience. She has spent most of her career at FirstMerit Corporation in Akron, Ohio. She most recently served as Senior Director & Deputy Chief Compliance & Ethics Officer with Treliant, LLC in Washington D.C., providing consultative guidance to financial institutions on enterprise risk matters including operational risk, lines of defense, policies and procedures, consumer and fiduciary compliance, third party oversight and fair and responsible banking.

As an active member in industry forums, she has most recently served as a Board Member of the American Bankers Association (ABA) Regulatory Compliance Conference. She also served as Co-chair of the ABA Compliance Administrative Committee and on compliance committees for the Consumer Bankers Association (CBA) as well as being a Steering Committee Member for the Mid-Size Bank Coalition. She has spoken at conferences organized by groups including the ABA and CBA.

Shaver earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management from Walsh University. She is a Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager (CRCM) and a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS).

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GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE AND ODH DIRECTOR STEPHANIE MCCLLOUD NAME CHIEF HEALTH OPPORTUNITY ADVISOR

Governor Mike DeWine and Department of Health Director Stephanie McCloud have announced that Jamie Carmichael has been named Chief Health Opportunity Advisor.

Since 2016, Carmichael has served as Deputy Director of Public Affairs for the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, overseeing the communications and legislative divisions and leading the Office of Behavioral Health Strategy. Her previous experience includes nearly a decade of service at the Ohio

Department of Job and Family Services working on policy initiatives involving workforce and minority health.

This position was created to support the findings and recommendations of the COVID-19 Minority Health Strike Force, which examined the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on minority and underserved communities, as well as broader health disparities and racial injustices, in order to improve health outcomes.

Carmichael will collaborate with the Governor's Equity Advisory Board, state agencies, and stakeholders to reinforce Governor DeWine's commitment to advancing health equity and establishing Ohio as a model for justice, equity, opportunity, and resilience.

"I am committed to finding solutions to counteracting disparities in health outcomes for all Ohioans," said Governor DeWine. "I am pleased to have Jamie join the team at the Ohio Department of Health to focus our efforts in this crucial area."

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 employment and to 147,000 current students, faculty and staff to inform them of the investigation and encourage them to share any information they had with the independent investigators. The university kept the community informed throughout the course of the investigation, creating a website for documents and updates, providing periodic public reports on the progress and publishing the findings of the independent investigation and all relevant public records online.

Since February 2019, Ohio State has covered the cost of professionally certified counseling services and treatment for anyone affected by Strauss, whether counseling and treatment occurred in the past or is needed at any point in the future. To connect with these services, or if individuals are at all uncertain about how to proceed and have questions, please contact Praesidium at 888-961-9273 or visit <https://website.praesidiuminc.com/wp/osu/>.

The university continues to commit resources to prevent and address sexual misconduct. Read more on these efforts - including policies, programs, staffing and tools - here.

Anyone who has experienced sexual misconduct while at Ohio State - and the incident involved another

student or university employee - is encouraged to report to the Office of Institutional Equity, the university's anonymous reporting service or law enforcement.

Those who have experienced sexual misconduct outside of Ohio State should contact local law enforcement. Additional resources include:

If you reside in the Columbus, Ohio, area, advocates from SARNCO can assist you in reporting, explain the investigation process and support you. SARNCO's confidential, 24/7 support hotline is 614-267-7020.

If you do not reside in the Columbus area, you can contact the RAINN National Sexual Assault Hotline, a confidential, 24/7 resource, at 1-800-656-HOPE (4673). You can also visit the website to chat live with a representative. Advocates will help you find a resource in your community.

Current Ohio State students seeking additional support services can contact the Office of Student Life's Counseling and Consultation Service while faculty and staff can access support resources through the Employee Assistance Program.

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