

FAIRVIEW FFA WRAPS UP ANNUAL FRUIT SALE



Pictured is Emilee Treace and Hannah Colbert sorting citrus.

By: Carrie Zeedyk, Fairview FFA Reporter

The Fairview FFA chapter recently wrapped up their 2020 fruit sale. From mid-October to early November, members of the chapter sold citrus fruits, apples, nuts, beef sticks and cheese. The sales

totalled \$22,000, which is very good for the chapter as it is the main fundraiser. When the items were delivered to the school, FFA members spent their day sorting and packaging in order for the items to be distributed

PATROL RECOVERS ABDUCTED CHILD

Jefferson Township - The Swanton Patrol Post has currently recovered an abducted child from Colorado.

December 12, 2020 at 7:33 PM Troopers from the Swanton Patrol Post were alerted to a possible child abduction out of Colorado. Troopers located a Black 2017 Cadillac CTS that matched the description

on the Ohio Turnpike and initiated a traffic stop at mile post 15 in Jefferson Township, Williams County. The abducted child was located inside the vehicle and the non-custodial mother, Christine Mascarenas, was taken into custody without further incident. Mrs. Mascarenas was transported to the Correction Center of Northwest Ohio where she will be held

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VWAPAF PRESENTS A FREE CHRISTMAS STREAMING CONCERT FEATURING VAN WERT JAZZ

The Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation announces the release of "A Christmas Gift" on Sunday, December 20 at 7:30 PM. This live-stream concert event features VW Jazz and is made possible by a grant from Arts

gifting the magic of the Niswonger stage to our very special patrons in their homes this Christmas."

VW Jazz is the region's premier jazz quartet, exploring many jazz styles since 2014. Performing gigs, weddings,



Midwest and sustaining support from the Van Wert County Foundation. The concert can be accessed on the Niswonger Performing Arts Center of Northwest Ohio Facebook page. A Youtube link will also be provided to all Van Wert Live email subscribers.

Gary Taylor, VWAPAF Board Chairman states, "This concert event is our way of

and other special events, VW Jazz is a collection of talented musicians with members Weston Thompson on sax, Dee Fisher on piano, Dane Newlove on drums, and bassist Jeremy Laukhuf.

"Van Wert Jazz breathes life into the Niswonger stage with a selection of Christmas classics," adds Tafi Stober, VWAPAF

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL AWARDED CLINICAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION

Paulding County Hospital has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Clinical Laboratory Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality

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WOODBURN LEAF PICKUP END DATE:

The City of Woodburn will discontinue leaf pickup for the season on Wednesday, December 16th. If you are within the City limits and you have leaves past this date, feel free to drop them off at the compost site on Tile Mill Road just east of State Road 101. If you have questions or concerns, call City Hall at 260-632-5318.

-Timothy Cummins, Clerk-Treasurer

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SERIES OF SHORT STORIES INFORM AND DEMONSTRATE CHRISTIAN BELIEF AND LIFESTYLES



DEFIANCE, Ohio - William W. Sherry has written a number of short stories over the years and decided to put them in a book format. He now releases "Drain the Swamp Really?" (published by WestBow Press), a book that presents life and Christian living in a little bit of an old-fashioned way.

The numerous short stories in this book are woven together with draining the swamp and some of Sherry's biographical sketches. Most of the stories contain Christian biblical references. They also demonstrate some life experiences which can and sometimes are used for other purposes. Sherry has a dry sense of humor that most of the time, may make the reader "wonder," but occasionally pulls a "slight grin."

"I've divided this book into several chapters following the Noah's Ark rainbow colors (Roy G Biv) red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet, which should provide the reader with some sort of logical progression through the book. In addition to this, I have added some selected autobiographical sketches that will provide the reader with a glimpse into my past, and the heart of the book is a collection of my short stories, infused with glimpses of my experiences with draining The Great Black Swamp," Sherry states.

When asked what he wants

Community Calendar

December 12-20

- New Haven United Methodist Church Christmas Scavenger Hunt - more info on Facebook

December 16

- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm
- Food Distribution at Paulding Co Fairgrounds sign-up 11 am, starts 12-2pm

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

December 24

- 7 PM Christmas Eve Service

December 27

- 6 PM Bluegrass Praise Band & Refreshments

December 30

- Free Pop-up COVID testing 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Paulding County Fairgrounds

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



readers to take away from his writing of this book, Sherry answers, "A need for God in the world and in their lives."

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OBITUARIES



motorcycles and cars. He was also an avid hockey player and target shooter.

He founded the well-known Red Angel Pizza on July 3, 1974 and had many shops over the years. His most successful shop still exists in Paulding and will be carried on by his "other family", the Clark girls. They will miss him dearly along with his twin brother, John (Mary) Allen and sisters, Sandra Cessna & Linda Wilkinson.

He will be laid to rest in Woodland Cemetery, Jackson, Michigan.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

ANTWERP, OH

John "Jack" Haynes, 92, of Antwerp passed away Sunday, December 13, 2020 at Hickory Creek in Hicksville.

Jack was born in Lorain, Ohio on April 6, 1928.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corp during World War II. He was a lifetime member of the Antwerp VFW Post 5087 and retired from Dana Weatherhead as a machinist.

Jack will be sadly missed by his children, Dennie (Lynn) McNabb & Rena (Doug) Blair; 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois (Quaintance), whom he married March 27, 1954; mother, Lillian Russell; son, Terry McNabb and sister, June Keough.

He will be laid to rest privately with military honors.

Memorials are to Community Health Professionals or Hickory Creek Activity Fund.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

ANTWERP, OH
Nellie "Lee" Hiser, 91, of Antwerp passed away Monday, December 7, 2020 at The Manor in Antwerp.

Lee was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio on June 20, 1929, a daughter of the late Sue (Grant) and Cecil Jacobs.

She worked at the Fort Wayne Newspapers and in her hometown in Beverly Hills, Florida. Lee also worked in retail sales and served as "Ambassador" at the Antwerp Manor!

Lee will be sadly missed by her children, Sue (Steve) Knapp of Antwerp Sandy (the late Ken) Young of Fort Wayne, Debbie (Dennis) Delagrange of Harlan; 10 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren and 8 great great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Forest Hiser and siblings, Cecil Jacobs, Margarie Watts & Barbara Marker.

Viewing was Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, 9:30 - 11:00 AM at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, with her funeral service at 11 AM. Nose and Mouth Covering Masks Are Required!

Memorials are to Antwerp Manor Activity Fund.

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PAYNE, OH
James "Red" Allen, 77, of Payne, passed away Monday, December 7, 2020 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

Red was born in Jackson, Michigan on December 13, 1942, a son of the late Ernestine Amelia (Robinson) and Luther Joy Allen.

He liked to hunt and race

PCH PROVIDER FEATURED ON OHIO GOVERNOR'S PRESS CONFERENCE



Dr. Virginia Halachanova, MD from Paulding County Hospital had the opportunity to speak to the public in the Governor of Ohio Mike DeWine's press conference held on Thursday, December 10th. Dr. Halachanova spoke on the importance of social distancing and staying at home as much as possible. She was also able to share a message of hope, stating: "we are very close."

Paulding County, like much of the state and county is seeing a rapid increase in COVID positive patients. This is leading to an exponential increase in hospital admissions due to COVID related problems. Currently in Paulding County for every 100 individuals that test positive for COVID-19, approximately 10 of those individuals will require a hospital admission.

Dr. Halachanova stated: "We are very close to be able to start vaccinations. I strongly believe that this will help us to solve and improve the COVID pandemic problems, but until this happens, we need to slow the transmission of this virus. This will help to keep hospitals available for very sick patients, and help to decrease the death rate from COVID

related complications." Pfizer is the first of several companies to receive emergency use authorization from the FDA for their COVID-19 vaccine. Authorization was received on the afternoon of Thursday, December 10th.

One theme throughout the press conference was stressing the importance of staying home. Many of the providers, including Dr. Halachanova stated: "home is and should be the safest place." Additional guidance was provided to limit face-to-face contact with others. This can be accomplished by use of drive-thru, curbside pickup, delivery services or online shopping. It is advised that we only leave home for household essentials, medical care, work, and school.

If you feel you are experiencing respiratory or flu-like symptoms, please contact PCH Respiratory Clinic to schedule an appointment by calling 419-399-1163. The pandemic has brought about additional challenges and struggles to families, the workforce, and healthcare systems. One thing however has remained unchanged, together we can get through this!

HOPE REKINDLED CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Christmas season can be a very difficult time of the year. Some individuals are lonely, some have lost a job, some have recently lost a loved one, and some are suffering from illness or the pain of a broken relationship. Others feel financial stress or the burden of past memories. The strong emphasis on family and togetherness can accentuate the loneliness of those separated from loved ones. The anguish of a broken relationship, the insecurity of employment, the weariness of health, the pain of isolation, or the pressure of holiday preparations and activity - all of these can make us feel alone in the midst of celebrations of the season. The Christmas season can make it more difficult to cope. Space and time is needed to acknowledge the sadness and concern that may be present.

First United Methodist

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them."

— Matthew 5:1-2

Church, located at 113 W Central Avenue, Van Wert, offers this unique worship experience for anyone who is finding the Christmas season difficult or sad. On Monday, December 21, 2020 at 7:00pm, there will be gentle music, readings, time for quiet reflection and a brief devotional thought. There is also an opportunity to have a candle lit in memory of a loved one or as a sign of hope. Come and find your Hope Rekindled.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Andrea Cherin and Michael Elders welcomed baby chael Everett Marshall Elders.

He was born on December 11, 2020, weighing 7 lbs 4.4 oz and was 19/5 inches. He has four siblings: Lexy Davis, Damian Elders, Sarah Cherin and Colton Hoover.

Grandparents: Shawn Cherin & Cheryl Scher, Hicksville, OH; Debra Puckett-Zipfel, Paulding, OH; and Bobby Elders, Antwerp. Great grandparents: DeWayne & Kathy Baker, Springfield, OH.

PAULDING COUNTY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

When: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 (no touch drive through distribution) Where: Paulding Co. Fairgrounds, 501 Fairground Dr, Paulding, OH

When to Arrive: Sign up/line-up begins at 11am Time: 12:00pm—2:00pm (or until food is distributed)

Open to Anyone in Need QUALIFICATIONS TO RECEIVE FOOD

- Only 2 households per vehicle
- Ensure space in trunk to load food into
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- Have a valid Photo I.D.
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JPHS FALL RAFFLE WINNERS

The John Paulding Historical Society held their annual fall raffle with ticket drawing on December 8. The follow-

ing winners were announced; First Prize - Virginia Paulus, 8 ton of stone delivered from Kauser Trucking; 2nd Prize - Sandra Gordon, \$200 donated by Baughman Tile; 3rd Prize - Judy Wells, 4 Oil Changes from Stykemain Chevrolet; 4th Prize - Janet Cook, \$100 gift certificate from Chief Supermarket donated by an anonymous donor and 5th Prize - Glen Elston, meat bundle from Ebel's Butcher Shop. Thank you to everyone who supported JPHS in their annual Fall Raffle.

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"Drain the Swamp Really?"

By: William W. Sherry

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About the Author

William W. Sherry grew up on a rural Paulding County Ohio farm in the time immediately following World War II. He is the oldest of seven, with three brothers and three sisters. He learned how to help care for his siblings at an early age. He went to school at his hometown grade school Melrose and then graduated high school from The Auglaize-Brown Local (Oakwood) High School. He also graduated from The Defiance College with a BS degree in Natural Systems. He then came back a few years later and added Business Management classes to his education. He graduated from Winebrenner Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree in 2005. Growing up on a farm, he has milked cows, slopped hogs, made butter, pressed cider, and many other farm related activities (including keeping the swamp drained). He is a millwright journeyman, has worked in many different industries, was a substitute teacher, an industrial maintenance teacher, a factory supervisor, a car salesman, a pastor and is now retired and has been caretaker of 14 acres of the partially drained Great Black Swamp for the last half century.

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ed Methodist Church. Eleanor was fun loving, friendly person. Her warm smile and wit lightened any situation. She was fantastic at fishing and could out fish anyone on the trip.

She was also an avid bowler and Ohio State fan.

She will be sadly missed by her children, Sue LaFountain, Kay (Barry) Stoller, Gary (Tonya) Huss, Lisa (Tony) Keegan & Brent Miller; 15 grandchildren & 24 great grandchildren.

Eleanor was also preceded in death by her husband, Chuck, whom she married June 25, 1971; son-in-law, John LaFountain; siblings, Ora, Doris, Claris, Carlos, Lester, Maxellen, Anna Ruth & Mary Jane; 2 grandsons & 1 great grandson.

She will be laid to rest privately.

Memorials may be mailed directly to The Gardens Activity Fund, 199 Rd 103, Paulding, OH 45879

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ADJUSTING

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker
Changes occur every day in all of our lives. I am one that doesn't adapt well to change. I guess I like to more or less keep my same life style with meals and bedtime at regular times.

This year 2020 has brought us many things I thought I



would never live to see, a pandemic like no other.

We have had to get used to staying in; plus give up a lot of things we liked to do.

This virus has impacted our way of life like no other. Things I did and took for granted are now are at a standstill

Another change we adapt to every year is either turning ahead or back our clocks. It takes me at least a month to get used to seeing longer days and shorter nights.

Maybe I just know that we lose or gain an extra hour, so I don't know about anyone else, but I am just adjusting to Eastern Standard time.

There is also a lot of changes in the weather.

I always thought of December as cold and snowy. But now we are seeing temps in the 40-50 degree mark. Some days seem like Spring.

None of us can change the weather, but adapting to it can be challenging.

For instance last week it was cold for a few days, we got some snow and I needed to wear a coat. Sometimes scattered rain showers pop up and you really dont know whether to take an umbrella or just make a run for it if you happen to be outside.

Weathermen forecasts upcoming weather, but they too, don't always get it right.

During my own life I have seen many changes in hair styles, clothing, shoes, schools and education, retail, work places, home furnishings, cars, TVs, grocery and gas prices.

Life is full of changes and changes to our lives can occur in a minute.

Good changes are great, but a bad change in our lifestyles can be very hard to overcome and adjust to.

My children are grown and have children of their own, so dealing with an "empty nest" was a change and was not easy.

Loss of spouses, Covid19 virus, changes in finances, watching our bodies grow old and illnesses are changes we face every day.

Oh, to remain young or to turn back the clock, but that only happens in the movies.

Do you ever say, I remember when:

1. We had to be home when the street lights came on
2. We had no TV. just a radio
3. We walked to school
4. Ate what was placed in front of us
5. When we did get TV, we watched The Lone Ranger, Howdy Doody, Pokey and Gumby. Bugs Bunny, Saturday morning cartoons
6. American Bandstand was always the TV show to watch after school
7. Elvis was the greatest
8. 45 records
9. Penny candy
10. Five and Dime Stores
11. Soda Fountains
12. Dressing up for church
13. 25 cent gasoline
14. Crusing around town on the weekends
15. Working for 65 cents an hour
16. A crank telephone or a dial phone

Yes these were good memories, but changes in technology. working conditions, school systems and the big super stores have basically

changed the memories I still hold dear.

Yes, I like most of these changes and the conveniences they bring. Plus, there are changes I would like to see in my lifetime and one of them is a cure for this terrifying virus and other diseases.

We are hearing about a vaccination for Covid and it would sure be a welcome change if it is effective.

The diseases such as cancer, diabetes and heart problems are making big strides in medicine and I hope we see a cure soon.

Life itself brings many changes. The deaths of spouses, Moms, family and friends is just a normal part of living, but these sure have an impact on us. That is why I like to say, "I love you" everyday, because life can change in a second.

What changes have you encountered in your lifetime? Do you like our technical world? What changes would you like to see? Let me know and I will give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

ARE YOU STILL PLANNING TO RETIRE EARLY?

Have your retirement plans changed because of COVID-19? If so, you have plenty of company. Nearly 40 percent of those planning to retire say the pandemic has disrupted their intentions, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. You might have been thinking about retiring early - can you still do so?



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

Even without a crisis, it's not a bad idea to review your important life goals from time to time. So, in thinking about the possibility of early retirement, consider these factors:

Your retirement lifestyle - Your ability to retire early depends somewhat on what sort of lifestyle you're anticipating during your retirement years. If you think you'll be traveling extensively or pursuing expensive activities, you might not be able to afford to retire as early as someone with more modest ambitions. Of course, there's no "right" or "wrong" way of living in retirement - we all have our own dreams and preferences. But be aware that different lifestyles do carry different price tags - and have different effects on when you can retire securely.

Sources of retirement income - Obviously, a key factor in knowing whether you can retire early is the amount of retirement income you can rely on. So, you'll have to assess all your sources: Social Security, any other pensions you might receive, and your investment portfolio, including your 401(k) and IRA. The amounts you receive from these sources will depend on

a variety of factors.

For Social Security, the longer you wait until collecting, the larger your monthly payments (although they will "top out" when you reach 70, excluding cost-of-living adjustments). In regard to your investments and retirement accounts, you'll need to establish a withdrawal rate that's appropriate for the length of time you expect to be retired. So, by adjusting these variables - taking Social Security earlier or later, taking more or less money from your retirement accounts - you can help determine if the retirement date you had in mind is viable.

Your feelings about work - Your goals are not static - they can change in response to any number of reasons, both external and personal. When you first decided you wanted to retire early, you might have been motivated by, among other things, a weariness of your current job. But has that changed over time? Have you found new challenges that interest you at work? Or, if you were forced by the pandemic to work remotely, did you actually enjoy the arrangement and want to continue it?

After all, many employers have found that their workers can be just as productive working at home, so even when we've gotten past COVID-19, we might see a sizable shift in the geography of the workplace. In any case, if your feelings about work have changed in some way, leading you to think you could work longer than originally planned, you'd likely gain some financial advantages. You'd make more money, for starters, but you'd also keep building your 401(k) and IRA, and you could even possibly delay taking Social Security.

The pandemic may lead to a reevaluation of many financial goals - and taking early retirement might be one of them. By thinking carefully about your situation and your options, you can come up with a course of action that's right for you.

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

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

TURNING A WEED INTO A PROFIT-YIELDING CROP

People who garden may know about pennycress.

It's also called "stinkweed" for the odor it gives off when it's crushed.

Unlike most weeds, pennycress seeds contain a lot of oil, and that oil can be turned into fuel for jets or diesel trucks and cars.

Two researchers at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) just began a study to create the most resilient, high-yielding varieties of pennycress for farmers to grow.

Planted in late fall and harvested in spring, pennycress could offer dual benefits to farmers. It could protect their fields from erosion in fall and winter. And it could lead to extra money in spring when harvested and sold.

"It's been said that weeds are just plants out of place. So, if pennycress proves to be desirable to have around, it may lose its identity as a weed," said

Alex Lindsey, one of the two CFAES researchers involved in the study.

Through a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, Lindsey and Andrea Gschwend, also an assistant professor in CFAES, will improve the genetic makeup of pennycress to develop pennycress varieties that can endure drought and flood conditions.

During winter, pennycress will need to survive with little to no water when the ground is frozen, and a lot of water during spring rainstorms.

"The appeal of this is a farmer would be able to add a crop to their field rotation," Gschwend said. "They can harvest pennycress and then plant soy and corn on those same fields. It shouldn't compete."

The study Gschwend and Lindsey are doing is funded by a \$13 million grant divided up among nine institutions, including Ohio State.

Some pennycress varieties can yield 65 gallons of oil per acre, which can be converted into jet fuel. Pennycress is among many other plants, including corn, that can undergo fermentation and then be used to produce fuel.

Besides being able to convert pennycress into fuel, ground-up pennycress seed can be eaten by animals as well as people. Since pennycress contains erucic acid and other ingredients that can make it hard for animals and people to digest, the seed has been genetically modified to reduce those ingredients.

"There are efforts to get rid of those and other weedy traits to make pennycress more desirable in the field," Gschwend said.

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that reflects a health care organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

Paulding County Hospital underwent a rigorous, unannounced onsite review. During the visit, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with Clinical Laboratory standards spanning several areas including: document and process control, environment of care, emergency management, infection prevention and control, information management, leadership, performance improvement, and quality systems assessment for nonwaived laboratory testing. Clinical Laboratories are surveyed and reviewed every other year for accreditation.

The Joint Commission's standards are developed in accordance with The Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) regulations that include federal standards applicable to all U.S. facilities or sites that test human specimens for

health assessment or to diagnose, prevent, or treat disease. They are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help health care organizations measure, assess and improve performance. The surveyors also conducted onsite observations and interviews.

"Paulding County Hospital is proud to be able to offer this community the most innovative laboratory technologies currently available. It is truly fascinating that we can offer both cost effective and quality laboratory testing to our patients, close to home", stated Matt Missler, MT (ASCP), Vice President of Laboratory Services at Paulding County Hospital. This has been the organizations fourth successful accreditation survey under the direction of Matt Missler.

(VW Concert from Page 1)

Executive Director. "We are grateful for financial support from Arts Midwest and the Van Wert County Foundation, that made this gift a possibility. The artistry and talent of our regional musicians and production team is a fine gift to treasure."

This collaborative effort is supported by professional production partners, Dark Horse Productions, The Marketing Junkie and QR Photography.

The Van Wert Areas Performing Arts Foundation presenting events as Van Wert Live at Van Wert venues including the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, the Van Wert Fairground Grandstand, and Fountain Park in downtown Van Wert. In-person concerts are presently on hold due to the pandemic. Plans are in-motion for reviving the performing arts when the time is right. The VWAPAF Board and Staff are pleased for this opportunity to connect with their audience by way of this live-stream concert event.

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pending extradition to Colorado. The child was released to the Williams County Child services. The charges will be originating out of Westminster Colorado.

Assisting with the investigation was Williams County Child Services.

AD & NEWS DEADLINES ARE FRIDAY AT 5PM

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- It's time to renew your membership. Annual memberships run from Jan 1 - Dec 31.
- We will be have our annual scholarship forms available in January. They will be sent to the area schools guidance offices as well.

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Pictured here left to right is Katie Beckman and Nash Saylor with the welding gear on showing us some of their welds.

By: Hailey Weidenhamer, Paulding FFA Reporter

It's one of the most fun and educational times for the Intro to Ag students at Paulding High School. This year's Intro to Ag classes at Paulding High School has been learning to stick weld. Welding is one of the fast growing jobs in the career technical field. The students started out by learning the safety and proper techniques behind welding. This consisted of learning the what protective wear should be used and the different types of electrodes that will be used throughout the lesson. The students had to score a 100% on their safety test before entering the shop and getting started. Every year the students are required to make a welding board that will be presented at The Paulding Co. Fair, these boards will be judged by the best string-

er weld, butt weld, and lap weld. The criteria for these boards consist of the quality of weld by the correct width and penetration of the metal used. This project is a big step for some students in helping them towards a potential career for the future and a good life skill to have. The students enjoy getting the opportunity to weld. In the Agriculture Education program, we truly believe that hands-on learning is the best way for many students to learn and demonstrate what they learned in the classroom setting.

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL HONORS BLANKEMEYER

Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Tyler J. Blankemeyer has been selected the 2020 Trooper of the Year at the Defiance Post.

The selection of Trooper Blankemeyer, 24, is in recognition of outstanding service during 2020. Fellow officers stationed at the Defiance Post, chose Trooper Blankemeyer based on his leadership abilities, professional ethics, courteous treatment of others, enthusiastic work attitude, and cooperation with supervisors, peers, and the public.

Trooper Blankemeyer joined the Highway Patrol in 2018 as a member of the 165th class. Originally from Pandora, Ohio, Trooper Blankemeyer is a graduate of Fort Jennings High School and after graduation served his Country in the Marine Corp Reserves honorably discharged in 2020 at the rank of Corporal.

Trooper Blankemeyer is now in contention for District and State honors as Trooper of the Year. Those honors will be announced at a later date.

NORTH WESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE RETURNS \$725,000 TO MEMBER-OWNERS

BRYAN, OH — Many North Western Electric Cooperative (NVEC) member-owners will see a lower electric bill around the holidays. This month, the local electric cooperative is returning \$725,000 in capital credits to current and former member-owners. Eligible co-op member-owners will receive the refund as a credit on their electric bill or as a separate check in December. These capital credits represent the cooperative's margins, or money left over after all bills have been paid.

As a not-for-profit community-focused organization, NVEC uses these margins for investments, such as building or replacing power lines, transformers, and other electric system upgrades to meet member-owners' evolving needs. This helps keep the co-op's service reliable.

After being used as working capital, the money is returned to member-owners. It represents each co-op member's ownership — or equity — in his or her cooperative. Capital credits are allocated to member-owners in proportion to the dollar amount of electricity used. Then, usually on bills due in December, some of those allocations are distributed back to the member-owners in what NVEC calls a retirement.

"We return the money to member-owners around the holidays because that's when many people need it the most — especially this year with many member-owners struggling due to COVID-19," says NVEC President/CEO Darin Thorp.

This month, eligible member-owners' bills should show a credit for 20% of their allocation from 2019 (allocation notices were included on bills for March use), along with any unretired capital credits from 2000. If you were a member-owners during either or both of those years, you get a return on your ownership. If you are no longer a member-owner now, NVEC will send a check to your last known address.

"Returning capital credits demonstrates that NVEC member-owners are not just customers; they are mem-

bers and part-owners of their electric cooperative, which belongs to the communities it serves," Thorp says. "They have equity ownership in NVEC's physical assets — and receive a financial return on those assets, unlike customers of other utilities."

For more information about capital credits, contact NVEC at 1-800-647-6932.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
Why did Jesus have to become flesh?*

I will just mention a few of many reasons:

1. To suffer and die, paying for our sins — Isaiah 53:4-10; Luke 22:19 — "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: This do in remembrance of me."

2. That He might empathize with the feelings of our infirmities and offer help — Hebrew 4:15-16

3. To show us how to defeat Satan's temptations — Matthew 4:4-10

4. To show us how God would live as a human — John 14:9-10

5. To prove through His resurrection there is a next life and that He can get us there — I Corinthians 15:21-22

6. To show what the believer's resurrected bodies will be like — Philippians 3:21 — "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

7. To put aside His riches and become poor for our sakes that we could become rich — II Corinthians 8:9 — "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

8. He taught us to become servants by becoming one Himself — Philippians 2:5-8

9. To prove the truth of our confession — I John 4:2-3 — "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every Spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is in the world."

10. To destroy the devil — Hebrews 2:14 — "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."

11. To fulfill the bloodline of King David — Romans 1:3 — "Concerning the Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;"

12. To show Himself as God manifest in the flesh — I Timothy 3:16 — "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

\$2.2 million
in capital credits going back to members!



Check your bill to see if you have a credit!



Thanks for being part of our co-op family.

PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (PPEC) RETURNS \$2.2 MILLION TO MEMBERS

Paulding, OH- Paulding Putnam Electric (PPEC) members will see a lower electric bill around the holidays. That's because PPEC's Board of Trustees recently approved to return \$2.2 million to the cooperative's current and former members. Eligible members will see a credit on their December electric bill. The money is being returned to members in the form of capital credits, also known as profits or margins.

PPEC is a not-for-profit, community-focused organization. One of PPEC's 7 Cooperative Principles is "Members' Economic Participation," which means members contribute equitably to the capital of the co-op in which they are part-owners. The unique part of the co-op model means members also receive a financial return on their capital.

"Simply put, this means that PPEC members contribute a portion of the capital necessary to grow the co-op and upgrade electric reliability," stated PPEC President and CEO George Carter. "Eventually, as the co-op is

financially able to do so, the board approves the capital be returned, or 'retired' back to those members who contributed it originally."

Including this year's capital credits return, PPEC has returned more than \$27 million to its members. According to Carter, this process is what sets PPEC apart from other utilities.

"We're not in business to make a profit for shareholders — we don't have any because of our co-op model," Carter said. "If there is leftover money, we give it back to members. We return the money to members around the holidays because that's when many people need it the most — especially this year with many members struggling due to COVID-19."

Anyone with questions about their capital credits refund should call PPEC at 1-800-686-2357.

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative is a member-owned electric utility serving over 12,900 member-owners in Paulding, Putnam, Defiance, Van Wert and Allen counties in Ohio, and Adams and Allen counties in Indiana. For more information, visit www.PPEC.coop or follow the community cooperative on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, or Twitter.

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.

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PANTHER BAGS READING PROGRAM



Oakwood Elementary second graders are shown with the new Panther bags used for the Reading program which have been generously donated by R & B Fabrication. Students sharing their "Thanks" with a new bag are Dominick Moreno, Oliver Sproul, Elizabeth Boff, Aryah Loop, Morgan Snyder and Abel Worman.

MAKE TEACHERS PRIORITY FOR VACCINE

Thanks to the success of President Donald Trump's Operation Warp Speed, a vaccine is on the way. Now it's time for Indiana to start planning how best to distribute it.

On Nov. 20, Pfizer requested emergency use authorization from the Food and Drug Administration for its candidate coronavirus vaccine. On Nov. 30, Moderna took the same step.

Both vaccines are estimated to be around 95% effective, and if the FDA authorizes them, they will be ready for mass distribution by early 2021.

When the time comes, most everyone agrees Indiana's 370,370 health care workers should and will have the option to be vaccinated first. But it's equally important for our roughly 59,863

public school teachers and school support staff to be second in line. Immunizing them will ensure that our schools stay open and our kids stay healthy.

Southwest Allen County's middle and high schools closed from Nov. 9 to Jan. 5, and some Marion County schools are expected to remain closed until mid-January. Indiana schools aren't closing again because of coronavirus outbreaks in classrooms. In fact, nationwide, children are more likely to be infected with coronavirus outside of school than in.

Indiana schools have been forced to close by staffing shortages caused by exposure to the virus. The sooner teachers and school staff can get access to a vaccine, the sooner we can stop worrying about school shutdowns.

Unfortunately, there's reason to worry. In July, I out-

lined some of the known pitfalls of remote learning, and since then, it's become even more clear: Teachers' work is essential to students' well-being.

When schools shut down, children's education gains tanked, with F's rising by 83% in some districts. Among children who receive mental health care, 35% rely exclusively on schools. Remote learning has left many of them feeling isolated and alone without access to mental health care - a heart-wrenching situation. And school closures have been extremely strenuous for the 12% of American families with only working parents and no in-home caretaker options.

For these reasons, and more, both UNICEF and the America Academy of Pediatrics have called for safe in-person instruction.

Relative to adults, children are not as threatened by coronavirus infection. For those younger than 18, it's about as dangerous as the flu. But they rely on educators to meet their health needs, to learn and ultimately to grow into healthy and happy adults. Every day spent out of the classroom makes that more difficult.

That's why Dr. Tony Gi-Quinta, former president of the Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, told me that for some children, "absence from school will be the biggest health threat they ever face."

The Indiana State Department of Health has issued guidance telling schools to "remain open to in-person instruction at all levels as conditions permit." So far, the department of health has done an admirable job keep-

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ing children in school. Going forward, it should continue to protect our children's health by prioritizing teachers and all school workers' health.

To best fight against the coronavirus, we need teachers fighting, safely, in person and on the front line.

-Republican Jim Banks represents Indiana's 3rd District in Congress.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

NUMBER 12

This number will last in my memory forever. For this day I lost my best bud and friend, my mom (The 12th Paulding County COVID 19 death).

My mom had COPD the last ten years or so, progressing a little each year, but I learned that generation never, ever complained about their health.

With the help of The Manor House and Van Crest of Payne, she lived a comfortable life. Ask anyone at either facility, she kept you on your toes.

Unfortunately, on the morning of November 30th, she passed at the age of 88. A lot of years, but to me, far too

little.

With the next few paragraphs, form your own opinion.

I'm her son, Jerry. Two weeks before that date, November 30th, with only visitation through the window and occasionally outside, six feet apart, mask in hand and clipboard in hand. Mom was a little hard of hearing...ok, I'm sorry, she had selective hearing, meaning she heard what she wanted. This went on since March, this type of visitation.

In the meantime, at her window one day I noticed, and I knew it was there, all kinds of candy bought by my brothers and sisters. I told her to look at all the candy and she asked me would I like some, with a smile on her face from ear to ear. Of course I had to tell her no because of the health situation. Then she said she would bring it to the door near by. Once again I had to tell her it wasn't possible because of COVID 19. The look on her face at that time went from total glee to a blank face. I knew after that, she was never getting out and she knew it too.

A few days from the fateful meeting she contracted COVID 19. She was put in isolation in her room, door covered in protective plastic, zipped on the outside and inside with hand sanitizer at the ready.

She would never recover. When Hospice was called in, that was the only time we were allowed to go in, a compassionate visit, with gloves, gown, protective cloth mask and shield in place. I entered, I knew in my heart, her time was near and she would soon be with God and by His side.

This was the saddest day of my life. For you who do not believe, this is not the flu. This is serious. Take a reality check and as of this time, check with the "12" families that have lost a precious person in their lives.

Follow what the CDC and local health officials say. They may be saving a life of a precious loved one, and maybe you can see them next year.

If not for yourself, think of the people you will be seeing later in your communities and elsewhere and be protecting.

Mom, I miss you with all of my heart, but we will meet again and I will have candy

that we will eat together. NO. 12.

Love and family,
Jerry Crone, Antwerp, OH

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

By: Arlene Bachman

This is about the article I wrote to the paper, about the second coming of Christ. In the article, I should have wrote, where the Scriptures and references are in the Bible.

The story was a version and The Second Coming is reality. God said it, not Arlene! The end of time is in parts of the Bible, in Matthew, Revelation and other parts. It is a warning.

It is like if you had a warning flash, every hour, on the hour and people rushing to the grocery store to stock up on supplies for a blizzard. The temperatures dropped really fast, snow started coming down, all businesses and schools were closed. It was below the freezing point. Everyone stayed in where they were safe.

We have to decide what to do. A decision has to be made, right? It's like Paul wrote to Christians in Thess, reminding them that the Day of the Lord would come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. Today is the Day to be ready!

In Thessalonians 5:2 He calls to action, urging them, to avoid spiritual lethargy while remaining alert and have self-control. (V.6) In Matthew 24:27-30-31 for as the lightning coming out of the east and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man and the dead will rise up and the Son of Man coming in a cloud of Heaven with power and great glory. The angels' trumpets sounding to gather His elect from four winds from one end of Heaven to the other.

The devil tells everyone that they have time. He is a liar and a father of them. Be sober and watch, for you do not know what time the Son of Man is coming (Read Matthew 24:44) Jesus Christ is the ONLY way to Heaven.

If we believe our Lord and the Bible about His coming, how will it affect you? Your thoughts, actions, the life of you and your family? Is your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life?

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

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Cecil: 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

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

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

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

Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store

Neoy: Marathon

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

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

Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General

New Haven: New Haven Tan McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS

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

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ARCHERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER PIRATES



Senior Owen Sheedy steps up to the line in the third quarter after being fouled on the shot. Sheedy missed the first and nailed the second. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - The Antwerp Archers boys basketball team posted its sixth consecutive victory to start the season with a 46-33 win over Continental in non-league action Saturday night.

The visiting Pirates led 10-4 at the end of one period. They opposing team continued to gain on their opponents and nearly doubled the Archer's score before holding on to post a 20-18 halftime advantage. Antwerp rallied to record a 33-31 lead entering the final period and the Archers pulled away from there. The Archers had several of their top performers missing from the roster this night, but

the others stepped up, showing they could keep the streak going!

Austin Lichty led the way for the Archers with 14 points and Landon Brewer chipped in a dozen markers. Luke Krouse and Owen Sheedy each scored seven points for the blue and white with Kaden Recker recording four and Hunter Sproles bucketed two.

Mitchell Coleman led all scorers with 21 points for the Pirates, who also got seven points from Alex Sharrits and Gavin Huff bucketed four. Reed Warnement had the remaining two points for the Pirates.

ANTWERP WRESTLING OPENS SEASON

The Antwerp junior high and high school wrestling squads opened their seasons on December 8, 2020 with a trip to Fairview to battle Hicksville and Fairview. On the junior high side, 3 of the 4 wrestlers were undefeated on the night. 7th grader Ethan Thomas-VanKirk won his first career junior high match by a decision 11-10. 8th graders Miles Doster and Skyler Octaviano were both 2-0 on the night with 2 pins. This also marks Doster's first career win and pin as an archer. On the high school side, 4

of the 5 Archer wrestlers were able to win at least 1 match as well. Juniors Trayce Lengacher and freshman Alex Zijlstra were both 1-1 for the evening. Sophomores Eli Reinhart and Avin Johnson were both undefeated on the night at Fairview. Reinhart was 2-0 with 1 technical fall. Johnson was also 2-0 for the night with 2 pins. Like Doster, both Zijlstra and Johnson recorded their first victory as archer wrestlers. Congratulations to all of the archer wrestlers for a great opening night. We look forward to seeing your improvement as the season progresses. Good Luck and GO ARCHERS!!

ARCHERS RALLY IN FOURTH QUARTER FOR WIN



In the fourth quarter Archer senior Austin Lichty drops in two points from the south side of the court, gets fouled, and scores one point from the line. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - In a battle between two highly touted boys basketball teams, it was host Antwerp that rallied from a third quarter deficit to nip visiting Ottoville 40-38 Tuesday night in

non-league action. The Archers opened an 8-3 lead at the end of one quarter but the Big Green rebounded in quarter number two.

Ottoville scored 17 second quarter points and limited Antwerp to 11 as the Big Green seized a 20-19 halftime advantage.

The visitors from Putnam County also won the third quarter as Ottoville added ten markers and Antwerp picked up nine, giving the Big Green a 30-28 lead entering the final period.

However, the hosts answered in the final eight minutes. Antwerp picked up a dozen points in the fourth quarter and held Ottoville to eight as the Archers scored just enough to record a 40-38 victory.

Jagger Landers paced the Archers with a dozen markers while Luke Krouse and Landon Brewer both scored six points.

Austin Lichty chipped in five for Antwerp followed by Owen Sheedy (four), Gaige McMichael (three), Kaden Recker (two) and Hunter Sproles (two).

Josh Thorbahn led the way for Ottoville with 13 points and William Miller bucketed nine markers.

Other scorers for the Big Green were Grant Kortokrax (seven), Kyle Manns (four), Jack Langhals (three) and Trae Schlagbaum (two).

PANTHERS OPEN NWC PLAY WITH WIN



From the west side of the court, Paulding senior Payton Beckman receives the ball and shoots to score for Paulding! More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - Blake McGarvey scored 25 points and Payton Beckman added 21 as the Paulding Panthers knocked off Spencerville 72-62 in the Northwest Conference opener for both schools Friday night at the 'Jungle.'

Nick Manz chipped in eight and Christian Bauer added seven markers for the Panthers, who improve to 3-1 overall and 1-0 in the Northwest Conference. Andrew Adams (five), Hunter Kauser (four) and Boston Pease (two) completed the Paulding scorers.

Spencerville was led by Keegan Goecke with 18 points with Dylan Smith adding 14 and Josh Henline chipped in ten markers.

Tyler Koenig (six), Dalton Prichard (four), Carter Sudhoff (four), D.J. Bowens (three) and Evan Osting (three) completed the Bearcat scorers. Spencerville falls to 2-3 in all games and 0-1 in the conference.

Paulding jumped on top 18-12 at the end of eight minutes of action and extended the margin to 36-26 at the in-

termission. However, Spencerville rallied in the third quarter as the Bearcats pulled into a 50-50 tie entering the final period.

The Panthers, though, responded with 22 fourth quarter points to wrap up the 72-62 victory.

Paulding will visit Columbus Grove in Northwest Conference play on Friday before hosting Miller City in non-league action Saturday. The Panthers then travel to rival Wayne Trace in the annual county rivalry matchup on Tuesday.

RAIDERS POST SEVENTH GRADE WIN OVER KNIGHTS

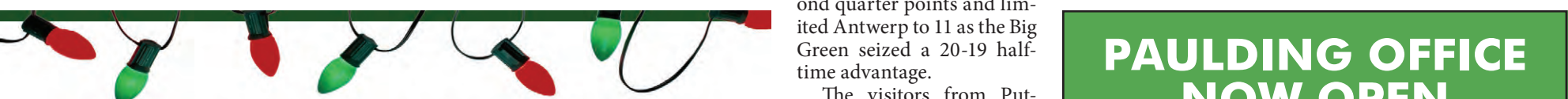
In seventh grade girls basketball play at Wayne Trace, the host Lady Raiders knocked off rival Crestview 31-20 on Saturday morning.

Caren Winans had a dozen points to lead the Lady Raiders with Caroline Winans adding seven markers. Lexi Moore and Tori Sinn each chipped in four points for the red, white and blue.

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LANCERS NEED OVERTIME TO GET PAST RAIDERS



Wayne Trace's Cameron Graham set the stage for the first half of the game, and shown here scoring a 3 point basket for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - Holding a 10-point advantage heading into the fourth quarter the Wayne Trace Raiders let their double-digit lead slip away as Lincolnview battled back to send the game into overtime. The Lancers eventually eeked out an 81-80 win on the Raiders home court.

Mid way through the third period Cameron Sinn drained two consecutive three-pointers to put the Raiders on top 57-46 and after the Lancers cut into the Raiders lead junior Grayson McClure dialed in from long range with sec-

onds remaining to send the Raiders into the fourth quarter leading 63-53.

The Lancers chipped away at the Raiders advantage and with 1:18 remaining and the Raiders clinging to a 68-64 lead, Lancer's Collin Overholt connected on a lay-up to get the visitors within two. And with 24 seconds remaining in regulation, Overholt struck again, this time the senior drained a long three-pointer to knot the score at 69 a piece - sending the game into overtime.

In the extra four-minute session the Lancers struck first with a bucket from Creed

Jessee followed by an Overholt dagger - a three-pointer to put Lincolnview in control 74-69. The Raiders got on the board when freshman Brooks Laukhuf secured a lay-up and another freshman, Kyle Stoller, connecting omn a short jumper to pull the red, white and blue within one 74-73 but the Raiders would never get over the hump. Lincolnview increased their margin back to four 79-78 and Laukhuf would answer with a triple to keep the Raiders within one but Overholt would calmly sink two free throws to put the Lancers on top 81-78 with just under six seconds remaining. McClure would close out the Raiders scoring with two free throws.

The Raiders held a 21-18 lead after one quarter of play and was up by a single point at the break 40-39. The third quarter belonged to the Raiders who put 23 points on the board while holding Lincolnview to 14. Unfortunately the fourth quarter was dominated by the Lancers who scored 16 points and keeping theirs in single digits scoring just six and forcing the extra four-minute session.

Trevor Sinn finished with 23 points to lead the Raiders with four other Raiders hitting double figures. Cameron Graham chipped in 14 with Laukhuf adding 12 and Kyle Stoller hitting for 10. Both Cameron Sinn and Kyle Stoller each added 10 rebounds to give them a double-double on the night. With some clutch shooting Grayson McClure finished with 10 points. Rounding out the Raiders play Cameron Sinn finished with nine points along with six assists and five steals in a solid performance

LADY PANTHERS OUTLAST WT IN COUNTY SHOWDOWN



Senior Sadie Estle distracts her Raider opponents and picks up two points under the basket for Paulding. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - In a cross-county battle featuring Wayne Trace and Paulding, it was the Lady Panthers prevailing 60-56 to remain perfect on the season at 6-0.

The Lady Raiders looked to pounce on the Panthers in the early going to open the contest with an early lead and enjoyed a 17-10 margin after the first eight minutes of play. However, after their slow start the Panther's responded with a 15-3 run resulting in a 22-point second quarter burst while holding the Raiders to just nine. Late in the second period and Wayne Trace trailing by just four, Paulding continued to take advantage of every opportunity given them. With seconds remaining, Paulding guard, Audrey Giesie attempted a long three-pointer that fell short but a quick-hustling Claire Schweller managed to snare the rebound to beat the clock with a two-point put-back as the halftime buzzer sounded and the Panther's on top 32-26.

The third quarter not only had the Lady Panthers on top

with team mate Trevor Sinn adding two points in the contest.

Overholt led all scorers with the senior picking up 27 points followed by Creed Jessee adding 17 and Clayton Leeth contributing 13. Rounding out the Lancers scoring was Aaron Cavinnder, Landen Price, and Jake Bowersock with eight points a piece.

With the win the Lancers stay perfect on the young season at 3-0 while the Raiders even their mark at 2-2.

but the momentum had shifted to their side. A slim six-point Paulding lead swelled to 14 at 42-28 midway through the period on two buckets each by Janae Pease and Sadie Estle.

Looking at a 14-point deficit the Raiders answered with

the contest - trailing by a single point 44-43. Wayne Trace continued to work on both ends of the floor and eventually regained the lead. With 3:13 remaining Rachel Stoller dialed in from behind the arc to put the red, white, and blue up by two at 46-44.

In the closing minutes both teams went back-and-forth with the score knotted at 49 a piece at the 2:14 mark. Wayne Trace managed a slim one-point lead 51-50 on a Rachel Stoller bucket but Paulding would answer with a 6-0 run that included a three-pointer from Jalynn Parrett, two free throws complemented of Giesige and a lone free throw from Pease. The mini scoring run was enough and had Paulding up 56-51. Down the stretch it was free throws from Schweller and Pease that would seal the deal for the Lady Panthers.

The victorious Panthers, who improve to 6-0, were led in scoring by Pease with 18 points while Estle chipped in 12 and Giesige adding 11. Parrett contributed nine markers with Schweller adding four and team mates Maggie Manz and Leigha Egnor each with three. Pease connected on 5-8 of her two-pointers while going 8-10 at the foul line. Estle



Paulding's Audrey Giesie attempts to block Wayne Trace's Katrina Stoller in the key. More pictures at westbendnews.net

hailed in nine rebounds and shot 6-11 from the field.

For the Raiders, who fall to 1-3, Katrina Stoller's 27 points came on 6-10 in two-point goals and 2-7 behind the arc while hitting 9-12 at the free throw line. The senior also added eight rebounds, four assists and two steals to her resume'. Rachel Stoller finished with 15 points, five rebounds and four steals. Abby Moore contributed six points with Gracie Shepherd chipping in five points and 11 rebounds. Ryle Troth rounded out the Raider's scoring with three points.

The Raiders still had some life in them in the quarter with Katrina Stoller connecting on a couple of free-throws along with an Abby Moore bucket. After being down by double digits the Raiders had worked themselves back into



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LOCAL STUDENT SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT



Gabbie Stallbaum signed a letter of intent to play softball at Heidelberg University on Friday, December 11. She will be in a Pre-Health Professionals Program and plans to be a Physician's Assistant. Gabbie is a straight A Senior at Paulding High School and the daughter of Ted and Camie Stallbaum. Gabbie has been playing softball from the age of 4 and in 6th grade hit her first real home run. At age 8 she was invited to play travel soft-

ball and has played on travel teams ever since. She has been lucky to have some very good coaches, including her dad. She is currently playing for the NWO Heat and plays year-round.

Gabbie is both excited and humble. "I am really thankful to my family for all the help and support they have given me over the years," Gabbie commented. She is looking forward to her last softball season at Paulding.

SPELLING BEE WINNERS



On Friday, December 11, 54 seventh and eight graders participated in the spelling bee at Wayne Trace Jr. High. Gage Ogle correctly spelled defector and scuttlebutt to win the bee. Nichole Kennedy had to spell superintendent to become the runner-up. Gage will advance to the county spelling bee in January. Congratulations Gage!

RAIDERS PICK UP ROAD WIN OVER LIBERTY CENTER

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

LIBERTY CENTER - Last Friday the Wayne Trace Raiders boys' basketball team stepped out of conference play and made the trip north to play Liberty Center. Wayne Trace took control early in the contest and finished with a 17-point win over the Tigers 54-37. The win puts the Raiders early season mark at 2-1 while Liberty Center falls to 1-3.

The Raiders turned a seven-point first quarter lead into a 15-point advantage at the break 33-18. Both squads scored 11-points each in the third stanza with the Raiders outscoring the Tigers in the final eight-minutes of play 10-8.

Offensively the red, white and blue were led in scoring by two freshmen in Brooks

Laukhuf and Kyle Stoller. The 6-0 Laukhuf totaled 12 points along with three assists and three steals. Stoller finished with 11 points including 3-4 shooting behind the arc along with four rebounds.

Rounding out the Raider's scoring: Cam Sinn eight, Trevor Sinn six, Cameron Graham six, Grayson McClure five, Trevor Speice four and Tyler Davis two. Wayne Trace shot 21-44 from the floor for 48 percent but at the foul line the Raiders struggled a bit and managed just 6-13.

Liberty Center was led by the performance of Evan Conrad who finished with 15 points to lead all scorers along with nine rebounds. The Tigers shot 11-37 for 30 percent and 13-20 at the charity stripe. Wayne Trace hauled in 32 rebounds while LC managed 30 boards. In the turnover department the Tigers totaled 18 to the Raiders 13.

WAYNE TRACE JH WRESTLERS SHOW PROMISE FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON

Amid all of the COVID restrictions and additional precautions, fifteen teams were still in attendance at this year's Allen East Junior High Invitational. Wayne Trace finished fifth as a team for the day only two pins from taking the third place finish. Five of the nine wrestlers competing were able to place in the top four, while all were able to contribute team points towards the ending team finish.

In this year's 98-pound spot, Kamryn Sutton had a packed bracket. With five tough matches, Kamryn was able to battle his way through to the end and finish as the runner-up in his weight class. Sutton finished the day with four pins. As one of the two captains for this year's team, Sutton was able to lead his team by example and show them the support they needed since spectators were not able to attend.

Following Sutton, Corbin Kimmel dominated the 104-pound weight class and brought home the championship. Kimmel had some hard fought matches that left him with a swollen lip and eye. However, as the other team captain, Kimmel demonstrated to the team how to set your eyes on the prize and not stop until you get there. Kimmel had nineteen takedowns Saturday towards his goal for the year.

Brok Grimes returned this year strong. He not only showed huge support for his team in the wins, but he was also there for all of the losses as well. Grimes secured the third place finish in a tough 6-man round robin bracket. Dyson Scott is new to wrestling this year and was able to secure a third place finish as well. Scott experienced three wins on the day, all being by pins. Logan Gerschutz is the only seventh grade wrestler this year for the team and is proving to be a valuable asset as well. With two pins for the day, Gerschutz finished the day in fourth place for the 116-weight class.

This is the first year for Coach Bill Lyons as the Junior High coach. Coach Lyons has focused on many aspects with these wrestlers, including short and long-term individual goals. At the Allen East Invitational, many wrestlers experienced a first. A first win, first pin, first takedown, first reversal, or a first escape. For some wrestlers, they were able to see their goals coming to life and see that their work in the wrestling room is paying off. The rest of the season is only going to go up and the pride among these young men will do the same.

JETS POST WIN OVER WARRIORS

MONROE - Woodlan took part in the ACAC round robin duals last weekend where the Warriors fell to host Adams Central 66-12.

Isaac Manning picked up one of the Warrior victories with a pin of Adams Central's Cody Lautzenheiser in 3:10 to win the 220-pound match.

The other Woodlan win in the match was at 120 where Keegan Reinhard pinned the Jets' Joshua Collier in 1:52.

Adams Central also took on Heritage where the Flying

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Jets recorded a 69-12 victory over the Patriots.

Clay Riddle was victorious for the Patriots, pinning Adams Central's Caleb Sheets in 1:54 to take the 285-pound victory. Heritage's Andy Mireles also was a winner by forfeit in the 113-pound class.

BRAVES POST WIN OVER WARRIORS

DECATUR - Host Bellmont opened a ten-point lead after eight minutes of action and never looked back as the Braves went on to record a 49-39 win over visiting Woodlan Saturday in boys basketball action.

The Braves led 16-6 at the end of one period and pushed the margin to 24-13 at the end of the first half. Bellmont added a dozen third quarter points with Woodlan picking up ten, giving the Braves a 36-23 lead entering the final stanza.

The Warriors outscored the hosts 16-13 in the fourth quarter but it was not enough as Bellmont went on to the 49-39 victory.

Joe Reidy led the way for Woodlan with 20 points while Braden Smith added ten markers.

Completing the list of scorers for the Warriors were Alex Miller (four), Dawson Lichty (three) and Brennan Donovan (two).

Bellmont was paced by Caden Staub with 18 points and Andrew James added a dozen markers.

John Ulman (seven), Isaiah Wellman (six), John Ulman (four) and Nic Ellsworth (two) rounded out the scorers for the Braves, who improve to 3-2 on the season.

Woodlan, which drops to 2-2, will play at Adams Central on Friday before welcoming in Fremont on Tuesday. Bellmont is at Garrett on Wednesday and will host New Haven Friday night.

WEBER AND DOCTOR AWARDED 15 YEAR CHEVRON



Heritage Lions President Larry Smith presented 15-year Chevron awards to Dick Weber (l) and Allan Doctor during the Lions Tuesday night meeting.

CHRISTMAS BAGS ASSEMBLED BY HERITAGE LIONS CLUB



The Heritage Lions Club assembled Christmas gift bags for 55 shut-ins and the elderly in the Hoagland and Monroeville area during last Tuesday's meeting.

LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDDERS

Sealed Bids for Wastewater System Improvements, for the Village of Grover Hill and the Paulding County Commissioners (herein called the "OWNER") will be received by the Owner at the Paulding County Commissioner's Office (115 N. Williams St., #B-1, Paulding, OH 45879) until Wednesday January 27th, 2021 at 10:00 AM (local time). Any Bids received later than the above time will be returned unopened. All Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

The Base Bid Unit Price Work Includes:

Complete removal of 23 septic tanks, complete removal and replacement of 188 septic tanks, and the installation of 4 new septic tanks. The rehabilitation of 4 sanitary sewer manholes with new frames and covers. The rehabilitation of 8 sanitary sewer manholes with new benchwalls and channels and composite manhole lining. Installation of 2 new sanitary sewer manholes. Rehabilitation of the Wayne Street lift station and the cleaning and televising of 4, 6, 8, and 10-inch sewer lines. This portion of the work shall be constructed under a Unit Price Contract.

The Add-Alternate Bid No. 1 (WWTP Improvements) Work Includes:

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The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or minor defects in bids or bidding procedure, or reject any and all bids, or to accept the bid from the lowest most responsible and responsive bidder as exclusively determined by the Owner. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. No Bidder may withdraw a bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Should there be reasons why the contract cannot be awarded within the specified period, the time may be extended by mutual agreement between the Owner and the Bidder determined by the Owner to be the lowest most responsible and responsive.

Submission of a signed Bid by the Bidder constitutes acknowledgment of and acceptance of all the documents and terms and conditions of the Contractual-Legal Requirements and Technical Sections of the specifications in the Project Manual.

The bid security shall be furnished in accordance with Instructions to Bidders.

The Contractor to whom the work is awarded will be required to purchase and maintain insurance coverage as described in the Contract Documents on an "occurrence basis".

All Contractors and Subcontractors involved with the Project will, to the extent practicable, use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their Project. Additionally, Contractor compliance with the Equal Employment Opportunity requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.

Domestic Steel Use requirements as specified in Section 153.011 of the Revised Code apply to this Project. Copies of Section 153.011 of the Revised Code can be obtained from any of the offices of the Department of Administrative Services.

Bidder must comply with the Prevailing Wage Rates on Public Improvements in Paulding County and the Village of Grover Hill, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wages, and Hour Division, (614) 644-2239.

Reference drawings used by the Engineer in preparation of the Contract Documents may be examined online at <https://www.wesslerengineering.com/planroom>.

Copies of the Drawings and Specifications are distributed to Contractors and other interested parties by Wessler Engineering, Inc. (<https://www.wesslerengineering.com/planroom>) for a non-refundable fee. A complete digital set of bidding documents is available for \$150.00. A complete hard copy set of bidding documents can be mailed for \$300.00.

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A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM (local time) on January 12th, 2021 at the Grover Hill Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) building in Grover Hill, Ohio (107 S. Main St.). Bidders are encouraged to attend the Pre-Bid Conference.

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FINDLAY DISTRICT TROOPER RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR SAVING WOMAN'S LIFE



BOWLING GREEN - Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Adam J. Hartford was honored today for his quick thinking and lifesaving efforts while helping a young woman suffering a mental crisis earlier this year. He was presented with a certificate of recognition at the Bowling Green Post on behalf of Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol superintendent.

In the morning of October 30, Trooper Hartford was dispatched to a woman walking in the lanes of Interstate 75 in Perrysburg. Prior to his arrival, the woman had walked across the lanes of traffic several times, nearly being struck by a semi. Once Trooper Hartford arrived on scene, he positioned his patrol car across the lanes of the interstate with his emergency lights activated to protect her from oncoming traffic. As he exited his patrol car, the fe-

male began to run down the interstate. Trooper Hartford was able to catch her and prevent her from running back into traffic, ultimately saving her life. Once she was secured, she was transported to a local hospital where she was treated.

"The swift actions of Trooper Hartford is a true testament to his dedication to service," said Captain John C. Altman, Findlay District commander. "As troopers, we often deal with people during some of the worst days of their life. It is fulfilling when we are able to turn an unfortunate situation around and help someone during their time of need."

Trooper Hartford is a member of the 152nd Academy Class and earned his commission in 2012. He is a canine handler and assigned to the Findlay District's Criminal Patrol unit.

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RAIDERS DEFEAT PILOTS, FALL TO TIGERS



In the December 10 event, Wayne Trace Freshman Graiden Troth earns a win after he pins his Edgerton opponent in the first period! More pictures at westbendnews.net

LIBERTY CENTER - In a wrestling tri-match at Liberty Center Saturday, the Wayne Trace wrestlers defeated Green Meadows Conference rival Ayersville but dropped a match to Liberty Center. Against the host Tigers, five Raiders picked up victories but Liberty Center took advantage of a pair of forfeits to record a 48-35 win.

Gabe Sutton picked up a pin at the 1:30 mark to defeat the Tigers' Drew Matthews at 126 and Jarrett Hornish also pinned Liberty Center's Emmett Perry in 1:59 to win in the 132-pound class.

At 138, Wayne Trace's Hunter Long defeated Xander Myers 24-9 with teammate Seth Meggison pinning the black and orange's Cody Minnich in 1:20 to capture a victory in the 145-pound weight class.

The Raiders' Eli Moore also was victorious at 160, pinning Liberty Center's Jon Tammarine in 1:10. Wayne Trace's Kacy Hornish recorded a win as well via forfeit at 113.

Wayne Trace finished with a 48-28 win over Ayersville as five Raiders won matches and three others were victorious via forfeit.

Gabe Sutton, Jarrett Hornish, Seth Meggison, Eli Moore and Jacob Graham all were victorious by pins for

the Raiders. Graham got past Ayersville's Ethan Courtaway at the 1:11 mark in the 285-pound class and Sutton defeated the Pilots' Shannon Hohenberger in 3:09 to win in the 126-pound class.

Jarrett Hornish outlasted Tyler Winzeler for a pin at the 4:43 point of their 132-pound battle with Moore quickly pinning Ayersville's Hunter Rue at 160. Meggison rounded out the Raider victors via pins, defeating the Pilots' Dominic Johnson in 4:55 at 145.

Those winning by forfeit for the red, white and blue were Kacy Hornish (106), Conner Blankenship (113) and Hunter Long (138).

RAIDERS CRUISE PAST ACES

HAVILAND - Wayne Trace's junior high girls basketball teams each cruised to victories Tuesday night as the Lady Raiders swept past Hicksville in the 'Pit.'

The red, white and blue eighth graders coasted to a 37-7 win over the visiting Aces as Harper Myers led all scorers with 11 points for Wayne Trace.

Tianna Sinn added seven for the Lady Raiders while Allison Noggle and Kath-

SYNERGY STUDENTS RING BELL FOR CHRISTMAS



SYNERGY Learning Center students Dalton Lee (Wayne Trace) and Sam Carmean (Lincolnview) are shown ringing the bell for The Salvation Army this Christmas season.

leen Stoller both recorded six markers.

Wayne Trace's seventh grade also rolled to a win, defeating Hicksville 38-11.

Lexi Moore and Caroline Winans both had ten points for the red, white and blue and Toree Sinn chipped in six markers.

RAIDERS, 'CATS SPLIT

HAVILAND - Wayne Trace and Kalida split in junior high girls basketball action Thursday as the Raiders took the seventh-grade contest while the Wildcats won the eighth-grade game.

Caren Winans led the way for the red, white and blue seventh graders with 17 points while twin sister Caroline Winans added 14 in a 53-13 Wayne Trace win. Lexi Moore also had eight points for the Lady Raiders.

Kalida nipped Wayne Trace 26-24 in the eighth-grade game. Harper Myers

and Kathleen Stoller both had eight points for the Lady Raiders and Tianna Sinn chipped in four markers.

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PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkhard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (15) persons on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

Domanic J. Hoge (4/6/1993), Address unknown; Sexual offender registration, F5

David B. Emerick (3/27/1968), Kendallville, IN; Vandalism, F5

Victor Evans (1/12/1992), Detroit, MI; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

Andrew M. Taylor (10/23/1985), Payne, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

James A. Glass (11/17/1968), Payne, OH; Non-support of dependents, F5

Amber L. Vance (6/1/1989), Address unknown; Theft, F5

James R. Thomas (6/10/1983), Paulding jail; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

Andrew P. Swanson, Jr. (12/11/2001), Kent, OH; Identity fraud, F5; Forgery, F5; Improper handling of firearms in a motor vehicle, F4

Larry Mullins Jr. (4/19/1983), Paulding, OH; Non-support of dependents, F5

Jacqueline R. Gonzales

(9/9/1978), Paulding, OH; Illegal voting, F4

Derrick M. Bennett (5/5/1989), Defiance, OH; Non-support of dependents, F5

Mandy L. Gunn (8/24/1984), Marion, IN; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

Johnathan R. Hurst (11/6/1980), Findlay, OH; Non-support of dependents, F4

Gary L. Owens (11/27/61); Oakwood, OH; Illegal manufacture of drugs or cultivation of marijuana, F2

Amberly N. Badillo (5/3/1991), Paulding, OH; Theft, F5

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12/7/20 Sanderson Vern M & Sanderson Tonya C to Selzer Daniel C Selzer Sarah M; 15012 Rd 82 Paulding Oh 45879; 3 acres; Nw Cor Nw1/4 Nw1/4 Latty Twp S-4

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By: **Caroline Longardner** "THE PILGRIM'S "GENERAL SICKNESS"

The MAYFLOWER finally

landed off Cape Cod in North America on November 10, 1620. (Ten days must be added to all the old dates given in Pilgrim records in order to determine the date according to the modern calendars as they were using the "Gregorian" Calendar. This calendar was not adopted until 1752).

When the party of men went ashore several days later and first stepped on PLYMOUTH ROCK, as legend has it, it would now have been on the date of December 21, 1620. They spent some time checking out the area and thought it would be a good place to harbor and accommodate ships. There was hopeful discussion of placement of the colony settlement near here.

On their return back to the MAYFLOWER, the party of men were met at the ship with the sad news that while he was away, William Bradford's wife, Dorothy, had fallen from the Mayflower and drowned while the ship was at anchor. Many of the passengers felt terrible and discouraged about her passing and thought it possible she might have taken her own life. If she had done so, the other Pilgrims would have looked down on this as a shameful and sinful act. He did make note of her death in his diary.

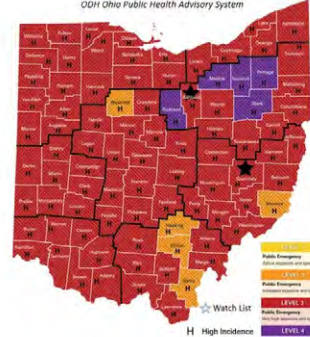
On Christmas Day (1620) work was begun on the new settlement. It was not a holiday as the Pilgrims did not believe in celebrating the traditional holidays observed by most Christian churches. Actually, most of them were already too ill to work or even go ashore to help with the endeavor. It was starting to become winter weather with snow, wind, rain, and sleet. The first house they built on land was called the "Common House" which was about 20 ft. square. Many were sick and dying.

In January and February many stayed at the "Common House" overcome with an illness which was probably sickness due to pneumonia or tuberculosis aggravated by scurvy. The living were said to have buried the dead in unmarked graves at night to hide their losses from the Indians if they might have been watching.

In that terrible first winter, Miles Standish's wife, Rose, and the young, Priscilla Mullins' father, mother, and brother all died of the "General Sickness," as it was called. Will White, a wool comber, died late in Feb. 1621 leaving his wife, Susanna and 2 young sons, 5-yr old, Resolved and a small baby named Peregrine. Peregrine had been born on the Mayflower in Provincetown harbor; and he was to have the distinction of being the first English child born in New England. The disease ravaged the Pilgrims well into March. Edward Winslow's wife Elizabeth, died late in March.

This "General Sickness" took many lives that first winter. This disease continued ravaging the Pilgrims well into March. Even against the terrible winter weather about 6 or 7 rude huts were built. By the end of March the last of the Mayflower's passengers had lowered their belongings into the shallow from the Mayflower and had been taken ashore. Of 18 married women, only 5 survived. Of 29 unmarried men, servants, and hired hands, only 10 survived. William Brewster's

PAULDING COUNTY'S CASES JUMP OVER 130 IN A WEEK



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HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY IS IN CRISIS

Quite simply, the healthcare industry is in crisis. Staff are burned out and stretched thin. Non-COVID-19 patients are being crowded out of hospitals, and non-emergent procedures are being delayed, due to the number of patients hospitalized as a result of the pandemic.

We are not yet seeing the results of any exposure related to the Thanksgiving holiday. In many cases, those individuals would be diagnosed this week (the week of Nov. 30) and may need hospitalization in the next 1-2 weeks (the week of Dec. 7 or 14).

Many of Ohio's caregivers have been treating COVID-19 patients since March — and they are exhausted. Because of vast community spread, these individuals are now at a much greater risk of being exposed to COVID-19 in their community — either directly, or through the exposure of a one of their family members. If this happens, they could be quarantined or become ill.

Our healthcare heroes need your help. Stay at home unless making a necessary trip for supplies. Wear a mask every time you leave your house, all the time. Don't gather with those outside of your household, and work from home if you can.

We cannot pick and choose when we follow this safety guidance. We have to follow it every single day if we want to beat this virus.

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LOCAL HOSPITALS AND HEALTH NETWORKS TO DISTRIBUTE COVID-19 VACCINE TO PRIORITIZED HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Northeast Indiana hospitals and health networks identified to participate in the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) COVID-19 vaccination program expect to receive their first shipment of the vaccine after Dec.15, pending anticipated Emergency Use Authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Lutheran Health Network, Marion General Hospital and Parkview Health are working to finalize plans for their vaccine clinics.

In the first phase of the program, vaccine availability is limited to certain health care workers who have been prioritized and defined by the IDOH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Vaccine eligibility details are available on the IDOH website. In addition to vaccinating their own employees who qualify, the hospital clinics will vaccinate other priority health care workers, such as qualified nursing home staff. All participants will be required to register and make an appointment on the IDOH website once scheduling is available. The vaccine will be provided at no cost to recipients.

As increased supply of vaccine becomes available, larger groups of health care workers will qualify. The vaccine is not currently available to the general public. Broad availability is not expected for several months.

More information will be shared as it becomes available.

family was one of three that was not taken apart by the General Sickness.

Contd.
 Ref.: American History; William Bradford's "Plymouth Plantation"

WARRIORS GET PAST BRUINS

Woodlan picked up a 39-33 win over Northrop in a wrestling dual match recently.

Carlos Taylor pinned Northrop's Januel Marrero in 1:41 to win the heavyweight

class while Karson Moore won by fall in 46 seconds at 113.

David Rodgers Potter and Ethan Vardaman also were victorious by pin to aid the Warrior cause. Rodgers Potter pinned the Bruins' Chase Clardy in 44 seconds at 132 and Vardaman won by pin over Northrop's Brian Phan in 1:21 at 138.

Woodlan's Jake Roemer defeated Brayden Mudrack 13-6 for the Warriors' other victory at 170. Jack Culler (145) and Brady Garrison (152) also were victorious via forfeits for Woodlan.

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STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT CARING AND SHARING FOOD PANTRY



Students from Paulding Middle School volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry on Saturday, December 5th. Shown in the picture from left to right are Sheyenne Shepherd, Addison Hunt, Addison Pease, and teacher Megan Johnson.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Evin L. Walkowski, Bryan, OH; Handle firearm; Case dismissed per state agreement; Firearm and the ammunition is to be forfeited

Evin L. Walkowski, Bryan, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court with counsel, Mr. Shaffer, Pled guilty; Complete DIP - compliance 4/30/21; Secure a valid operator license; Pay or collection 12/17/21; Monthly payment \$50 per month, beginning 1/29/21

Evin L. Walkowski, Bryan, OH; OVI/breath high; Case dismissed

Evin L. Walkowski, Bryan, OH; Marked lanes; Case dismissed

Evin L. Walkowski, Bryan, OH; Distracted driving; Case dismissed

Evin L. Walkowski, Bryan, OH; Display plates; Case dismissed

Timothy P. Mansfield II, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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 defendant

Joseph D. Ankney, Sidney, OH; Seat belt/drive; This matter is dismissed

James C. Dix, Spencerville, OH; Distracted driving; Defendant took course

Natosha M. Wiseman, Defiance, OH; Misuse of credit card; Case dismissed

Randy Coleman, Cloverdale, OH; Domestic violence; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court with counsel, Mr. Scott Gordon; Pled guilty; Placed on standard probation; Have evaluation and risk assessment; No contact with victim; Pay or collection 12/17/21

Donald A. Dougal, Paulding, OH; Theft; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court with counsel, Mr. Scott Gordon; Pled guilty; Placed on probation; Pay restitution to Bargain Bin of \$150.00 and McDonald Design of \$267.50; Pay or collection 12/17/21

Donald A. Dougal, Paulding, OH; Theft; Case dismissed

Donald A. Dougal, Paulding, OH; Aggravated menacing; Defendant appeared in open court, with counsel, Mr. Scott Gordon; Pled no contest, found guilty; No contact with victims; Pay or collections 12/17/21

Gregory S. Sherry, Melrose, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Defendant appeared with counsel, Mr. Gordon; Pled guilty; No contact with Jennifer Berridge; Pay or collections 2/26/21

Aaron M. Miller, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Marinda Zablocki, New Baltimore, MI; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kameron W. Forrer, Payne, OH; Off inv undag/p; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court with counsel, Mr. Morey; Pled guilty; Placed on probation; To complete 90 days of SCRAM and complete online alcohol course; Must secure valid operator's license

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Springville, TN; Unlawful sex w/minor; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court with counsel; No contact with minor victim

Courtney White, Fort Wayne, IN; Possession of marijuana; Defendant appeared in open court without counsel; Pled no contest, guilty finding; Pay or collection 1/29/21

Courtney White, Fort Wayne, IN; Drug paraphernalia; Defendant appeared in open court without counsel; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collection 1/29/21

Taylor R. Bowman, Fort Wayne, IN; No operator's license; Defendant appeared in open court with counsel, Mr. DeMuth; Pled no contest, found guilty; Show proof of valid operator's license 1/29/21; Pay or collection 1/29/21

Shane C. Scott, Latty, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court with counsel, Mr. John DeMuth; Pled guilty; 1 year operator license suspension; Placed on probation; Complete online classes; 40 hours community service; Complete risk assessment; Secure a valid operator's license; Pay or collection 1/28/22

Shane C. Scott, Latty, OH; Driving under ovi suspension; Case B dismissed

Shane C. Scott, Latty, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty

Chelci A. Jones, Redkey, IN; Driving under non fra suspension; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court with Mr. DeMuth, court appointed; Pled guilty; Pay or collection 1/28/22; Monthly payments \$30 per month beginning 1/29/21

Kameron W. Forrer, Payne, OH; Driving under fra suspension; Guilty; Defendant appeared with Mr. Morey, Pled guilty; Pay or collection 12/17/21

Phillip A. Scott, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

William F. Lloyd, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Louis G. Davies, Ohio City, OH; Traffic device/signs; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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with Mr. Schroeder; Pled guilty; No unlawful contact with victim; Pay or collection 2/26/21

Tyler Kaleb Hoosier, Detroit, MI; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Elmeco R. Crisp, Lima, OH; Attempt-possession; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court with counsel, Mr. Hopkins; Pled guilty; Placed on probation; Pay or collection 2/26/21; All contraband shall be forfeited

Sergio Reynoso, Fort Wayne, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brandon Yocom, Woodburn, IN; Improper loaded gun; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dennis Stewart, New Haven, IN; Improper loaded gun; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John L. Mays, Wyandotte, MI; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court without counsel; Pled guilty; All contraband shall be forfeited; Bond applied to fines/costs

Catherine A. Taylor-Hicks, Chicago, IL; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Defendant paid in full

Victoriano Botzoc, Fort Wayne, IN; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Victoriano Botzoc, Fort Wayne, IN; Headlights; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Barry W. Etzler, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David Hammons, Ossian, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John L. Mays, Wyandotte, MI; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant may complete DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Compliance date for DIP is 3/26/21

Jeffrey G. Hook, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Terry L. Dockery III, Continental, OH; Open container; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 1/29/21

Nathan P. Lee, Paulding, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Case dismissed at state's request without costs

Nathan P. Lee, Paulding, OH; Possession of marijuana; Case dismissed at state's request without costs

PMS NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Shown in the picture is Paulding Middle School student Matthew Geiger. He was selected by his team teachers as the November Student of the Month.

Sudoku solution from page 9

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Mayor's Report: The mayor discussed with the council regarding the need to raise rates within the sewer utility in order to pay for additional spending for the clean closure project. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 20-1393 (Modify Sewer Rates) in full, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 20-1393 as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. The fire department hosted a meeting for the fire territory discussion for the community. The mayor mentioned that this discussion went over well and the future looks promising. There is additional work that is needed in the amount of \$5,300 in order to wire power to both sides of the building due to the large size of the building. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to finish the work as described, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. The mayor will discuss with the Maumee Township Trustee about paying a portion of the total costs involved with this project. INDOT performed a traffic study on Bull Rapids and Main last week. The city closed on the American Legion property last week as well.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the November 2nd meeting. After discussion, Councilman Martin moved to accept the minutes from the November 2nd meeting as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. Warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. The clerk-treasurer explained the need for council to move appropriations within certain funds as well as formally reduce appropriations within certain funds. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to read Resolution 20-253 (Appropriation Transfers and Reductions w/in Funds) by title only, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 20-253 as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Resolution 20-253 as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Resolution 20-253 is ratified as presented.

Councilmen's Report: After allowing for the public hearing for residents to comment on the topic, Councilman Watts moved to have the second reading of Ordinance 20-1391 (Re-Establish Garbage Rates for 2021-2023) by title only, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 20-1391, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to suspend the rules to waive any additional readings of Ordinance 20-1391 and adopt as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Ordinance 20-1391 is ratified as presented. Councilman Thompson stated that the Chili Cook-Off went well and that there was over \$5,000 net proceeds raised from the event.

Audience: Carol went over details regarding the NewAllen Alliance and their campaign to shop local from November 23rd to December 31st. Rob handed out material regarding benefits to be administered in 2021 onward for city employees, as well as answering questions from the council. A resident had planted grass in her yard and asked if last month's bill can be modified to reflect the average use of the sewer portion of the utility bill. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to proceed as described, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.

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

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Terry L. Dockery III, Continental, OH; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request

Caleb B. Witchey, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request

Caleb B. Witchey, Paulding, OH; No tail lights; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 1/29/21

Jessica A. Bennett, Melrose, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant placed on probation; 20 hours community service; SCRAM removed week of 1/4/21; Jail commitment 1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/21/21 as scheduled

Jessica A. Bennett, Melrose, OH; Marked lanes; Case dismissed at state's request

Melissa P. Burger, Woodburn, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant paid in full

Nathan P. Lee, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request

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

MINUTES FOR THE WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16TH, 2020:

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Councilmen Martin, Gerig, Thompson, and Watts. Chief Parker and Councilman Voirol were not present. Rob with Colonial Life, Carol with NewAllen Alliance, and Kaleb with Reliance were also present.

The mayor opened up the refuse and recycling rate public hearing at 7:07pm. After hearing no comments from the audience, the mayor closed the public hearing at 7:10pm.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.
Superintendent's Report: The superintendent described a request from a resident of the industrial park to extend a drive and wanted to make sure that he would not be too close to the fire hydrant. There were no concerns from council.

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Teachers Jacob Hood, Elias Jimenez, and Kyle Kramer shaved their beards. Paulding Middle School is proud to announce they raised over \$700 to donate to Christmas For Kids.

Paulding Middle School teacher Elias Jimenez arranged a fundraising campaign for Christmas For Kids at Paulding Middle School.

As an incentive for students to donate, four middle school teachers volunteered to shave their beards if a certain amount was met. Also,

to raise additional money raffle tickets were sold to see who would put pies in Mr. Jimenez's face.

PATRIOTS CRUISE TO WIN OVER BLACKHAWK

FORT WAYNE - Heritage improved to 7-4 on the season as the Lady Patriots coasted to a 54-37 win at Fort Wayne Blackhawk Tuesday night in non-league girls basketball action.

Shelby Schane led the way for the Lady Patriots, scoring a game high 24 points to pace all scorers.

Ella Bickel added 13 for Heritage with Abby Zelt bucketing eight and Claire Bickel chipped in four markers. Kendall Zelt added three for the Patriots and Lydia Schultz posted the remaining two Heritage points.

Ella Bickel grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Patriots while Claire Bickel hauled down five boards and dished out a team high five assists.

Kendall Zelt recorded four assists with Schane, Schultz and Abby Zelt having two assists each. Claire Bickel and Schane each picked up two steals for Heritage with Schane, Abby Zelt and Kendall Zelt finishing with two rebounds apiece.

Heritage is schedule to visit ACAC rival Woodlan on Saturday.

WWT POSTS TWO WINS OVER PILOTS

DEFIANCE - The Wayne Trace junior high boys basketball teams hit the road on Thursday for a battle with Green Meadows Conference rival Ayersville.

When the buzzer rang for the final time, the Raiders posted a pair of victories on the evening.

The Raider eighth graders posted a 35-19 win over the Pilots as Tyler Head bucketed 17 points and Tyson Gerber added a dozen markers. Kyle Sutton, Brady Miller and Trent Thornell all chipped in two markers apiece for Wayne Trace.

Wayne Trace's seventh grade defeated Ayersville 42-

18 with Carter Clemens topping the red, white and blue effort with a dozen markers.

Tanner Laukhuf recorded ten points for the Raiders followed by Caden Sinn (nine), Lance Maenle (four), Micah Sinn (three), Riley Manz (two) and Ryan Parker (two).

USING HUMIC SUBSTANCES TO IMPROVE PLANT GROWTH

Soil organic matter (SOM) is carbon compounds from living organisms are decomposing or the dead bodies of microbes, small animals, and plants. A fertile soil has between 2% (sandy soil) to 8% (clay soil) SOM which contains essential minerals needed for plant growth. Humic (carbon) substances are vital to soil fertility and plant nutrition. Plants grown on soils with adequate humic substances have less stress, are healthier, produce higher yields; and have higher nutritional density and value.

Humic substances include humic acid, humins, and fulvic acid. Humus or humic acid is the long-term black dark SOM which makes up 65-75% of the total SOM; very dense and hard to decompose; and is the largest major source of soil minerals and soil fertility. Fulvic acid is the short-term active SOM that is water soluble with a high nutrient exchange capacity. Fulvic acid is used with foliar fertilizer because it can be absorbed by plant leaves, stems, and roots and can improve nutrient efficiency. Fulvic acid carries trace minerals directly within a plant to sites where the nutrient is needed and is non-toxic to the plant at low concentrations. Humins are in the middle, less dense than humus but denser than fulvic acid. Humins improve a soil's water holding capacity, improves soil structure, and improves soil stability.

Humic substances directly and indirectly affect plant growth. Humic substances enhance plant uptake of nitro-

gen, phosphorus, and potassium. When adequate humic substances are available, the plant's need for these three macronutrients decline, but when soil levels of humic substances decline, more fertilizer is needed to get the same yield. When nitrates start leaching into surface water or nitrogen is lost to the atmosphere, it's because there is not enough carbon in the soil in the form of humic substances. Humic substances are the storehouse for plant nutrients in the soil.

Humic substances increases seed germination and seed development. The rate is generally 20-100 mg per liter or roughly .2 to 1 pound per 12 bags of corn seed. Be careful not to apply too much because high concentrations damage seed. Humic acid and fulvic acid also increase root growth 20-50%. Fulvic acid does a better job than humic acid because of its smaller size. Low concentrations (10-100 mg per liter) are required to make seeds and roots grow more robust. Humic substances are often added at a 3% rate to fertilizer to increase fertilizer and plant use efficiency.

Humic substances commonly occur within soils, compost, peat, and in carbon containing minerals such as brown coals, low grade lignites, and Leonardites. The United States has several mines and mineral deposits suitable for obtaining good agricultural grade humic (carbon) fertilizer substances. The addition of mined humates (mined humic substances), especially where excess nutrient applications have occurred or where humic substances have been depleted, is a faster alternative than trying to restore humic substances naturally. The best source of humic substances for fertilizer use is from Leonardites. The quality and efficacy of any humic substance can vary, so be prepared to conduct some side by side field tests to analyze the effectiveness of different products.

Humic substances form naturally in soils where crop rotation, using balanced fertilizer programs, planting legumes and cover crops, applying compost and manure, and using minimum tillage practices all help build humus. Keeping soils healthy and protecting beneficial organisms builds soil humus. Humus building practices are slow and time consuming, however they pay large dividends over time. (Adapted from Dr. Robert Pettit, Texas A&M).

UNSUNG HERO: BRADY SHULL

By: Courtney Shull

"As a youth coach, I endeavor to use the game to teach life lessons such as responsibility, respect, accountability, team work, and sportsmanship. It is my belief that growth and development in these areas will prepare these young adults for successful futures and it is in this area that Brady is the most accomplished. His willingness to put aside his personal desires for what the team needs is very admirable. It has been a benefit and true joy to have him a part of Leo Lions High School Hockey program." (Mike Robison, Leo Lions Hockey Head Coach)

I am not even a little objective writing about this unsung hero. Brady Shull stands for his family on and off the ice. On the ice, his team counts on him to protect the puck, the goalie, and his all of his hockey brothers and sisters. He sacrifices self to contribute to the team. While on the ice he has a bit of a hockey mouth, but he also quietly supports and coaches the younger members of his team. He may not see himself this way, but he is a natural leader.

Off the ice, Brady gives for his family. Whether it is visiting a housebound relative or taking care of their grocery shopping, he offers his time freely. Last year he gave up his birthday to help me care for, then grieve my four-legged loved one. He

is the kind of guy who will drop everything and rush over to climb in my window when I lock myself out of my house. He is the guy who without a thought, pulled out his last few dollars to pay for my order at a convenience store. Instead of expecting a thanks, he says, "Don't worry about it, you know I always have your

back." It's true, he does. I know I can always count on Brady. He has grown into an outstanding young man, and my own personal hero.

Ending Hero is one way to end 2020 with grace and empowerment. Each week will highlight a new Unsung Hero by singing loudly to recognize our everyday heroes.



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From a Broughton farm girl,
To a loving wife and mother of four,
To being the right hand "man" at Stokely's
To being blessed with 9 grandchildren,
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No matter where you know her from,
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We'd love you to help shower MARY PORTER with cards on her 90th birthday on December 26th!



Cards may be sent to:

725 N. Williams St.
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And don't forget to "HONK" as you pass by that day!

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11/16/20 - 12/31/20

Need cash to get you through the holiday spending? WE HAVE YOU COVERED!

For up to \$2,000 in new money and 12 monthly payments, you can get your Christmas shopping done for as low as 2.5% APR. Isn't that much better than putting Christmas on a high-interest credit card?

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