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GET YOUR LETTER TO SANTA IN ANTWERP

Have you been a good girl or boy this year? Do you deserve something special this year? The Reindeer are in training and the Elves are busy building toys and getting Santa's sleigh ready so now is your chance to write your letter to Santa.

It's safe to say that Santa is very busy this time of year and the sooner kids get their letters or wish list to him the better. With less than a month left until Christmas, Santa Claus is asking kids to please send their letters soon! The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is helping Santa this year by collecting letters

and forwarding them to the North Pole. So get those letters written and drop them off at Santa's mailbox located next to the Town Hall. Don't forget to include your return address so Santa can get back to you!

LOOK FOR THE PENGUIN!!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Paulding Veteran Memorial Wreaths of Paulding appreciates all the businesses and individuals who helped



us with donations and support of this year's ceremony. We know times have been rough, but we all came together to make Wreaths Across America happen again this year. Without you,

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THANK YOU

Rex & Catherine Shaner would like to thank all of you who sent cards or wished us a Happy Anniversary. It meant so much to us.

ABOUT 14% TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID AT PAULDING COUNTY IN POP UP SITE

See Page 5 for details

MONE GENERATING STATION SUPPORTS HOMELESS SHELTER

The Robert P. Mone Generating Station announced today that it, in collaboration with Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, has donated \$1000 to Haven of Hope of Van Wert County, a shelter for displaced individuals and families that provides shelter and support for affected residents to secure the resources necessary to embrace the next phase of their lives.

"The Mone staff is pleased to contribute to Haven of Hope of Van Wert County," said Plant Manager Dave Richardson. "The rate of homelessness in Van Wert County is staggering. We hope that our donation encourages others to get involved to address an issue that affects us all."

The Robert P. Mone Generating Station is natural gas-powered peaking plant with a 510 MW generation capacity. Peaking plants are placed into operation when energy demand is at its highest.

Haven of Hope of Van Wert County engages with its clients to affect more independent and productive lives by providing for their spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.

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.

NEW HAVEN FOOD BANK BLESSED BY LIONS CLUB



On Tues. Nov 24, the New Haven Lions presented a check for \$500 to the New Haven Food Bank. Pictured are (l to r) Tom Kneller, director of the New Haven Food bank; Lion Bill Hart, presenting check; and Rev. Scott Zenker, Pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, the host of the Food Bank.

SANTA IS COMING TO THE LIBRARY



Santa will arrive at the Paulding County Carnegie Library Children's Room on Thursday, Dec 10. He will be here from 5-7 pm. Santa is also going to bring a live reindeer along to visit. The Library is offering a drive thru style visit with Santa. Drive thru the Library parking lot

and visit with Santa and his reindeer. Mark your calendar to stop by the library and drop off your letter for Santa in the drop box. The Library is offering curbside service so call and order your Christmas books and movies. Any questions feel free to call 419-399-2032.

Community Calendar

- 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
 - December 20**
 - Cecil Comm Church In His Image movie Extra - 6pm
 - December 22**
 - Cecil Comm Church In His Image movie Extra - 6pm
 - December 23**
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm
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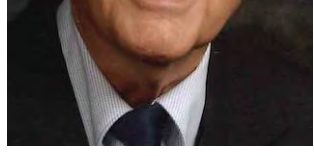
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OBITUARIES

mandate, guests must wear masks at all times, maintain social distancing, and refrain from contact to keep everyone safe while participating in Dick's viewing. Memorials are to Harlan Christian School or Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com Arr. by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio.

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ANTWERP, OH
James C. Schmunk, 87, of Antwerp, passed away Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville.

Jim was born in Antwerp on August 9, 1933, a son of the late Lillie L. (Foster) and Peter E. Schmunk. He graduated from Antwerp High School and attended Bowling Green State University. Jim worked at the Antwerp Equity Exchange and then moved to the Antwerp Exchange Bank where he retired after 34 years of service. Jim was dedicated to his work but he will always be remembered for the love of his family, nature, hunting, flea markets, and beagle dogs.

Jim will be sadly missed by his wife, Jacquelyn (Weible), whom he married June 29, 1952; children, James (Tonda) Schmunk, Gary Schmunk, Kathleen (John) Smith & Christine (John) Draggoo; grandchildren, Gayle Vranic, Wendy McCoy, Matthew Schmunk, Megan Klever, Michael Smith, Nathan, Bryant & Joel Draggoo; 8 great grandchildren and his beagle, Heidi.

He is also preceded in death by his siblings, Helen Cromley, Richard Schmunk, Dorothy Karageorge & Thomas Schmunk. Jim will be laid to rest privately in Maumee Cemetery. Memorials may be mailed directly to Antwerp EMS, PO Box 1046, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

PAYNE, OH
Kenneth W. Cox, 82, of Payne, passed away Friday, December 4, 2020 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio 45880.

ATTENTION CHURCHES: Send in your Christmas and holiday worship schedules, and the West Bend News will be glad to let everyone know what is happening in your congregation!!

PARSON TO PERSON

By: **Dr. James Bachman**
Deuteronomy 28:45 mentions statutes and commandments. What is a statute and how does it differ from a commandment?

It appears to me that a statute is a law, ordinance, or rule established by a person or legislative body that has authority to do so. Joshua 24:25 - "So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem."

The main Hebrew word for statute is very similar to a commandment, and is even translated "commandment" in Amos 2:4.

However, there is a difference. The word for commandment means to speak, say, or order something from and with direct authority, so even a statute can become a commandment when the authority verbally orders it so. Numbers 30:16 - "These are the statutes, which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, being yet in her youth in her father's house."

Supposing there is an understood or written statute or rule in your home that the teens are to keep their rooms clean. When Dad comes home and orders the teens, saying, "I am demanding you to clean your room now or else!" he has just turned the statute into a commandment.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

KIDS' KORNER

Hi Friends! I hope you had a blessed and safe Thanksgiving. We have so much for which we should thank God, not just one day a year, but every day.

In the last article I asked you to find who the crowd asked Pilate to release. It was Barabbas.

An interesting thing about that is that the name Barabbas literally means "son of the father." As Jesus stood trial before Pilate, could it be that some in the crowd asked for Him, the Son of the Father, to be released? It couldn't happen that Jesus would be released, however, because that was not God's plan.

God's plan was for Jesus to become the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Because Jesus went through with His mission, we have forgiveness and eternal life through Him. And that's another thing for which we give thanks to God.

For the next time: When Jesus was being led out to be crucified, He stumbled and fell. Who then carried His cross for Him?

See you next week!
Pastor Tim
mhrtim1995@gmail.com

THE ROCK THAT HOLDS

By: **Doris Applegate**
In time like these, we need a Savior, In times like these, we

need an anchor. Be very sure, be very sure, your anchor holds and grips the solid rock. This rock is Jesus, yes, He's the one, this rock is Jesus, the ONLY one. Be very sure, be very sure, your anchor holds and grips the solid rock. In times like these, oh be not idle. God's Holy word will give you strength and keep you anchored to the rock. This rock is Jesus, the only one.

When we are anchored in Jesus, we do NOT fear whatever may come along and "rock" our boat, we are SAFE. If fear is trying to overcome you, remember that trusting in God brings PEACE. Jesus STILL is able to calm the storm. Has God been your help in times past? Then He is with you now! He never leaves us or forsakes us! To enjoy all the benefits of this great salvation, we must know the Savior. The question is: Do you know Him? Have you called on Jesus to forgive and cleanse you of your sins? Today is the day to turn your life over to the "Life Saver" Oh, the joy of sins forgiven, oh, the peace salvation brings. Try it, you will like it.

Getting back to the anchor that holds your "ship" from going under only being "tied" to the rock will be strong enough to hold fast. Something that will help us to endure these times is the following hymn we sing in church:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above all Heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. When we praise God we open up our hearts and we find that we feel the presence of the Lord. God dwells in the praises of His people. There is nothing better than for us to feel God's awesome presence. Jesus is the Lily of the valley, the bright and morning star!

In sorrow, He's our comfort, in trouble, He's our stay, He tells us every care on Him to roll. He loves us so much and is saddened when people ignore His arms of love. We can go on in our own stubborn rebellious ways and 'do it my way' or realize that our help comes from the Lord and we really can do nothing without Him.

By humbling ourselves, God shows up since He dwells among a contrite and humble spirit, but resists the proud. Happy Days are here again when we submit to the Author of Joy! Amen!

NOCAC CONTINUES TO OFFER TWO GREAT PROGRAMS THAT CAN ASSIST HOUSEHOLDS IN NEED.

The Winter Crisis Program provides assistance to customers that are threatened with disconnection, have already been disconnected, need to establish new service or are in need of propane, fuel oil or any other bulk fuel. For utilities that are in disconnect status (regulated utility company), a hold can be placed on the account until the time of appointment, but is limited to one hold per program year and cannot be extended. If you or someone in your home have been diagnosed with COVID, a disconnect notice is not needed in order to receive assistance. Households must be at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty guideline. The Winter Crisis Program will continue until March 31, 2021.

To Schedule an appointment for heating assistance, please contact our toll free 24

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;"

— John 11:25



ELECTION PROCESS BEGINS FOR PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative is looking for professional individuals to run for the board of trustees and help shape the strategic direction of the co-op. Three seats are up for re-election within Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op (PPEC)'s territory. The upcoming 2021 election will be for districts 3, 7, and 8:

- District 3 - includes the Paulding County (Ohio) Townships of Carryall, Crane, Harrison, and Benton. This position is held by Timothy Derck, who is seeking re-election.

- District 7 - includes the Putnam County (Ohio) Townships of Monroe, Palmer, Liberty, and Greensburg. This position is represented by Kenneth Niese, who is seeking re-election.

- District 8 - includes the Putnam County (Ohio) Townships of Perry, Jackson, Jennings, Monterey, and Marion. This position was held by Douglas Fortman, who is not seeking re-election. This will create an open seat for the District 8 election.

Each trustee serves a three-year term. The PPEC board of trustees consists of nine co-op members who each represent one district within the territory.

hour hotline at 419-219-4641 or visit our website at www.nocac.org to schedule online. Required documentation for all household members includes: the past 30 days or 12 months of income, social security cards, birthdates, electric bill, gas bill, and proof of disability (if applicable). If your household pays medical, dental, or vision premiums, or child support, please bring proof of these payments.

The Home Relief program may be able to assist households that have been impacted by COVID and are behind on their mortgage, rent, water and/or sewage bills. The Home Relief fund may assist with past due payments from April 1, 2020 thru December 30, 2020. Households must be at

ry. "The trustees have a great deal of responsibilities, and that is why it is important to have highly qualified individuals run for the board," stated President and CEO George Carter. "The trustees are responsible for establishing, reviewing, and revising corporate policies and identifying strategic initiatives to ensure that service to the PPEC membership remains foremost in mind."

If interested in running, you must be a member of PPEC and you must complete a petition form, which requires obtaining 20 signatures from members in the district from which you reside. Petition forms can be picked up using the drive-through window at PPEC's office located at 401 McDonald Pike, Paulding, Ohio, or can also be downloaded online at www.ppec.coop/elections/. Interested members can also call the office to have a petition packet mailed to them. Petitions must be returned to the co-op office no later than 4 pm on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020.

The official ballots will be mailed to members in districts 3, 7, and 8 in February. The winners of the election will be announced at the co-op's virtual annual meeting on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Please call PPEC at 800-686-2357 for more information.

or below 200% of the Federal Poverty guideline. The Home Relief program ends December 30, 2020.

Please contact 419-599-2481 or visit our website at www.nocac.org to schedule an appointment. Required documentation for all household members includes: the past 30 days or 12 months of income, social security cards, birthdates, electric bill, gas bill, and proof of disability (if applicable). If your household pays medical, dental, or vision premiums, or child support, please bring proof of these payments. Additional documents needed include mortgage statement, eviction notice/ past due letter, and/or past due water/sewage bill depending on service needed.

On behalf of the Mary Louise Mabis' family we would like to thank you for the kind gestures, prayers and condolences shown to us during our time of sorrow. To all of our family, friends, and co-workers we are grateful for your support whether it was in person or from a distance. Special thanks to Pastor Rick Grimes, Dr. Janet Zeedyk & staff, Dooley Funeral Home Staff and Vancrest Assisted Living Staff. God Bless!

Sincerely,
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A MAN CAN DO IT IN 5, I NEED 2 HOURS

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

Of course I am speaking about shopping and the many choices we have to make. Are we better off having more choices in products today than we had years ago? Are we spending more money and too much time trying each new "doo-Hickey" that pops up in



the store, TV and the computer?

Today and (probably also in the past) everyone is trying to come up with some new idea for a product.

For instance, the candy we have at Easter called Peeps are now available all year long. Being offered are red, green, purple, blue and orange marshmallow treats. In fact, you can find them almost any holiday. They are shaped as ghosts, pumpkins, Christmas trees and hearts. I thought Peeps were called Peeps because that is the sound baby chickens make and eyes they were normally yellow and shaped like chickens.

I may be silly, but I only like the Easter Peeps. (I wonder if the new ones are copy cat Peeps?) I think I will pass on those today.

Crackers, pretzels, potato chips and popcorn are all on the shelf with a new look as well as new flavors.

Look at all the new potato chip flavors. There is for example: salt and vinegar, sour cream, dill pickle and jalapeño, as well as sweet potato chips and vegetable chips. One year

there was even a chocolate covered chip. Decisions decisions. Do I want fat or salt free chips? Do I want them lightly salted, wavy, in a bag or in a can? No wonder it takes me so long to shop. I need to think about it.

The cereal business has also changed their looks and flavors. The cereal companies strive to appeal to children and teenagers.

When I was growing up, my grandpa only ate Rice Krispies, so for years I thought that Rice Krispies was the only kind of cereal there was. I love cereal and my all time favorite is not Rice Krispies, but Lucky Charms.

There also used to be prizes in the box, because all of my kids wanted the little prize in the cereal box. Now: no prize but just coming to a decision.

Do I want a sugar cereal or a sugar free one? Do I want a healthy cereal or one coated in chocolate? Maybe I should get one that is good for me such as Shredded Wheat.

Time will find me though back in the cereal aisle getting those good old Lucky Charms.

Laundry soap has also changed appearances and contents. Years ago, we used to buy Breeze detergent and they all had either a wash cloth, hand towel or bath towel inside. In fact we collected many linens that way. It was nice to have the soap, but also we could use the towels and wash cloths.

Most of the old reliable laundry products are still on the market and many people stick to the same detergent. Now, I make my own wash soap, but that would take a whole other column to tell about it.

The other day, I made a decision to go out and get some vitamins. I really hadn't bought any for a while, but I was shocked at all the selections they had. I looked for a label that said, "Multi Vitamins." Of course, they were on a shelf taller than me, so I had to climb up to get a bottle.

Oh no! These were vitamins for men over 50. First of all, why can't I take a mans vitamin? Will I grow hair on my chest or talk in a gruff voice if I take one? Will I get big muscles or could I possibly grow taller?

On my quest to find the perfect vitamin for me, I also found vitamins for men and women under 50. I did not see any for ladies over that magic number, so what is a lady to do? (maybe go to another store?) Then there were also so many single vitamins such as C, D and E. Also to choose from were vitamins which contained cinnamon, lavender, iron, fish oil, calcium, and various kinds of herbs. Do they all work?

Another choice women are faced with making is make up. I hate to think of all the times I have bought make up, only not to use it. It was either the wrong color for me or too dark or too light. Who is going to unwrap lipstick or any kind of makeup and try it on? Especially in a store?

Then moving on to the shampoo choices? Do I want a shampoo for color treated hair, straight hair, curly hair, permed hair, dry hair, or oily hair? The only kind I recall when I was growing up is Halo and I never gave much thought as to what kind of hair I had. Hair spray is another big choice. I don't even recall having hair spray as a kid, but I do remember this green, greasy concoction in a bottle called Wave Set. My mama used it.

We are very lucky to be blessed with so many shopping choices, but it just makes me confused reading all the labels, plus I spend so much time being indecisive on what I want. I will say it takes me approximately 2 hours to find things I want and need.

Every aspect of our life deals with choices or decisions. Everyday things such as, "What should I cook for supper, what should we watch on TV or shall we go to a movie?" "What movie?" Is it PG 13, an animated film, a murder mystery or a love story?" "Do I want popcorn? Do I want a soda?" And maybe I don't want anything to eat.

Decisions! Decisions! Do I even want to see a movie?

Clothes shopping is another experience too. I will see something I like, put it in my cart and walk all around the other clothes and then eventually put the first one back and get another one. Oh I do not circle clothes racks 2 times, it is more like 10. So:

I do not understand how a man can go inside a store, grab a few things and be out the door in five minutes, when I can't even decide what kind of candy bar I want in 2 hours.

I guess I do look forward to shopping and seeing all the different items. Oh, do I want to go shopping today? I need vitamins. Potato chips, make up, shampoo and cereal. Should I leave now? Will it take me 2 hours?

Let me think about it and I will give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

committed to cutting red tape and enhancing customer service so we can be a better partner to America's rural leaders in building prosperity," Secretary Perdue said. "These enhancements will make it easier for private lenders to use USDA programs to invest in rural businesses and grassroots rural economic development efforts."

USDA is seeking public comment on a series of regulatory reforms known collectively as the OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative. Under the initiative, USDA will eliminate duplicative processes and launch a single platform for four key loan programs:

- Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees Program;
- Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program;
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program; and

Rural Energy for America Guaranteed Loan Program.

USDA also will standardize requirements for credit reviews, loan processing, loan servicing and loss claims. These measures will make the application process simpler and faster for lenders. Among the reforms, USDA intends to:

Launch a common loan note guarantee application and consistent forms for lenders to use across the four programs;

Issue loan note guarantees to lenders within 48 hours after they provide documentation to prove the requirements of the conditional commitment have been met;

Provide guarantee percentage and fee requirements to lenders through a single annual notice at the beginning of each fiscal year;

Allow lenders to obtain approval for a loan guarantee prior to the beginning of construction projects. A one-time fee and other requirements may apply; and

Provide automatic approval to lenders in good standing who are supervised or created by state or federal regulatory agencies to participate in all four programs. This expands the base of eligible lenders for the four guaranteed loan programs. Non-regulated lenders may seek approval to participate through a single certification process that will be valid for five years.

USDA plans to conduct a series of listening sessions this summer on the proposed changes. For more information on how to register, visit: www.rd.usda.gov/onerdguarantee.

The changes will take effect on Oct. 1, 2020. Additional information is available in the July 13, 2020, Federal Register.

Interested parties may join the OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative subscription list to receive updates from USDA on this regulatory change.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to President Trump.

These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. To view the

report in its entirety, please view the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

CONSIDER THESE YEAR-END FINANCIAL MOVES

We're nearing the end of 2020 - and for many of us, it will be a relief to turn the calendar page on this challenging year. However, we've still got a few weeks left, which means you have time to make some year-end financial moves that may work in your favor.

Here are a few suggestions:

Add to your IRA. For the 2020 tax year, you can put in up to \$6,000 to your traditional or Roth IRA, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or older. If you haven't reached this limit, consider adding some money. You actually have until April 15, 2021, to contribute to your IRA for 2020, but the sooner you put the money in, the quicker it can go to work for you. Plus, if you have to pay taxes in April, you'll be less likely to contribute to your IRA then.

Make an extra 401(k) payment. If it's allowed by your employer, put in a little extra to your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. And if your salary goes up next year, increase your regular contributions.

See your tax advisor. It's possible that you could improve your tax situation by making some investment-related moves. For example, if you sold some investments whose value has increased, you could incur capital gains taxes. To offset these gains, you could sell other investments that have lost value, assuming these investments are no longer essential to your financial strategy.

Your tax advisor can evaluate this type of move, along with others, to determine those that may be appropriate for your situation.

Review your investment mix. As you consider your portfolio, think about the events of these past 12 months and how you responded to them. When COVID-19 hit early in the year, and the financial markets plunged, did you find yourself worrying constantly about the losses you were taking, even though they were just on "paper" at that point? Did you even sell investments to "cut your losses" without waiting for a market recovery? If so, you might want to consult with a financial professional to determine if your investment mix is still appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance, or if you need to make some changes.

Evaluate your need for retirement plan withdrawals. If you are 72 or older, you must start taking withdrawals - technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs - from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Typically, you must take these RMDs by December 31 every year. However, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act suspended, or waived, all RMDs due in 2020. If you're in this age group, but you don't need the money, you can let your retirement accounts continue growing on a tax-deferred basis.

Think about the future. Are you saving enough for your children's college education? Are you still on track toward the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned? Or have your retirement plans changed as a result of the pandemic? All of these issues can affect your investment strategies, so you'll want to think carefully about what decisions you may need to make.

Looking back - and ahead - can help you make the moves to end 2020 on a positive note and start 2021 on the right foot.

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USDA CUTS RED TAPE TO INCREASE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN RURAL AMERICA

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is taking steps to increase private investment in rural communities across the country by making it easier for lenders to access four flagship loan programs.

"Under the leadership of President Trump, USDA is

Happy Holidays
 During this holiday season, we wish you all the best.

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OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL HONORS LAWSON AND KLAUSING



Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Jacob W. Lawson has been selected the 2020 Trooper of the Year at the Van Wert post.

The selection of Trooper Lawson, 28, is in recognition of outstanding service during 2020. Fellow officers stationed at the Van Wert post, chose Trooper Lawson based on his leadership abilities, professional ethics, courteous treatment of others, enthusiastic work attitude, and cooperation with supervisors, peers, and the public.

Trooper Lawson joined the Highway Patrol in 2018 as a member of the 164th class. Originally from Springfield, Ohio, Trooper Lawson is a graduate of Kenton Ridge High School and Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Trooper Lawson and his family reside in Paulding County.

Radio Dispatcher Katie I. Klausung has been selected the 2020 Dispatcher of the Year at the Van Wert dispatch center. Klausung joined the Highway Patrol in 2018 and has been assigned to the Van Wert dispatch center throughout her career. She is a graduate of Lincolnview High School and Vantage Career Center.

Klausung, 37, was honored in recognition of her outstanding service over the past year. Supervision and dispatchers chose Klausung based on her technical job knowledge and ability, enthusiastic work attitude, teamwork, and prompt and courteous response to the public's request for information and

assistance.

Klausung and her family reside in Van Wert County.

Both Lawson and Klausung are in contention for district and state honors as Trooper of the Year and Dispatcher of the Year. Those honors will be announced at a later date.

APRIL 2021 HONOR FLIGHT POSTPONED

The national Honor Flight Network has ordered a suspension of all Honor Flights scheduled through April 30, 2021. As a member of the Honor Flight Network, Honor Flight Northeast Indiana will comply with their directive. The scheduled April 28, 2021 Honor Flight from Fort Wayne has been postponed. The COVID-19 virus has had a significant impact on individuals and as a nation. The safety of veterans, guardians, and Honor Flight staff is the primary concern.

Dennis Covert, President of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana, stated; "We are confronted with a high degree of uncertainty concerning travel in 2021. The Board of Directors of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana is reviewing the situation to determine possible courses of action for re-scheduling the April 28, 2021 Honor Flight from Fort Wayne."

Honor Flight NE Indiana, Inc. is a volunteer, nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Visit our website www.hfnei.org or Facebook for updates or call the Honor Flight number 260-633-0049.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS CAN BE A "LIFELINE" DURING THE PANDEMIC

It's the club no one wants to join.

Being an Alzheimer's

caregiver can be difficult and most people do not understand unless you have been one. That's where support groups come in. As MaryJo Moorhead said, "You can sit with a group of people and there is nothing you can say or do that someone hasn't said before or done before."

That is the fabric of an Alzheimer's caregiver support group. No judgement. One day everyone is laughing because your loved one has done something incredibly funny. The next time, a box of tissues is being passed around the room.

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter offers close to 20 Alzheimer's caregiver support groups to help local caregivers cope with the emotions and skills of being a caregiver. The great thing about the support groups is that they are built around the needs of the caregiver. Family members can use the time to exercise emotional self-care.

"Caregiver support groups can be a lifeline during the pandemic," said Pamela Myers, Program Director for the Northwest Ohio Alzheimer's Association. "Caregivers may be receiving less outside assistance to help with the care of their loved one - and that adds to their stress. Sharing experiences can help decrease stress and isolation that caregivers are feeling."

Because of the pandemic, the Northwest Ohio Alzheimer's Chapter has been experimenting with different types of caregiver support. A new Adult Children's Caregiver Support Group, which meets the 2nd and 4th Monday every month at 6:30pm, was started. That is in addition to the chapter offering support groups to choose from five days a week and in the mornings and evenings.

All support groups are led by trained volunteers. Many are former caregivers. Because of the pandemic, some support groups meet over the telephone. Others use video-conferencing. The Northwest Ohio Chapter makes care and support available to 32,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and 96,000 unpaid caregivers.

Myers said the Association is trying to be helpful to as many people as possible. "Caregiving for a loved one is at times a burden; other times a gift. But in all times, as a caregiver, you need to carve out time to care for yourself."

Moorhead said when she first started attending a support group "I was angry. There tends to be one person in the family who does the caregiving and I was the one person." While she had two living siblings at the time, she said she did not understand how she became the primary caregiver for their mother. "Do you not understand you are sacrificing me? How is my life not as important as yours?" she said she often thought.

The support group helped her get over those feelings. She said she often finds that people still attend, even after their loved one has passed, because they hope to make the care journey smoother for others. The bond built in a support group is often hard to break.

Dennis P. Moriarty said, "I find the virtual meetings very easy to join, and I really appreciate the email remind-

ers. I am always taking notes during the education programs. Sometimes caregiving becomes hard as outside stress increases. They remind me that in order for me to be helpful to my wife, I have to take care of myself and take breaks, even if it is only for five minutes at a time."

In addition to attending a support group, Moriarty said he has attended Alzheimer's educational programs and used the Association's 24/7 Helpline, which is 800.272.3900.

"Trying to deal with a problem alone is a losing situation. Knowing that the Alzheimer's Association is just a phone call away is just like when you tell your loved one and children 'If you need me, I am only a call away.'" Anytime that you call the Alzheimer's Association, there is always a listening ear on the other end, and they may not always have an answer right away, but they always know where to find it."

To learn more about the Chapter's support groups, go to https://www.alz.org/nw ohio/helping_you/caregiver_support_groups or call the Helpline at 800.272.3900.

CHOW LINE: JUICE OR WHOLE FRUIT?

Does eating a piece of fruit or squeezing it into a juice to drink offer the same health benefits?

No. Even if you take an orange and squeeze fresh orange juice, drinking the juice of the orange doesn't offer the same health benefits of eating the orange.

Fruit juice lacks fiber, an important nutrient found in whole fruit, writes Dan Remley, an educator in family and consumer sciences for Ohio State University Extension, the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

"Fiber helps the digestive system, lowers cholesterol, promotes a healthy colon, and lowers blood sugar spikes, just to name a few benefits," Remley writes in The Juice on Juice, a blog post at the Live Healthy Live Well website.

The site, which can be found at livehealthyosu.com, is a free information resource that offers science-based consumer information and insights. It's written by OSU Extension educators and specialists in family and consumer sciences who promote health and wellness.

In the blog post, Remley adds, "Eating an orange or an apple will give you the fiber and also the juice." This is because the dietary fiber, which is found in the pulp and the skin of the fruit, is typically left out of the juice. Dietary fiber within the pulp of the fruit binds to the natural sugars as it travels through your gastrointestinal tract. This process makes it harder for your body to absorb those sugars, resulting in the sugar accumulating in your blood at a slower, lower rate than it would if you were to drink the juice instead.

Another benefit of eating the pulp and skin of some fruits as opposed to drinking fruit juice is that the pulp and skin are loaded with many vitamins and nutrients. For example, the skin of apples, blueberries, grapes, pears, plums, raspberries, and

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By: Stan Jordan

This girl went to work as usual and shortly after 8:00 a.m. her boss stopped at her desk. She was crying and sobbing and was having a very bad morning....

Her boss said, "Well. Blondie, what in the world is wrong?"

"Oh, my mother died yesterday!"

"Well, Blondie, you shouldn't have come to work today. You should have stayed home in mourning with your family."

"Oh, no, it is better to be here and put the grief out of my mind."

About 11:00 a.m. the boss came by her desk again and she was really crying and sobbing and her mascara was a mess. It was running down her cheeks like a man from a Cheyenne war party warrior.

The boss said, "My goodness, what is wrong now?"

"I just got some more bad news."

"What could that be?" the boss inquired.

"My sister just called and said her mother died also."

See ya!

This was reprinted from a previous issue of the West Bend News.



By: Stan Jordan

A young ventriloquist is touring the clubs and one night he's doing a show in a small town in Arkansas. With his dummy on his knee, he starts going through the usual dumb blonde jokes when a blonde in

the 4th row stands on her chair and starts shouting, "I've heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes. What makes you think you can stereotype women that way? What does the color of a person's hair have to do with her worth as a human being? It's guys like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in the community and from reaching our full potential as a person. Because you and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against, not only blondes but women in general, and all in the name of humor!"

The embarrassed ventriloquist begins to apologize and the blonde yells, "You stay out of this, mister! I'm talking to that little guy on your knee!"

This joke was given to us by Larry Trautman.

See ya!

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PATROL'S NEW TOLEDO POST OPENS IN TOLEDO

The Ohio State Highway Patrol's new Toledo Post opened today in the city of Toledo. After 59 years, the former Toledo Post located in Swanton moved to its new location on Dorr Street in Toledo.

The new location will allow us to more efficiently and effectively serve the high concentration of the motoring public in the Toledo metro area and Lucas County. The Toledo Post also serves Fulton County, and we will continue to maintain the same level of service you have known and expect. Our mission to reduce the number of fatal and injury crashes remains unchanged since the founding of the Patrol in 1933. We will continue to be ambassadors of traffic safety to ensure the safety of all those who travel on our roadways.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at a later date.

The new address of the post is 3333 Dorr Street, Toledo, Ohio 43607 and the phone number remains the same at (419) 865-5544.

Check out our selection of Christmas ad designs!

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The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

- 1 - EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
- 2 - CLAIMS ASSISTANCE - Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

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

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

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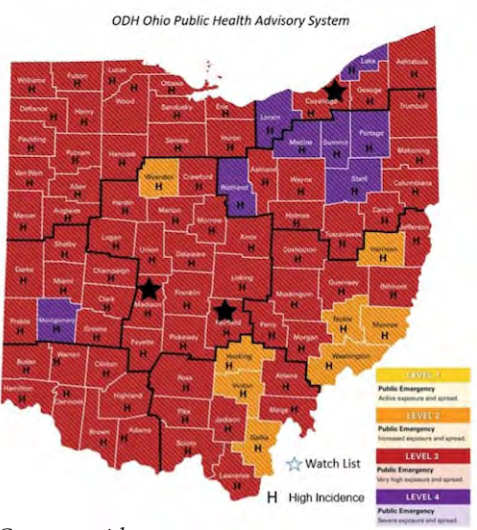
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Key Indicators



Paulding County, November 30
 Pop Up Testing Results released by the PCHD:
 139 total tested.
 34 positives total for the event.
 20 = 14% Public positivity rate were Paulding County residents.

PAULDING COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATISTICS AS OF DECEMBER 7

Paulding County Total Cases: 842
 Confirmed Cases: 749
 Probable Cases: 93
 Hospitalizations: 81
 Presumed Recovered: 562

Deaths: 15
 December 6, 2020
 COVID-19 Questions? Call or visit the Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard: www.coronavirus.ohio.gov
 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634)

COVID-19 UPDATE: 5,060 HOSPITALIZATIONS,

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine on November 30th, 2020 provided the following updates on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

HOSPITALIZATIONS & ICU ADMISSIONS
 Ohio's COVID-19 hospitalizations have hit an all-time high at 5,060 people hospitalized with the coronavirus across Ohio as compared to just under 1,700 COVID-19 patients on November 1. Of Ohio's currently hospitalized COVID-19 patients, there are 1,180 individuals in intensive care units and 682 people are on ventilators.

According to Dr. Andy Thomas, Chief Clinical Officer at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, one-third of ICU patients across Ohio have COVID and one-third of individuals on ventilators have COVID.

"COVID patients are going to start crowding out other people who need that level of care as these numbers continue to rise," said Dr. Thomas. "The reality is that hospitals are making difficult decisions about delaying care. It may be non-urgent care, but it's care that may cause someone to go to the ICU after surgery. A lot of hospitals are delaying those surgeries because they can't afford their

ICUs to be overtaxed." Dr. Thomas reported that rural areas are being hit particularly hard right now, and several hospitals are beginning to voice concerns about their ability to manage such a high number of intensive care patients. As the total number of COVID patients grows, smaller community hospitals will be unable to expand their intensive care capacity.

For individuals who traveled over Thanksgiving, Dr. Thomas urged them to quarantine upon return to Ohio to break any possible chain of transmission.

COVID-19 INDOOR AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Governor DeWine announced a new program to help improve indoor air quality and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 at senior living facilities, including nursing homes, assisted living centers, and adult day centers.

The \$28 million program was created using federal CARES Act funding to address indoor air quality through HVAC inspections, portable air filtration systems, new filtration systems, maintenance on current systems, and other interventions. Eligible recipients can receive up to \$15,000.

"As we move into colder months and spend more time inside, proper ventilation and filtration are even more important to stop the spread of COVID-19," said Governor DeWine.

The program was approved by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Board of Directors at a special meeting Wednesday. BWC will administer the program and applications are available at bwc.ohio.gov. Additional questions about the program should be emailed to grants@bwc.state.oh.us.

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PLOYEES
 Due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Ohio, Governor DeWine has delayed Ohio's plan to resume in-person work at state-owned facilities. A gradual, phased approach was expected to begin in January. Governor DeWine also encouraged other employers to allow employees to work at home to the extent possible.

ADDITIONAL GUESTS
 During the briefing, Governor DeWine was joined by four nurses who discussed their experiences treating patients with coronavirus.

Stacey Morris, a COVID unit nurse manager at Cleveland Clinic Akron General, discussed the role nurses play when patients are admitted, as they fight for their lives, and, in the worst circumstances, when they must say goodbye to their loved ones.

Carrie Watkins, assistant director for nursing at Genacross Lutheran Services in Holland, Ohio, discussed the surge in COVID cases that are experienced in nursing homes each time there is a surge in community spread.

Dara Pence, ICU nurse manager at Ohio Health's Riverside Hospital in Columbus, discussed the unpredictability of the virus and the tragedies that she has witnessed due to COVID-19.

Jamie Giere, a nurse and team leader for the COVID unit at Premier Health's Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy, Ohio, discussed the surge in patients over the past three weeks and her concerns that the public does not fully understand what is happening in Ohio's hospitals.

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

On this final day of National Adoption Month, Governor DeWine encouraged Ohioans to consider fostering or adopting a child. In Ohio, there are 3,000 children waiting for a family.

CURRENT CASE DATA

In total, there are 421,063 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 reported in Ohio and 6,429 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 26,864 people have been hospitalized throughout the pandemic, including 4,682 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.

For more informa-

tion on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

COVID-19 ON THE RISE

COVID-19 is continuing to spread at a high rate in Paulding County. We need to reduce this community spread, because if we don't:

- Health care will be less available for people who need it.
- Schools and businesses may close due to staff being sick.
- Additional people could get very sick.

Watch for symptoms and consider getting tested if you gathered with family or friends for Thanksgiving. Stay in touch so you know if someone starts having symptoms.

Prepare plans for school, work and childcare if you have to quarantine.

Results from the pop-up testing in Paulding are expected within a few days.

Avoid other people while waiting for results in case they're positive.

People who test positive will be contacted by their local health department.

The holidays are coming, and the best way to celebrate is at home with members of your household. If you must get together with others, wear a mask, stay six feet apart, and wash your hands and frequently touched surfaces. If you're sick, stay home.

—Bill Edwards, PCHD

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strawberries contains carotenoids and flavonoids, which are beneficial antioxidants that can protect you from disease and help boost your immune system.

When you choose to drink juice, the best option is to choose 100% juice because vitamins and minerals are higher in 100% juice, Remley writes, noting that, "Some juice products are fortified with calcium and vitamin D, which are helpful to bones and teeth."

"Juices such as grape juice have other antioxidants and phytochemicals, which are anti-inflammatory and can also promote healthy cardiovascular systems and prevent some cancers."

In addition to drinking

water, or milk, Remley offers the following alternatives to juice:

- Fruit- or herb-infused water
- A splash of juice in a spritzer
- Lemon-infused water, with some honey or sweetener
- Tea

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

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it would not have been possible. Congratulations to you, the people of Paulding County. We are so proud of you! Here is to our third year and going strong, to "Remember, Honor, and Teach". I believe we have made our Veterans proud by showing we care enough to celebrate their lives they sacrificed for us. This year's motto is, "Be an American worth fighting for." I feel through your generous donations and involvement here today, we have proven to be an American worth fighting for!

Wreaths Across America Committee, Linda, Leigh Ann, John, and Anne
 Wreaths Across America Ceremony details:

Where: St Paul Cemetery Road 114 off Road 87 in Paulding, OH

When: Saturday, December 19, 2020 at noon

Picking up wreaths: 10:30-11:30 A.M. on the east side of the cemetery and resuming after the ceremony.

Please come in from the east side on Road 114 to park.

Dress warm! The ceremony starts at noon regardless of the weather! The ceremony usually lasts about 30 minutes. You are welcome to stay after the ceremony to lay a wreath at a Veteran's gravesite. Your help is appreciated! There is plenty of room for social distancing.

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 - Cecil:** 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village
 - Charloe:** Charloe Store
 - Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
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 - Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Valero Gas, Marathon
 - Grover Hill:** Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop
 - Hicksville:** Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway
 - Melrose:** Morning Star Convenience Store
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 - Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General
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- tal, Paulding Kwik Mart
Payne: Blueberry Pancake House, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza
Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium,
Scott: Scott Post Office
Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video
- INDIANA LOCATIONS**
- Fort Wayne:** Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living
 - Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
 - Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank
 - Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
 - Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
 - New Haven:** New Haven Tan McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrollet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS
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SECOND HALF BLITZ GIVES BRYAN OVER LADY RAIDERS



Rachel Stoller, shown here, puts up the ball against the Golden Bears, adding two points to the Raider score! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - The Lady Raiders tipped off the month of December with a home game on the first. The Bryan Golden Bears came calling in a nonconference battle that had the visitors outlasting Wayne Trace 57-31. With the win Bryan moves their season mark to 3-0 while the Raiders are looking for their first win at 0-2.

Both teams battled throughout the first quarter with the Raiders clinging to a single point lead 14-13 after eight-minutes of play. In the second period with the score knotted at 20 a piece the Golden Bears took control. Prior to halftime Bryan orchestrated a 9-0 run that put them on top at intermission 29-20.

Bryan took a brief double-digit lead early in the third period at 31-20 but the Raiders responded with a Rachel Stoller three-pointer to pull the red, white, and blue within eight. However, the Golden Bears would have an answer in the tune of a 13-4 run to put Bryan in a comfortable lead at 44-27 to close of the third period.

Bryan didn't let up in the

final eight minutes of play with a productive effort both offensively as well as defensively. The Bears totaled 13 points in the quarter while holding the Raiders to just four markers to secure the win 57-31.

Offensively for the Raiders, turnovers were costly throughout the contest with Wayne Trace committing 28 miscues. Bryan had success protecting the ball with just eight turnovers.

Wayne Trace was paced by the 12 points from Rachel Stoller who also contributed five rebounds. Gracie Shepherd chipped in eight points to go along with a team high six rebounds. Rounding out the scoring with five-points a piece was Christina Graham and Katrina Stoller with team mate Abby Moore adding one.

The victorious Bears placed three individuals in double figures led by the 17 points from Reese Grothaus who was a perfect 5-5 behind the arc. Shallyn Miley finished with 12 along with five steals with Addie Arnold contributing 10. Also scoring for Bryan was McKendry Semer with six points. Bre Long four and Kloee Antgo adding two.

LADY TIGERS CRUISE PAST ARCHERS

LIBERTY CENTER - Host Liberty Center jumped in front early and never looked back as the Lady Tigers cruised to a 45-27 win over visiting Antwerp Thursday night in Henry County.

Liberty Center took an 11-4 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before the Tigers expanded the margin to 23-14 at the intermission.

The black and orange then put the game away in the third quarter, outscoring Antwerp 18-8 in the stanza to widen the lead to 41-22 entering the final period.

Lucy Jones topped all scorers in the contest with 13 points for Liberty Center and Samantha Graber pitched in 11 markers for the Lady Tigers.

Cassidy Chapa added seven points for the black and orange followed by Peyton Arme (five), Haley Mohler (three), Alyssa Giesige (two), Sophie Long (two) and Samantha Engler (two).

Astianna Coppes paced the blue and white with a dozen markers while Kennadi Recker and Hayleigh Jewell each chipped in four points. Ali Reinhart and Aewyn McMichael both had three points for the Lady Archers and Grace Schuette posted a free throw for Antwerp.

LADY RAIDERS HAVE NO TROUBLE IN 26 POINT ROAD WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

FORT JENNINGS - The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders picked up a convincing road win last week when they traveled to Fort Jennings. Placing eight Raiders in the scoring column the red, white, and blue coasted past the Musketeers 53-27. The win puts Wayne Trace at 2-1 while Fort Jennings looks for their first win at 0-6.

Wayne Trace led 9-4 after the first quarter of action and then put the game out of reach in the middle two periods outscoring their opponent 36-12. The winners entered the final eight minutes leading 45-16 with the Musketeers winning the fourth stanza, outscoring the Raiders 11-8 and leaving the Raiders with a 26 point win.

Katrina Stoller led the Raiders in scoring with 17 points. The senior had the hot hand shooting the ball hitting 4-5 of her two-point attempts and 3-4 behind the arc. She also finished with four steals and four rebounds. Rachel Stoller also had a nice outing with eight points along with nine boards and four steals.

Four Raiders finished with six points a piece with Gracie Shepherd adding nine rebounds to her effort while team mate Sydnee Sinn collected eight rebounds. Abby Moore and Christina Graham also tossed in six points each. Finishing with two points a piece and rounding out the Raiders scoring was Rylee Troth and Carlee Mead.

The 27 points for the Musketeers were spread out among seven different players led by Jessie Frost with seven. Reilly Fitzpatrick five, Carely VonSossan four, Aubrey Jaconment four, Rachel VonSossan four, Maddison Dickson two, and Elizabeth Meyer one rounded out Fort Jennings scoring.

LADY PANTHERS CONTINUE RUN AFTER LINCOLNVIEW VICTORY



Paulding's Janae Pease flies through the air as she attempts to put up a layup for the home team! More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Panthers hosted the Lincolnview Lancers on Thursday, December third. The game final ended up with the Panthers more than doubling the Lancers score. Paulding is now 4-0 for the season, the best of the NWC teams.

From the beginning the Paulding girls were on fire and Lincolnview ladies held up under the pressure put on by the home team. the

Jalynn Parrett lead Paulding with 20 points and 75% of those were in the sec-

ond half, Claire Schweller 6, Janae Pease 6, Maggie Manz 7, Carlea Kuckuck 3, Audrey Giesige 7, Sadie Estle 6.

The first quarter finished close on points with Paulding only up by 3 in a 9-6 score. It was the second quarter that clearly made Paulding the powerhouse in this with a 36-8 lead. Coach Matt Arellano has polished this team to working together. Sadie Estle is easily the powerhouse rebounder under the basket and we see Jalynn Parrett really taking the momentum

from the first into the second half. At the end of the third Paulding didn't have the score power they did in the second but they held the Lincolnview to only 4 points at 43-12. The Lancers were able to add a tremendous amount of points in the fourth quarter, more than doubling the other three quarters combined. The Final score ended with Paulding 56-27. The MySports.Live player of the game was Sadie Estle.

NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Board of Trustees of Northwest State Community College will hold their next regular meeting on Friday, December 11 at 11:30 a.m. in Room C200 at the Archbold campus. Guests will not be admitted in order to meet public safety requirements due to COVID19 pandemic; however, the meeting will be streamed live on the College's YouTube channel for the public to view: <http://youtube.com/channel/>

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NEW HAVEN BOYS FALL TO BLACKHAWK

New Haven High School Boys Varsity Basketball falls to Blackhawk Christian Jr-Sr HS 86-33 on Friday, December 4, 2020. The Braves team crushed the Bulldogs 86-33.

Game Recap: D. Brooks - 6 points, 2 assists, 1 steal; J. Turnwald - 6 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal; T. Latham - 6 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal.

In the shooting department the Raiders shot 43 percent on 23-54 while the Musketeers were 12-40 for 30 percent. Wayne Trace won the battle of the boards 41-27 while the Musketeers turned the ball over 27 times to 20 miscues for Wayne Trace.

ARCHERS GET EASY WIN AT PANDORA

PANDORA - Antwerp picked up its second win over a Putnam County League team in as many nights Saturday evening as the Archers cruised to a 58-30 victory at Pandora Gilboa.

The Archers took advantage of a huge 35-19 rebounding advantage to pick up the win and improve to 4-0 on the season.

Antwerp led from the start, taking a 14-5 lead at the end of one stanza before widening the margin to 35-14 at the intermission. The blue and white led 49-22 after three periods.

Jagger Landers paced Antwerp with 20 points and Owen Sheedy chipped in 15 markers for the Archers.

Also scoring for the blue and white were Luke Krouse (six), Austin Lichty (four), Gaige McMichael (four), Hunter Sproles (four), Landon Brewer (three) and Dylan Hines (two).

Pandora Gilboa was paced by Ryan Johnson with ten markers and Blake Steiner chipped in seven. Aiden Harris (five), Maxwell Wilson (three), Dillon Krohn (three) and Will Huffman (two) completed the list of Rocket scorers.

The Archers host a pair of PCL squads this week as Ottoville visits the home of the Archers on Tuesday before Continental comes to Paulding County on Saturday.

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WILDCATS CRUISE TO WIN OVER LADY ARCHERS



Antwerp's Lydia Brewer sinks the ball at the 3 point line to help the Archers against the Wildcats. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Delphos Jefferson made the trip to Paulding County Tuesday night for a girls basketball contest at the home of the Lady Archers with the Wildcats taking home a 45-25 victory.

The Lady Archers took an 11-6 lead after eight minutes of action but it was all Lady Wildcats after that.

Delphos Jefferson outscored Antwerp 16-3 in the second stanza to post a 22-14 advantage at the intermission. In the third quarter, the Lady Wildcats added 13 points compared to Antwerp's eight as Delphos Jefferson extended the margin to 35-22 at the end of three periods.

Delphos Jefferson then wrapped up the win by lim-

iting the Archers to three fourth quarter points and scoring ten, setting the final margin at 45-25.

The Lady Wildcats were paced by Alyvia Lindeman with 14 points and Alycia Lindeman chipping in 11 markers.

Josie McGue added eight markers for Delphos Jefferson followed by Kaylee Buzard (four), Hannah Wiltsie (three), Brooke Brinkman (three), Laurie French (two) and Mallory Bridges (one).

Lydia Brewer scored ten points to top the blue and white in scoring with Ali Reinhardt and Grace Schuette added five markers. Astiana Coppes chipped in three points and Kennadi Recker had two points for Antwerp.

PILOTS, ARCHERS SPLIT

DEFIANCE - The Antwerp eighth grade and Ayersville seventh grade picked up victories as the two schools played in junior high girls basketball Tuesday evening.

The Lady Archers took the nightcap 26-13 behind 21 points from Jessica Thornell with Caroline Rohrs scoring three. Madisyn Peters picked up the remaining two markers for Antwerp.

Antwerp's seventh graders

fell to the Pilots with Taylor Shull bucketing three markers for the blue and white.

RAIDERS SWEEP PAST MC

HAVILAND - The Wayne Trace seventh and eighth grade girls basketball teams staged unbeaten Tuesday night as the Lady Raiders swept past Miller City for a pair of victories.

The red, white and blue eighth graders fell behind 14-1 early on but rallied to

post a 30-29 overtime victory to move to 5-0 on the season.

Harper Myers bucketed 16 markers for Wayne Trace with Tianna Sinn adding eight and Kathleen Stoller chipped in four.

Wayne Trace's seventh graders also are 5-0 after rolling to a 39-20 win over the Wildcats.

Caizen Winans scored a dozen points for the Lady Raiders and Lexi Moore chipped in ten markers. Caroline Winans posted nine as well for Wayne Trace.

PANTHERS PICK UP PAIR OF WINS OVER ARCHERS

ANTWERP - In a Paulding County rivalry matchup, it was visiting Paulding that took home a pair of victories over host Antwerp Monday night in junior high girls basketball action.

The Panther seventh graders recorded a 22-8 win over the Archers.

Ella Hughes had four points for Antwerp with Raelley Franklin and Taylor Shull both picking up a basket for the Archers.

In the eighth-grade game, the Lady Panthers survived a late Antwerp rally for a 29-26 victory.

Caroline Rohrs had ten points to top the blue and white with Jessica Thornell scoring nine and Faith Clem bucketed five. Madisyn Peters also had two points for Antwerp.

FAIRVIEW FFA PARTICIPATE IN JOB INTERVIEW CONTEST

At the beginning of November, several members of the Fairview FFA Chapter participated in the sub district and district job interview contest. Due to COVID-19, this contest was held in a virtual setting using the platform Zoom. For the contest, each participant applied for a mock job, and had an interview to determine the winner. Participants had to fill out a job application, write a cover and follow up letter, as well as host an interview with the judge. Members of the Fairview FFA Chapter who participated in the sub district contest include: Dawson Sines, Brady Zeedyk, Emma Zeedyk, Carrie Zeedyk, Molly McGuire, Kaitlyn Zeedyk and Cassie Mavis. Carrie Zeedyk, Kaitlyn Zeedyk and Cassie Mavis all advanced on to the district contest. The three ladies competed well at the district contest, but did not advance to state.

GREENHAND CEREMONY

On Monday, November 16, 2020, members of the Fairview FFA Chapter met in the Darrell E. Jones Library at Fairview High School to honor greenhand and chapter degree recipients. Due to Governor Dewine's recent orders, the ceremony was cut to just members instead of members and immediate family.

In addition to the greenhand and chapter degree ceremonies, there was also a FFA Jacket Ceremony. All freshman members received their very own personalized FFA Jacket. Next, qualified members received their Greenhand Degrees. In order to earn a Greenhand Degree,

members must have plans for a Supervised Agricultural Experience.

Members earning their greenhand degree include: Aspen Brubaker, Miguel Garcia, Dalton Haver, Madison Kollar, Madisyn Micheal, Dawson Sines, Andrew Timbrook, Emilee Treace, Aubryn Viers, Breven Williams, Gracie Wilitzer, Brady Zeedyk, and Emma Zeedyk. Emma Zeedyk was also awarded with a garment bag, a reward for being the first freshman to memorize the FFA Creed from start to finish.

To conclude this portion of the ceremony, Dalton Haver, Gracie Wilitzer, Dawson Sines, Emma Zeedyk, Miguel Garcia and Emilee Treace recited the FFA Creed. Also, 2nd year FFA members received their Chapter Degrees. In order to receive a chapter degree, members must have an active SAE, as well as meet many other requirements outlined by National and State FFA, and the constitution of Fairview FFA. Members who received their chapter degrees include: Karson Bauer, Robbie Bennett, Michael Betz, Caden Burroughs, Caytlin Fedderke, Molly McGuire, Bailey Schooley, Carrie Zeedyk, and Russ Zeedyk. After members received their chapter degrees, the meeting was adjourned.

PANTHERS SECURE OT WIN OVER DEFIANCE

DEFIANCE - Paulding welcomed in visiting Defiance Friday night in non-league boys basketball action where the Panthers defended the home court with a 63-56 overtime victory over the Bulldogs.

The two squads battled to a 16-16 tie at the end of eight minutes of action before Paulding adding 13 second quarter points compared to Defiance's eight, giving the Panthers a 29-24 halftime advantage.

Paulding added to the lead in the third quarter, putting up 11 more points while Defiance had ten as the maroon and white took a 40-34 lead into quarter number four.

However, the visiting Bulldogs responded to score 16 points while limiting the Panthers to ten, sending the game into an extra session tied at 50-50.

In the overtime, it was all Panthers as the maroon and white bucketed 13 points and held Defiance to six to secure the 63-56 victory.

Payton Beckman led all scorers, totaling 20 markers for the maroon and white. Blake McGarvey chipped in 16 points for the Panthers followed by Christian Bauer (nine), Hunter Kauser (eight), Nick Manz (seven) and Zach Gorrell (three).

Defiance was paced by Joe Lammers with 17 points while C.J. Zachrich and David Jimenez added nine markers each.

Also scoring for the Bulldogs were Bradyn Shaw (eight), Isaac Schlatter (seven) and Cayden Zachrich (six).

Paulding opens Northwest Conference action on Friday as the Panthers welcome in Spencerville. Defiance hits the road in non-league play on Saturday as the Bulldogs travel to Bryan.

WOODLAN DEFEATS SOUTHERN WELLS BY 16 POINTS!



Woodlan Junior Simon Handerson attempts a shot under the basket in the first quarter! The game against Southern Wells on December 4 went well for the Warriors, as Woodlan won with a 16 point 76-60 win over the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ARCHERS MOVE TO 3-0 WITH ROUT OF MUSKIES



Antwerp's Kaden Recker picks up a couple points for the Archers at the game against Fort Jennings. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Antwerp continued to roll Friday night with a 70-32 home win over Fort Jennings to improve to 3-0 on the season.

The Archers opened a 21-2 lead after eight minutes of action before extending the margin to 35-9 at the intermission. Antwerp took a 54-17 advantage into the final period.

Luke Krouse paced a quartet of Archers in double figures with 16 while Jagger Landers added 15 points for the blue and white. Landon Brewer and Hunter Sproles each chipped in a dozen markers for Antwerp.

Austin Lichty (six), Owen Sheedy (five), Gaige McMi-

chael (two) and Kaden Recker (two) also scored for the Archers.

Evan Hoersten paced Fort Jennings with 13 points while Nick Trentman had six and Cody Horstman chipped in five markers.

Jon Grote and Jared Liebrecht each added four points for the Musketeers, who fall to 1-2 on the season.

Antwerp welcomes in Ottoville Tuesday night for a non-league battle against the Big Green before hosting Continental on Saturday.

Fort Jennings will host Ottoville on Friday night before the Musketeers visit Ayersville Saturday night.

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RAIDERS WIN ON THE ROAD FOR FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

BRYAN - As the young season continues for the Wayne Trace basketball team the Raiders were on the road last Friday with a non-conference tilt with the Bryan Golden Bears. Being on the road with a young team didn't seem to have any adverse effects on the Raiders who used a solid first quarter to propel them to a 50-34 win. The Raiders even their mark on the season at 1-1.

Wayne Trace opened with a 13-4 advantage after the first eight minutes of play and kept the upper hand throughout the contest. Bryan managed to outscore the red, white, and blue in the second period by just a single point to trail 23-15 at the break. However, the second half belonged to the victorious Raiders who outscored Bryan 15-9 in the third frame to enter the final quarter leading 38-24.

Wayne Trace placed three players in double digits led by a couple of freshmen and a junior. Freshman Brooks Laukhuf was the leading scorer on the night with 14 points followed by junior Cameron Sinn who bucketed 12 markers along with three assists and three steals. Another freshman, Kyle Stoller, just missed a double-double finishing with 11 points and nine rebounds in a solid effort. Trevor Sinn added seven points to the winning cause along with five steals. Rounding out the scoring for the Raiders was Grayson McClure with three points, Cameron Graham adding two points and one point from Trevor Speice.

Leading the Bryan attack was Craig Jackson with 12 followed by Titus Rohrs chipping in nine. Also scoring the Bears was Canon Lamberson contributing four points, Braiden Showalter with three and Evan Fox, Javin Damron, and Ayden Petz each with two points.

Offensively the Raiders connected on 20-45 shooting 44 percent while the Bears managed 13-44 including just 1-16 from behind the arc for a 30 percent clip. Bryan won the battle of the boards 34-28 while the Raiders committed 13 turnovers to 20 for Bryan.

ARCHERS, RAIDERS SPLIT

ANTWERP - The Antwerp eighth grade and Wayne Trace seventh grade recorded victories in junior high girls basketball action on Thursday night.

Wayne Trace cruised to a victory over the Archers in the seventh-grade game with Caren Winans leading the way with 14 points. Caroline Winans added ten for the Lady Raiders and Caitlyn Mead chipped in six.

Miley Jewell had a basket for Antwerp.

Antwerp won the eighth-grade game 20-18 as Caroline Rohrs scored eight points and Jessica Thornell posted six. Faith Clem and Maylynn Carnahan scored four and two markers, respectively, for the Lady Archers.

Tianna Sinn led the way for the Lady Raiders with six points while Harper Myers and Kathleen Stoller bucketed five markers each. Allison Noggle chipped in two for the

In other action last week, the Wayne Trace eighth grade fell to Crestview 38-20.

Sinn had seven points followed by Stoller (five), Myers (four), Anna Meraz (two) and Noggle (two).

400TH ANNIVERSARY OF LANDING OF MAYFLOWER PILGRIMS

'PLYMOUTH ROCK' By: Caroline Longardner

On November 10, 1620 (old calendar) the MAYFLOWER finally reached the long awaited shore of America. The "Saints and Strangers" had sailed westward from England for 66 long days and 66 long nights. By morning, the MAYFLOWER had anchored in the shelter of what is Province town harbor. At first there was rejoicing, but then demands were made by the sailors to put the passengers ashore and get back to England before the food ran out.

The "Strangers" were the passengers who had no powers or promises of patents to rely on for their future in this newly founded colony to become known as PLYMOUTH COLONY. This discontent and possible mutiny was immediately brought to the attention of the Separatist leaders who met privately in Carver's cabin.

These problems were being discussed by others all over the MAYFLOWER for the next few hours. It was said they hurried from one group to another arguing, compromising and amending information.

By the next evening all of the men met in John Carver's cabin. William Brewster is thought to have probably drawn up the document known as THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT. The original document has been lost, but the copies have been retained with the signatures of all of the men on board the MAYFLOWER who signed it. It was a product of highly extraordinary circumstances which have stood the test of time.

On November 11, 1620 (old calendar) the first party of 16 men (who were armed) went to shore from the MAYFLOWER. They used a "shallop" (small boat) that they had brought on the Mayflower for the errands. The next day was Sunday (no attempts were made to go ashore). On Monday, Nov. 13., there was washing to do by the women who went ashore at that time. They had not had a chance to do any "laundry" on the trip from England.

While the women did the washing, the men who came on shore with them worked on the shallop. The pilgrims had expected to use it for exploring parties, but since it had been used as sleeping quarters for some of the Saints on the voyage, its seams needed repairing.

On Wednesday (the 15th) an exploring party of 16 men led by Miles Standish and William Bradford went ashore. About a mile down the beach they saw about 5 or 6 Indians and a dog. When the Pilgrims were seen, the Indians quickly hid in the woods by the beach. The Pilgrims tried to find and catch up with them with no luck.

Miles Standish and his men stayed on shore for 3 days. They found baskets of seed corn buried by the Indians in present-day TRURO (a hill which was to be named "Corn Hill"). Standish took some of

the corn back to the MAYFLOWER with them when they returned to the boat.

The shallop was being repaired and was good to go about 10 days after Standish's party returned. At that time the MAYFLOWER Captain - Master Jones, was sent out with a group of 33 men immediately. Nine of the group were crewmen from the MAYFLOWER and 24 were Pilgrims.

This expedition went directly back to Corn Hill at Truro to take more of the corn that the other earlier party had discovered. This time they also discovered near the corn, baskets of wheat and dried beans. Quantities of each were sent back to the Mayflower.

On Dec. 6 the shallop set out a third time; several days later it arrived at the deserted site of PLYMOUTH, (which Captain John Smith had named in 1614). There were 18 men in the party, which were made up of Pilgrims and crew of the Mayflower, including Winslow, Bradford, Standish and Carver. This group reached Clark's Island in Plymouth harbor on Sat., December 9, (and not traveling on the Sabbath) they stayed until Monday, December 11. On that day, they stepped ashore.

Legend has it that they first stepped ashore on PLYMOUTH ROCK on this day. (THE LANDING ON PLYMOUTH ROCK IS NOW DATED AS HAVING BEEN

DECEMBER 21, 1620 USING THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR.) Ten days must be added to all dates given in Pilgrim records in order to determine the date according to the modern calendars.

Ref: American History; Plymouth Plantation by Bradford

PATROL CONTINUES FOCUS ON IMPAIRED DRIVING ARRESTS

As part of the Patrol's ongoing effort to make Ohio roadways safe, troopers continue to focus on impaired driving this month and throughout the holiday season.

"We take impaired driving seriously and remain dedicated to promoting safety on Ohio's roadways," said Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol superintendent. "We need all motorists to commit to safer roads by planning ahead, designating a sober driver and ensuring that everyone in the vehicle is buckled up."

Since 2015, there were 81,006 OVI-related crashes on Ohio roadways, killing 2,691 people and injuring 49,190 others. During that same period, troopers removed more than 141,000 impaired drivers from Ohio roadways. OVI-related crashes accounted for 40 percent of all fatal crashes in Ohio in the last five years.

"Please don't risk your life or the lives of others by getting behind the wheel impaired this holiday season," said Lt. Bob Ashenfelter "You can save lives and ensure our roads are safe when you designate a sober driver."

Last year, troopers from the Defiance Post removed 110 impaired drivers from our local roadways.

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UNSUNG HERO: CHAD FOUST

By: Courtney Shull

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Chad made a significant difference in my life. His friendship, trust, and love helped deepen my own faith. We served together (along with other amazing team members) to provide worship at a local church. He built my confidence and grew my love of worship music. On the hardest days of my life, Chad dropped his plans to help me record special music to honor and say goodbye to my dad. He and his family sacrificed and gave of themselves when I needed it most. He refused to accept payback or thanks and instead said, "You pay us back just by being here." I don't know if that is true, but I do know there are no thank you words worthy.

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HOMESCHOOLING ISN'T BORING!

By: Kate McIntosh, age 13

There's so much to think about at home! Even when it seems boring, there are still math problems to calculate, new music to learn, and extra things like a speech class we are doing through CHEPC, our homeschool group, to make normal life a little more exciting! Company coming over and visiting my older siblings is fun. And so, here are the things our family does.

A typical lesson day is easier for younger people, but it gets harder as you get older. At 6 in the morning, we get up and exercise, and afterward, settle down and read our Bibles. Then some of the schoolwork I do is algebra (which is not necessarily easy, although I can't say that

it's boring), an hour of music practice, grammar, writing, biology, Spanish, and read a good book for half an hour. Cara and I have chores such as laundry and drying the dishes. We also take out the trash and get the mail. But cleaning day, well, that's another story.

But then sometimes we have company! Occasionally people will come over and maybe stay a night or two, such as when my sister Hannah's family comes, because they live so far away. We have people over more often when someone is courting or engaged, and when Joy, who is practically the most extroverted person in our family, is at home. She and our cousins came last week for Thanksgiving!

Homeschooling is also more flexible than other things because when we need to go somewhere, my mom can say that we have no lessons that day! We also sometimes do them in the car, but we get to cancel the ones we can't do! In the winter when it's snowy and cold Mom might possibly cancel the lessons so we can go outside and play! That's what we call a snow day!

Every once in a while special things happen! Joy graduated high school this year, and a lot of people came. Last year we had two weddings. Three of my siblings are married now, and two of them already have kids. When there is a new baby, my parents can't wait until they can go see him or her! We can't either!

So you see, the things that we do aren't boring. On lesson days, we do important things, and when we have company, we sure do have fun! Then there are graduations and weddings, which we love! But for now, I guess we don't have any way of knowing the things that could happen next!

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PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCES NOVEMBER SOM



Shown in the picture are the Paulding Middle School November Students of the Month. Shown from left to right are Vivi Myers, Esther Cantu, Courtney Good, and Hope Peters. Not shown is Matthew Geiger. These students were selected by their teachers for being positive role-models at Paulding Middle School.

HEALTHY SOILS SUPPRESS PESTS

Farmers who improve soil health increase the amount of soil carbon being stored, and recycled. The increased carbon flow increases microbial numbers and efficiency leading to improved plant photosynthesis. The entire soil ecosystem functions at a higher level. The overall effects are healthy plants that have less disease and insect issues and higher overall yields.

Soils high in soil organic matter (SOM) allow carbon to cycle in many different forms. The soil microbial community adjusts to these changes in the quantity of recycled carbon and nitrogen and this has an effect on the amount of phosphorus, sulfur, and micro-minerals released in the soil. Many of these trace minerals like manganese, iron, copper, and zinc are essential micro-nutrients needed to suppress disease. Plants activate plant proteins into enzymes to fight diseases using these micro-nutrients as co-factors. All soils have pathogens but healthy soils can tolerate these pathogens because healthy plants have the ability to fight them off. Since most insects attack diseased plants, both diseases and insect pests decline in healthy soils.

The type of nitrogen used to feed the plant can play a significant role in plant disease suppression. Soils high in SOM have plenty of carbon and nitrogen recycling. Since most soils are now lacking adequate SOM, the form of nitrogen primarily as nitrate or ammonium can affect the disease cycle and possible pathogens. Some pathogens are enhanced by nitrate and suppressed by ammonium. Others are the exact opposite. Most (but not all) soil-borne pathogens are enhanced by the presence of nitrate (Kempf & Huber, 2018). Ideally, farmers should use about 20-30% of their corn nitrogen as nitrate (especially in corn starter fertilizer) to promote vegetative growth and about 70-80% as ammonium forms to promote reproductive growth. The added bonus is both disease and insect pest suppression.

Soil compaction can have an impact on disease organisms. Saturated or water-logged soils in compacted soils become nutrient depleted, especially in micro-nutrients leading to more disease. This corresponds to the impact of reduced vs oxi-



dized environments, since ammonium is the reduced form of nitrogen, and nitrate is the oxidized form of nitrogen. In general, reduced environments (ammonium) are very disease suppressive, and oxidized environments (nitrate) are disease enhancing (Kempf and Huber, 2018).

The amount of oxygen and water impacts oxidation, reduction, and nutrient form. Soils that are very dry but highly aerobic (lots of oxygen) can be as detrimental as fields that are saturated (too much water) and anaerobic (no oxygen). The ideal situation is a healthy soil with plenty of SOM and pore space so that when it rains 0.5-1.5 inches and/or with adequate moisture allows reduced micro-nutrients (plant available forms) and ammonium to recycle in the soil. The soil is a micro-environment meaning that both reducing and oxidizing conditions can occur at the same time only short distances apart. In most cases, for healthy plants, we want to avoid the extreme conditions at either end. Pest (disease and insect) suppression is all about balance.

The best way to reduce disease in crop fields is crop rotation with biological microbial buffering. Changing the plant community allows a balance of microbial predators which consume many of the disease pathogens. Crop rotations also promote beneficial microbes which recycle essential micro-nutrients. Crop rotation disrupts disease cycles and allows micro-nutrients to be made plant available as co-factors to activate enzymes to fight off disease organisms.

Cover crops are similar to crop rotation and are another way to suppress disease pathogens and improve micro-nutrient availability. Oats is one of the best cover crops for disease suppression because it makes manganese available (decreases Fusarium), decreases soil compaction, and improves soil structure. Cereal rye helps soybeans by reducing soybean cyst nematodes, Rhizoctonia, and Phytophthora. Brassicas like kale, rape seed, and radish makes sulfur and other micro-nutrients available while breaking the disease cycle similar to crop rotation. Reducing

the use of glyphosate can be beneficial because glyphosate is a chelator which ties up many micro-nutrients (especially manganese) and glyphosate promotes Fusarium by tying up manganese.

To promote healthy soils that resist pests, crop rotation and cover crops are extremely beneficial. The form of nitrogen fertilizer (ammonium vs nitrate) affects disease cycles. Soil conditions like alleviating soil compaction and improving SOM can play a large role in keeping pests away. Doctors say you are what you eat, so produce and eat healthy food. Healthy soils and healthy microbes lead to healthy plants and animals eaten by healthy people.

PURDUE FORT WAYNE COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS GRADUATE STUDENTS GAIN VITAL EXPERIENCE AT GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE

The new graduate program in speech-language pathology at Purdue University Fort Wayne is already paying dividends for students in its inaugural class and for individuals with Down syndrome at GiGi's Playhouse.

This meaningful opportunity to work one-on-one outside of the classroom helps the students fulfill a significant requirement of their training.

"Part of the requirements for students to earn their graduate degree and then be eligible for certification as a speech-language pathologist is completing 400 hours of supervised clinical practicum," noted Leah Knoblauch, clinical assistant professor and director of the Purdue Fort Wayne Communication Disorders Clinic. "Therefore, the clinical hours they complete in our on-campus clinic or other sites in the community are an invaluable part of their education and help them to develop their clinical skills."

It has been a very busy two-year period for the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Purdue Fort Wayne. It received approvals to proceed with the speech-language pathology graduate program from both the Purdue University Board of Trustees and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education in 2019. During 2020, the new program received national accreditation in July after an on-site visit earlier in the summer. The

first students in the program enrolled and began classes in August.

Those students now have the opportunity to put their skills into practice.

"This is a unique opportunity for our students because the faculty members who supervise their clinical work at GiGi's Playhouse also teach the courses they are taking at Purdue Fort Wayne," said Stacy Betz, Communications Sciences and Disorders associate professor and department chair. "This helps them make stronger connections between coursework and clinical experiences. Students are also able to learn more about valuable community resources in northeast Indiana, which they might one day recommend to their own clients."

GiGi's Playhouse is a nationwide, nonprofit organization that provides therapeutic, educational, and career-training programs for individuals of all ages with Down syndrome.

"We're always encouraging our participants to blast through barriers," said Mandy Drakeford, executive director of GiGi's Playhouse Fort Wayne. "For many individuals with Down syndrome, speech and communication may be a barrier due to low muscle tone. Our new partnership with Purdue Fort Wayne Communication Sciences and Disorders helps our participants evolve and refine their speech and language skills, fostering greater self-confidence, social skills, school readiness, and overall quality of life."

Students began providing treatment services in September. It is expected that 10 graduate students and 10 GiGi's participants will be involved in speech therapy each semester.

GiGi's Playhouse opened in Fort Wayne in 2016 and serves approximately 300 families in northeast Indiana, southwest Michigan, and northwest Ohio.

For more information on the speech-language pathology graduate program, contact Betz at betzs@pfw.edu or 260-481-6409.

To learn more about GiGi's Playhouse, contact Drakeford at mdrakeford@gigisplayhouse.org.

TAX VALUE OF FARMLAND EXPECTED TO DROP

There's a bit of good news for Ohio farmers to counter the bad news caused by COVID-19, as well as by last year's historic rain.

In counties scheduled for property value updates in 2020—about half of Ohio's 88 counties—the average value of farmland enrolled in the Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) program should be about 40% lower than 2017-2019, or about \$665 per acre.

That's according to projections by researchers at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). The same projections say that in counties due for property value updates in 2021—another quarter of Ohio's counties—average CAUV values should be about 25% less than 2018-2020, or about \$760 per acre.

The declines should mean lower property taxes, on average, for most of the farmers in those counties.

The projections were published in a May report by post-doctoral researcher Robert Dinterman and Ani Katchova, associate professor and farm income enhancement chair, both of CFAES' Department of

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics.

"Less money paid in property tax will help reduce farmers' costs and allow them to keep a greater share of the revenues they bring in," Dinterman said.

But he noted that CAUV values are "not exactly equal to the property tax someone will pay." A farm's total property tax bill, he said, also depends on how many taxing jurisdictions the land is subject to and the tax rate, or millage rate, within those jurisdictions.

There could "certainly be a few cases where an agricultural landowner sees a large reduction in their CAUV value but has a corresponding increase in their millage rate and ends up paying the same in property taxes," Dinterman said.

Ohio counties update their property values, including their CAUV values, every three years on a rotating basis, with about a third of the counties seeing updates every year. The new values then apply for the next three years.

The state's CAUV program allows farmland to be taxed based on its agricultural value instead of its full market value. Enrollment in the program, which is voluntary, "normally results in a substantially lower tax bill for working farmers," an Ohio Department of Taxation website says.

A county's CAUV values are based, roughly, on a formula using net farm income data from over the past five to seven years. More specifically, the data comes from a hypothetical farm producing soybeans, corn, and wheat during that period.

"In a nutshell, CAUV values are high when the previous five to seven years of farm income were high. CAUV values

are low when the previous five to seven years of farm income were low," Dinterman said.

Farmers had a boom in net income from about 2010-2014, which was partly a major cause of rising CAUV values in the past, he said.

"So now that we have been in a prolonged period of what people might consider low farm incomes, those values start to enter the CAUV formula and in turn lower their values," Dinterman said.

"Clearly a farmer does not want to have low income, but a bit of good news that comes with that is that at least their tax bills will be a bit lower," he said.

Dinterman and Katchova's report also states that based on early projections, the quarter of Ohio counties scheduled for CAUV updates in 2022 will see only a small decrease in their values, about 1%, to \$880 per acre.

That ties in with the researchers' expectation that the CAUV declines won't continue.

"We should give a bit of a warning to farmers that the recent trend we've seen in reduced CAUV values has plateaued," Dinterman said.

The reason: a major legislative change to the CAUV formula—related to how capitalization rates are calculated—was started in 2017. The change was phased in, and 2020 marks the end of the phase-in.

"That phase-in over 2017-2020 helped ease into the lowest CAUV values we've seen since about 2012," Dinterman said. "We're likely to stay within a range of about \$650-\$900 for average CAUV values in the foreseeable future."

Read the report at go.osu.edu/may2020cauv.

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retrieve children. On November 21, There was an alarm at a local business. Officer responded and determined it was a false alarm. On November 20, A resident reported a dispute with a neighbor. An officer responded, defused the situation and filed a report with the prosecutor's office. On November 19, An officer noticed a vehicle parked at a local church. When the officer investigated, he found out the vehicle belonged to the pastor. If you would like to report any suspicious activity or if you have any questions, please contact the Antwerp Police Department, 419-258-2627. They are always ready to serve the residents of the Village of Antwerp!

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

Ohio's state wildlife officers are often involved with fish management projects, wildlife management projects, and information and education duties. One of those wildlife management duties is collecting samples from road-killed deer so that they can be tested for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). While on patrol, officers find deer that have been killed along the state's roads and take a sample. The samples are then sent to a lab and are tested for the presence of the disease. This duty is extremely important to help our wildlife management professionals monitor for the presence of CWD in Ohio.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

While patrolling along Lake Erie, State Wildlife Officer Matt Smith, assigned to Henry County, saw a man and a woman in the parking lot of the Bayshore Fishing Access walking around a new boat. Officer Smith contacted the couple and discovered that it was their first boating experience. They asked Officer Smith dozens of questions about the best way to launch and trailer a boat. Officer Smith offered to help them through their first time launching their new boat. After about 30 minutes and several more questions, the boat was tied to the dock and ready for its first voyage. The couple thanked Officer Smith several times and then headed out to the lake. State Wildlife Officer Mi-

chele Butler, assigned to Erie County, was patrolling Res-thaven Wildlife Area on the opening day of the 2020 dove hunting season when she saw two hunters sit down at the edge of one of the dove fields. Shortly after, one of the hunters shot a dove and it fell into the woods behind him. The hunters continued to dove hunt without attempting to recover the bird that was harvested. Officer Butler contacted the hunters after they had packed up their belongings and moved to a different location. The hunter who shot the dove did not try to retrieve it. Officer Butler explained to the hunter that it wasteful and unethical to fail to search for harvested game. The hunter was issued a citation for wanton waste and paid \$250 in fines and court costs.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Matt Madgar, assigned to Cuyahoga County, received a call asking for assistance with a white-tailed buck deer that was tangled in netting. The caller stated that the deer had what appeared to be a soccer net tangled in its antlers and wrapped around its face. Upon arrival, Officer Madgar located the deer in a flower bed next to the caller's home. The deer quickly jumped up and ran across the street, where it became tangled in a fence. Officer Madgar was able to cut the deer free from the fence unharmed.

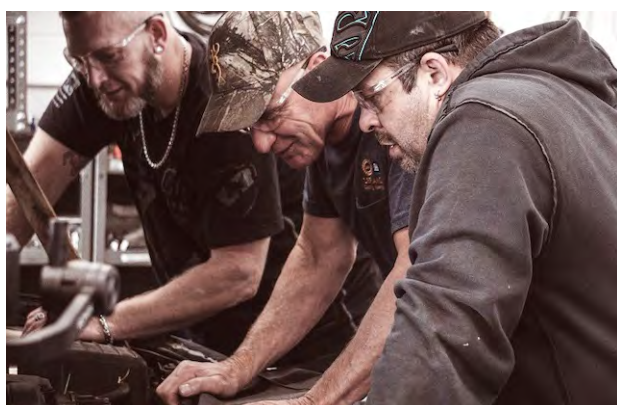
State Wildlife Officer Eric Moore, assigned to Medina County, received a call from the Medina Police Department. They detained a man who was walking through the city limits with a shotgun, dressed in full camouflage, and carrying a dead wild turkey. Officer Moore responded right away. The man was cooperating when Officer Moore arrived, but had tried to hide the dead wild turkey from authorities upon first contact. Officer Moore discovered there was no tag on the bird, and asked the hunter where he was hunting. The person stated that he had permission to hunt the property where he harvested the bird, however he trespassed across multiple properties to access his hunting area. He forgot his turkey tag, and therefore he tried to hide the bird when police officers spotted him. Officer Moore explained the violations, including needing permission to access all private property. The wild turkey was seized, and the hunter was charged with failing to tag a turkey. He pleaded

guilty and paid \$232 in fines and court costs. **Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four** In September 2020, State Wildlife Officer Jeff Berry was patrolling Blue Rock State Forest in Muskingum County. Officer Berry stopped to check a parked vehicle, which was registered to an individual who did not have a current Ohio hunting license. Squirrel season had just opened, so he walked back an access trail into the woods and soon found the individual. During their conversation, Officer Berry found fresh ginseng roots on the individual. The individual was issued a summons for harvesting ginseng on state property. The individual pleaded guilty in Muskingum County Court, received 200 hours of community service, and lost medicinal root harvesting privileges for two years. In August 2020, State Wildlife Officer Mark Basinger, assigned to Athens County, received a call from an excited resident requesting help releasing a gray fox from a dog-proof raccoon trap. Officer Basinger met with the landowner a short time later and used a catch pole to release the young female gray fox from the trap. The uninjured fox quickly bounded to the sanctuary of a large bush. The landowner was thankful for the help and said the gray fox family had been enjoying that area of the property for the last few months. Officer Basinger explained that while gray foxes are canines, they have very flexible wrists and longer cat-like claws than dogs and other foxes which allows them to do things like climb trees and retrieve items from smaller spaces, including the trap.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

On the last day of the 2019-2020 deer-archery hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Jason Keller, assigned to Warren County, received a call about an individual deer hunting without permission. Officer Keller and K-9 Scout responded to the area and found a vehicle parked near the property. Officer Keller used K-9 Scout to track the individual across a field, where they found individual deer hunting. The individual was issued a summons for hunting without permission. This was the second time in five years the individual had been caught hunting without permission. The defendant was found guilty in Franklin Municipal Court and paid \$792 in fines and court costs. State Wildlife Investigator Kevin Behr received a call concerning an injured hawk. A concerned person called after he and several neighbors in noticed it had an injured wing. The bird was perching off the ground and continuing to hunt, according to the caller. Investigator Behr advised them to keep watching it and if it was not able to fly or feed, to call him. The next day the man called and said he noticed the bird on the ground, and he was able to catch it and put it into a pet carrier. Investigator Behr met with the caller and determined that the injured bird was a Cooper's hawk and that it needed professional care. The hawk was transported to RAPTORS Inc. for evaluation and to determine whether it might be returned to the wild.

NSSC HELPS TO MAKE DREAMS A REALITY AT THE DEFIANCE DREAM CENTER



On Tuesday, November 24, seven individuals graduated from the Defiance Dream Center's workforce training program. The program, focusing on skilled trades, provided four learners with 120 hours of construction training and a 30-hour OSHA certification. The other three learners spent 10 weeks focusing on automotive skills that local employers believe are necessary for gainful employment. Construction graduates: Jaziel Castillo (Paulding), Andrew Heilman (Defiance), Michael Hernandez (Defiance) and Juan Perez (Defiance). Automotive graduates: Anastasia Brooks (Defiance), James Hurst (Bryan) and Matt Randolph (Defiance).

of Northwest State Community College, gave all learners insight and skills that local companies believe are necessary to be successful in a specific career field. The seven learners also received training in employability skills from the Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC), which are a valuable asset in today's work environment. The OhioMeansJobs-Defiance and Paulding counties office played an integral part, providing career coaches, funding, and aiding in the recruitment of learners. This local state agency continues to focus on upskilling the local workforce, providing training assistance to individuals that are unemployed, and



The program is a collaboration of numerous entities. The curriculum, designed and facilitated by Custom Training Solutions, a division

working with local schools to provide meaningful training programs. Tiffany Dargenson, the Workforce Supervisor, understands the impact



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her offices can and do have upon the community. "Our mission is to develop and promote a workforce system that is responsive to the needs of business as well as job seekers resulting in regional economic prosperity."

The Defiance Dream Center partners together with various organizations and businesses to equip and train students with skilled trades needed to meet today's employment needs. The Defiance Dream Center's facility provides learners with a unique opportunity, unlike any other in Northwest Ohio. Guiseppe Blanchard, the Director of Operations for the Dream Center had this to say about the program, "We launched our Workforce Development program in 2019 to meet several needs identified in our community. The classes provide critical training to help individuals provide better stability for themselves and their families by giving them exposure to multiple fields of study, access to area employers and options of employment upon graduation."

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Russell A. Doster, Continental, OH; Disorderly conduct w/persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Mandy L. Gunn, Barststown, KY; Drug paraphernalia; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

Robert L. Bair III, Leipsic, OH; OVI suspension; Guilty; Must provide proof of insurance by 11/25/20; Defendant to report to jail on 12/18/20; Pay or collections 12/18/20

Robert L. Bair III, Leipsic, OH; U turn; Case dismissed at state's request

Danielle A. Bledsoe, New Bavaria, OH; No operator's license; Case dismissed at state's request

Danielle A. Bledsoe, New Bavaria, OH; Traffic device/sign; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 2/26/21

Joshua D. Finfrook, Paulding, OH; Driving under OVI suspension; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/17/21

Joshua D. Finfrook, Paulding, OH; OVI suspension; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/17/21

Joshua D. Finfrook, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request

Joshua D. Finfrook, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Case dismissed at state's request

Mallory L. Mansfield, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Billy J. Sparks, Decatur, IN; Driver license required; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/17/21

Billy J. Sparks, Decatur, IN; Driving under suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant must secure a valid operator license by end of term of community control; Defendant's vehicle may be released today upon full payment of storage and towing fees to a licensed, insured driver

Billy J. Sparks, Decatur, IN; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/17/21

Billy J. Sparks, Decatur,

IN; Loud exhaust; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/17/21

Carson Lee Laney, Paulding, OH; No deer permit; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Estil L. Hatfield, Oakwood, OH; Driving under OVI suspension; Guilty; Defendant to report to jail for 3 days on 12/23/20 @ 5:30p.m.; Pay all fines and costs today; Letter given for defendant to retest for operator's license

Stephen Palladino, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Matthew Wehrman, Marion, IN; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request

Jessica L. Evans, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Michael Joseph Sanchez, Fort Wayne, IN; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today; Warrant and warrant block rescinded

Reginald Crowder, Flint, MI; No tail lights; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/18/20

Caleb L. Baughman, Payne, OH; Wrongful entrapment; Guilty; Defendant pled guilty via Zoom; Pay or collection 11/19/21

Eric L. Williams, Detroit, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Trevor W. Gross, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cody Carder, Lima, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Michael J. Adams, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Loretha A. Hopkins, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tyler Danberry, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Sophie J. Kelsay, Blue Spring, MO; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Dean W. Palmer Jr., Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ronald P. Garrity II, Paulding, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed with prejudice

Melissa E. Davis, Fort Wayne, IN; Violation of protection order; Case dismissed with prejudice

Elizabeth Pollock, Oakwood, OH; Aggravated menacing; Case dismissed with prejudice

Crystal I. Coffey, Paulding, OH; Assault; Case dismissed with prejudice

Antjuan V. Smith, Detroit, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brian M. Floyd, Lyons, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kirsten L. Crowl, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant waived traffic citation

Marci Peguese, Redford, MI; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Marci Peguese, Redford, MI; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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James Schroetter, Paulding, OH; Domestic violence; Guilty; Defendant appeared via video; Pled guilty; No contact with victim or her residence; Pay or collection 1/29/21

Amelia F. Siebert, Saint Louis, MO; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant appeared by video arr.; Pled guilty; Pay or collections 12/18/20; All contraband, shall be forfeited

Amelia F. Siebert, Saint Louis, MO; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant appeared by video arr.; Pled guilty; Pay or collections 12/18/20; All contraband shall be forfeited

Robert W. Wells, Bloomfield Hill, MI; Distracted driving; Count B dismissed

Frank H. Chenetski III, Oregon, OH; Following too close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jessica D. Thacker, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tina M. Marshall, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Montana Carroll, Archbold, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Timothy Taylor, Antwerp, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Kevin R. Younce, Norwalk, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Mary E. McDougall, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

James Spears, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty;

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Taisha M. Bayron Lopez, Indianapolis, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Wesley W. Bowman Jr., Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court; Pled guilty; Make monthly payments of \$30 beginning 12/18/20; Pay or collections 8/27/21

Angelica L. Martz, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Matthew Lucas, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ray D. Ankney, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Amelia F. Siebert, Saint Louis, MO; OVI/under influence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant appeared via video arr.; Forfeit Interarms Firestar 9mm; Pay or collection 12/18/20

Amelia F. Siebert, Saint Louis, MO; Driving under non-fra suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant appeared via video arr.; Pay today

Amelia F. Siebert, Saint Louis, MO; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant appeared via video arr.; Pay today

Broderick C. Roberts, Hillsdale, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Derric G. Shisler, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ricky R. Richards, Sherwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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12/3/20 Yoder Henrietta Etal to Merritt Nicholas Merritt Jessica; 20771 Sr 637 Oakwood Oh 45873; 0.3122 acres; Lot 2 Tom's Subdiv Auglaize

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12/3/20 Sholl Leta R to Sholl Stephen G Etal; 14350 Sr 66 Oakwood Oh 45873; 40 acres; N1/2 Sw1/4 Sw1/4 & S1/2 Nw1/4Sw1/4 Auglaize Twp S-26

12/3/20 Sholl Leta R to Sholl Stephen G Etal; Sr 66; 60 acres; S1/2Nw1/4 S e1/4 & S1/2 Ne1/4 Se1/4&Nptse1/4&Nptse1/4 Auglaize Twp S-27

BROWN TWP

11/30/20 Nice David R Trustee to Suds 24/7 Inc; Rd 148; 79.26 acres; Pt E1/2 Nw1/4 Brown Twp S-11

11/30/20 Nice David R Trustee to Suds 24/7 Inc; Rd 209; 60 acres; S3/4 S1/2 Ne1/4 Brown Twp S-11

11/30/20 Nice David R Trustee to Suds 24/7 Inc; Rd 148; 75.115 acres; E1/2 Nw1/4 Brown Twp S-12

12/2/20 Sherry Michelle R to Carlisle Thomas O; 8523 Rd 181 Oakwood Oh 45873; 1.875 acres; Pt Ne1/4 & Pt Se1/4 Brown Twp S-29

CARRYALL TWP

12/2/20 Temple June Louise to Temple Sandra Kay Etal; Maple Dr; 0.1492 acres; Lot 21 Marilyn-Doris Add Antwerp Vill

12/2/20 Temple June Louise to Temple June Louise; 115 Maple Dr; 0.1492 acres; Lot 20 Marilyn-Doris Add Antwerp Vill

11/30/20 Recker Dennis G to Hamrick Zachery K Hamrick Brianne; 104 Sycamore St; 0.3375 acres; Lot 2 Dutchman's Cove Antwerp Vill

CRANE TWP

12/1/20 Home 4 You Llc to Froelich Richard Froelich Melissa R; 10884 Rd 192 Cecil Oh 45821; 5.924 acres; Pt Ne1/4 Crane Twp Sec 10

HARRISON TWP

12/3/20 Kuhn Mary M Life Est @ (8) to Kuhn Mary M Le; Rd 106; 15.285 acres; Pt Spt S1/2 Sw1/4 Harrison Twp Sec 22

12/3/20 Kuhn Mary M Life Est @ (8) to Kuhn Mary M Le; Rd 106; 5 acres; Pt Se1/4 Sw1/4 Harrison Twp Sec 22

HELP WANTED:

Antwerp Manor dietary is seeking to fill part time position working with the kitchen and serving meals.

If Interested, please pick up an application at the front desk, or call 419-258-1606.

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Lapham-Hickey Steel in Paulding is looking to hire 2 experienced slitter operators and 1 experienced edger/skiving operator.

Pay starts at \$18.27 with an increase to \$18.64 in December. We are a 24 hour operation that works 12 hour swing shifts that switch shifts every 4 weeks. 7:30am - 7:30pm or 7:30pm - 7:30am

Stop in the office to fill out an application or call 419-399-4803 and ask for Ryan for more information about these job openings.

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Sudoku solution

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1	6	9	8	5	2	7	3	4
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12/3/20 Kuhn Mary M Life Est @ (8) to Kuhn Mary M Le; Rd 106; 5 acres; Pt S1/2 Sw1/4 Harrison Twp Sec 22

12/3/20 Kuhn Mary M Life Est @ (8) to Kuhn Mary M Le; Sr 49; 37.45 acres; Ptsel1/4Ne1/4 Less3/4A&1.8Aharrison Twp Sec 22

12/3/20 Kuhn Mary M Life Est @ (8) to Kuhn Mary M Le; Rd 106; 31.34 acres; E Pt W1/2 Ne1/4 Harrison Twp Sec 27

12/3/20 Kuhn Mary M Life Est @ (8) to Kuhn Mary M Le; Rd 106; 46.9 acres; Pt W 1/2 Ne 1/4 Harrison Twp Sec 27

12/3/20 Kuhn Mary M Life Est @ (8) to Kuhn Mary M Le; 4573 Rd 96 Payne Oh 45880; 3.1 acres; Pt W 1/2 Ne 1/4 Harrison Twp Sec 27

12/3/20 Kuhn Mary M Life Est @ (8) to Kuhn Mary M Le; Rd 96; 23.743 acres; Wptspt-n1/2Nw1/4&Sptel1/2 Nw1/4 Harrison Twp Sec 28

12/3/20 Kuhn Mary M Life Est @ (8) to Kuhn Mary M Le; Rd 106; 20.033 acres; W1/2 Nw1/4 Ne1/4 Harrison Twp Sec 28

12/3/20 Kuhn Mary M Life Est @ (8) to Kuhn Mary M Le; Rd 106; 20.033 acres; E1/2 Nw1/4 Ne1/4 Harrison Twp Sec 28

JACKSON TWP

12/2/20 Greear Bryce to Kirn William David; 15621 Bowman St Paulding Oh 45879; 0.55 acres; Pt E1/2Ne1/4 S-33 Jackson Twp

PAULDING TWP

12/3/20 Community Improvement Corporation Of Paulding to NSL Properties Llc; E Perry St; 0.15 acres; Lot 185 O.p. Paulding Vill

12/3/20 Community Improvement Corporation Of Paulding to NSL Properties Llc; 215 E Perry St; 0.15 acres; Lot 184 O.p. Paulding Vill

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PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL NOVEMBER PRIDE CARD WINNERS



Shown in the picture are the students from Paulding Middle School who earned Paulding Pride cards for the month of November. These students earned these cards by going above and beyond the normal expectations required of students at Paulding Middle School.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION INVESTS \$891 MILLION IN RURAL WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN 43 STATES

The Trump Administration announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$891 million to modernize rural drinking water (PDF, 465 KB) and wastewater infrastructure in 43 states. "Upgrading water infrastructure provides a path to economic growth and protects the health and safety of people who live and work in rural areas," USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Bette Brand said. "Under the leadership of President Trump and Secretary Perdue, USDA continues to be a strong partner to rural communities, because we know that when rural America thrives, all of America thrives."

These 220 projects will help improve rural water infrastructure for 787,000 residents. The projects are being funded through the Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program.

Background: The Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm

water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas with populations of 10,000 or less.

For example, as part of today's announcement:

The city of Maquoketa, Iowa, is receiving a \$6.2 million loan to replace water main lines in the Platt Street corridor. The water mains are old, undersized and corroding. This project will correct health and sanitary issues caused by frequent water main breaks. Additionally, the city will improve the storm water system and upgrade catch basins to better collect the runoff.

In Pennsylvania, the Authority of the Borough of Charleroi is receiving a \$10.6 million loan and a \$1.8 million grant to construct a pump station, install a diversion chamber, install 1,500 feet of 18-inch gravity sewer line, and construct a shared force main. In addition, a new influent box and sluice gate will be installed at the sewer treatment plant. The project is needed to comply with a Department of Environmental Protection consent order agreement that requires the authority to eliminate combined sewer overflows (CSO) and implement a long-term CSO control plan.

The Town of Estes Park, Colo., is being awarded a \$7.7 million loan and a \$2.4 million grant to improve and expand the Glacier Creek Water Treatment Plant. After the

improvements are completed, the plant will be the sole source of water treatment year round, providing clean drinking water to 8,791 people in the Estes Valley. The improvements will also bring the plant back into compliance with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment drinking water disinfection requirements.

These USDA investments are going to Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and West Virginia.

To learn more about investment resources for rural areas, interested parties should contact their USDA Rural Development state office.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

COLUMBUS RELIGIOUS LEADER, FORMER TELEVISION NEWS ANCHOR, WILL DELIVER OHIO STATE AUTUMN COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Ohio State University President Kristina M. Johnson announced that the university will hold a virtual autumn commencement on Sunday, Dec. 13. Approximately 3,500 graduates will be honored during the ceremony, which begins at 2 p.m.

The speaker will be Jerry Revish, a former television news anchor for WBNS-TV who retired last November after 45 years in the business.

Revish and his wife Danielle are ordained ministers who created their own church called Unity Temple Church of God in Christ in the South side of Columbus in May

2011.

"I am thrilled that Pastor Revish accepted our invitation to deliver the autumn commencement address," said Ohio State President Kristine M. Johnson. "His decades as a leader in the newsroom and throughout central Ohio give him a unique vantage point from which to inspire and encourage our graduates as they embark on the next phase of their lives."

Because of continued precautions regarding large gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event will be livestreamed and no graduates will be physically present.

Revish is a native of Youngstown, Ohio, where he got his start in broadcasting at WBBW Radio. Revish and his wife, Danielle, a fashion show producer and image consultant, have two adult children and four grandchildren.

Revish's reporting skills have taken him around the world. He was the first Columbus TV reporter to go to Saudi Arabia to cover the Persian Gulf War. He has reported from Haiti, Barbados, South Africa, Bosnia, Bahrain, Cuba and Japan. Major stories he covered include national political conventions, Ohio State University bowl games, the dedication of the Vietnam War Memorial Wall, the Lucasville State Prison Riot, the September 11th terrorist attack and interviewing President Barack Obama.

URL: <https://news.osu.edu/columbus-religious-leader-former-television-news-anchor-will-deliver-ohio-state-autumn-commencement-address-in-virtual-ceremony-on-dec-13/>

LATTA EARNS NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS "GUARDIAN OF SMALL BUSINESS" AWARD

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) provided the following statement after the announcement of earning the Guardian of Small Business award from the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB):

"It is an honor to be recognized for my strong, pro-growth voting record. During my time in Congress, and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, I have worked to ensure small businesses have the resources and assistance they need to keep their doors open and their workers employed. As I continue to serve as the Representative for Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, I will maintain my support for policies that will grow our economy, support small businesses, and create jobs to ensure Americans can thrive and prosper."

"The NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award is awarded to lawmakers who small businesses can truly

AUDITIONS TAKE PLACE FOR BAD AUDITIONS FOR BAD ACTORS



Carol (Joni Rosebrock), director of Romeo and Juliet, along with her assistant Roger (Aaron Hawley), audition Zeph (Evan Raub), who believes Romeo could be played by a puppet. Other zany characters join those auditioning for the roles of

Romeo and Juliet at the Huber's upcoming production of Bad Auditions for Bad Actors, Dec. 11 & 12 at 7:30 and Dec. 13 at 2:00. 419-542-9553. Social distancing, limited seating, and masking protocols are in place for safe viewing of this comedy.

count on," said Kevin Kuhlman, NFIB Vice President of Federal Government Relations. "These Members of the U.S. House of Representatives are dedicated supporters of the key issues that our members are concerned about and have proven themselves to be real champions for small business. Our policy positions are driven by our members, and we report NFIB Key Votes back to our membership. We are proud to recognize the elected officials from the 116th Congress who earned this distinction by taking pro-small business votes supporting financial assistance programs and tax relief and opposing new regulations and increased labor costs. Small business owners across the country need their support now more than ever during these unprecedented times, and we are grateful to these lawmakers for their leadership."

This award is presented to members of Congress who vote to support small business 70 percent or more of the time on key small business issues.

Congressman Latta received a 100 percent score and has shown his commitment to small businesses by supporting legislation such as the CARES Act, which included the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The PPP has helped over 6,000 small businesses in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Congressman Latta also signed onto a discharge petition to force a vote in the U.S. House of Representative to extend the PPP so small businesses and their employees can continue to take advantage of the more than \$130 billion remaining PPP funds.

Crane Township Notice

The Crane Township Zoning Board will have a public hearing Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Crane Township building located in Cecil, OH. The public hearing is open to the public to review at zoning variance.

-Aaron Moore
Crane Township Zoning Inspector

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