

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

JPHS CAR RAFFLE WINNER ANNOUNCED



The winner of the car raffle was drawn on Friday, December 18 by Jim Stykemain of Stykemain Chevrolet in Paulding. Mr. Stykemain donated the 2015 Sonic to be raffled off with 100% of the proceeds going to the John Paulding Historical Society.

"This has been a real game changer for the museum" said Kim Sutton, JPHS president "We have had to cancel several of our fundraising events

due to Covid-19. We are a 100% volunteer 501c3 and we must raise our operating budget each year through fundraising events, membership dues and donations. We can't thank Mr. Stykemain enough for his generous donation which enables us to continue to keep the museum operating!"

The winning ticket belonged to Terry Buehler of Paulding, Ohio.

SMITH 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Donald and Rebekah Smith of Antwerp are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Donald H. Smith and Rebekah N. Lord were united in marriage on December 26th, 1970 at St. James Lutheran Church, Payne, OH, with the Rev. Grant A. Shealy officiating.

Donald's career started with his father at the Antwerp Hardware and he retired from Walmart, Coldwater Road, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Rebekah is retired from the Antwerp Exchange Bank and IPFW as a community arts piano

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The deadline for the West Bend News is Fridays at 5pm for the following issue. Send your news, ads, and classifieds to info@westbendnews.net Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.

The West Bend News offices will be closed on December 24, 25, and January 1. The first issue of 2021 will be dated January 5. The deadline for the first issue is January 1st.

ESCHBACH RETIRES FROM ANTWERP EXCHANGE BANK



Every great organization starts with a great leader. The Antwerp Exchange Bank is no different in that respect. Although Ron Eschbach would attribute the success of the bank to the loyal customers and dedicated employees, it is a fact that the Antwerp Exchange Bank would not be the same without Ron.

He started his banking career in 1973. Ron moved to the Antwerp Exchange Bank on October 29, 1984, where he advanced to the position of president on July 15, 1998. From 1984 to 1998 he gained the respect of the community, which is why he was hired as president. That respect has

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Community Calendar

December 23

- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

December 24

- Christmas Eve Service @ 1st UMC Van Wert, 5pm online
- 7 PM Christmas Eve Service @ Cecil Comm. Church
- Christmas Eve Service @ Antwerp UMC, 8pm

December 25

- CHRISTMAS DAY!

December 27

- 6 PM Bluegrass Praise Band & Refreshments @ Cecil Comm. Church

December 30

- Free Pop-up COVID testing 10a-2p @ Paulding County Fairgrounds
- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

January 1

- New Year's Day!

January 6

- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

January 7

- Bereavement Support Meeting via Zoom, 2-3pm (419-238-9223)

January 13

- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

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Terry Jo Lightfoot

Terry Jo Lightfoot and Bob Nelson, long time EACS board members were given tributes for their hard work and dedication to education prior to departing the board at the end of December. Mrs. Lightfoot has served on the school board for 20 years and Mr. Nelson for 8 years. The board members along with Superintendent Hissong gave each of them heartfelt words

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OBITUARIES



VAN WERT, OH
Myles Stanton Parsons, 80, of Wren, passed away at 2:19 p.m., Friday, December 4, 2020 at Van Wert Health.

He was born on July 27, 1940, in Van Wert the son of the late Carl and Alice (McCray) Parsons. On October 6, 1979, he married the former Carolyn J. Henry who survives.

Myles was a 1959 graduate of Van Wert High School. He retired from Uniroyal Goodrich in Woodburn in 1999 after 35 years of service. Myles enjoyed fishing and playing jokes with the grandkids. He was an auxiliary member of the Van Wert American Legion, member of the Van Wert Moose Lodge and the Rockford Eagles.

Family survivors besides his wife include his loving sons, Mike (Denise) Henry of Wren, Mick (Holly) Henry of Van Wert; daughters, Julie (Bill) Childs of Payne, Jodie Kinnaley of Greenville, Tennessee, Marie (Kurt) Combs of Monroe, Indiana, Melissa Knous of Decatur, Indiana, and Mandy (Jason) Coutts of Ohio City; 26 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Myles has four brothers, Carl (Judy) Parsons, Jr., of Van Wert, Roger (Linda) Parsons of Ohio City, Doyle (Pam) Parsons of Scott, and Merle (Deb) Parsons of Van Wert; and two sisters, Shirley Arnet of Ellettsville, Indiana and Romain (Donnie) Sparks of Martinsville, Indiana.

Myles was preceded in death by two sons, Cary Parsons and Mark Henry; a grandson, Kyle Combs; two brothers, Kenneth Parsons and Richard Parsons; and three sisters, Barbara Moorman, Betty Vaught, and Martha Belle Stripe.

The calling was 2 - 7 p.m., Saturday, December 12, 2020, at Cowan & Son Funeral Home. Visitors are reminded to wear face coverings and practice social distancing for everyone's safety.

Preferred memorials are to the Wren E.M.S.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Myles S. Parsons, please visit our floral store.



ANTWERP, OH
Iona "Sue" (Booth) Hand, 96, of Antwerp, passed away Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville, Ohio.

Sue was born on September 26, 1924, to the late Alfred and Lottie Booth. She was a 1942 graduate of Antwerp High School.

On September 25, 1943, she was united in marriage with Justus Seymour Hand, a happy union that lasted until both were in their nineties.

Sue loved the farm life, piano playing, card playing, crossword puzzles, dancing, and time spent with her family and friends. She exuded a girlish charm right up until the end and will be deeply

missed by her loved ones, including her children, David (Debra) Hand, Janet (Terry) Foust, and Roger (Jennifer) Hand.

Also in bereavement are her grandchildren, Andrew (Jennifer) Hand, Casey Hand, Jassmine (Andrew) Reyes, Daniel (Amber) Foust, and Irenia Hand, as well as great-grandchildren, Kirsten Hand, Jake Ryan, Landyn Reyes, Kiera Reyes, Taylor Steibling, Quintin Reyes, Mariano Reyes, and Anderson Foust.

Sue was preceded in death by her husband and beloved sisters, Rose Gorgas and Charlotte Keel.

Graveside services were held at Forest Home Cemetery (Hicksville, Ohio) on Friday, December 11, 2020, at 10 am.

Memorials may be directed to Hickory Creek at Hicksville, 401 Fountain St., Hicksville, OH 43526



ANTWERP, OH
Kenneth Fain Lowe, 68, of Antwerp, passed away Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at Lutheran

Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Fain was born in Jefferson City, TN on January 18, 1952.

He worked at General Motors Foundry and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Antwerp. He will be remembered most for his contagious smile and friendly personality. His family was his focus but he loved cars and motorcycles.

Fain will be sadly missed by his wife, Patricia (Miller) whom he married June 9, 1973; daughters, Karla (Ben) Wearley, Staci (Chad) McKeever & Tori (Derek) Jones; step father, Clinton Jordan; siblings, Gail (the late Todd) Barnhouse & Danny (Jane) Lowe; grandchildren, Cody Wearley, Jade (Kyle) Mettert, Bryanna Wearley, Logan, Lance & Luke McKeever & Zach Jones and great grandson, Aiden Wearley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth Lowe & Ella Vee (Reece) Jordan and siblings, Christine Dysinger & Jackie Lowe.

Viewing was Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, 5 to 7 PM at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.

Due to state mandate, guests must wear masks at all times, maintain social distancing, and refrain from contact to keep everyone safe while participating in Fain's viewing.

Memorials are to The First Baptist Church of Antwerp.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com



TWILLA LEE NAMED CEO OF LUTHERAN DOWNTOWN HOSPITAL

Twilla Lee, an experienced healthcare leader with a focus on exceptional patient care, quality and operational performance, becomes Lutheran Downtown Hospital's chief executive officer on Jan. 18, 2021.

Lee joins Lutheran Health Network from her position as Administrator, Hospital Operations, providing executive-level operations leadership at East Hospital, part of The Ohio State University Health System in Columbus. During her more than 13 years with The Ohio State University Health System, she has held several executive leadership positions encompassing

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A lot can happen in 90 years!
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SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

“While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.”

Luke 2:6-7 NIV



OUT WITH THE NEW OR BACK TO THE OLD?



Penny For Your Thoughts By: Nancy Whitaker

Do you like to get new pots and pans? Sometimes it is a problem, because I really don't want to get rid of my few older ones. For instance I have a pan that my Mama used to make fudge in. I still use it to cook different foods, but whenever I use it, I can still see Mom sitting down on the floor and beating the fudge with a wooden spoon. Then I have an iron skillet that belonged to my grandma. Many pork chops, bacon, chicken and ham was cooked over the years in that skillet, so it held much more than food. It now holds memories. I also have a big tall granite pan which I make soup in and it also has a lot of history. I remember one day I tried making a beer cheese soup and it was awful tasting. The whole batch went out to the trash.

I know we have all types of kitchen gadgets and while I like them, it seems the old pans makes food taste “just like grandma used to make.”

One item I have never used that was popular in the 1950s is a cookie press. It was a cylinder with various tops and you could pump out all types of fancy cookies.

One item we no longer use and I never have used is a cake breaker. It is a scary looking tool that resembles some type of a dog comb or brush. Actually it was used to cut delicate cakes such as angel food.

Remember those metal canisters? I have a set but don't use them except for display. But almost all kitchens in the early years had metal canisters. In fact, today they are collectibles.

Another kitchen storage item were bread boxes. Usually decorated with flowers and a top lid, it was home to bread, donuts and coffee cakes.

Has anyone ever used a butter mold? Years ago it was popular to have beautiful butter, and these molds came in all kinds of designs. No, I do not have one and I don't think I ever have seen one. However I do recall being at a conference dinner and seeing what looked like a mint which was in the shape of a flower by my plate. So thinking it was a mint candy, I put it in my

mouth and quickly found out amongst the laughter that it was butter for the rolls.

Another thing which I have never used is a pan called an egg poacher, but if Grandpa wanted poached eggs just right, most homes had an egg poacher.

Then there was a strainer sieve which was a must have for kitchens of yesteryear. It was used to make jams, jelly and tomato sauce. It was cone like shaped and had a wooden spoon to shove the fruit down through it to get rid of seeds and mash up the fruit.

I am sure a lot of kitchens have these items, but they have fell by the wayside with modern technology. Then there was another gizmo called a food mill. (I wonder if this one is like a ricer?) The food mill was used to make baby food, applesauce and even mashed potatoes. I have owned a ricer but it was more trouble than its worth.

Remember egg beaters that had wire type beaters on the ends and in order to make whipped cream, puddings and cakes, you had to crank the handle,

Another tool looks like something out of a horror show is a meat tenderizer. Now, in the past I had a steel hammer with and end with indents to tenderize steaks. I do not have it anymore, but I sure miss it. The other night I wanted to tenderize some pork chops and tried using a normal hammer or a cup. They did not do as well as the meat hammer. (you could also get rid of stress by using this)

Metal ice cube trays which had a handle to pull up to get the ice cubes out has almost disappeared as have old time potato mashers and nutmeg grinders.

Today we have blenders, mixers, choppers, cutters, and bags of ice and we buy our butter and breads.

Did food taste better in old time pans or cookware? I am all for modern conveniences, but I still would love to have some of the old kitchen tools.

What type of kitchen utensils do you like or use? Do you have a favorite and do your old pans carry memories? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

INVESTMENT LESSONS FROM 2020

As the year draws to a close, it's fair to say that we've all learned something about the social, political, physical and environmental forces that have affected everyone. And, in some ways, our lives will be changed, perhaps permanently. But as an investor, what lessons can you learn from 2020?

Here are some to consider:

- The markets look ahead.

Here's something many investors discovered in 2020: Investment prices don't always move in the same direction as the overall economy. This might not have seemed apparent right after the COVID-19 pandemic

struck in mid-February, as the overall economy and the stock market took big hits. But just about five weeks later, the markets began a rally that lasted several months. During this time, the economy also recovered somewhat, but still remains on weak footing.

What can explain this discrepancy between the markets and economic activity? Essentially, economic numbers, such as the unemployment rate and gross domestic product (GDP), reflect what's happening today, but the markets are always looking toward tomorrow, which means they are anticipating a stronger economic recovery and the results that come with it, such as greater corporate earnings in 2021. No one can say for sure what the future holds, but you can usually know the market's opinion by its performance.

• Opportunities will always exist for investors. Although the coronavirus seems unprecedented, the equity markets have rebounded from many crises before it. From war to global financial meltdowns, the market has seen it all. But even at the height of these events, when the markets might be most affected, individual segments or industries can do well.

For example, in the current environment, when many people have been forced to work and shop from home, and get their entertainment online, it's probably not surprising that some parts of the technology sector have seen their economic activity grow, along with their stock prices. Here's the key point: Investment opportunities always exist, especially in times of market stress – and smart investors will find them and incorporate them into their portfolios in a way that's appropriate for their goals and risk tolerance.

• Patience and discipline can pay dividends. As mentioned above, the stock market dropped sharply in the weeks immediately following the pandemic, but then gained steadily for months afterward. Investors who tried to “cut losses” and exited the market likely did so at the wrong time and missed out on the beginning of the upturn. Unfortunately, this is not uncommon – investors who overreact to market declines often find themselves on the investment sidelines just when a new rally begins. Rather than being reactive in this way, you may be better off sticking with a long-term investment strategy, and buying and selling investments only when it makes sense for your situation, such as when you need to diversify your portfolio.

For many reasons, it's unlikely that we'll see anything exactly like 2020 again. But some of the investment lessons we learned are applicable in every year – so keep them in mind for 2021 and beyond.

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NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATION IN PAULDING



Northwest State Community College recently completed the Electricity 120 class held in the Small Business Innovation Center in Paulding. Seven area students completed the class. NSCC will be offering another class in Paulding after the first of the year.

PAULDING – Northwest State Community College (NSCC) recently held a class participation graduation for seven electric cohorts. The group completed the Industrial Electricity 120 training class. The opportunity developed through collaboration with (NSCC), the Paulding County Economic Development office and three area businesses.

Congratulations goes out to Eric Bidlack, Tim Clay and Nathan Turner with Spartech; Josh Hernandez and Jeffery Spoor with Cooper Farms; and Brad Peters with Vulcraft.

The classes were held weekly, upstairs in the Small Business Innovation Center. NSCC provided the instructors, class material and equipment for the local training.



The Industrial Electricity II class (IND121) hosted in Paulding by the Paulding County utilizes common components used by local industry. The students will perform hands on labs and wiring exercises on pushbuttons, contactors – both IEC and NEMA, limit switches, proximity switches, PLC and relays.

Some of the companies were able to be reimbursed for the class training costs through the Ohio Means Jobs Tech Cred Program. The program helps offset costs that business incur in upskilling their employees. NSCC is now offering Industrial Electricity 121. If you believe your business or any of your employees could benefit from this program

or would be interested in learning more, please reach out to your economic development office.

There is a new round of Tech Cred being offered beginning January 6. Your business could qualify for this training reimbursement. For more details contact the PCED office 419-399-8282.

Happy Holidays

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

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KIDS' KORNER

Hi, Friends. Welcome back. I'm sorry I missed last week's article. It was my fault.

With Covid still running rampant, I hope you are staying well and staying safe.

The last Bible trivia question was about who carried Jesus' cross after He stumbled and fell. It was Simon of Cyrene (Matthew 27:12; Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26). Jesus fell because He had just been through a whole night of questioning, beatings, and mockery. He was tired and weak.

The custom of the Romans was for the condemned person to carry his own cross to the place of crucifixion, Golgotha, just outside Jerusalem. Golgotha means "the place of the skull," a very appropriate name for an execution cite.

In His weakened state, Jesus couldn't continue bearing the weight of His burden. Simon of Cyrene, a man in town for the Feast of Passover, was in the crowd watching the procession of the condemned. The Roman soldiers forced him to take up the cross and carry it for Jesus.

We all have crosses to bear. That cross may be standing up for our Christian faith. Those who are outside of the faith may make fun of us, tease us for our faith in Jesus, even ridicule us. Bearing, or carrying, our cross may mean standing firm in our faith and showing it. Through our faithful cross-bearing we witness our faith in our Savior and, through that witnessing, we praise God and, especially, may lead others to saving faith in Jesus.

God bless us all in our cross-bearing.

For next week, who told Mary that she would give birth to Jesus, and, who told the shepherds of the birth of the Savior? For a bonus, how did the shepherds react to the news?

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

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,

When I witness to people I try to clearly present the gospel, but I seldom get people to pray and receive Christ. Any suggestions?

I used to have the same problem. A great soul sinner helped me. I had been going through a mental exercise trying to convince people to get saved, but it is God that does the saving. Acts 2:47b - "...And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

If someone would let me go through the plan of salvation, I learned to thank them and then say, "Let me pray for you before I go." Then I would bow my head and start praying. I often mentioned some of their physical, financial or other needs first and then prayed that God would give them understanding, faith, repentance and all that they needed to make sure of their salvation. I would then pause and say, "While our heads are still bowed, I am going to say a prayer much like I did when I received Christ. If you would like to make sure of your salvation, I invite you to repeat this prayer after me." Then I would slowly pray one phrase at a time, whether they prayed out loud or not. If they did not pray out loud, when I was finished I'd ask them if they prayed with me in their heart. If they did, I gave them teaching on assurance and growth. If they did not receive Christ, I encouraged them to do so soon. God usually works on their hearts during that prayer.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

RIGHT THINKING

By: Doris Applegate

When we think of the question: "Is the glass of liquid half full or is it half empty?" We see right away where people are - either a negative person or an optimist (one that looks on things in a favorable way!).

When an optimist looks at the glass he is hopeful but a negative person would see it as a problem (the contents are almost gone). Since life has taught me so many lessons, I really am an optimist for sure!

When you go through trials, troubles etc., etc., and still have a good beating heart and you are still breathing, you know that there is a God in Heaven and that "all things work together for good to those who love God, are called and follow Him! Now this is the very basis

for my optimism! Without it (the promise) I would have crashed and been 'long gone'. This hope and promise of all working out for my good kept me on life's 'hopeful' path. We all need hope in this ole world don't we? There is Faith, Hope and Love (all so important) but the greatest of these is Love. (Corinthians 13:13). As things may get more chaotic in the near future, we cannot lose Hope. We must take our eyes off of the circumstances and keep them on God and His promises, purpose and plans for His children. He said that He would never leave us or forsake us but would always help us in our trouble! Oh yes, "we will have troubles and tribulation in the world, but be of good cheer, for I have OVERCOME the world!" (John 16:33) When we stay close to Jesus and trust Him to keep us, we are safe and secure.

We sing a song: "Savior like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care! Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are". Yes we are bought with a price - the precious blood that Jesus shed for us. We really don't belong to ourselves any more, but we belong to Him!

We also sing this song after we give our lives to Jesus and are saved (born again). "Now I belong to Jesus, Jesus belongs to me, not for the years of time alone, but for eternity." Just think how 'trite' and small all of these trials on earth will look like when we see Jesus in His GLORY! "Keep on keeping on" no matter what comes your way because it really does matter to each of us how we "see the glass of liquid". My cup (glass) is full and even running over with the thoughts God has for me.

Let your "cup" also be full of joy and let today be the day you accept Jesus as your Savior is you don't know him.

Remember the "all things" promise!
Amen!

FIRST UM CHURCH ANNOUNCES ON-LINE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Christmas Eve services at First United Methodist Church in Van Wert will be held on-line only. There will be two services available for viewing on Christmas Eve night. A family Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00 pm which features families reading the Christmas story along with family members providing Christmas music on piano, guitar and singing, as well as many other surprises! This is a special service being produced professionally in advance and then aired at 5:00 pm.

The traditional candle-light service will be produced in advance and aired at 10:00 pm. It is entitled, "The Songs of Bethlehem" and is a compilation of Lessons & Carols created by K. Lee Scott. Pastor Chris Farmer and Demond Johnson will be reading scripture surrounding the Christmas story, interspersed with music of all kinds and styles. A vocal octet of skilled singers, organist, keyboardist (harp), flautist, and brass ensemble will provide the music which includes beautiful original compositions as well as traditional Christmas Carols. The service has been designed and coordinated by Paul Hoverman, Chancel Choir Director and Director of First Impressions and Worship Arts.

First United Methodist Church regrets that it cannot hold the services in person as has been a tradition on Christmas Eve for many years but is excited to share these wonderful services to everyone via digital format. It will be easy for you to find the services on-line. Just log onto vanwertfirst.net and click on the movie camera found on the home page. Then click on the service you wish to watch. They will be available on-line beginning at 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

We look forward to sharing the Good News of our Savior's Birth with you this Christmas Eve, unmasked in the comfort of your own home. First United Methodist Church looks forward to sharing with you on-line this Christmas Eve as we celebrate Christmas with you in a new way in 2020!

DIVINE MERCY SERVANT HEART AWARD



Annie Mattson has a servant's heart. Annie goes above and beyond what is expected of her in the classroom to serve other students in their time of need. Annie is continuously putting other students above herself. She humbles herself to do what it takes to help others by making them feel special. Annie represents our classroom well by showing her fellow students acceptance, love, and friendship. Annie is eager to help in anyway that she can. I have seen Annie push in chairs, put things away, pick up spilled art boxes, and she also helps assist students by cleaning up messes that are not hers. Annie is respectful, and she is dedicated to serving each of her classmates to the best of her ability. She is a kind and compassionate. Great job Annie for a job well done. I am very proud of you. Ms. A.



Camden Linder has a servant's heart like Jesus. Camden cares about each and every one of his classmates. When someone in the class is sad, Camden is one of the first ones to console that student with either a hug or kind words. This past Friday I witnessed Camden telling another student that he would like to give that student the next AR prize, if he wins one. Camden is a sweet, tenderhearted, and great leader in our classroom. He shows kindness to everyone

ANTWERP MANOR RESIDENTS SAY, "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"



Pictured are residents Betsy Silcot (left) and Kim Mileto (right). The residents and staff of Antwerp Manor Assisted Living would like to thank our wonderful community for the love and support we have received throughout 2020. We have missed seeing our dedicated volunteers and we certainly hope to be able to enjoy their company once again in 2021. Merry Christmas from all of us to all of you.

around him, and he never pass up a chance to use kind words to make someone else feel better. Camden has also voluntarily shared his candy from his lunch pail with other students and staff. Great job buddy, and keep up the servants heart like Jesus. I am proud of you. Ms. A.

LAROSE WARNS OHIO BUSINESSES OF E-MAIL SCAM

COLUMBUS - Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose is alerting Ohio businesses about a phishing email that started December 14th and warning recipients not to click a link in the e-mail alleging to be from the Ohio Secretary of State's office. The e-mail is not from the Ohio Secretary of State.

The e-mail appears to tell recipients that they must click a link to "validate" their profile so they don't experience any delays in service. The clicked link then asks detailed information to be submitted, including the individual's social security number.

"It's so important for Ohioans to be good caretakers of their personal information," said LaRose. "Scammers are always working to find new ways to make a buck. Don't give them the upper hand -- verify the source of e-mails before sharing your personal data."

Anyone who has received this e-mail should immediately delete it. If you clicked on the link, it's recommended that you swiftly inform your company's Information Technology office.

The Secretary of State's business services division can be reached at Business@OhioSoS.gov or 877-767-3453 (877-SOS-FILE). While the Secretary of State's office does occasionally communicate with registered businesses in Ohio, they will never send an email with a link requesting personal information such as social security numbers.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION TIPS ON NAVIGATING THE HOLIDAYS WITH SOMEONE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S OR DEMENTIA

While holidays can be a joyous time for many families, they can be challenging for families affected by Alzheimer's. The current COVID-19 crisis is adding even more complexities that can feel overwhelming for many families impacted by Alzheimer's.

But Pam Myers, program director for the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter, said caregivers need

to look for ways to de-stress by creating new traditions and finding new ways for their family members to help make this season satisfying for all. "At the end of the day, support your caregivers- talk with them find out what they need, such as buying gifts or baking/food preparation- be a support for them during this busy time," Myers said.

While Alzheimer's and dementia does not increase the risk of COVID-19, dementia-related behaviors, increased age and common health conditions that often accompany dementia, may increase risk. To help families navigate these challenges and provide a meaningful and enjoyable holiday season, the Alzheimer's Association recommends the following tips to make the holidays enjoyable and safe for all:

Talk to Your Family: As caregivers consider options for the holiday, Myers suggests that they arrange a group discussion via telephone, video call or email for family and friends to discuss holiday celebrations in advance. Everyone needs to understand your caregiving situation, the safety precautions you're taking to help keep your loved one healthy and set realistic expectations about what you can and cannot do.

Modify and Adjust: No one should expect you to maintain every holiday tradition or event, especially during a pandemic. Do what is manageable and safe. Schedule your own "holiday parade" and ask family members and friends to drive with homemade signs or other festive

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Bob Nelson

of thanks for contributing in the success of students. Tim Hines, board president said, "I haven't met two people so dedicated and passionate in serving students, staff and families. We wish you well in your next chapter and we thank you for your service."

Mrs. Lightfoot will be replaced by Mr. Ron Turpin and Mr. Nelson replaced by Ms. Jenny Blackburn. These individuals will begin serving on the board January 1, 2021.

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SYNERGY CHRISTMAS LUNCH



SYNERGY Learning Center students recently enjoyed a Christmas luncheon catered by The Black Angus. Each student also received a SYNERGY hoodie sweatshirt with their name on the back. This was all made possible due to grant monies received from: Cooper Family Foundation, Paulding County Foundation, The United Way of Van Wert, Paulding Putnam Round-up Grant, and The Van Wert County Foundation. We appreciate all these agencies for their generous support.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 178 GIVE DONATION TO SYNERGY



Pictured are The American Legion Riders of Van Wert.

The American Legion Riders Post 178 and SYNERGY Learning Center have teamed up to make a donation of over 50 grocery store gift cards for SYNERGY students' families. With students being home for the winter break as well as the added expense of Christmas dinner, this donation comes

at a time of need for our families. Mrs. Bird (second from R) is a teacher at SYNERGY and recognized the need after talking to several students. She advocated to the Riders for a donation and they all were more than happy to approve the donation.

itive decorations. Take a ride to go see holiday lights.

Involve the Person Living with Dementia: Ask him or her to help you prepare food, wrap packages, help decorate or set the table. FYI blinking lights may also confuse the person.

Use Technology to your Advantage: Record and send a holiday video greeting to family and friends. Schedule a time for several households to watch a favorite movie and share comments over the phone. If not gathering in person, determine who is best to coordinate and assist all with being able to manage the technology and participate.

Take Extra Precautions for In-Person Gatherings: If you choose to include older adults in an in-person holiday gathering, it is critical to weigh the risks to their health. Even when precautions are taken, close contact with anyone outside of your household increases the risk of spread-

ing COVID-19. Consider the following if you choose to include older adults in a face-to-face gathering:

- Do not attend or host a gathering if you have been (or think you have been) exposed to COVID-19.

- Ask attendees to avoid or strictly limit contact with others for 14 days prior to your gathering.

The Alzheimer's Association is available 24/7 to answer these and other questions. For immediate help, call the Association's Helpline at 800.272.3900.

About Alzheimer's Association®

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the

promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's®. Visit www.alz.org or call our 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900.

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only grown, just as the bank has grown with Ron at the helm.

The bank has evolved from a single office in Antwerp, Ohio to successful branches in Payne, Ohio and Harlan Indiana. Mark Soukup, Chief Lending Officer at the bank had a few words to say about Ron. Soukup said, "I've known Ron for 20+ years. He has always stood out as the perfect Community Banker. He understands how a community bank is vital to the success of a small town and all of its residents. He supports community programs, volunteers his time, and helps everyone and never does it for self-promotion nor recognition of the Banks involvement. He does it because it is the right thing to do. He is a master at finding simple solutions to complex banking issues. Every business in the area has been impacted by Ron's involvement during his career. He fills a very important niche in banking that has been abandoned by the large banks. Helping small business get a start and grow into businesses that contribute to employment and a better community overall. Ron will be missed as a community leader, banker, and friend."

Mark Soukup really sums up the impact that Ron will leave on our community along with employee, Annette Danner noted that she started working with Ron in 1995. He challenged her to become the banker that she is today. Twila Demongeot said that she has known and worked with Ron for 36 years and is thankful for the opportunities that Ron has given her in her career at AEB. He has always shown appreciation for the work that she did and has been an integral part of my professional development through the ever changing world of banking. Demongeot said "Two of the lessons that he has impressed upon me are that bank operations should be done properly but not to

lose sight of good customer service. The other was to make sure that The Antwerp Exchange Bank takes part in the community that it serves. I will miss Ron as a trusted mentor but I know that he has left behind a legacy that we at AEB will carry on and strive to make him proud."

Ron had a keen eye for talent within the bank. He liked to advance current employees into more responsibility and was always proud of the job they did. Longtime employee, Nancy Lichty commented, "After working with Ron for over 30 years I can say he has been a leader with vision in regards to advancing the bank through technology and expanding services we can offer as well as taking on the challenge to open a new branch in Payne and crossing the state line to open a branch in Harlan IN. Ron always encouraged the AEB employees to participate in and support various community and county charities and organizations. To give back where it is needed. But the bottom line that has always been that in banking is always good customer service is the most important thing we do.

Former longtime co-worker, Joyce Parrish worked with Ron for many years at the Antwerp Exchange Bank. She told us that he has accomplished many things as President of the Bank, which includes the opening of the branches at Payne OH and Harlan IN. Those two offices opened opportunities for many more jobs at the bank. He has always been very easy to work with, and I was proud to serve on his Management Team.

Ron's also saw the need for continuity at the Payne Branch. He made sure that the Payne community had a familiar face at the Payne branch. Geoff Hyman is the manager of the Payne branch. Hyman commented that he came to work at the bank in 2006 after many years with other banks. "What brought me there was that Ron ran the bank as a local home town community bank, rather than as a corporate big city sales culture bank. This allows us to be more flexible and offer more options to our customers, instead of just going by the numbers. Ron always made sure we took care of our customers and helped them whenever we could. He has been very good to work for."

The chair of the Antwerp Exchange Bank, Carol Chilcote, was involved in hiring Ron. Chilcote told us, "The Antwerp Exchange Bank was very fortunate to be under the wise and confident leadership of Ron Eschbach for 22 years of his long career at

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AGCREDIT AWARDS \$85,000 IN GRANTS TO RURAL AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS



Miller City FFA Alumni, Putnam County, \$15,000.00



Putnam County Goat and Sheep Committee, Putnam County, \$15,000.00



The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm, \$5,150.00

FOSTORIA, OH (December 17, 2020) AgCredit, one of northern Ohio's largest lenders for farmers, rural homeowners and agribusiness, is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2020 Mission Fund.

Now in its third year, the grant program was created to support AgCredit's commitment to investing in the future of agriculture and positively impacting the quality of life in rural Ohio. Applicants were selected to receive funding based on meeting criteria in four focus areas: Education, Environment, Technology, and Quality of Rural Life.

This year's Mission Fund grant recipients are:

4-H Camp Ohio, Licking County, \$5,000.00

Funds will be used to complete the remodeling project for their nature center and to purchase new educational resources for the nature center.

Camden Twp Fire Department, Lorain County, \$15,000.00

Funds will be used to purchase a rescue trailer and equipment for inside the trailer. The trailer will carry specialty equipment such as; a grain bin rescue system, technical rope rescue equipment, hazardous material equipment, ice rescue suits and equipment, rescue cribbing and emergency scene lighting.

Huron County 4-H Camp Conger, Huron County, \$6,850.00

Funds will be used to purchase stone to improve the driveway and entrance

to the camp and to purchase polyethylene tables that can be sanitized to replace the wood tables they currently have.

Lucas County Agricultural Society, Lucas County, \$15,000.00

Funds will be used to replace horse and livestock stalls at the fairgrounds.

Funds will be used to create "The City Gardens", a community garden at the school to provide hands on education for grades K-12.

Funds will be used to purchase new pens for the goats and sheep at the Putnam County Fairgrounds.

South East Ambulance District, Wood County, \$8,000.00

Funds will be used to purchase a Lucas Device which is used to deliver automated chest compressions during CPR.

Funds will be used to install trail signs and develop a virtual map of the nature preserve.

"We are fortunate to have outstanding local organizations that continue to work towards making improvements to our rural communities, despite the challenges 2020 has brought," says Brian Ricker, AgCredit President and CEO. "Investing in these organizations reflects AgCredit's vision of serving our rural communities."

Organizations can apply for Mission Fund grants for up to \$15,000 per year. The 2021 application process will begin in March. For more information, visit AgCredit.net.

Antwerp Conservation Club

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Jan 1st - Annual Meat Shoot - Starts at Noon.
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- 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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These stories below are re-printed from previous editions.

EARLY INDIAN HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

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In January, 1768, at Fort Stanwix, New York, there was a treaty with the Six Nations and that was generally with Great Britain and the Indians of upstate New York and south to Fort Pitt.

Well, the British told them that they (the Indians) owned all the lands and the Americans had no rights to it. Well, the next 20 years there was a number of treaties with a lot of the tribes east of Lake Erie and down south to the Ohio River.

Now, from that time on there was lots of small wars and massacres on both sides all over this place now called Ohio.

Then there was another Treaty at Fort Stanwix in January of 1785 and roughly this was about the land in Northern Ohio for the Wyandote, Delaware and Ottawa Nations to live and hunt on.

If any white person infringed on that ground the Indians could punish them as they pleased.

Fort St. Clair is what we refer to now as Fort Recovery in Ohio. Well, the Indians really did win that battle and used it as a lever in some new treaties.

At that time there was a string of forts from Cincinnati on north up through Greenville and on north to Fort St. Clair (Fort Recovery). The tribes in this area wanted war and they killed a lot of whites in various conflicts.

The British caused a lot of this trouble as they paid the Indians to kill the Americans and bring in their scalps and the Indians would receive a bounty. That bizarre habit of scalping their victims carried on all through the settling of the West.

In 1795 General Anthony Wayne was all over western and northern Ohio with his legion coming out of Fort Greenville. On August 4th of that year he arrived at the confluence of the Maumee and the Auglaize at a place call Defiance and a fort was built there.

At this time and place General Wayne made an appeal to have a conference for peace to settle all the issues.

The assembled Indians said they would have their answer in 10 days. Wayne figured they were just stalling for time until some more Indians could arrive to bolster their side. On August 19 the Indians held a council to make a final decision.

Blue Jacket, the Chief of the Shawnees, wanted war right now. Chief Little Turtle urged to try for peace. He spoke long for peace and was booed and accused of cowardice and kicked out of the circle, but he fought on their side the next day.

Wayne arrived at Fort Miami the next day at a place that was called the Rapids of the Maumee.

Wayne had about 900 soldiers and the British and Indians have around 2,000.

The war went bad for the whites to start with, but the second chargers with bayonets routed the enemy and it became a general retreat and the whites won the Battle of Fallen Timbers or Ft. Miegs.

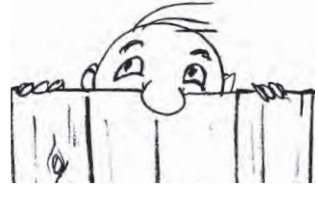
The Americans lost 33 killed and 104 wounded. The estimated loss of the Indians was over twice that much.

But the loss was not a big thing for the natives. It was the burning of all those crop fields. There was large fields of corn, wheat and oats plus potatoes and many other vegetables that fed the Indians.

A little later, General Wayne remarked about the big fields and crops were which some of them fed the Army. He said this whole valley of the Maumee and the Auglaize is very fertile and settled pretty much from Fort Defiance to Toledo. He had never seen such immense fields of crops before, plus large orchards of fruit.

The Indians didn't have any food. The British pulled out and wouldn't help them. They were positively destitute and starving and that was the lead up to the Treaty of Greenville the following year.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

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Two blondes were having a conversation about cooking.

"I got a new cookbook a few days ago," the one said, "but I could never do anything with it."

The other blonde says, "Were the recipes hard?"

"You better believe it, everyone of them started the same way—take a clean dish."

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Blondie was stopped at the red light. A state trooper stopped beside her and noticed that Blondie was knitting while driving. So the policeman turned on his red lights and said to her, "Pull over."

And she said, "No, it's a scarf."

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A farmer was hauling manure and his truck broke down in front of a mental institution. One of the patients leaned over the fence and asked, "What are you going to do with that manure?"

"I'm going to put it on my strawberries."

The fellow replied, "I might be crazy, but we put whipped cream on our strawberries."

See ya!

KEEPING A LID ON OHIO'S NEWEST PEST: THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

A group of spotted lanternflies, which feed on grapevines, hops, and fruit trees, was recently discovered in Ohio, triggering concerns the pest could become established and spread quickly.

In October, adult lanternflies were found outside a business in Jefferson County, adjacent to the Pennsylvania border.

Adult lanternflies won't be seen during the winter months because they die off as temperatures drop below freezing. But before dying, the females typically lay

30-50 eggs, and come spring, their offspring could begin feeding.

"If there's anything I'm personally losing sleep over, it's this insect," said Maria Smith, outreach specialist in grape production at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Native to Asia, spotted lanternflies were first found in the United States in 2014 in Pennsylvania.

"It's a ticking time bomb," Smith said. "They're taking out acres of grapevines in Pennsylvania. That's why we're so concerned about this insect."

Over the winter, it's important to look out for the lanternfly egg masses, which are grayish mounds that can be attached to any surface, she said.

After they hatch, the developing nymphs are black with white spots, and when they become adults, the undersides of their wings turn red, which can make them easier to see.

"Right now, the most important thing is to get more eyes out looking for the pest. The populations can grow rather quickly. Producers and people in general in eastern Pennsylvania have found that out," said Amy Stone, an Ohio State University Extension educator in Lucas County.

"We need to know where this insect is so that we can react."

OSU Extension is CFAES' outreach arm.

Spotted lanternflies suck sap from fruit crops and trees, which can weaken the plants and contribute to their death. As adults, one of their favorite feeding spots is another invasive species, the tree of heaven.

"I was kind of surprised when I saw a live lanternfly. They're larger than I thought they'd be, for a planthopper," said Erika Lyon, an OSU Extension educator in Jefferson and Harrison counties.

Lanternflies typically only travel within a radius of about 30 feet, but they can hitchhike into an area, riding on trains, cars, or trucks. People driving out of state should inspect their vehicles and their belongings when they return to ensure they didn't pick up any six-legged travelers, Lyon said.

"They don't go very far on their own," she said. "It's people that are their main route of transportation."

If you see a spotted lanternfly or an egg mass, contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Plant Pest Control section at 614-728-6400 or plantpest@agri.ohio.gov, your county OSU Extension office, or submit your findings using the Great Lakes Early Detection Network.

PANTHERS FALL TO LOCOS, LANCERS

Paulding dropped a pair of wrestling matches Tuesday night as the Panthers came up short to Montpelier and Lincolnview.

Against the Locomotives, the Panther split the four matches wrestled but forfeits proved to be too much to overcome.

Paulding's Dawson Lamb defeated Montpelier's Kache Bible 5-0 at 145 and Brody Fisher won by pin over the Locomotives' Ivan Nichols in 42 seconds at 152.

The Panthers' Timmy Eppe (170) and Cayden Breier (182) also were victorious by forfeit.

However, the maroon and white were forced to forfeit at 113, 132, 138, 220 and 285 with Montpelier garnering 30 points in those matches alone.

In the other two matches that took place, Montpelier's Winston Nichols pinned Paulding's Alfonso Casiano at 160 while the Locomotives' Gavin Wurm got past the Panthers' Dillon Shough 6-2 in the 195-weight pound class.

Lincolnview won three of five matches that took place in a 42-18 victory over Paulding.

Lamb pinned Asher Hubble of the Lancers in 1:32 to win at 145 for the Panthers while Fisher pinned Jaden Hubble in 4:30 to claim a victory at 152. Casiano also was victorious by forfeit at 160 for the Panthers.

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EAGLES GET PAST PATRIOTS

Visiting Fremont won three of four quarters in Saturday night's non-league girls basketball game at Heritage and the Lady Eagles rode that to a 44-31 victory over the Patriots.

Fremont posted a 14-9 lead after one quarter and never looked back from there, picking up its first win of the season against five losses.

The Eagles outscored the Patriots 12-7 in the second stanza, widening the margin to 26-16 at the intermission. Heritage rebounded in the third quarter to outscore Fremont 7-6, cutting the deficit to 32-23 at the end of three periods, but it was not near

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST



Paulding Middle School held its annual Ugly Christmas Sweater contest on Tuesday, December 15. Shown in the picture is winner Angie Wiswell.

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AEB. Ron has a gift to see the big picture in any given situation. These insights were very beneficial in the operation of the bank. Ron will be greatly missed by both bank employees and customers. He has certainly been a big asset to our community and has touched many lives.

In keeping with Ron's desire to continue great service to our community, he has hired long time, CFO, John Kobee, as his replacement. John says, The Antwerp Exchange Bank Company has been blessed to have Ronald Eschbach as President and CEO. Ron's leadership and commitment to community have been an example to us all. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity he has provided to grow in my career, and I wish him well in his most deserved retirement.

The end of this year marks the end of Ron's great career at the Antwerp Exchange Bank. It does not end the vision and determination that he have always been his focus. Like a great leader, he has always put his customers and community ahead of himself.

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instructor. She continues as a church musician and private piano instructor.

The couple have two children, Sera Louise (Joshua) Zipfel, Hicksville, Ohio and Suzanne Martha (Mark) Lance, Mesa, Arizona.

They plan to celebrate the occasion with family and friends. If you would like to send a card, their address is 202 Mervin Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

enough.

Fremont wrapped up the night with a dozen points fourth quarter compared to eight for the Patriots, setting the final margin at 44-31.

Heritage was led by Claire Bickel with nine points while Ella Bickel added six and Abby Zelt chipped in five. Raelyn Mullins posted four points for the Lady Patriots with Shelby Schane (three), Kendall Zelt (three) and Natalie Otte (one) completing the Heritage scorers.

Mullins topped the Patriots on the boards with seven rebounds while Ella Bickel grabbed four. Schane and Abby Zelt both hauled in three rebounds as well for Heritage.

Schane and Ella Bickel both dished out a pair of assists while Ella Bickel also posted four steals and Claire Bickel had two.

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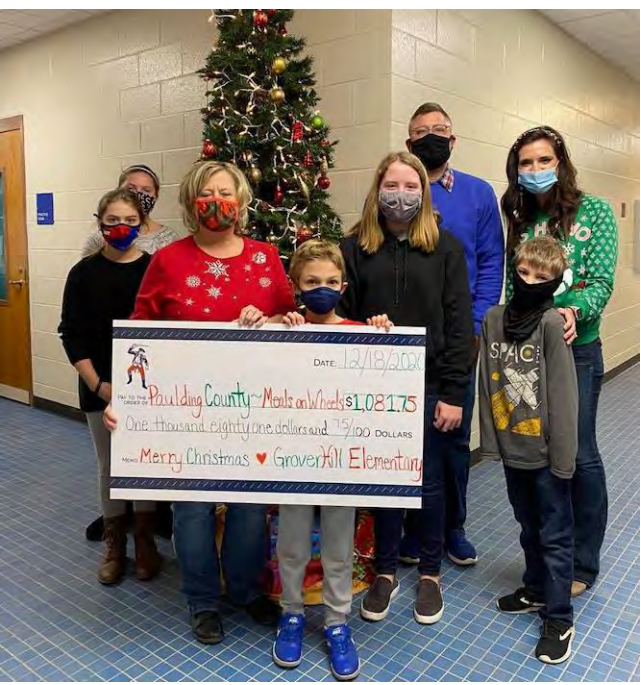
1 – EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.

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COIN DRIVE FOR MEALS ON WHEELS AT GROVER HILL



Pictured are: Mark Lange: Principal, Lydia Farley: School Counselor, Martha: Director of Meals on Wheels. Students: Eric Gibson, Campbell Volk, Griffin Miller, Madison Gilbert and Amber Stoller

Students had a coin drive at Grover Hill to raise money for the Meals on Wheels program in Paulding County. The students raised \$1,081.75 to pay for the Christmas Meal that will be distributed with-

in our county. Students also wrote Christmas cards and colored pictures for each person, their Christmas letters and cards will also be delivered with the dinners.

WAYNE TRACE NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



November student of the month at Wayne Trace are: Front: (left to right) Riley Klopfenstein (7th grade) Alizae Alejo (12th grade). Back: (left to right) Tyler Sanderson (8th grade), Keegan Short (11th grade), Sydnee Sinn (10th grade), Emily Thrasher (9th grade).

VAPING COULD NEARLY TRIPLE THE CHANCE OF SMOKING IN TEENS

A new study offers strong evidence that kids who use e-cigarettes are more likely to take up smoking or smokeless tobacco, researchers say.

Teen boys who vaped were almost three times as likely to start smoking as other teen boys with similar risk profiles and more than two times as likely to try smokeless tobacco, the study from The Ohio State University found. The research was published online this week in the journal Addictive Behaviors.

Unlike most previous research suggesting a link between vaping and tobacco, this study didn't simply follow young people over time to make a connection between the two behaviors. That's important, because some have questioned the validity of those longitudinal studies, arguing that kids who took up smoking might have done

so whether they vaped or not, said lead researcher Brittney Keller-Hamilton, who completed the study as a graduate student and program manager in Ohio State's College of Public Health.

"For an ideal study, from a purely scientific perspective, we'd give everybody an e-cigarette, follow them for a few years and see if they start smoking, then rewind the clock and don't give them an e-cigarette. Or we'd randomly assign kids to vape or not to vape," she said. "We can't do either of those things, obviously."

So they looked to an advanced statistical approach - "causal inference" - in which they compared users and non-users of e-cigarettes who started the study with similar known risk factors for vaping based on a variety of factors, including alcohol use, marijuana use, impulsivity and their parents' education levels and tobacco history.

"We identified two groups

of young people who were equally likely to start vaping based on a number of factors, and then we compared the outcomes over the course of the study. We found that e-cigarette users were 2.7 times as likely to try smoking," said Keller-Hamilton, who currently works as a research scientist in the Center for Tobacco Research at Ohio State's Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Study co-author Bo Lu, a biostatistics professor at Ohio State, said the approach leads to more robust scientific findings, and brings researchers closer to a true estimate of the causal effect of vaping on cigarette smoking in young people.

"I hope that our findings provide policymakers and others stronger evidence of the connection between e-cigarette use and tobacco use and that this will lead to positive impacts on more thoughtful designs in health policy research," Lu said.

This research is part of the Buckeye Teen Health Study, which followed more than 1,200 boys from urban Franklin County and nine rural Appalachian counties in Ohio for two years. They were 11 to 16 years old when they entered the study.

The new findings support continued efforts to restrict access to tobacco products to those 21 and older and actions to discourage vaping among kids, including measures that make e-cigarettes harder to obtain and less appealing, Keller-Hamilton said.

The data for this study was collected before federal restrictions were imposed on certain types of vaping products that appeal to young people, including those with flavors.

"But for all of these policies there are loopholes that the tobacco industry quickly identifies and works around, so it is important to remain vigilant in seeking strategies and policies to prevent teens from starting habits that pose a threat to their health, particularly when they serve as a stepping-stone to more harmful tobacco products," Keller-Hamilton said.

The researchers received support from the National Cancer Institute and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Tobacco Products.

Other Ohio State researchers who contributed to the study are Micah Berman, Amy Ferketich, Megan Roberts and Elisabeth Root.

LATTA, KELLY, KELLY, FUDGE LEAD EFFORT TO REDUCE MATERNAL DEATHS, IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR MOTHERS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) joined Congresswoman Robin Kelly (D-IL2), Congressman Mike Kelly (R-PA16) and Congresswoman Marcia Fudge (D-OH11) to introduce the Supporting Best Practices for Healthy Moms Act, a bill working to reduce maternal deaths and improve the health outcomes of pregnant women and mothers enrolled in Medicaid.

In the United States, about 700 women tragically die each year from complications resulting from pregnancy and childbirth, with Black, American Indian, and Alaska Native (AI/AN) women two to three times more likely to die

from pregnancy-related causes than white women. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that two-thirds of these deaths are preventable.

While the Medicaid program plays a critical role in addressing the United States' maternal mortality crisis, the nonpartisan Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) reports that pregnant beneficiaries are more likely to experience higher rates of severe maternal morbidity and mortality than pregnant individuals with private insurance.

"Revolutionary technologies and innovations are doing incredible work to improve the health and wellbeing of people across the country, but we still have a lot of work to do to ensure women will not lose their lives during pregnancy and childbirth," said Latta. "States are doing what they can to address the poor health outcomes for moms, but we can and must do more to assist states and health care providers in order to save lives. I am proud to partner with Representatives Robin Kelly, Mike Kelly, and Marcia Fudge, and Senators Pat Toomey and Sherrod Brown to introduce bipartisan legislation working to help all expecting mothers have the care and resources they need to have a safe pregnancy."

"This bill is about saving lives. In 2020, starting or growing your family shouldn't cost you your life," said Robin Kelly. "We need to identify and establish best practices to prevent maternal mortality, much like what's used today for suspected heart attacks. This bill is a good start, but more needs to be done to address this critical public health issue. I will continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass additional legislation to ensure the health and safety of our precious new moms."

"Knowing that 60% of pregnancy-related deaths are preventable is heartbreaking," said Mike Kelly. "This bill will provide health care resources and establish best practices for soon-to-be mothers so they can take appropriate steps to protect themselves from potential risks, a crucial step to reducing maternal mortality. Thank you to my colleagues for working with me on this legislation to support women as they do what only they can do: bring life into this world."

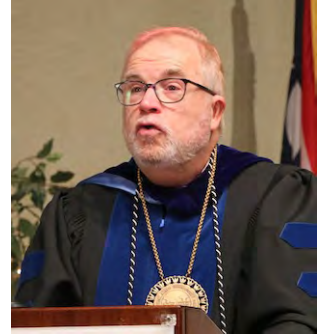
"The pandemic continues to expose longstanding disparities in America. However, a glaring example of health inequity that was present long before the pandemic is the maternal health crisis impacting Black mothers and babies," said Fudge. "It is unconscionable that hundreds of expectant mothers and infants, disproportionately women and babies of color, die from preventable causes each year. I'm proud to support this critical legislation to address our nation's maternal mortality crisis in an overarching way by identifying and promoting best practices and interventions that support healthy pregnancies."

U.S. Senators Pat Toomey (R-PA) and Sherrod Brown (D-OH) introduced companion legislation in the Senate earlier this month.

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NSCC FALL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY AWARDS 126 DEGREES/CERTIFICATES

ARCHBOLD, OHIO - Northwest State Community College virtually celebrated the December 2020 graduating class at their fall ceremony last evening, held as a pre-recorded e-Commencement on the College's YouTube channel. The ceremony recognized the awarding of 126 degrees and/or certificates to 118 students from the divisions of Arts & Sciences; Business & Public Services; Nursing and Allied Health; and Science, Technology, Engineering Technology & Math (STEM) and Industrial Technologies.



Dr. Michael Thomson

NSCC President Dr. Michael Thomson announced the President's Outstanding Student: Michael Borton. Borton graduates Magna Cum Laude with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Maintenance Technician/Mechatronics, and has earned multiple certificates at NSCC. Lana Snider, NSCC Vice President of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs followed Dr. Thomson, and provided a statistical snapshot of the graduating class. Snider noted that 80% of the graduating class lives in the College's six-county service area (Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Van Wert and Williams counties), the average age of the graduates is 27, and the grade point average of the class is 3.40.

BREAKOUT OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Of the 126 awards, 89 were associate degrees and 37 were certificates. Graduates by academic division included Arts & Sciences (4), Business & Public Services (22), STEM & Industrial Technologies (34) and Nursing & Allied Health (51). Registered Nursing featured 29 graduates, while Practical Nursing featured 22 graduates.



Mayor Carrie Schlade

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER: CARRIE SCHLADE

The keynote speaker for this year's commencement ceremony was Carrie Schlade, Mayor of Bryan. Schlade graduated from Northwest State Community College in 1999 with an associate degree in paralegal studies, and proudly serves as Bryan's first female mayor. Schlade recalled her own NSCC student experiences and how they shaped her future, both personally and professionally. Her concluding message to graduates was: "The (COVID) pandemic has caused change in many areas of our lives, including your education.

You have risen through those hardships and earned your degree. You should take a breath, be proud, and relish in your accomplishments... You have already proven adversity cannot stand in your way."

EMERITUS STATUS HONOREES RECOGNIZED

The College also recognized eight individuals that were recently awarded Emeritus status, an honorary title awarded for distinguished service to the academic community. The faculty recipients were Steve Dick, Dianne Wendt, and Gary Kadesch. The administrator recipients were Dr. Cindy Krueger, and Tom Wylie. The Board of Trustees member recipients were Darrell Handy, Michael Faber, and Darrell Jones.

FACULTY

Mr. Dick served as a faculty member in Industrial Technologies from 2003 to 2014. He was instrumental in the joint venture between Four County Career Center and Northwest State for high school students to earn college credit by taking fluid power courses. Mrs. Wendt served as a faculty in the Nursing division for nearly 30 years, starting in 1986. She was initially the only full-time faculty in the Practical Nursing program and single-handedly developed curriculum, taught courses, and participated in committees. Mr. Kadesch served as a faculty member in the Engineering Technologies division from 1985 to 2017. He was an integral part of the design and layout of the E building, which helped the engineering and industrial technologies programs grow and succeed.

ADMINISTRATORS

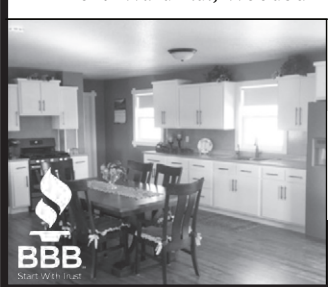
Dr. Krueger initially joined Northwest State as a nursing faculty member in 1989 and was a founding member of the current nursing programs. She also served as Dean of Allied Health and Public Service, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Success, Vice President for Academics, and Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Student Success. Mr. Wylie joined Northwest State in 2000 as Dean of Engineering Technologies / Business & Industry Training. In 2006, he was promoted to Vice President for Innovation. He retired in 2013 and was rehired as Associate Vice President for Special Projects. Wylie pioneered and introduced the hybrid models currently used in the Industrial classes.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Handy served as a trustee on the Northwest State Board of Trustees from 1997 to 2005. In addition, he served several terms on the Defiance City Council and is currently an adjunct instructor at Northwest State. Mr. Faber served as a trustee from 1985 to 2011. His career in Human Resources was a valuable resource to the Board of Trustees during his tenure. Darrell Jones served as a trustee from 1988 to 1997. His commitment to public service included the American Association of School Administrators, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Defiance County Farm Bureau, to name a few.

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Sophomore Abby Moore scores for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - Last Tuesday the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders played host to Van Wert on the hardwood. In the nonconference showdown the Raiders got off to a great start both offensively and defensively to pick up a solid win 56-43.

The winners were paced by senior Katrina Stoller who led all scorers with 20 points, hitting 5-9 of her two-point field goals. Stoller also grabbed nine rebounds while dishing out six assists. Gracie Shepherd was also in double-digits with 15 points including 7-9 from the two-point area.

The Raiders, who improve their season record to 2-3, scored 14 points in the opening quarter but was very strong defensively in holding the Lady Cougars scoreless in a very impressive eight-minute stretch. Van Wert finally broke the ice in the second period when leading scorer Alexia Barnhart connected on a couple of free throws at the 7:35 mark. The Cougars would eventually outscore the Raiders in the second quarter 12-11 with Barnhart leading the Cougar charge with 10 of her 19 points.

Van Wert, trailing at the break 25-12, managed to get within five in the third period 27-22 but would get no

closer. The Raiders turned up their play a notch to go on a 17-5 run led by the inside play of Gracie Shepherd who accounted for three buckets in the paint. The Raiders built their lead to as many as 17 to enjoy a 44-27 margin.

The final eight minutes of play saw Van Wert put together and brief mini run to cut the Raider margin to 12 but Wayne Trace would respond with their own run of 11 consecutive points to keep the wide margin in their favor before securing the 13-point win.

Other Raiders in the scoring column include Abby Moore with five, Rachel Stoller four and Christina Graham with two.

The Raiders shot 21-45 from the floor for a 47 percent clip. The Cougars shot 15-42 for 38 percent. Both teams connected on 8-12 at the foul line.

Wayne Trace came up with 10 steals led by Shepherd who swiped three. The Raider defense forced 17 Cougar turnovers while the Raiders recorded just eight miscues. Van Wert, who falls to 4-2 on the season, won the rebound battle 33-23.

Joining Barnhart in scoring for the Cougars were Sofi Houg 13, Carly Smith seven, Jaylan Rickard two and Allison Schaufelberger with two.

WARRIORS NIPPED BY PATRIOTS



Freshman Taylor Kneubuhler post two of her 11 points in this shot from under the basket for Woodlan. More pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODBURN - East Allen County Schools rivals Woodlan and Heritage battled until the end in ACAC girls basketball play on Saturday with the visiting Patriots holding on to nip the Warriors 45-43.

It was the first game in 25 days for Woodlan, which had to endure the long layoff due to Covid-19.

Heritage led 9-8 at the end of one period and the Lady Patriots expanded the lead in the second quarter, outscoring Woodlan 13-4 to take a 22-12 advantage at the intermission.

The Lady Warriors, though, kept fighting and picked up 15 third quarter points compared to Heritage's 11 to pull within 33-27 at the



Heritage Sophomore Claire Bickel adds a point from the line to the Heritage total. More pictures at westbendnews.net

end of three periods.

Woodlan then made things interesting in the fourth quarter as the Warriors outscored the Patriots 16-12 but Heritage scored just enough to post the 45-43 victory.

Junior Ella Bickel led the way for the Lady Patriots with 24 points while sophomore Claire Bickel and junior Abby Zelt both totaled seven points. Sophomore Kendall Zelt (three), sophomore Raelyn Mullins (two) and junior Shelby Schane (two) completed the list of Heritage scorers.

Woodlan was paced by sophomore Avah Smith with 15 points and freshman Taylor Kneubuhler added 11 markers.

Senior Alicia McMahan chipped in nine points for the Lady Warriors and junior Dakotah Krohn finished with eight.

Heritage improves to 9-5 on the season and resumes action on January 2 when the Patriots visit Jay County. Woodlan is now 3-3 on the year and is at Jay County on



Ray Lewis said, "When you challenge a warrior, a warrior responds." This is the motto for many of the Wayne Trace wrestlers this year. As many challenges and adversities are making the season difficult, our warriors are responding. Eli Moore is one example of these warriors. To accomplish 100 wins in a high school career is a great accomplishment, especially when portions of the season cancelled among the current pandemic. This does not stop the training, the dedication, and the hard work that goes in to accomplishing the personal goals set forth by these young athletes. Eli is a great asset to the team and huge example to the younger kids as the tri-meet in Tinora was for both the Junior High and High School teams. Eli had two PINs over Tinora and Fairview.

During the high school duals, quite a few significant wins contributed to team points. The freshman for the team showed up strong for the Raiders. Kacy Hornish proved to be a true force to recon with for the team. Hornish was able to secure a PIN over Fairview and won 15-13 over Tinora. The high school and junior high teams roared in excitement for Kacy as she wrestled and then dubbed her the wrestler of the week. Two other freshman also experienced wins at the tri-meet. Connor Blankenship defeated Fairview with a PIN and won over Tinora 9-5. Graidien Troth was able to secure a PIN over Fairview as well. Unfortunately, Troth fell short against Tinora. Jarrett Hornish also experienced two PINs for the evening against the Rams and Apaches. Hornish is a veteran to the sport and is always working to improve. This work is definitely showing on the

mat. Another veteran of the sport, Hunter Long, also dominated the mat in some hard fought matches. Long was able to overpower his opponents to secure the wins, while showing his true athletic abilities. Other significant wins for the Raiders over Fairview include senior Seth Meggison with a PIN over Jace Chapman. Sam Moore defeated Bryson Stevens for Tinora 18-2 and Jacob Graham secured a 4-0 win over Stone Eis from Tinora.

On the other side of the gym, the junior high team suffered two team losses. There were a few exciting moments within the matches. Corbin Kimmel secured the first win against Fairview with a score of 23-7. Kimmel also wrestled an exhibition match against Bella Graziani that he was able to win 26-13. Kimmel set a goal of 20 takedowns for the evening and finished with 21. The other huge win of the night was with Ryan (Frankie) Viola in who wrestled the 205-weight class against Kamren Canfield from Fairview. Viola was able to wrestle aggressively from the start of the whistle and continue with that attitude for the duration of his match, finishing it off with a PIN.

The junior high wrestlers were able to witness the high school wrestlers dominating the mat, wrestling defensively, showing team support, and running moves that drilled daily. Wrestling requires the act of being a true student of the sport. Wrestling requires rising above the adversities that arise. Wrestling requires becoming a warrior. Through the actions of learning, and rising above, the Raider Wrestlers are true warriors. They have heard the call, and they are responding. Raider Wrestling is here to make a noise!

December 22. The Lady Warriors host Eastside on December 23 and welcome in Wayne Trace on December 28.

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1. **STAY AT HOME.**

- Home is the safest place. Only leave home for household essentials, medical care, work, and school.
- If possible, use drive-thru, curbside pick-up, or delivery services to limit face-to-face contact with others or shop online.

2. **Wear your mask.**

- Wear a mask whenever you are around anyone you don't live with.

3. **Keep interactions short and stay apart.**

- The more people you interact with and the longer amount of time you spend together, the higher your risk of becoming infected or spreading the virus to others.

4. **Wash your hands.**

- Clean hands are a key to preventing the spread of COVID-19.

5. **Work from home.**

- Everyone who can work from home should work from home. All meetings should be virtual.

6. **Celebrate safe. Celebrate small.**

- As people gather for the holidays, remember that older family members and those with medical conditions are especially vulnerable to COVID-19, so take extra measures to protect them.

7. **Don't eat or drink with anyone outside of your household.**

- Eating and drinking with others is risky because you can't wear a mask while eating and drinking.
- Limiting meals to those within your own household is safest. Home delivery, curbside pick-up, drive-thru windows, and take-out services are the best options when getting meals out.

8. **Limit travel.**

- This is a holiday to stay close to home. Remember that spread happens only when you are in contact with others.

9. **Keep weddings and funerals safe.**

- Conduct weddings and funerals in a COVID-safe way.

10. **Enjoy safe holiday activities!**

- Stay connected with friends and family who don't live in your home by calling, using video chat, or through social media.
- Choose drive-thru holiday light shows and virtual celebrations over in-person holiday activities.



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GROVER HILL SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary held its annual Spelling Bee on December 18th. The winner was Noah Schlatter, spelling the word "lairs" correctly. Noah's parents are Kyle and Casey Schlatter. Runner up was Brenan Miller. Brenan's parents are Derek and Kim Miller.

DIVINE MERCY SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Congratulations to our school Spelling Bee champion, Lucy Conley, and our runner-up, Eli Treece. Both students are sixth graders in Mrs. Bradbury and Mrs. Lippi's class. The spelling bee lasted seven rounds.

ANTWERP WRESTLERS TRAVEL TO MCCOMB

The Antwerp junior high and high school wrestling squads recently traveled to McComb High School on December 16, 2020 and had a very productive night on the mats as well. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only 2 junior high wrestlers were able to compete on Wednesday night with both wrestlers winning their 1 and only matches of the night. 7th grader Ethan Thomas won by a decision and 7th grader Griffin Kosch won by pin to record his first win and pin as a junior high wrestler.

The Archer high school wrestlers had an impressive night on the mats as well. Sophomore Avin Johnson was nearly undefeated on the night, losing a close match against McComb. He finished the night 1-1. Juniors Trayce Lengacher and Caleb Wilson were both 2-1 for the evening. Lengacher's wins both came by pin and Wilson earned a pin himself to record his first pin as an archer wrestler. Sophomore Eli Reinhart was undefeated on the night, going 3-0 with 1 pin. Congratulations to the Archers for their improvement and hard work so far this season. Good luck and GO ARCHERS!!

UNSUNG HERO: YOU

By: Courtney Shull

During the past several weeks I have recognized four individual unsung heroes. This has been the best experience. Our heroes have reached out to me with tears, thanks, speechlessness and surprise. Every single one denied they are heroes of any kind. That is the best reason

to recognize, because they do what they do, NOT for thanks or credit but because it is who they are. They are heroes because they do what they do out of love and passion, not for the glory. And every day, they make positive difference in the world.

For this last issue of the year, I want to recognize YOU! This year we have lived in discourse, protest, pandemic, isolation and loss. We have experienced unprecedented stress and fear. And yet here you are, one step... then the next, supporting your community and making the best of a year for which most of us will not grieve its end. YOU have stepped up and loved your neighbors, thought quickly on your feet to become Zoom experts, teachers, remote workers, essential workers and found creative projects to cope with isolation. YOU have done all of this and more. YOU have sacrificed because that is exactly what was required to support your family, your friends, and your community. You did all of this not for praise, but is who you are. You saw a need, and you stepped up. YOU turned stress and fear into love and hope. YOU are a hero and I thank YOU.

RECYCLING ROUNDUP (A YEAR IN REVIEW)

I'm not sure how a full year has passed since I took over the reins of the WMEA Program. It's been a whirlwind of learning about recycling in general and how we, as Paulding County residents, contribute specifically to keeping material out of landfill.

One of the highlights has been all the great people I've met. Recyclers are a passion-

ate bunch and there are a lot of you in the County. Getting to meet the kids and teachers that run the program and process the material at the school level has really been fun. All the way from our kids at Ann's Bright Beginnings to the teenagers at our high schools, I look forward to being able to get back to making presentations once we have the Covid cases under control. It's been very gratifying to see the level of understanding that our students have with regard to the importance of recycling. That is a direct result of the outstanding job that my predecessor, Becky Suvar, did in educating our kids and grandkids. The teachers and administration lead by example as evidenced by the volume of material I pick up each week.

I'm going to list learning how to drive big trucks that pull big trailers as a highlight as well. I'm not sure the guys at our County Engineer's office would classify it that way! I buzz all over the County driving "Big Red" and have gotten very comfortable with how a 15 passenger van operates and I've even become quite adept at backing it up into sometimes tight spaces. The same can definitely not be said for driving the F-350 that pulls the 26' trailer. It is with fear and trepidation that I respectfully exit the Engineering Compound 3 times a month driving what I refer to as "The Beast". I rarely go over 50 mph when driving it and normally take an extra blood pressure pill on those days. You DO NOT want to be behind me on SR 111, eastbound, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month between the hours of 12 and 2 PM. My forward speed is directly proportionate to the size of the ditch that is next to me. As a result, because those ditches are really big, 40 mph is about all I can confidently achieve as I hurtle toward my Junction pickup. It's with a sigh of relief that I re-enter the driveway leading back to safety after completing the Junction and Latty pickups. I'm still learning how to hook up/unhook the truck from the trailer and at the rate I'm going I suspect I'll be nearing retirement before I achieve that very pesky chore. I'm considering a backup camera but I have my doubts even with that assistance, that my dream of becoming a confident, competent "big rig" driver will be accomplished. I have to be realistic...

Even with that frustration, I mean highlight, I am loving this job. I actually consider it a calling. Abby Hornish, (Branch Manager, Union Bank) put it quite well one day. I was rushing out the door and they (Union Bank employees) had some recycling for me. I thanked them for recycling and Abby said, "saving the planet one box at a time" and I completely agree with her. That's exactly what we're doing. Every plastic container (1's and 2's only) every aluminum or steel can, every piece of cardboard, newspaper or magazine that we keep out of landfill means that we are doing our part to help keep the environment clean, and yes, save the planet for our kids and grandkids. You, the residents of Paulding County, in the grand scheme of things, are making a huge contribution to the whole. I'm so proud to be part of what

we're accomplishing together. I do have some updates for you. The Grover Hill/Haviland pickup is being moved to the second Saturday of January (so it will be January 9th) for the month of January only. The Paulding Fairgrounds pickup will remain on the first Saturday, January 2nd.

The Junction/Latty pickups remain the 3rd Wednesday of the month. There was an error on the website that caused some confusion but that is being updated. If there is ever a question just call me at the office 419-399-3630 for the most up-to-date information or my cell number is 832-444-4814. Texting is actually the quickest way to get in touch with me because most of the time I'm out recycling. I try to get into the office once a day to check messages. If it's a time sensitive issue, definitely call me on my cell.

Glass can be taken to Van Wert Solid Waste at no charge. It must be glass that contained either a food material (sauerkraut, mustard, olives, etc.. or a consumable beverage (alcohol, water, OJ, etc.)

The containers must be rinsed out. At this time, Paulding County is NOT taking any glass. Erie Recycling and Kohart's Salvage do not take it either. Bryan Recycling will also take clear and brown glass. Always call before going over to check for times and any fees. Right now they don't charge for taking glass but things are very fluid. Their number is 419-636-3382

Fluorescent bulbs can be taken to Menard's in Defiance and they process them from that location at no charge. Any size will be accepted. I took 400# of bulbs over one day which caused some excitement but they got me unloaded and back on the road pretty quickly.

TV's, including flatscreen and the old kind can be taken to the following facilities. There is a charge so always call for their hours and fees before you head out.

Van Wert Solid Waste 419-238-7767. They charge .37/lb for tube tv's and .20/lb for flatscreen

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Have a very Merry Christmas, everyone, and let's all believe that 2021 is going to be SO MUCH BETTER than 2020!!

-Shannon Ruschel, WMEA Program Director

PAULDING CO. CHRONICLES 2020

By: Caroline Longardner

"CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS & COVID-19"

"Merry Christmas" for 2020. You are probably at home by yourself (or VERY close relatives) because of this Covid-19 SHUT-IN order. It's the right thing to do if you want to protect yourself and the public. We just want to get this madness over with and have a normal year in 2021.

DEFIANCE WOMAN JOINS "SAVED BY THE BELT" CLUB



Defiance resident Sidney C. Meyer joined Ohio's "Saved by the Belt" Club on Tuesday after her safety belt saved her from sustaining life-threatening injuries. The incident occurred on state Route 2 in Williams County on November 23.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Adam R. Foster, Defiance Post, presented her with a "Saved by the Belt" certificate signed by Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath and Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol superintendent.

"She is a living testimony to the effectiveness of safety belts," Trooper Foster said. "Everyone needs to buckle up every trip, every time."

In 2019, 474 people in Ohio were killed in traffic

crashes where a safety belt was available, but not in use.

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

Meyer was presented her award at the Four County Career Center in Archbold, where she is a student and member of Four County's law enforcement and security tactics program.

She also received a "Saved by the Belt" license plate bracket, which was presented by her instructor, retired Patrol Lieutenant Kevin Thomas.

PHS HOUSE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER



Paulding High School announced their December House Students of the Month. They are from left to right: Palmarium - Garrett McClure, Excellentia - Myla Mitchell, VVV - Kaelie Bustos, and Stupendum - Patrick Paholak.

It's hard to get motivated to even decorate (you just have to stare at the decorations all by yourself) and then take them down by yourself. I even packed boxes of presents for my three kids to pick up at my house, will talk with them on the telephone and have sent out my Christmas cards from my usual list and made some phone calls. I am thankful for the friends that I do have. And that the churches have not shut completely down. However, it's scary to attend church since not everyone there wears a mask.

I had a Covid-19 test at the Paulding Hosp. last Friday and got back the results on Monday morning. It was negative. I had requested to have the test for my own reasons: I do go out and buy groceries; go to church; and see a (very) few people. I just want to get the vaccination as soon as possible (and for everyone else in the country to get it, also).

At this time (Thursday even.) I am out of Coca-Cola. I rarely drink coffee, but I really need my "Coke". That means regardless of the weather on Friday, I am going to town for this "necessary". Are there any other readers out there who are hooked on Coke or Pepsi? I can remember during the Blizzard of 1978, I realized that a storm was coming so I stocked up on milk for the 3 kids and my husband had quit smoking (I

think). However, the neighbor stopped by with his snowmobile and asked if we needed anything (really badly) from the store during the storm (or right after it). I WAS OUT OF COKE! He brought me some by snowmobile! If I didn't have my cola product (Pepsi or Coke) I would get a headache.

In reading the history of the product Coca-Cola, I found it was first made in Atlanta, Ga. There is actually an archives of the Coca-Cola Co. in Atlanta, Ga. It all started on a day in May in 1886 behind the house of druggist, John S. Pemberton of Atlanta, Ga. He had been a Capt. in the Calvary in the Civil War as a soldier for the South. His hometown was Columbus, Ga. But by 1870 he went to Atlanta where he set up business as a druggist and pharmaceutical chemist.

Pemberton and some his other business affiliates were busy concocting "medicines" and "cures" sold all throughout the South. This was booming days of patent medicines and snake-oil salesmen, before the Federal Food and Drug Adm. came along to insist on testing and truth. Somewhere between concocting hair dye and liver pills, Pemberton came up with an idea for a new tonic. It was first called "Pemberton's Tonic" and it was based on Pemberton's French Wine Coca which was patented in 1886

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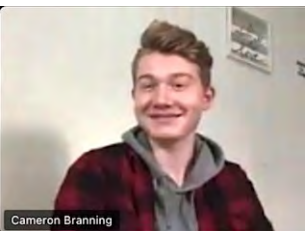
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EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS ANNOUNCE LILLY ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Cameron Branning, senior at New Haven High School and Serena Stayer, senior at Leo High School were notified by Community Foundation representatives and presented with Lilly Endowment Scholarship awards! The Lilly Endowment Inc. awards full-tuition scholarships to selected students from each county in Indiana.

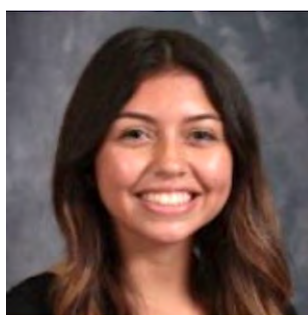


Cameron Branning

Each scholarship must be used to pursue a baccalaureate degree at any accredited public or private Indiana college or university. The students will also receive, full tuition, required fees, and book stipend for four years.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program was first offered in 1998. The Endowments hopes that

by its Lutheran heritage, Capital places great emphasis on the free and open exchange of ideas, seeking out diverse perspectives, active participation in society, leadership and service. With a focus on rigor and experiential learning, the University capitalizes on its size, location, and heritage to develop the whole person, both inside and outside the classroom.



Serena Stayer

this program will continue to encourage many of Indiana's most talented students to attend one of Indiana's fine higher education institution and after graduation consider pursuing occupations

NATHAN GERBER NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT CAPITAL UNIVERSITY FOR FALL 2020

Nathan Gerber, of Latty, was named to the Dean's List at Capital University for the spring 2020 semester.

In order to be named to the Dean's List, full-time, degree-seeking students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.69.

Located in the Columbus, Ohio, neighborhood of Bexley, Capital University is a private, four-year undergraduate institution and graduate school. Capital prepares students for meaningful lives and purposeful careers through a relevant liberal arts core curriculum and deep professional programs. Influenced

by its Lutheran heritage, Capital places great emphasis on the free and open exchange of ideas, seeking out diverse perspectives, active participation in society, leadership and service. With a focus on rigor and experiential learning, the University capitalizes on its size, location, and heritage to develop the whole person, both inside and outside the classroom.

CLAIRE SINN NAMED TO OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY'S 2020 FALL DEAN'S LIST

Claire Sinn of Haviland, OH (45851) has been named to Ohio Dominican University's 2020 Fall Semester Dean's List.

In order to make the

Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must have achieved a 3.5 GPA or better after taking a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Ohio Dominican University is a comprehensive, four-year, private, liberal arts and master's institution, founded in 1911 in the Catholic and Dominican tradition by the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The university has approximately 1,500 students and offers undergraduate degrees in 39 majors and eight graduate degree programs. At ODU, students connect their passion with a purpose.

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"Nearly 700 women died last year in the United States as a result of complications from pregnancy and childbirth. But we know that as many as two-thirds of these deaths may be preventable," said Toomey. "This legislation will help improve health outcomes for pregnant women and mothers enrolled in Medicaid by increasing information and resources to better monitor and treat at-risk pregnancies, as well as inform Congress on policies that may assist states in reducing maternal deaths."

"A mother's chance of surviving pregnancy shouldn't depend on her zip code or the type of insurance she has," said Brown. "Too many mothers are dying. As the death rate continues to skyrocket, the disparities in maternal mortality have increased along with it, further contributing to the Black maternal health crisis - and that has to change. By meeting moms where they are, listening to health experts, and establishing best practices, we can improve health outcomes and keep more of our mothers and children healthy and safe."

The Supporting Best Practices for Healthy Moms Act would:

Create a diverse, representative National Advisory Committee on Reducing Maternal Deaths to:

Establish best practices for all Medicaid-covered maternal care providers and clinicians to screen, monitor, and treat at-risk pregnancies;

Generate culturally competent materials to help inform pregnant women of potential risks during pregnancy, birth, and postpartum; and

Identify best practice for tracking maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity trends.

Report to Congress on potential payment disincentives or regulatory barriers to the transfer of pregnant women between facilities before and during birth, as well as during the postpartum period.

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PATRIOTS RALLY FOR WIN OVER RAIDERS

MONROEVILLE - Heritage scored 43 second half points as the Lady Patriots rallied from an eight-point halftime deficit to record a 71-68 win over Southern Wells in ACAC girls basketball Friday evening.

The visiting Lady Raiders took a 19-12 lead at the end of eight minutes and expanded the margin to 36-28 at the midway point of the contest.

Heritage, though, dominated the third quarter and outscored the Raiders 22-12 to seize a 50-48 advantage entering the final stanza.

In a high scoring fourth quarter, the Lady Patriots piled up 21 points compared to Southern Wells' 20 to set the Heritage victory at 71-68.

Ella Bickel paced four Lady Patriot players in double figures with 24 points while Claire Bickel added 15 and Shelby Schane bucketed 11. Abby Zelt chipped in ten markers for the Lady Patriots.

Abby Zelt also hauled down six rebounds for Heritage and dished out three assists while Ella Bickel picked up five boards, two assists and six steals. Schane recorded three rebounds, six assists and two steals with Kendall Zelt having three boards, three assists and two steals. Lydia Schultz had three rebounds and three assists for Heritage.

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and sold as "an ideal nerve and tonic stimulant."

It was said that Pemberton had simply taken out the wine, substituted "a pinch of caffeine," and added a few ingredients including extract of cola and other oils. It is believed at that time that Pemberton was actually trying to create a cure for headaches.

It was first drank at soda fountains as a syrup mixed with water for 5 cents a glass and was drank in the store. Within a short time it was called "Coca-Cola Elixir and Syrup". Pemberton had set himself up in business with partners.

The carbonation of this drink came a few months later in Nov, 1886 when a man named John G. Wilkes had a hangover during the night and woke up with a splitting headache. He went to the local

PAYNE ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS



Payne Elementary students made pictures, cards and letters for every assisted living and nursing home within the county. They made 400 cards so that every resident and staff member would receive one. They wanted to send love to those who cannot spend the holiday with their loved ones. Cards were delivered to The Gardens, Antwerp Manor, Vancrest and County Inn.



Principal, Paul Jones, dressed up as an Elf on the Shelf, spreading Christmas cheer to students. Students were so excited to see him and many students thought he was an actual elf on the shelf, haha!

cal pharmacy and asked about a headache remedy. Because "Coca-Cola" had been recommended by Pemberton for headaches, he ordered this drink. It was said that the soda fountain clerk mixed the Coca-Cola syrup with carbonated water instead of plain tap water by mistake. Soon this became the standard way to mix Coca-Cola syrup.

He had a bookkeeper, Frank M. Robinson, who had the idea of putting together "Coca" and "Cola". The name was then revised to "Coca-Cola". And was written in the Spencerian script that was a popular form of penmanship during that time.. Frank M. Robinson named this mix "Coca-Cola" because Pem-

berton's tonic contained extracts of both the coca leaf and kola nut. The coca leaf has no relation to and should not be confused with the cacao seeds from which come the cocoa beverage and chocolate.

Kola nuts - which are really seeds of an African tree rather than nuts—contain the stimulant caffeine. Were the coca leaves used in Coca-Cola "de-cocainized?" the answer is yes and have been for many decades. However, there is another SECRET in Coca-Cola formula known as 7X. It has been guarded by this company over the years. The secret formula is said to be hidden in a safe deposit box at the Trust Company of Georgia in Atlanta.

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OHIO LOCATIONS

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

Cecil: 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

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

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

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

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

Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store

Ney: Marathon

Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General

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

tal, Paulding Kwik Mart

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

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

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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

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

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

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

****Some locations may be closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic****



ANTWERP VILLAGE POLICE REPORTS

On December 7 a vehicle was stopped for speeding on River St. The driver presented a fraudulent Driver's License. He was charged with speed and driving without a license.

On December 8 an alarm was received at a local business. An officer immediately responded, securing the building, and found it was a false alarm.

On December 10 a suspicious vehicle was reported driving around the Riverside park multiple times. The driver said he was playing a video game called "Pokemon go"

On December 10 An officer assisted the highway patrol with a traffic stop on US 24. Drugs were located in the vehicle.

On December 11 a council member made a report to the Police Department that he had received complaints from business owners that vehicles are being parked longer than the 2 hour allotted parking limit.

On December 12 a motorist had a flat tire and pulled into a the Dollar General parking lot. An officer assisted the tire change.

On December 12 a delivery person for Amazon notified the village that he would be delivering packages in a Uhaul truck.

On December 13 a resident suspected that her garage had been broken into. An officer responded and the case is under investigation.

On December 14 an office assisted a Paulding County deputy at a traffic stop at Erie and buffalo Streets. One person was arrested on a warrant. Suspected drug paraphernalia and methamphetamines were located in the vehicle.

On December 14 a resident of the village received a letter from the unemployment office. A few days later he then received a debit card from the unemployment office. The following day he contacted the unemployment office and they said someone had opened an account and made three withdrawals. The case is under investigation.

On December 15 A tenant of North Garden Apartments called about another person playing loud music. The officer responded and spoke to the neighbor and also encouraged the caller to contact the landlord.

On December 16 an alarm went off at a local business. The officer responded and found to all be in order.

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

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Thymithy A. Boroff, Cecil, OH; Telephone harassment; Guilty; Defendant appeared via the video at the PC jail; Defense atty appeared by phone; Pled guilty; Pay or collection 12/17/21

Heriberto Ramirez, Indianapolis, IN; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Jennifer L. Flint, Churubusco, IN; Failure to control; Case dismissed at state's request, with costs

Jennifer L. Flint, Churubusco, IN; OVI/under influence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant may attend DIP in lieu of 3 jail days; Fines and costs to be taken from bond

Jeremiah Engel-Garza, Stryker, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kathy S. Phillips, Holgate, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Isac Armstrong, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Emily L. Andrews, Decatur, IN; Following too close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dana M. Treesh, Latty, OH; Confinement of dog; Defendant appeared without counsel; Pled guilty; Pay or collection 2/26/21

Michaela J. Gilliam, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kent R. Manson Jr., Paulding, OH; Distance of safety; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Aaron M. Scott, Payne, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brian W. Damman, Grelton, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Edward A. Carnahan Sr., Sherwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Larry J. Nance, Detroit, MI; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Fredrick Preston, Ft. Wayne, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Fredrick Preston, Ft. Wayne, IN; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gerald R. Bowling, Delphos, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Larry B. Ashbaugh, Napoleon, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kannen I. Wannemacher, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Timothy R. Nelkie, Paulding, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kathleen Pendergrast, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jonathan P. Blaine, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gerrilynne Blattner,

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

Ivan Stephey, Van Wert, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ivan Stephey, Van Wert, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Alva Schmucker, Harlan, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BLUE CREEK TWP

12/15/20 Wenninger Donald R Trst Wenninger Josephine R Trs To Wenninger Larry L Trustee; Rd 24; 72.819 Acres; Pt N1/2 Ne1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-34

12/15/20 Wenninger Donald R Trst Wenninger Josephine R Trs To Wenninger Larry L Trustee; Rd 24; 35.516 Acres; Pt Ne1/4 Nw1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-34

CRANE TWP

12/14/20 Rice Betsy L To Rice Scott Allen Rice Jamie; 18812 Rd 99 Cecil Oh 45821; 6.36 Acres; Pt W1/2 Nw1/4 Nw1/4 Crane Twp S-2

12/14/20 Bennett Victor G To Bennett Steven Devaux Janann; 9056 Rd 8 Cecil Oh 45821; 1.851 Acres; Pt Nw1/4 Nw1/4 Crane Twp Sec 4

LATTY TWP

12/14/20 Jenkins Jean To Decker Rayven; 2626 Rd 137 Grover Hill Oh 45849; 4.394 Acres; Pt Nw1/4 Latty Twp S-26

12/15/20 Wenninger Donald R Trst Wenninger Josephine R Trs To Wenninger Larry L Trustee; Rd 24; 40.366 Acres; Nw1/4 Ne1/4 S-31 Latty Tpeasement Ref V 579 P 1881

ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Antwerp School Board met on December 17 to discuss the regular items.

Bob Herber said HB404 approved by the Governor gives the right for virtual meetings for the school year 2020-21.

Dennis said that Vantage is approving him for three more years on the Vantage Board. He appreciates the Antwerp Community supporting him in his role there. Vantage students are also building a spec house this year in Van Wert.

Christine Stuart gave the financial summary report
Income: \$638,320.36
Expenses: \$758,277.90
interest: \$4,909.70

Christine said we are 43% through the scheduled year and 36% through the budget year.

Travis Lichty said the first semester finished this week. He said the remote learning has taken place this week for the High School because of COVID. The teachers and students have done a great job. Travis said it's the contact tracing that is keeping people in quarantine - not so much positive tests. The Winter Sports games are all paused right now until the quarantine finishes around Christmas. Boys and girls games have been cancelled for the week as there is not enough players on each team to play.

The Girls R49 tournament is at Edgerton on Monday and Tuesday (12/21 and 12/19).

The next week (12/28 and 12/29 should be the 49 tournament at Antwerp for the boys. Before the kids can go back to sports they need to be tested by their healthcare provider to make sure their heart is working well.

Elementary Principal Traci Stokes said that several kids have tested positive but not to the point where it is effecting shutting down the elementary. Braxton Peters is the Antwerp School representative for the Paulding County Spelling Bee. The County Spelling Bee is supposed to be hosted at Antwerp.

Marty thanked the Principals and teachers for all of their hard work, and he hopes that they will get a good rest during Christmas break.

The school received a grant for Vape Detectors. The install should be quick as Harold Gottke has been prepared. He said some of the speaker problems in the gym has been fixed by new wiring. Harold said they have seen an uptick in schools around the area that are having malware problems. Malware can cause serious problems for IT.

Marty says that the school should start back up on January 4. The school got back results from the fall testing Kindergarten readiness assessment, and Antwerp had 62% who were considered prepared. The kids not on track will be working with teachers to help ensure their progress. The school receive a \$500 grant from Walmart Corp. SRO Caleb Miller wrote up a complete School Threat Assessment for a grant that can be used for school safety.

Currently there are 741 students including 34 in Pre-K. Last year there were 769 students with 53 in Pre-K. The school was reimbursed \$25,261.56 by the USDA for Student breakfast and lunches.

Marty presented the 2021-2022 school calendar for approval.

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Brad Kiger, assigned to Franklin County, received a Turn In a Poacher (TIP) call at 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437) stating that a deer was killed by his neighbor and was hanging in his backyard. The caller stated that he saw the deer several days earlier, and it was now gone. The neighbor was concerned that the deer was harvested in the city neighborhood. Officer Kiger checked the computerized system and no deer were checked in by the homeowner. Officer Kiger stopped by the person's residence and spoke to the hunter. Further investigation revealed the deer was harvested in Delaware County, but it was not checked as required by law. A summons was issued for not checking in the deer by noon the following day, and the man was ordered to pay \$188.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In June, State Wildlife Investigator Kevin Good, assigned to the Lake Erie Unit, was working sport fish enforcement in Ottawa County. He encountered two men unloading their walleye from a trailered boat and could see that both had caught their limit for the day. Later that evening, Investigator Good noticed the



Pictured here is left to right is FFA members Ella Cook and Carter Manz holding the homemade ornaments they made for the local nursing homes.

PAULDING FFA CELEBRATES THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

By: Hailey Weidenhamer & Mason Schlatter- Paulding FFA

The Paulding FFA chapter is getting in the holiday spirit this December. The members put up the Christmas tree in the ag room decorated in FFA decorate. On December 4th we had our annual monthly meeting with a Christmas twist. After going through our normal monthly business, the members played a game of Christmas Kahoot and also did the ever-popular minute to win it game cookie on your face. Then the meeting ended with Christmas brownies for the members to enjoy.

Then last week each class competed in the annual gin-

gerbread house building and decorating contest. The members had 40 minutes to build and decorate their gingerbread house. There was a panel of judges and the winning class was 5th period who received a special ice cream treat.

Then the chapter members each made and decorated their very own ornament using polyurethane and glitter, and then they put their name on it in vinyl.

Then as a community service project the members decided to make homemade ornaments and donate them to the Country Inn and the Gardens of Paulding to spread joy to the residents this holiday season. On behalf of the Paulding FFA Chapter we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

same truck and trailer back at the boat ramp, so he decided to wait for the owners to return. While he waited, he talked with two different anglers who appeared nervous and would not answer basic questions about their fishing trip. Upon further investigation, Investigator Good found out that this pair of anglers had gone out fishing twice that day and caught their limit of walleye both times. A

short while later, the first boat came back to the dock and Investigator Good determined that they had also taken two trips that day and harvested walleye limits both times. All four men received a summons for overbagging on walleye. Each paid \$250 in fines, \$300 in restitution for the illegally caught walleye, and had their fishing licenses suspended for

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER

PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,

vs.

TIM ROBERTS, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 20 103

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

105 S McKinley Street, Haviland
Parcel Number: 06-03S-025-00

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

Total amount of judgment is Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-four and 62/100 (\$3,744.62) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:00 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 2021, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 28th day of January, 2021 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

Payment in full is due at the time of the sale and the purchaser(s) are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX LIEN THAT MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE SALE, AND PURCHASERS OF ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY ARE URGED TO SEARCH THE FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX THAT IS KEPT BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TO DETERMINE IF NOTICE OF A FEDERAL TAX LIEN HAS BEEN FILED WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY.

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

PAULDING FFA HAD A FUN AND EVENTFUL YEAR!



The Paulding FFA Officer Team leading our FFA chapter. Left to right. Ag Teacher and Advisor Mrs. Staci Miller, Nolan Johanns, Mason Schlatter, Hailey Weidenhamer, Baylee March, Sydney Reineck, Paige Jones, Colton Howell, Carter Manz, Kyle Harris and FFA advisor Mrs. Nicole Harris.

By: Reporter, Hailey Weidenhamer and Mason Schlatter

The Paulding FFA Chapter has had a very fun and eventful year. Throughout the pandemic the chapter has found many new ways to still give back to the community and stay on track with our annual projects.

In January, The Paulding FFA started off the new year by putting the final touches on the state and American degrees applications as well as the officer books. In February, the FFA Chapter and its members held a teacher appreciation lunch to thank our teachers for their continued support of our chapter. We also wrote a grant to create the Panther's Care Closet which features hygiene items to help students in need. We had a school wide drive and had over 500 items donated to the hygiene closet. In March, the chapter was interrupted by the COVID-19 shutdown which, unfortunately, led to the cancellation of spring CDE's. During the COVID-19 shutdown some of the chapter members recorded themselves reading books and they were made available for kids to listen to while they were out of school on social media.

In April, the chapter had their annual FFA banquet virtual and posted it on our social media page. We also held a drive-thru banquet where members and their families came, picked up awards and took photos and received an FFA cookie treat. In the month of May, the chapter helped plant and maintain the community garden and helped with the annual greenhouse sale. We would also like to congratulate Nolan Johanns, Colton Howell, Jonathan Reinhard, Sydney Reineck, and Kennedy Foor for receiving their state degree in May virtually! The

month of June would have brought the Paulding County Fair, but due to COVID-19 it was canceled but the exhibitors were able to sell their animals if they chose too. The chapter members also helped serve lunches at the summer lunch program in June.

In the month of July, the Paulding FFA officer team went on an officer retreat for three days to Hocking Hills, Ohio. During the officer retreat the officers scheduled events for the upcoming year and did many team building activities. The month of August brought school for the FFA members. During September the members participated in the virtual farm science review which is normally held in London Ohio.

The next three months of October, November and December were busy times for the FFA members. In October, all of the members painted small pumpkins for Halloween, which were given to the residents of The Gardens of Paulding and the Country Inn. Unfortunately, the 93rd National FFA Convention was held virtually this year because of COVID-19 concerns but all of the members were able to participate in the virtual convention. We would also like to congratulate Katelyn Strahley and Courtney Luderman on receiving their American degree during the convention.

In November Kyle Mobley, Jami Hunt, Sydney Trahin, Carter Manz, Paige Jones, Nolan Johanns, and Sydney Reineck participated in the virtual job interview. We would like to congratulate Sydney Reineck, Carter Manz, Jami Hunt, and Paige Jones for moving on to districts! Also, in November the chapter was excited to kick off their annual fruit sales which was very successful this year. The chapter also helped with the adopt a family by buying

for a family in need from our school district.

December brought the end of the fruit sales and the delivery of our fruit. We had a food science team made up of Paige Jones, Lily Roehrig, Baylee March and Carter Manz who competed at the state level and placed 30th as a team. Paige Jones placed 21st out of 413 members who took the test. The members also made Christmas ornaments out of plastic ornaments, glitter and polyurethane which were donated to the residents of The Gardens of Paulding and the Country Inn to spread some joy this Holiday Season. During Christmas break members will be preparing their state and American FFA degrees for evaluation in January. 2020 has been different with all contests and events being virtual but we have made the best of it and had a very successful year for the members of the Paulding FFA and we are ready for whatever 2021 brings!

CFAES WOOSTER NEW UMBRELLA TERM FOR OHIO STATE LOCATION

Wooster, Ohio has long played an important role for The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Two of its major components, the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), and the two-year associate degree-granting program, the Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI), got their start there in 1892 and 1968, respectively.

While in past years, the research and student pieces have operated separately, new changes are afoot to unify the campus. A first step in ensuring this evolution is a name change to CFAES Wooster.

Changing the name of the campus will also produce shared resources, infrastructure, personnel, and equipment. "It allows us to think about this location as a full campus, rather than simply two components," said Cathann A. Kress, vice president of agricultural administration and dean of CFAES. "It will brand the location as an integral part of CFAES and provide a gateway for Ohio State in northeast Ohio."

OARDC has evolved to be the main research enterprise of the entire college, encompassing not just research in Wooster, but activities in Columbus and statewide – including outlying agricultural research stations located

in Kingsville, Caldwell, Jackson, Willard, Fremont, Custar, Coshocton, and South Charleston.

"We have grown so that OARDC is broader than just the Wooster location," Kress said. "And this campus is much broader, dedicated not only to research, but also to teaching and OSU Extension activities."

A renaming and rebranding of the 4,200-acre campus as CFAES Wooster is but one of many planned changes. Road and campus signage will be updated along with campus infrastructure, such as roads and sidewalks, buildings, and laboratories.

"Unfortunately, the buildings and spaces designed in the past do not support newer ways to collaborate and innovate," Kress said. "Through increased efficiencies, we are enriching the educational, extension, and research experiences for our students, faculty, staff, and clientele to interact more in modern, common buildings and spaces."

Infrastructure enhancement and renovation capital projects have been underway since 2017.

In January 2021, a new ultramodern 60,000-square-foot, \$33.5 million campus science building will be officially opened.

"This building has been a great bright spot," said Anne Dorrance, CFAES associate dean and Wooster campus director. "To have faculty and students be able to perform cutting-edge research together in a building appropriate for the type of science we do now is really exciting."

Seen as the new central hub of the Wooster campus, the science building will feature:

A first-floor café that will serve as a social gathering space—something that has been missing on campus; a large, divisible multipurpose room to support teaching, research, outreach, and community programs; and open seating and gathering space.

The Department of Entomology's popular Bug Zoo will also move into the science building, which will allow the collection to be showcased for visitors and school groups.

Four entomology research labs for faculty and graduate students.

Two undergraduate chemistry teaching classrooms for ATI students.

The second and third floors will have offices, research labs, space for small conferences, and shell space to allow for additional growth.

Outdoor space will include an outdoor patio and pollinator garden.

"The teaching labs and classrooms are a big improvement over converting a research lab for teaching and will offer ATI students a shorter walk to chemistry labs," Dorrance said. "It's one of the first steps in bringing the campus together and incorporating our ATI colleagues into central campus."

In addition to entomology, the CFAES Wooster campus includes representatives from the Departments of Animal Science, Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Horticulture and Crop Science, Plant Pathology, the School of Environ-

THE WEST BEND NEWS

Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

ment and Natural Resources, and the Food Animal Health Research Program.

"Current investments demonstrate a commitment from Ohio State and CFAES, but more is needed to remain competitive and to support our mission: We Sustain Life, not only related to agriculture, but also to food and environmental fields," said Kress.

At present, 112 faculty and 356 staff are employed on the Wooster campus. Student enrollment includes 540 ATI undergraduates and 82 graduate students. As one of a handful of two-year agriculture programs in the nation and consistently ranked near the top, ATI offers a competitive advantage to CFAES.

Thirty-one programs of study provide career preparation that maintains a 99% job placement rate for all ATI graduates within four months of graduation. Many students who start at ATI also transfer to main campus in Columbus, taking advantage of CFAES' goal of a seamless Buckeye experience. Last year, over 200 ATI students continued their studies in Columbus.

CFAES Wooster is also a vital asset and catalyst for workforce development across the state of Ohio. Faculty and staff in both Wooster and Columbus have expertise in agricultural-related research, innovations, lifelong learning and continuing education, higher education, workforce development and technical education, and industry partnerships. Additionally, workforce certifications, trainings, and approximately 20 OSU Extension events are held in Wooster for community members each year.

"We want CFAES Wooster to be seen as a comprehensive campus, with impact, opportunities, and potential as a hub for discovery, innovation, learning, and partnerships," said Kress.

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two years.

While on patrol during the fall, State Wildlife Officer Brock Williamson, assigned to Seneca County, came across a man waving his hands running across a soybean field. Officer Williamson initiated his overhead emergency lights and pulled over along the side of the road. The man informed him that a combine had caught

fire while the farmer was cutting beans. Officer Williamson grabbed his fire extinguisher and was able to control the fire until another bystander brought another fire extinguisher. The fire reignited and Officer Williamson used the second fire extinguisher to keep the fire under control until Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department arrived. The combine was saved with minor damage.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Marino Pellegrini, assigned to Portage County, responded to a report of a wild turkey inside a home near West Branch State Park. When Officer Pellegrini arrived, he saw a large hole in the front window where the turkey had flown through, shattering the glass. The resident of the home stated the bird flew through the window and ran to the bathroom. The homeowners promptly closed the door and trapped the bird inside. Officer Pellegrini opened the bathroom door to find a turkey frantically flapping its wings trying to escape through a closed window. He was able to safely corral the bird and release it unharmed in the nearby woods.

State Wildlife Officer Eric Moore, assigned to Medina County, was working in Summit County and contacting people about fishing and litter enforcement. It was reported to Officer Moore by another officer that an angler waded up some fishing line and proceeded to throw it on the bank. It was also reported that the same person crushed a beverage container and tossed it on the bank before packing up his gear to go. Officer Moore contacted the person as he was leaving. The individual admitted to leaving the fishing line and beverage container behind and was issued a summons for litter. He was convicted and paid \$149 in fines and court costs.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

In early September, State Wildlife Officer Chris Dodge, assigned to Hocking County, was assisting a team of wildlife officers executing a search warrant at a ginseng dealer's business. While there, a truck pulled into the business with no license plates. The driver of the vehicle informed Officer Dodge that he wanted to sell some ginseng and produced the roots for Officer Dodge to see. The person had dug the roots over several days and did not maintain harvest records.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

PROBATE COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
Judge Michael A. Wehrkamp
Estate of Diana Lyn Conley,
Deceased
Case No. 20201086

TO: Joan M. Egly

You are hereby notified that Diana Lyn Conley died intestate on March 12, 2020. The estate was filed with the Paulding County Probate Court located at 115 N. Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879 on September 21, 2020 under case No. 20201086. Jennifer L. Thomas has made application to serve as Administrator for the estate.

This notice is given to all persons who would be entitled to serve as Administrator of the estate and/or to inherit from the

decedent had the decedent died testate. A n y objections to such appointment shall be submitted to the Probate Court of Paulding County, Ohio and James K. Weaner, Attorney for the Estate at 401 Wayne Ave, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

The hearing to appoint an Administrator of the Estate of Diana Lyn Conley is scheduled for February 5, 2021. at 10:00 a.m.

Dated: 12/11/2020
Judge Michael A. Wehrkamp

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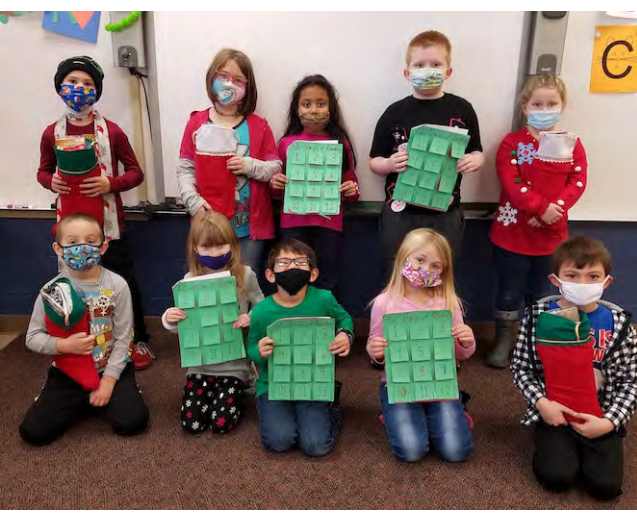
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OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY BAND PERFORMS CHRISTMAS CONCERT!



The Oakwood Elementary 5th and 6th Grade Band recently performed for a limited number of family members in a special "socially distant" Christmas concert. Shown here are the performers just before the concert.

12 DAYS OF READING AT OAKWOOD!



Picture are: Front row students: Aden Porter, Alaina Daniels, Jericho Beatty, Emma Feeney, Dominick Moreno. Back row students: Reed Brown, Elizabeth Boff, Renata Quevedo Jacome, Abel Worman, and Mia Davis.

Some Oakwood Elementary students and their families participated in the "12 Days of Reading" event. Sev-

eral students are shown with their boards and stockings full of prizes they received.

HEALTHY WAYS TO IMPROVE IMMUNITY

As we go into the winter months and illness chances increase, what can I do to boost my immune system?

Your question is on the minds of many consumers, as more people have been reaching for vitamin supplements and seeking out healthy foods to improve their immune system amid the COVID-19

pandemic. In fact, 77% of consumers say they want to eat healthier to boost their immunity during the pandemic, according to a study by Archer Daniels Midland, a Chicago-based, food-processing company.

Building and maintaining a healthy immune system starts with focusing on good nutrition, said Beth Stefura, a family and consumer sciences educator for Ohio State University Extension. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

"Our body's ability to fight infection and disease depends on our immune system," she writes in Live Well and Boost Your Immune System, a blog post at the Live Healthy Live Well website. "Eat well by choosing nutrient-rich foods," she adds.

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

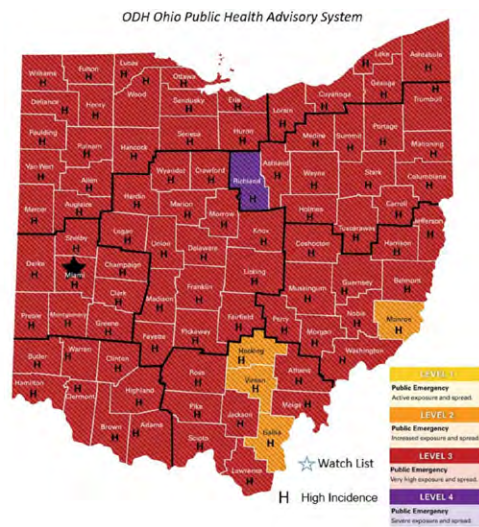
In the blog post, Stefura lists multiple foods that can help boost your immune system, including foods rich in:

Vitamin D, which plays a wide variety of roles in boosting the immune system, including helping the body absorb calcium, which builds strong bones and prevents osteoporosis. Your muscles, nerves, the immune system, and many other bodily functions all require vitamin D to do their jobs properly. Good food sources of vitamin D include fortified milk and fortified orange juice; fatty fish such as salmon, tuna, and mackerel; eggs and egg yolks; mushrooms; beef liver; cheese; and fortified breakfast cereals.

Vitamin C, which is essential for the growth and repair of tissue throughout the body. Good food sources of vitamin C include kiwi, broccoli, tomatoes, berries, Brussels sprouts, cantaloupe, cauliflower, grapefruit, honeydew, kale, mango, nectarine, orange, snow peas, sweet potato, and strawberries. Red, green, and yellow peppers are also great sources of vitamin C.

Beta carotene, which studies suggest may enhance im-

COVID 19 UPDATES FOR PAULDING COUNTY AND NW OHIO



Paulding County Cases: 1066; Hospitalizations: 90; Deaths: 18; Presumed Recovered: 790; December 20, 2020; COVID-19 Questions? Call or visit the Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard: www.coronavirus.ohio.gov - 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634)

- Regionally, there are 697 COVID-19 patients with 391 (56%) in Lucas County hospitals, 97 (14%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 209 (30%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Regionally, there are 186

COVID-19 Critical Care patients with 123 (67%) in Lucas County hospitals, 25 (13%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 38 (20%) from other NW Ohio counties

- Out of 38 regional hospitals reporting, 22 hospitals reported strained or critical nursing shortages (58%)
- The number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients in Region 1 and Regions 1, 2 and 5 combined continues to increase
- The number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients in Region 1 and Regions 1, 2 and 5 (Zone 1) combined continues to increase

o Region 1 COVID-19 hospitalized patients are higher than our previous peak in the 200-330 range in mid-April

o Zone 1's COVID-19 hospitalized patients are higher than our previous peak in the 690-700 range in mid-April

o Cases reported through the Ohio Department of Health continue to increase substantially each day

o The statewide median age for COVID-19 is 43 years old

o The statewide 7-day average positivity rate for testing is 14.5%

mune cell function and has been shown to strengthen the body's infection-fighting methods. Good sources of beta carotene include carrots, sweet potatoes, winter squash, mango, tomatoes, beets, broccoli, cantaloupe, green peppers, kale, mangoes, turnip and collard greens, nectarines, peaches, and watermelon.

Zinc, which helps the immune system fight off invading bacteria and viruses and is key to optimal immune function. Foods containing zinc include red meat, seafood, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, oysters, poultry, beans, nuts, whole grains, and some fortified cereals.

Stefura also says that minimizing your intake of sugar, processed foods, and alcohol, as well as managing stress and getting enough sleep is key to boosting your immune system.

"Lack of sleep contributes to a variety of health concerns, including a weakened immune system," she writes. "Seven to nine hours is recommended each day for adults, and children need eight to fourteen hours depending on their age."

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

USDA, NASA SIGN AGREEMENT TO IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL, EARTH SCIENCE RESEARCH

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and NASA have signed a memorandum of understanding aimed at strengthening their long-standing partnership on space-based assets benefitting life on Earth.

The agreement brings together NASA's experience with technology development and space-borne Earth

science measurements and USDA's scientific experience and knowledge of agricultural production, resource conservation, food security and safety, and forests and working lands.

USDA and NASA will explore research gaps of importance to the agricultural community that could be addressed through innovative Earth observation systems and technologies developed over the next decade. The collaboration also will address recommendations made in the 2017 National Academies' Earth Science Decadal Survey.

"As we've seen over the past 100 years, increasing innovation in agriculture is limitless," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. "This partnership between USDA and NASA will bring together the best research, science, and technology we have to offer to help produce more food to feed the growing world. We are continuing an already great collaborative effort to utilize space-based technologies across sectors and into agriculture."

"When we combine re-

search on the International Space Station with the amazing capabilities that Earth observation provides, I believe that NASA, in partnership with USDA, could transform farming and bolster agricultural production in ways we can't even imagine today," said NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine. "Microgravity research can unlock secrets in a wide variety of fields, and I'm particularly excited about our agency's potential impact on next-generation agricultural techniques."

The agreement also will leverage USDA's connections with the agricultural community and the global marketplace.

The partnership outlined

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in the agreement will benefit a variety of Earth and space-based goals, including activities in support of NASA's Artemis program, which will land the first woman and the next man on the Moon and establish sustainable exploration with our commercial and international partners. Plant-related research on the International Space Station, and other space or ground platforms, may lead to creative new ways to improve American and global agriculture, protect the environment, and contribute to better human health.

In addition, the agencies collaborate on education and communication activities to inspire youth in America to pursue careers in STEM and agriculture through the National Science and Technology Council's Committee on STEM Education.

For more information about NASA's Earth science activities, visit: www.nasa.gov/earth

LATTA CALLS FOR PERMANENT CHANGE AND INVESTIGATION OF USPS MICHIGAN METROPLEX FACILITY

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) penned two letters, one to Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY12) and Ranking Member James Comer (R-KY1) of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform and another to USPS Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer Louis DeJoy.

The letters request a formal Congressional inquiry into the mail processing operations of the USPS Michigan Metroplex facility in Pontiac, Michigan, and a permanent transfer of processing duties for Northwest Ohio's mail from the Metroplex to a mail processing facility within the State of Ohio.

The local postal carriers and the people who work to deliver the mail do a great job, but unfortunately, for years, the United States Postal Service (USPS) Michigan Metroplex Facility has failed to reliably deliver mail, including bills and absentee ballots, to residents of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District.

"For too long, the Michigan Metroplex has failed in its duty to provide adequate mail processing services for my constituents in Northwest Ohio," wrote Latta. "... Consequentially, the lack of dependable mail delivery services has resulted in late billing payments and penalties for constituents, delays in local judicial proceedings, reputational and monetary harm to small businesses, and the violation of the right to vote,

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to name a few."

"I have tried to bring these concerns to the attention of USPS officials, including in Michigan, Northern Ohio, and Washington, D.C., with the hope that they could be addressed and remedied; unfortunately, the responses I have received over the years have been mixed at best," Latta continued. "On behalf of my constituents in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, I respectfully request that the House Committee on Oversight and Reform launch an investigation into this matter and work to ensure that USPS is being proactive in addressing mail delivery issues brought forward by Members of Congress."

Since 2011, Congressman Latta has held calls with the Postmaster General, brought in USPS officials for meetings, and visited mail processing centers in Ohio and Michigan.

In October 2016, Congressman Latta was made aware of significant delays in the delivery of absentee ballots before the 2016 general election. Over the following weeks and months, he pushed for answers as to why hundreds of ballots were delayed, and in some instances, lost all together. The problems were traced back to the USPS Michigan Metroplex Facility in Pontiac, Michigan.

In April 2017, following up on these inquiries, Congressman Latta traveled to the Michigan Metroplex Facility to inspect their operations and receive a briefing. At the time, USPS officials made assurances that the facility's performance would be improved and new absentee ballot procedures would be implemented.

Despite these assurances, mail issues persisted in Northwest Ohio, leading Congressman Latta to pen

a letter to the Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer of the United States Postal Service in June 2020 to request a formal inquiry into the possibility of transferring the mail processing responsibilities for Northwest Ohio from the USPS Michigan Metroplex Facility to either the Cleveland Mail Processing Plant or the Columbus Mail Processing Plant.

The Congressman did receive a response to that letter stating no formal inquiry into the possibility of transferring the mail processing responsibilities from Pontiac to either Cleveland or Columbus will be made.

At the beginning of August, Congressman Latta sent residents of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District an online survey asking his constituents to share if they experience delays or challenges receiving their mail. 3,015 constituents marked they have experienced such hardships, which represents 85.9% of all people who responded to the survey.

Later that month, Congressman Latta led a bicameral letter urging the USPS to protect Ohioans' constitutional right to vote. After discussions between Congressman Latta and the USPS, the USPS ordered Northwest Ohio mail to be sent to the Mail Processing Plant in Cleveland instead of the Metroplex facility in Pontiac, Michigan through the 2020 election. According to information provided to Congressman Latta's office, USPS Headquarters has said that they diverted Ohio mail normally bound for the Metroplex Sorting Facility to the Cleveland facility from September 16, 2020 through November 14, 2020.

During this period, constituents of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District observed noticeable improvements in

the delivery of their mail. However, since November 14, 2020, delays and delivery hardships have persisted, and will continue to do so if permanent changes are not made.

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Officer Dodge noticed that several of the roots were extremely small, and the suspect admitted to harvesting undersized plants with less than three prongs. When asked for identification, the suspect did not have a driver license. The suspect was issued a summons for failing to keep ginseng harvest records, and issued a warning for harvesting ginseng with less than three prongs. The suspect had to leave the vehicle on the property and get a ride home because he did not have driving privileges, and the vehicle was not registered. The suspect pleaded not guilty and later failed to show up for his scheduled pre-trial. A warrant for the suspect's arrest has been issued and the case is still pending in the Hocking County Municipal Court.

State Wildlife Officer Matt VanCleve, assigned to Pike County, was on patrol during the deer-gun hunting season when he saw several people fishing below the Lake White spillway. Officer VanCleve noticed several anglers catching saugeye. Some of the best fishing of the year happens during the fall and winter months for cool-water species such as saugeye and muskie. Saugeye are stocked annually in Lake White, and more than 100,000 fingerlings have been stocked since 2017 after the dam renovations were complete.

Southwest Ohio – Wildlife District Five

Sudoku solution from page 13

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6	3	2	9	7	9	8	1	2
8	9	1	3	6	2	7	2	9
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During the Memorial Day weekend, State Wildlife Officers Houston Wireman and Eric Lamb, and State Wildlife Investigator Kevin Behr worked a sport fish and litter enforcement project in Clermont County around Stone Lick State Park. Nineteen anglers were contacted, with one summons issued for fishing without a license. The individual paid \$135 in fines and court costs in the Clermont County Municipal Court.

Sometimes the Ohio Division of Wildlife has extra quantities of wild game or fish, and staff members do their best to make sure the meat goes to food pantries or other good causes. Recently, nearly 700 pounds of venison was donated to shelters and food pantries in southwest Ohio. Wildlife officers made the donations at the FISH Pantry in Xenia and Kings Food Pantry in South Lebanon. In instances where the meat cannot be used for human consumption, staff looks for other ways to put it to good use. This was the case when 200 pounds of venison and wild turkey were donated to the Brukner Nature Center after the items were forfeited to the state following illegal harvests by wildlife poachers. The wild game helps feed animals in the care of the center.

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from the children and staff of the
Woodburn Christian Children's Home!

So much of what we do at the Woodburn Christian Children's Home can be understood through the idea of planting seeds.

When families call WCCH, our goal is to plant the seed of God's faithfulness and transformative love. We also plant the idea that each child is valuable – filled with purpose and potential, never beyond God's reach. These seeds of thought result in hope that grow despite the struggles of life.

For example, one year ago Aleya, a 3rd grader, joined our WCCH family. As with most of the children at WCCH, Aleya struggled academically. This area of her life caused frustration and shame; she felt like a failure. However, one year later, and with a lot of hard work, Aleya earned honor roll and good behavior awards. The seeds of hope we planted, are growing with God's power. May God receive all the glory!



"Throughout the year, your gifts provide clothing, nutritional food, educational tutoring, life skill education, Christian counseling, and a safe Christian home to children in need. Your partnership also enables WCCH to maintain core values such as providing a home to children regardless of their ability to pay and accepting only private funding through voluntary donations (no government funding).

"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..." (Philippians 1:4).

You make possible the ministry provided to children and families at the Woodburn Christian Children's Home – thank you.

Joe Heins, Executive Director

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- Become a monthly financial supporter of WCCH by giving online at wcchonline.org
- Complete a work project (painting, general cleaning, repairs on houses and vehicles, organizing pantry, grounds upkeep)
- Take a short-term mission trip to WCCH
- Assist the office with administrative tasks
- Collect essential pantry items (including chicken, beef and pork)
- Provide time off for houseparents by volunteering within our respite program
- Spend time with the WCCH children playing games or learning life skills
- Host an on-grounds picnic and recreational time for WCCH children
- Volunteer at the annual benefit golf outing (and/or join the organizational committee)
- Volunteer at the annual benefit auction (and/or join the organizational committee)
- Become a "challenge church"
- Become a WCCH promotional volunteer within your local church or business
- Consider becoming a full or part time ministry staff member at WCCH (houseparent couple, associate houseparent, tutor, maintenance, counselor, etc.)

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