

PAULDING VETERAN'S MEMORIAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA ANNUAL CEREMONY



The Paulding Veteran's Memorial Wreaths Across America committee comprised of Linda McCain, Leigh Ann and Tom Matthews, John Daeger, and Anne Reinhart, appreciates the VFW Post 587 and Dan Wilder for all the help they provided for the annual ceremony held December 19, 2020 at St Paul Cemetery. We also thank the Paulding Sheriff's Department, Paulding High School FFA, Boy Scout Troop 315 for saying the pledge and laying wreaths, the Girl Scouts and everyone else who came out to lay wreaths.

We are ever amazed at the support we receive from the community and the outstanding job you have done. We had a total of 774 wreaths this year and look forward to growing bigger next year. This year's slogan was "Be an American worth fighting for".

From December 19, 2020 - January 15, 2021 Wreaths Across America will match any donation we receive. Wreaths Across America's core mission is Remember,

Honor, and Teach. Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve and their families, and Teach the future generations about the sacrifices made to preserve our freedoms. You can learn more about Wreaths Across America on their website www.wreathscrossamerica.org or contact Linda McCain at 419-670-2659.

PAULDING COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT DISTRIBUTES COVID-19 VACCINES

PAULDING — Paulding County Health Department has plans in place for distributing the first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines that have arrived.

PCHD was taking appointments for COVID-19 Vaccination for person's in Phase 1B -- Ohioans 65 and older; and/or those living with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders, but now is on hold until February due to overwhelming response. Ex-

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PAULDING HALL OF FAME APPLICATION

The Paulding Athletic Hall of Fame committee is accepting applications for the 21st induction class into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Applications can be found on the athletics page of the school website (pauldingschools.org) and can be sent to the Paulding Athletic Department, 405 N Water St, Paulding, OH 45879. Deadline to turn in applications is January 31, 2021.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sky Schooley and Zach Timbrook welcomed Kaylee Nichole Timbrook to the family.

Grandparents are: James Schooley and Teresa Schindler, Defiance, OH; Scott Timbrook and Jason and Jennie Saylor, Sherwood, OH.

Great grandparents are: Alice Schooley and Rusell and Patricia Hayden, Defiance, OH; Billie Jean Jackson and the late Jay Jackson, Columbus, OH.

Thank you for making The West Bend News your newspaper of choice!

NORTHWEST OHIO CASA SWEARS IN EIGHT NEW VOLUNTEERS



Pictured are: CASA volunteers Andrea Schlueter, Diane Wieland-Gerber, Heidi Schlatter, Jennifer Porter, Jessica Porter-Pennington, Kerry Gudakunst, Patricia Ferrell, and Rhonda Bakle; Desirae Eisenman, Northwest Ohio CASA Executive Director; Jessica Robbins, Northwest Ohio CASA Defiance and Paulding County Advocate Coordinator; Tiffany Beckman, Paulding County Common Pleas Court Judge; and Michael Wehrkamp, Paulding County Juvenile Court Judge. *Story continues on page 4.*

PAULDING COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERS COVID-19 VACCINES TO PHASE 1A



Amber Gochenour, nursing director at PCHD is given her vaccine by fellow PCHD nurse, Barb VanArsdalen.

Paulding County Health Department administered their first doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine today, December 30, 2020, to individuals in phase 1a of the Ohio Department of Health Covid-19 vaccination program. Included in day 1 of administration were several members of Paulding EMS, and PCHD nursing staff,

Amber Gochenour and Barbara VanArsdalen.

"The Vaccine is not going to be the answer to this pandemic. It is people getting vaccinated that will combat the virus." Ed Bohn

"Getting my COVID-19 vaccine is important to me because I believe it is the best way for me to love and protect not only myself, but my family, friends, co-workers, and my community during this time." Amber Gochenour, RN, Nursing Director.

"I chose to get my COVID-19 vaccine because I want to protect myself, the community, and the ones I love", said Barbara VanArsdalen, RN.

Phase 1a includes health-care workers and personnel

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Community Calendar

- 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 10**
 - Cecil Community Church Hymn Sing 6pm
- January 13**
 - Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Meeting 5:30pm 813 Frankling St, Van Wert
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm
- January 14**
 - Antwerp Conservation Club Meeting - 7pm
- January 17**
 - Cecil Community Church Family Game Night & Cookie Bake
- January 24**
 - Cecil Community Church Infidel movie at 6pm
- January 20**
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm
- January 31**
 - Cecil Community Church Concert & Refreshments movie at 6pm

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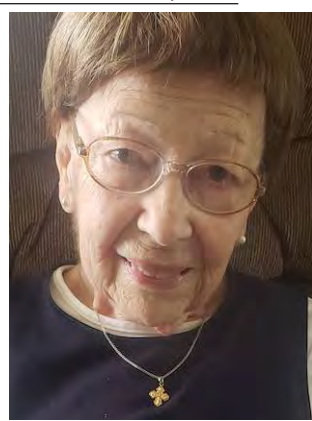
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OBITUARIES



ST. JOE, IN

Shirley Jane Anderson De-Long Shull, 93, of St. Joe Indiana passed on Monday, December 21, 2020 at her daughter Martha's residence. Born in Antwerp, Ohio, on June 1, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Samuel Nelson Anderson and Edith Catherine (Bickhard) Anderson. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Cleatus William DeLong (1955), second husband, Richard Charles Shull (2008), sister, Lois Fleck (2010) and daughter, Beth Keller (2016). She is survived by her children, Cleatus Catherine (Ivan) Sherman of Noblesville, Indiana and Martha Jane (Melvin) Steury of St. Joe, Indiana; seven grandchildren, Lonny (Shiryl) Meyer of Danville, Brian (Peggy) Meyer of New Haven, Scott Keller of Fort Wayne, Jan Keller (Zach) Hulbert of St. Joe, Megan Keller (Kurt) Lehman of Fort Wayne, Mark Steury of Fort Wayne, Ben Steury of St. Joe, and step-grandchildren Cyndi (Mike) Renn of Plain City, Ohio and Nancy (Mike) Ireland of Lafayette; 16 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Shirley grew up in Antwerp and graduated from Antwerp High School. Her mother, Edith, worked at the Bee-Argus newspaper and Shirley could be found there helping with linotype. She also worked in Washington, DC as a file clerk, at GE and also Wayne Pumps in Fort Wayne, Indiana before she became a homemaker raising three daughters and helping her second husband, Richard, on the farm. In her spare time, Shirley was a voracious reader and accomplished bowler participating in dozens of leagues and tournaments. When she was no longer able to join her bowling pals at the allies, she became a master at Wii Bowling, rolling nearly 200 perfect games. She was an amazing seamstress and used her talents to sew anything from curtains to clothes, to stuffed animals, and in her later years she sewed clothes for missions in Africa and blankets for local charities. She loved watching sports, especially when it was one of her grandchildren or great-grandchildren at the local ball diamond, a nearby bowling tournament, volleyball, soccer, or basketball game. She was also passionate about the Indiana Hoosiers and Indianapolis Colts, and watched Jeopardy every chance she got. She received her 50 Year Member Pin in the Order of Eastern Star - Spencer-ville, IN Chapter. Per her wishes, there will not be a service or memorial. www.dooleyfuneralhome.com



PAULDING, OH
Rosemarie Reinhart age 93 died Friday, January 1, 2021 at the Gardens of Paulding.

She was born August 28, 1927 to the late Leo and Lois (Ritz) Walz in Defiance. She married Robert Reinhart on August 30, 1952 at St. John's Church in Defiance, and was employed in the office of J.C. Penneys until she joined her husband in England and Scotland in October of 1952. They returned to Paulding in 1954. She then worked at Reinhart Chevrolet for a short time. She was secretary for the former St. Joseph Catholic Church rectory for 16 years and a clerk for the Paulding Library for 17 years. Rosemarie was a member of the Paulding County Hospital Auxiliary/Bargain Bin.

She is survived by her children, Chris (Cindy) Reinhart and Kathy (Melvyn Buck) Wherry; grandchildren, Ryan (Emily) and Courtney Reinhart, Wendel (Mallory) and Brandon Wherry; and great granddaughter, Lyndsey.

Rosemarie is preceded in death by her husband, Bob, and son-in-law, Mark Wherry.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10 AM Wednesday, January 6 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding. She will be laid to rest in Paulding Memorial Cemetery. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, masks and social distancing are required.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations made to Masses or Bargain Bin.

Friends may send condolences and fond memories to www.denherderfh.com

Den herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER FUNDS AVAILABLE

Paulding County has been awarded federal funds made available through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). EFSP is a federally funded grant program that is administered by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Paulding County will receive \$8,216 for Phase 38 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in Paulding County.

A local board will determine how the funds awarded to Paulding County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter

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Barb VanArsdalen, PCHD nurse, is given her vaccine by PCHD nursing director, Amber Gochenour.

who are routinely involved in the care of COVID-19 patients; residents and staff at nursing homes, residents and staff at assisted living facilities, patients and staff at state psychiatric hospitals, people with intellectual disabilities and those with mental illness, who live in group homes or centers and staff at those locations, res-



David Foltz, Paulding County EMS coordinator, is given his vaccine by PCHD nurse, Barb VanArsdalen.



Tammy Klein, Paulding Co EMS, is given her vaccine by PCHD nurse, Barb VanArsdalen.

idents and staff at our Ohio veterans' homes, EMS responders. Phase 1 of the vaccinations is limited and not available for the general public.

The Moderna vaccine is being used under the EUA of the CDC - Emergency Use Authorization. It is a 2-dose series given 28 days apart from Dose 1 to Dose 2.



Ed Bohn, Paulding County EMS & Paulding County EMA director, is given his vaccine by PCHD nurse, Barb VanArsdalen.

programs run by local service agencies. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must:

- Be privately voluntary non-profits or units of government
- Have an accounting system
- Practice nondiscrimination
- Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food or shelter programs
- If they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Lora Lyons at 419-399-8240 or pcwdirector@gmail.com to request an application. The deadline for applications to be received is January 11th by 3:00 p.m.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
I was reading in Proverbs and came across the following verse, "He that troubleth his own house shall inherit

Ingredients of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are the following: messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA), lipids (SM-102, polyethylene glycol [PEG] 2000 dimyristoyl glycerol [DMG], cholesterol, and 1, 2-distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine [DSPC]), tromethamine, tromethamine hydrochloride, acetic acid, sodium acetate, and sucrose.

PCHD urges all Ohioans to keep doing their part to fight the COVID pandemic. Please continue to properly wear your mask, avoid touching your face, wash your hands frequently, and avoid social gatherings. Watch for more information regarding the next phases of COVID vaccine availability.

the wind" (Proverbs 11:29). What does it mean by "inherit the wind?" And what does the word "suretiship" mean in Proverbs 11:15?

The word "wind" in that passage means that which is worthless or empty. In other words, someone who is constantly sinning against his own family is likely to be left out when it comes time for his inheritance. The wind is all he will end up with.

The word "suretiship" in Proverbs 11:15 means to strike a deal whereby you become a guaranty or pledge for someone else's debt. Today we would call it co-signing. The Lord also warns against it in Proverbs 6:1-5 and 22:26.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

KIDS' KORNER

Hi, again! I hope your celebration of Jesus' birth was filled with excitement and joy. You know, that celebration isn't just for one day each year, but for every day!

For last weeks quiz, who told Mary that she would give birth to the Savior? It was the angel Gabriel. Gabriel figures prominently in several biblical accounts. He always brings good news.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

— Micah 6:8

Who told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus? At first it was an angel, and then many angels. It was a great and marvelous event that they announced, and so it was very appropriate that there should be many of them telling the good news to the shepherds.

What did the shepherds do when they heard that good news? They went to see for themselves, and then they went through all the surrounding land, excitedly telling all of what they had seen and heard.

That's just the thing we should be doing, too. Go and tell the good news that Jesus has come into the world to save us from the guilt of our sins.

Speaking of angels, when an angel appeared to Peter in prison, how did he wake him? That's the quiz for next week. See you next then!

Pastor Tim
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PRISON TO PRAISE

By: Doris Applegate

Anyone still in lock down may feel that you are in a prison, but you are NOT "locked out" of the love that Jesus Christ has for you.

"Prison" can give us time to think and consider where our life choices have taken us. We read where the Apostle Paul was a religious man who knew the law of Moses "to a T" and persecuted the church of Jesus Christ believing "that" way was wrong. God had to knock him off his high horse and blinded him to "jar" his thinking into the new and truth way. After seeing the living and being born again, Paul "landed" in prison for preaching the very thing he once put people in prison and killed. What could have seemed like a horrible lock down to Paul, was really the very place that God wanted him. Here he was in a cold, musty prison cell in chains with plenty of time to write all of the wonderful revelations given to him by God for all of the people of God.

Other Christians were less fearful of prison as they saw the example set by Paul and were more bold to also preach the good news of Jesus Christ. Our prisons can be a good thing if it helps us to think and consider our "ways" and where God our Father wants us to be and to do. If we are born again believers of the Lord Jesus, we "know that ALL things work out for Good because we love the Lord and follow Him." If a person is NOT a born again believer, lock down can be a great time to think of God and even change our ways.

I love the saying: "This, too, will pass" Our trials don't last forever. God allows them for a time to see how we will "read." Will we draw closer to God and His will for our prideful mindset and not grow? I read a book on people who were in prison, tortured and persecuted who only wanted their persecutors saved and come to know God.

Wherever you are today during this time of "pain", here is a wonderful song to reflect on: "Take the name of Jesus with you child of sorrow, fear and woe, it will joy and comfort give you; take it then, where 'ere you go (or in prison). Precious name, oh so sweet, hope of earth and joy of Heaven, precious name (Jesus) Oh, so sweet, hope of earth and joy of Heaven. Yes, we can be happy and blessed wherever we are when Jesus is with us."

Amen

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PAULDING COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities. MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as other community members without healthcare backgrounds. MRC units engage these volunteers as well as local and state level partners to strengthen public health, improve emergency response capabilities, and build community resiliency.

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ME AND MY HONEY

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker
Approximately the end of October and also close to my birthday, I decided I wanted anything or someone to take care of.

I have always tried to "mother" everything and everybody. Since my kids were all grown, I had this overwhelming desire to get me a pet of some kind, so I could have something to be with me and help fulfill my need to care for something.

My answer came in the form of a little Ragdoll kitten. Ragdolls are noted for their long fur, cuddles, playing and sleeping.

My kitty was a little boy who I named Honey. I thought Honey would be scared in his new surroundings, but, he was not frightened at all, just very curious.

Honey is a very loveable baby cat and loves to be in the middle of everything.

If I change or move anything in the house, he has to check it out and give his approval.

If a door to a room or a cupboard door is left open, you can bet Honey will make a mad dash to get through that door and get to what's on the other side.

It is always daunting to make sure a kitty or any pet eats and enjoys their food.

The very first night, I fed Honey his dinner on a paper plate. He seemed to enjoy his food. The next day I got him out a nice ceramic bowl to eat from and alas, he would not eat. Was it the food? The color of the bowl?

The next day I put his food back on a paper plate and he ate it. He knew he wanted to eat off of a plain old paper plate.

He found his litter pan and then one of the very first things he did was crawl up onto my keyboard.

The keyboard didn't impress him at all, so I turned it on, played a tune and proceeded to sing.

Well Honey must not like

good old country music, because he gave me a sly look and hid in a box. I was hoping he would sing or at least meow along.

This little cat has its own personality and seems to know what he wants and when he wants it.

Wanting to dress my cute kitty up for Halloween, I got him a bow tie with pumpkins on it. After struggling to get the tie on him, he bit the bow, walked funny and wanted no part of that nice looking tie.

I want to buy him a little hat, but I don't know if he would even leave it on.

Honey loves following me around the house watching while I do household chores.

He likes to wait outside the bathroom door whenever any one uses it and will wait patiently till they are done.

Honey has really kept me company during this pandemic.

He doesn't care if I wear my pjs all day, if I don't put on makeup or even if I comb my hair. He still climbs up on my lap for some cuddles.

He is growing really fast and I had to get him a bigger litter box. Our next big step is going back to the vet, getting another shot and some surgery to help him leave the gals alone.

No, this cat is not a child or a person, but he has brought me a lot of joy and love. Thank God for our pets.

Do you have a pet? Do they bring you a sense of love and responsibility? Would you ever name a cat "Honey?"

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



WHAT MY MAMA NEVER TOLD ME

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker
There are certain words that every Mom has spoken to her child at one time or another. There are such things as: "Don't pick your nose," "Put on your hat and gloves," "Clean up your room," "Close the door," "Wipe your feet," "Be careful," "Close your

mouth when you chew," and of course, "Don't talk to strangers."

One of my bad habits when growing up was sneaking outside without a coat. Another bad habit I had was getting home too late and of course I always did fight with my little brother. However, as we grew older, I began dating and my dates would give my brother who would always act up, a dollar to "just go somewhere."

A lot of Moms pass on helpful hints to her children and they tend to follow Mom's tendencies. In fact, my Mama always sat on the floor to beat her fudge. She said it made the fudge "set up." Now I do not practice that habit or idea, but hey, it always worked for her.

There are still some things I do today that has been passed on from generation to generation. These are mostly tips on what to do and what not to do in certain weather. Granny said that if you baked a cake and it was raining the cake would fall. She also believed that you should always put baking soda in soup beans. She thought dandelion greens should be pickled, cooked and eaten, and "yes they were good."

I am a Mama to four children; 10 grandchildren and 5 1/2 great grandchildren. I hope that by this time I have passed something on to them that they will remember. As I was reading the other day, I ran into an article about some things that perhaps your mother never told you. Trust me some of these I did not know:

Did you know?
If you pull your bananas apart when you get home from the store, they will not ripen as fast. So don't leave them on the stem.

Wrap your unused cheese in aluminum foil. It is said that it will remain fresher longer

Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking

To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream in and then beat them

For a cool brownie treat, make brownies as directed. Melt Andes mints in double broiler and pour over warm brownies. Let set for a wonderful minty frosting.

Here is a good one. Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if you want a stronger taste of garlic. That I did not know.

Leftover snickers bars make a delicious dessert. Simply chop them up with the food chopper. Peel, core and slice a few apples. Place them in a baking dish and sprinkle the chopped candy bars over the apples. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes!!! Serve alone or with vanilla ice cream. Yumm

To reheat pizza:
Heat up leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove, set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy microwave pizza. By the way, I saw this on the cooking channel and it really works.

For easy deviled eggs:
Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, re-seal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done easy clean up

Expanding Frosting:
When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat less sugar and calories per eating.

Reheating refrigerated bread:
To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

Newspaper weeds away... (don't use the West Bend):
Start putting in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, put layers around the plants overlapping as you go. Cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic they will not get through wet newspapers.

Broken Glass:
Use a wet cotton ball or Q-tip to pick up the small shards of glass you can't see easily.

No More Mosquitoes:
Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away

To keep squirrels from eating your plants, sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it.

Flexible vacuum:
To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing panty hose. Place pin in seam of slacks and ... guess what! ... static is gone.

Measuring Cups:
Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, an watch it

How easily it comes right out. (Or spray the measuring cup or spoon with Pam before using)

Hate foggy windshields?
Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth Re-opening envelopes

If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Viola! It unseals easily

Conditioner:
Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought but didn't like when you tried it in your hair. This one i have never tried and my Mama never told me
Goodbye Fruit Flies:

To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass, fill it 1/2' with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid; mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

Get Rid of Ants:
Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it 'home,' can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

The cornmeal I have tried for ants and it does work, but there are so many things my Mama never told me. Maybe she did not know or maybe I just didn't listen.

These tips seem logical and I have tried a few of them. If you try any or have tried any, let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.



ANTWERP NATIVE KIRK SLUSHER, PE, JOINS MANNIK & SMITH GROUP

Kirk M. Slusher, PE, has joined the The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. (MSG) as a Transportation Project Manager. Slusher recently retired from a 34-year career with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and plans to continue his focus in the consulting community on providing safe and efficient transportation system planning and design. He most recently served as Deputy Director in ODOT District 1 in Lima and as Assistant Director of Field Operations in ODOT Central Office.

Slusher grew up in Antwerp and earned his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Ohio Northern University.

"As our clients begin to plan for their post-Covid economy, we believe it is important to continue to offer them the knowledge and experience needed to work with funding programs aimed at infrastructure improvements," explained Steve Bergman, PE, Vice President and Director of MSG's Ohio Transportation Group. "Kirk

offers considerable insight into the practicality and long-term success of roadway, bridge and related transportation projects," he added.

Slusher adds to MSG's strong group of professionals as the company continues to grow into one of the leading transportation engineering firms in the Midwest.

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MRC units prepare for and respond to natural disasters, such as wildfires, hurricanes, tornados, blizzards, and floods, as well as other emergencies affecting public health, such as disease outbreaks.

What would I do as a Volunteer?

Paulding County MRC volunteers have helped with flu clinics, tornado and flood response. Volunteers have also helped with non-emergency activities. Both medical and non-medical volunteers are essential with every mission.

How do I join Paulding County MRC?

Get Registered. The first step is to sign up at OhioResponds (<https://ohioresponds.odh.ohio.gov>). This is Ohio's volunteer registration system and provides a way to send notices to volunteers and gives liability protection for the agency and volunteers.

Get Trained. Next, for the safety and efficiency, volunteers must view basic training videos before their application is accepted.

1. Create an account on MRC TRAIN (www.train.org/MRC)

2. Link Paulding County MRC to your MRC TRAIN account:

Log on to MRC TRAIN, click on your name in the top right, then select Your Profile
On the Manage Groups screen, enter 467 into the Join by Group Code field.

Click the blue Join Button
Click Save on the top right to complete the process.

3. Complete the following mandatory training:

MRC Volunteer Deployment Readiness: Pre-Deployment Course (20 minutes) MRC Train#1086867

MRC Volunteer Deployment Readiness: Deployment and Post-Deployment Course (20 minutes) MRC Train#1086868

4. Email the Paulding County Health Department once you have completed the training at pchd@pcohhd.com

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

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2020 EDITION OF STATE-WIDE WATERSHED NUTRIENT STUDY RELEASED

The study, required to be issued every two years under House Bill 64 (passed in 2015), examines phosphorus and other nutrients from agricultural and other nonpoint sources, municipal and industrial wastewater systems, and home sewage treatment systems, which make up the majority of nutrient sources. The study encompasses 11 watersheds across the state, which drain 66 percent of Ohio's land area: Cedar-Toussaint, Cuyahoga, Great Miami, Huron, Maumee, Muskingum, Old Woman Creek, Portage, Sandusky, Scioto, and Vermilion. This includes a more detailed study of the Huron and Old Woman Creek Lake Erie watersheds than in the previous reports.

Highlights from the 2020 report include:

Averaged over the last five years, the largest annual nonpoint sources of phosphorus were in the Maumee and Scioto river watersheds.

Nutrient loads from point sources (wastewater treatment plants plus home sewage systems) were higher in the Ohio River basin than the Lake Erie basin.

The watersheds with the highest nonpoint source contribution of phosphorus and nitrogen had the highest proportion of land area dedicated to agricultural production. The highest nonpoint yields were in Northwest Ohio where nearly 80 percent of the land area is used for agriculture.

The increased nonpoint source loads in 2019 further document that hydrology, especially due to wet weather drives a large share of the nutrient loads.

Substantial state and federal dollars, including Governor DeWine's H2Ohio Plan, continue to be allocated to nutrient reduction efforts to address both point and nonpoint sources in many of the watersheds referenced in the report, especially those in the Western Lake Erie basin.

Launched by Governor Mike DeWine in 2019, H2Ohio is a collaborative water quality effort to provide clean and safe water to Ohio. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and Ohio Lake Erie Commission each has a significant role in H2Ohio through the natural infrastructure of wetlands, the reduction in nutrient runoff,

and increasing access to clean drinking water and quality sewer systems. To learn more, go to h2.ohio.gov.

Monitoring programs are tracking potential water quality improvements from these nutrient management practices.

The nutrient study results will assist the state in identifying the most environmentally beneficial and cost-effective legislative, policy, and financial mechanisms to reduce phosphorus and other nutrients affecting state waters. The study aids in tracking progress to goals established by the 2012 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and the Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force 2001 Action Plan.

MEDIACOM COMMUNICATIONS COMMITS \$100,000 TO COMBAT HUNGER

Mediacom Communications announced that on behalf of its employees, the company is contributing \$100,000 to a network of community food banks to help families in need of food assistance.

The cash donations will be made directly to organizations connected to the Feeding America network including \$10,000 contributions to both the Food Bank of Iowa and the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley. Iowa is the state with Mediacom's largest number of employees and customers, and New York's Hudson Valley is home to the company's corporate offices.

"The COVID pandemic has put tremendous strain on our Nation, and so many American families are struggling to put food on the table in these difficult times," said Mediacom Founder, Chairman and CEO, Rocco B. Comisso. "As a company, we are fortunate to serve 1,500 small and mid-sized cities and towns across 22 states. I know I speak for all of our employees when I say how important it is to help our friends and neighbors in these communities during their time of need."

According to data from Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization, 1 in 6 Americans face food insecurity due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to its food bank contribution, Mediacom in recent months quadrupled company resources used to help low-income families with K-12 students receive home internet service. The program, Connect2Compete, is available in all Media-

com service areas to provide low-cost internet access for virtual learning. In addition, Mediacom recently signed onto the K-12 Bridge to Broadband initiative to help school districts close digital gaps among student families.

IS SOIL HEALTH REAL?

Skeptics of soil health abound in agriculture. After World War II, farmers became reliant on inorganic fertilizer to improve crop yields. Soil organic matter (SOM) levels were still high, so an investment in fertilizer gave big yields. Today, most soils have lost 50-80% SOM, so it takes more fertilizer and environmental problems are getting worse. With improved genetics, crop yields continue to climb but at a much slower rate than most scientist predict. Soil pests like weeds, insects, and diseases continue to persist. While yields have improved, the nutrient density or mineral and vitamin content of our food is much lower than it was in the 1950's. Fertilizer, genetics, and new technology (all man-made innovations) have a limited ability to improve our food supply without Mother nature's help from microbes recycling nutrients and sequestering soil carbon. Improving soil health is all about using all our resources (man-made and natural) to enhance crop productivity.

Farmers should want to optimize nutrient cycling, not maximize it. Most farmers are maximizing how much nitrogen and phosphorus they apply, hoping for maximum yields. The result is unfortunately a nutrient efficiency rate of about 30-50% on nitrogen (N) and 10-50% on phosphorus (P). Optimizing N and P and most other micro-nutrients requires healthy soils with diverse microbes and carbon sequestration (SOM). Soil erosion, water quality and inefficient nutrient cycling are biological problems related to unhealthy soils that lack microbial diversity and efficient carbon cycling. Modern agriculture has focused mainly on man-made innovations but future innovations will need to incorporate more natural solutions involving microbes and keeping green plants on the land year-round to improve carbon recycling and sequestration.

Keeping high levels of carbon and SOM in the soil is the key to improving soil and crop productivity while minimizing environmental problems related to soil erosion, water and air quality. Carbon is the most limiting soil element to maximizing photosynthesis and crop yields. Scientist estimate plants only have enough carbon dioxide (which comes from plant roots) for only 10-20% photosynthesis rate which occurs early in the morning. Without carbon, plants stop photosynthesizing. Carbon chelates or binds most minerals for crop production, so when the recycled carbon flow slows down, mineral release for crop production also slows down, limiting crop yields.

Most crop nutrients need to be in a reduced form not the oxidized form to be

CAROLING DURING COVID



The Grover Hill staff and students enjoyed a long-standing tradition, Christmas caroling. We

gathered in small spread out groups in the gym with each group singing just a couple of songs. An added thrill was

that we connected with the residents at the Country Inn Assisted Living via Google Meet!

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isting appointments will be filled.

The vaccines Paulding County received will be distributed locally in line with Ohio's Phase 1A plan for offering the first vaccines to health care workers, first responders and people who are at the greatest risk for severe illness. Vaccine recipients will include health care workers, EMS personnel and people with developmental disabilities who live in group settings.

The two vaccines that have been approved and recommended to prevent COVID-19 require two injections, with several weeks between them, before they begin to offer the best protection. The vaccines Paulding County received will be the first dose for those in the identified critical groups. A second dose will be delivered and administered in the future.

Paulding County expects to continue receiving regular vaccine shipments but doesn't yet know how long it will take to provide vaccines to everyone who wishes to receive them as part of Phase 1A. As Paulding County receives additional vaccine doses, PCHD will allocate them in the best ways to efficiently vaccinate the community. This process will continue to involve working with first responders and representatives of health-care organizations and long-term care facilities.

If you believe you are part of Phase 1A, one person from your organization should contact the health department and we will gather your initial information. Availability of vaccines will depend on future shipments from the state of Ohio. Please be patient, and the Health Department will contact you when more information is available.

COVID-19 vaccines are not yet available for the general public. As information becomes available about the next phases of vaccine distribution, it will be made public.

Accurate information about vaccines is important and can be found from the Ohio Department of Health (Coronavirus.Ohio.gov) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Coronavirus.gov).

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS STILL ABLE TO HELP FAMILIES AMID CHANGES

The coordinators of Christmas for Kids in Paulding County would like to express their gratitude for the financial support we received during this years campaign. Although we had to make many changes in the sponsoring of families this year, we were still able to provide

each family a \$25 Chief card for groceries. Each child received a \$50 gift card to Walmart. These blessings would not have been possible without the generosity of our wonderful communities in Paulding County.

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December 31, 2020 - Michael Wehrkamp, Paulding County Juvenile Court Judge, swore in eight new volunteers to act as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) in Paulding County on Monday, December 28, 2020.

To ensure the safety of those involved, volunteers swore or affirmed their oaths during a virtual ceremony. "We typically like to make this a big event and celebrate with friends and family. Due to COVID, we wanted to ensure everyone was safe. We are so proud and excited to have these new volunteers joining us," said Jessica Robbins, Defiance and Paulding County Advocate Coordinator for the CASA program.

The new volunteers are part of Northwest Ohio CASA, a non-profit program that expanded into Paulding County in September 2020. Northwest Ohio CASA trains community volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. These volunteers ensure the best interest of the child is met both in the courtroom and community. To do so, CASA volunteers work with case-workers from Job and Family Services, teachers, and family members, as well as meet with the child once a month to monitor case progress. The goals of a CASA volunteer are to ensure the voice of a child is heard in court and to help work towards family reunification or a safe, permanent placement.

Bringing a CASA program to Paulding County was a goal of Judge Wehrkamp's since he took office in 2017. Northwest Ohio CASA was able to expand into Paulding County through a grant provided by Ohio CASA. The CASA program is a national program in 49 states and serves over 270,000 children annually. Paulding County's newest volunteers join a large group of community members involved with Northwest Ohio CASA advocating for children.

"Our program had 44 active volunteers in 2020 serving in almost 1,800 hours of volunteer time across Defiance, Henry and Williams Counties. We now have 19 new volunteers joining Northwest Ohio CASA, including our 8 new volunteers in Paulding County," explained Desirae

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Antwerp Conservation Club

Event Schedule

January 14th - Monthly Meeting 7pm. We will be setting up our 2021 calendar of events.

• Annual scholarship forms are now available. They will be sent to the area schools guidance offices as well.

• Annual memberships Now available for 2021! Join for the first time or renew your membership now! Annual memberships run from Jan 1 - Dec 31.

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ZEKE

By: Stan Jordan
Previously ran 2/22/12
Tom's wife was a dizzy blonde. She was going to make Tom an angel food cake. The recipe said to beat the 12 eggs separately. A neighbor was kind enough to loan her some extra bowls.

Tom wanted a fruit salad for dinner. The recipe said to serve without dressing. So Blondie didn't dress. Boy, was she surprised when Tom brought a friend home for dinner.

Blondie was going to have rice for dinner. It said to wash thoroughly before steaming the rice. She said it sounded silly but she took a bath anyway. It didn't seem to improve the rice at all.

Blondie found an easy recipe for cookies. It said to put all the ingredients in a bowl and heat it. She said something must be wrong here because when she got back things were just like when she left.

Blondie is going to surprise Tom. If he will buy a bigger oven she will surprise him with a Chocolate Moose. See ya!

ZEKE

By: Stan Jordan
Previously ran 3/21/12
The door bell rang and Blondie answered it. A workman complete with a tool box stood on the front porch. He said, "Madam, I am the piano tuner." The blonde said, "I didn't call for a piano tuner." The man replied, "I know

you didn't, but your neighbors did."

Blondie was driving south bound on Interstate 69. Her cell phone rang and it was her roommate warning her that she heard on the radio that a person was traveling going the wrong way on the highway. "So please be careful."

Blondie replied, "It's not one car, there's hundreds of them. See ya!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To all Paulding County residents, this is a reminder that the registration period for dogs is upon us. Registration/licensing of ALL dogs in the county is required! This includes big dogs, small dogs, inside dogs, outside dogs, hunting dog, companion dogs, city dogs, country dogs, black dogs, white dogs, brown dogs, etc.....You get my point. Every dog over 3 months of age must be registered/licensed.

Open registration period runs from December 1st through January 31st. For your convenience, registration/licensing can be done online through the Paulding County Auditors webpage, as well as through the US Postal Service or by utilizing the drop box at the east side doors courthouse. (include a

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HOMESCHOOLING: BENEFICIAL FOR CHILDREN



By: Cara McIntosh, age 13

Have you ever noticed that there are disadvantages to public school? For example, the kids are only around their parents and siblings maybe 4 hours each day, and much of that time is spent watching TV or playing video games. And some hardly pay attention to most subjects; they just learn enough to get by. But there are many different benefits to homeschooling. Although it may not seem like much fun or very easy, children are highly assisted by it.

For one thing, if I want to go on a family trip, I can bring my schoolwork with me and homeschool in the car! And if anybody gets done early, no problem. They can do fun stuff. Our family calls that 'free time.' It's nice that we still can go places and be flexible during the school year.

Another advantage is that a lot of kids behave better if their parents are around almost the entire time, which is the case with homeschooling. Of course, that's because they can get better disciplined. They get along better with their siblings, and they are not as fussy over the age difference among their friends. That means homeschooling not only affects one's academic life but their behavioral life, too.

It's like we have our own personal tutor because anytime we want, we can ask Mom questions about our schoolwork! And since she knows exactly what we're learning for our lessons, she can help us apply things like

math concepts to real life! Additionally, when a mom is the teacher, she relearns things that kinda fade away after school. It's more effective to learn this way than the typical school way.

All of these good reasons - a teacher all to yourself, better-behaved children, and 'car' schooling - are extremely helpful to your child's later life on top of their life still living at home. Who cares if it's challenging, or time consuming, or anything else? The point of teaching kids is not to leave them up to somebody else to take care of, but to "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." -Proverbs 22:6

RAIDERS, BIG GREEN SPLIT

Wayne Trace's junior high girls basketball teams split with Ottoville as the squads wrapped up the pre-Christmas portion of their schedule.

The Lady Raider eighth graders came up short in a 32-23 decision to the Big Green with Kathleen Stoller bucketing seven points for Wayne Trace. Harper Myers and Tianna Sinn both added five markers for the red, white and blue.

In seventh grade action, Wayne Trace cruised to a 41-14 win over Ottoville.

Lexi Moore topped the Lady Raider efforts with 16 points and Caroline Winans added nine markers. Torree Sinn and Caitlyn Mead each bucketed three points as well for Wayne Trace.

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

- Antwerp:** Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Subway, Antwerp Manor Assisted Living
- Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
- Cecil:** 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village
- Charloe:** Charloe Store
- Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
- Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid
- Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Valero Gas, Marathon
- Grover Hill:** Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop
- Hicksville:** Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway
- Melrose:** Morning Star Convenience Store
- 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, Gorrrell 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: Scott Post Office
- Van Wert:** CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video

INDIANA LOCATIONS

- Fort Wayne:** Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living
- Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
- Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank
- Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
- Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
- New Haven:** New Haven Tan McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS
- Woodburn:** Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop
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SECOND HALF DEFENSE LEADS TO LADY RAIDER WIN



Woodlan Junior Dakota Krohn is under the basket trying to get the ball to the board is held back by Wayne Trace sophomore Gracie Shepherd. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders put their defense clamps down in the second half to defeat Woodlan last Monday evening 40-35. Playing at home, the Raiders were down throughout most of the first half but used their defense in the second

half to hold the Warriors to just four points in each quarter to secure the win.

The Raiders, who had not played for nine days due to the holidays, managed to pick up their fourth win in a row to improve their season mark to 5-3 while their cross-state foe falls to 3-6.

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the lead 31-30 on a basket by Avah Smith. The Woodlan lead was short lived when Wayne Trace scored on two consecutive baskets from Shepherd and Katrina Stoller to put the Raiders on top 34-31 heading into the fourth quarter.

Slowly, in the fourth frame, the Raiders pulled away from their opponent following a Christina Graham three-pointer and a Katrina Stoller free throw. Holding a five-point lead 38-33, Rachel Stoller would again connect on a two-pointer to put the Raiders up by seven 40-33 before settling for the five-point win.

The Raiders placed two in double digits with Katrina Stoller and Gracie Shepherd each finishing with 11-points followed by Rachel Stoller with eight. Graham chipped in five and team mates Abby Moore adding three and Sydnee Sinn two. Wayne Trace connected on 16-47 from the floor for 34 percent and managed just 3-12 at the foul line for a 25 percent clip.

Scoring for the Lady Warriors was Avah Smith with 14 followed by Olivia Baumert with nine, Taylor Kneubuhler added eight and Dakota Krohn with 4. Woodlan shot 11-35 from the floor for 31 percent and 9-15 from the line for 60 percent. The Raiders grabbed 36 rebounds with the Warriors coming up with 35. In the turnover department the Raiders recorded 15 miscues to 13 for the Warriors.

PATRIOTS GET PAIR OF WINS

MONROEVILLE - The Heritage boys basketball team recorded their first two wins of the season in a three-game week as the Patriots recorded victories over South Adams and Fremont before falling to Norwell on Saturday.

Norwell led 13-9 at the end of one period but Heritage responded in the second stanza, outscoring the Knights 15-7 to take a 24-20 halftime advantage.

After the Patriots extended the margin to 40-34 at the end of three periods, the fourth quarter was all Norwell as the Knights doubled up Heritage 14-7 to rally for the 48-47 victory.

Luke Saylor bucketed 18 markers for the Patriots and Dalton Wasson also reached double digits with 13. Deontae Cobbins (four), Howie Kaiser (four), Leroy Lepper (three), Nyles Knapke (three) and Drew Lutz (two) completed the Patriot scorers.

Saylor also added six rebounds, two assists and two steals while Cobbins posted five rebounds and two steals. Wasson chipped in three boards, four assists and a pair of steals.

On Friday, Heritage defeated South Adams 69-61 in ACAC play.

Saylor led the way with 39 points for the Patriots, who led at every stop. Heritage took a 17-8 lead at the end of one period and posted a 32-26 halftime lead. The Patriots were on top 44-34 entering the final period.

Wasson chipped in 13 followed by Lepper (six), Knapke (six), Kaiser (two), Cobbins (two) and Lutz (one).

Saylor also hauled down 11 rebounds to complete the double-double while also totaling five assists and three

steals. Wasson brought down nine boards and dished out a pair of assists with Cobbins and Kaiser both grabbing four rebounds.

In a non-league battle last Wednesday, Heritage cruised to a 67-51 win over host Fremont.

The Eagles took a 16-9 lead at the end of one quarter but it was all Patriots from there. Heritage came back to tie the contest at 25-25 at the intermission and the Patriots dominated the third quarter, outscoring Fremont 28-14 to grab a 53-39 lead entering the final period.

Saylor again led Heritage with 30 points while Knapke and Wasson also reached double figures with 15 and 11 markers, respectively.

Kaiser (six), Lutz (three) and Tanner Whitman (two) also scored for the Patriots.

Saylor rounded out his double-double with ten rebounds to go along with five assists and six steals. Lepper pulled down nine boards with Kaiser grabbing eight while Knapke finished the night with five assists and four steals.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PC COMMEMORATIVE GUN RAFFLE WINNERS

Paulding County Commemorative Gun Raffle winners are: Joe Kuhn, Steve Sinn and Jack Fetter.

We appreciate everyone who purchased tickets. Net proceeds will go to: John Paulding Historical Society Museum.

ARCHERS STAY UNBEATEN WITH WIN OVER EDGERTON



Antwerp's Hunter Sproles is fouled and then scores from the line to add to the Archers win over the Bulldogs! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Austin Lichty and Jagger Landers each scored a dozen points as the Antwerp Archers improved to 8-0 with a 58-29 win over visiting Edgerton Tuesday night in non-league boys basketball action.

The blue and white led 12-8 at the end of eight minutes of action before taking control in the second quarter. Antwerp bucketed 17 points in the stanza and held Edgerton to four markers as the Archers expanded the lead to 29-12 at the end of one half.

The Archers then added 13 markers in the third quarter compared to the Bulldogs' eight as Antwerp posted a

42-20 lead going to the final period.

Landon Brewer chipped in 11 markers for Antwerp and Owen Sheedy finished with eight points.

Rounding out the Archer scorers were Kaden Recker (six), Hunter Sproles (five), Mason Steel (two), Gaige McMichael (one) and Luke Krouse (one).

Noah Landel topped Edgerton with nine markers while Gannon Ripke and Corey Everetts both chipped in seven points.

Cameron Hicks, Nate Timbrook and Craig Blue also bucketed two points each for Edgerton.



The Woodlan defense leaves Rachel Stoller wide open for a basket for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

half the visiting Lady Warriors held a slim one-point margin over the Raiders 15-14 and managed to stay in front at the break by three at 27-24. Both teams continued to struggle and found it difficult to build a sizable lead heading into the third quarter.

Midway through the third period the Raiders found a hole over the hump to take a one-point lead when Rachel Stoller and Gracie Shepherd connected on back-to-back buckets to push the Raiders in front 30-29. The Warriors quickly responded to regain

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RAIDERS END 2020 WITH WIN OVER WOODLAN



Woodlan's only senior, Brennan Donovan, sinks a 3 point basket against the Raiders on December 30. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND- In the spirit of giving during the holiday season the Wayne Trace Raiders received another post-holiday gift -- a win over

cross state rival Woodlan last Wednesday. Played on the Raider's floor the red, white and blue posted a 53-38 non-conference win over the Warriors. With the win Wayne Trace improves their season



Freshman Brooks Laukhuf, guarded by Alex Miller, shoots and scores from the outside for Wayne Trace. More pictures at westbendnews.net

mark at 6-2 as they move into the 2021 portion of their schedule.

The Raiders held a 13-9 advantage after the first quarter of play and slowly increased their margin to double digits at the break leading by ten at 28-18. Both teams played even in the third period with each scoring 11-points before the Raiders pulled away in the final eight minutes of play. Wayne Trace outscored their opponent 14-9 in the final stanza to secure the 15 point win.

The Raiders had balanced scoring with three players in double figures on the night. Cam Sinn, a junior, had a solid performance to lead the Raider attack with 14 points along with dishing out seven assists and picking up six steals. Freshman Brooks Laukhuf

added 13 points to go with six boards. Another freshman, Kyle Stoller, finished with 10 points, nine rebounds and five steals. Rounding out the Raiders scoring was Cameron Graham and Grayson McClure each with six, and two-points each from Trevor Sinn and Grant Williamson.

For the Warriors, Joe Reidy led the way with a solid performance. Reidy finished with 20 points on 8-16 shooting from the floor and pounded the boards for 18 rebounds. The rest of the support for Reidy's efforts came from Alex Miller with seven points, Brennan Donovan with five followed by Dakota Sparks chipping in four and Dawson Lichty with two. The Warriors close out the 2020 portion of their schedule with a 2-4 record.

FREE THROWS KEY IN WT WIN OVER PAULDING



Sophomore Nick Manz receives the pass and shoots and scores from the outside with a Raider defender not close to him. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - It took an extra four-minutes but when the dust settled the Wayne Trace Raiders had found a way to outlast their county rival Paulding. Both teams entered overtime with the score knotted at 57 a piece

Raiders their first lead 10-9. The lead was short lived when Hunter Kauser drained a long three-pointer that allowed the Panthers to regain their lead. Paulding enjoyed a slim two-point margin after one quarter of play 14-12.

Back to back baskets by Christian Bauer and Payton



Wayne Trace Sophomore, Tyler Davis, scores 1 of 2 from the line after being fouled. More pictures at westbendnews.net

but in OT the Raiders scored the first four-points and never trailed to defeat the Panthers 64-59.

In the opening quarter the Panthers opened up a quick 5-0 advantage but a Brooks Laukhuf basket at the two-minute mark gave the

Beckman put the Panthers on top 18-14 in the second quarter. However, sandwich around another Beckman hoop was some deadly foul shooting by the Raiders Laukhuf. The freshman was fouled on a three-point attempts at the 5:27 mark and

calmly hit all three tries. Thirty seconds later Laukhuf was again fouled attempting a three-pointer and again canned all three to even the score at 20 each.

Still in the second quarter Trevor Sinn and Kauser traded three-point buckets and with the score still even at 23-23 Laukhuf connected on a basket followed by a traditional three-point play from Cameron Graham to give the Raiders their largest lead at 28-23. Paulding would answer with their own 7-0 run on two baskets from Nick Manz and a triple by Boston Pease. At the half the Panthers were still clinging to a slim lead 33-31.

Scoring slowed down in the third period with the Raiders putting up 10 and holding Paulding to just four points. Heading into the fourth quarter the Raiders had secured a 41-37 advantage.

Raider freshmen Kyler Stoller connected on a couple of close baskets early in the fourth to keep the Raiders in control 45-39 but Manz scored from downtown to pull Paulding back within three 45-42. Midway through the period Trevor Speice drained a three-pointer and the Raiders looked to be in a position to pull away from the pesking Panthers holding a 50-43 margin.

In the final 30 seconds WT

still led 54-53 but Paulding free throws, including two by Blake McGarvey, had the Panthers back on top 57-54. It would be free throws that would send the game into overtime when Trevor Speice was fouled on a three-point attempt with 5.5 seconds remaining. Speice, a senior, went to the line and sank all three attempts for the tie and forcing overtime.

The Raiders were led in scoring by Brooks Laukhuf with 18 on 6-9 from the two-point area and 6-6 at the free throw line. Trevor Speice chipped in 11 followed by Trevor Sinn and Cameron Sinn each with nine. Rounding out the scoring for the victorious Raiders, who improve their record to 5-2, Kyle Stoller with eight, Cameron Graham seven and Garrett Williamson with two. The Raiders shot 51 percent of their two-point goals and at the foul line connected on 17-19.

Paulding place three Panthers in double figures led by the 14 points from Payton Beckman followed by Nick Manz with 13 and 12 from Hunter Kauser. Christian Bauer collected seven boards to lead Paulding in rebounding. The Panthers shot 15-28 from the two-point area for a 54 percent clip and managed 11-15 at the foul line. Paulding falls to 4-3 on the season.

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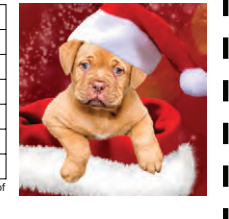
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Antwerp Junior Gaige McMichael pockets a 3 point basket, adding to the Archers total 28 point victory over the Aces. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ARCHERS ROLL PAST ACES

ANTWERP - In a non-league battle between Green Meadows Conference rivals, it was all Antwerp on Monday night as the Archers rolled to a 73-45 victory over visiting Hicksville. The blue and white jumped on top 26-11 at the end of one period and never looked back, widening the margin to 45-21 at the halfway point of the contest.

Austin Lichty both bucketed 15 points for the Archers, who improved to 7-0 on the season.

Luke Krouse and Hunter Sproles added ten markers each for Antwerp with Kaden Recker recording seven.

Jagger Landers (six), Landon Brewer (four), Owen Sheedy (four) and Dylan Hines (two) completed the list of Antwerp scorers.

Jackson Bergman scored 19 points to lead all scorers in the contest while Landon Turnbull added 17 markers for the Aces.

Josh Myers (five), Brandon Thornburg (two) and Aaron Klima (two) completed the Aces scoring.



ANTWERP VILLAGE POLICE REPORTS

On December 16 an officer responded to an alarm at the Dollar General. The building was locked up and fine. Owners were notified.

On December 17 a resident of North Main St. made a noise complaint. The officer arrived and asked the person with the loud music to keep it down due to the late hour.

On December 17 a security alarm was going off on a local business according to the Sheriff Dispatch. Upon investigation the building seemed fine and the business owner was contacted.

On December 18 a resident reported a man with a truck and trailer attempting to remove the barricades at Park Villa Apartments. The vehicle was located and the driver was told he could not move barricades. The driver responded that he was lost.

On December 18 an officer assisted the State Patrol in a vehicle search and drugs were located.

On December 19 a Pit Bull mix was reported running near the Root Beer Stand. The officer located the dog and returned it to the owner.

On December 19 a resident reported a crack in his driver side window, believing to be from a BB gun. The officer investigated and could not find anyone with a BB gun in the area. The officer wrote up a report for insurance purposes.

On December 19 in the evening a vehicle was found in the Antwerp UMC church parking lot. The person was playing Pokemon Go.

On December 20 during a traffic stop an officer found a warrant for the person driving. The driver was driving under suspension, marijuana could be smelled but no drugs were found in the vehicle. The suspect was arrested and transferred to Defiance County Sheriff custody.

On December 23 a motor vehicle accident was reported at the PitStop. The officer wrote up the report.

On December 26 a report of a water main break on North Main St came in and the Village Administrator was contacted.

On December 26 an officer performed a welfare check on a resident of whom that family had not been in contact with in several days.

On December 27 a resident called about improper dumping at the recycling center. An officer contacted the person about the rules for the recycling site.

On December 28 A call was received about a stolen car dolly from a local business. A Sheriff Deputy was called and assisted with recovering the stolen product.

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!

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP 12/21/20

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. By Mayor Jan Reeb. Council persons present: Dean Rister, Rudie Reeb, Kenneth Reinhart, Mike Rohrs, and Keith West.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Administrator Sara Keeran, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, and Police Chief George Clemens. Visitors: none.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held November 16, 2020, were reviewed.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to accept the minutes from the November 16, 2020, regular council meeting. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

The November disbursements were reviewed. Discussion on expenses.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to accept the November reconciliation report. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Visitors: None. Police report: Police Chief Clemens provided a written report showing 84 calls for service for the month of November with 32 offenses.

EMS report: EMS Coordinator-Clerk Ashley McDougall was absent due to travel.

Fiscal Officer's report: Final reading of ordinance no. 2020-12: An ordinance establishing compensation for the Village of Antwerp, Ohio for the calendar year 2021.

Motion made by Rister, seconded by West, to accept ordinance no. 2020-12. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

In accordance with last year's practice, the 2020 rates will be used to compensate for hours worked in 2020 but paid in 2021.

Final reading of ordinance no. 2020-13: An ordinance to establish the time and place of regular meetings of the council for the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio, for calendar year 2021.

Motion made by West, seconded by Rohrs, to accept ordinance no. 2020-13. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Final reading of ordinance no. 2020-14: An ordinance adopting amendments to the personnel manual for the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, specifically, amendments to add a new section XXVII entitled "prohibition against text-based communications while driving (orc § 4511.204)" And re-number all existing sections thereafter.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Rister, to accept ordinance no. 2020-14. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Final reading of resolution no. 2020-07: A resolution authorizing the sale of surplus village property by internet auction in calendar year 2021.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Reinhart, to accept resolution no. 2020-07. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Final reading of ordinance no. 2020-16: Approval and granting consent to the director of the Ohio Department of Transportation authority to, apply, maintain and repair standard longitudinal pavement markings and erect regulatory and warning signs on state highways inside village corporate limits, and

Giving consent of the village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to remove snow and ice and use snow and ice control material on state highways inside the village corporate limits, and

Giving consent of the village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to perform maintenance and/or repair on state highways inside the village corporation.

Motion made by Rister, seconded by Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2020-16. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2020-17: An ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$38,000.00 From the general fund to the police fund, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Rister, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2020-17. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2020-17. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2020-18: An ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$25,000.00 From the general fund to the fire fund, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Rister, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2020-18. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2020-18. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2020-19: An ordinance authorizing expenditure and directing the advertisement to solicit bids for the Village of Antwerp, Ohio to purchase fire gear to aid in the provision of fire protection services pursuant to ohio revised code § 737.24; And declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by West, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2020-19. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reeb, seconded by Rohrs, to accept ordinance no. 2020-19. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

RITA tax collection for the month of November, paid in December, was \$23,093.94.

Major components of the water plant have been in place since the 50's with improvements to the plant over the years. Due to the caustic nature of sulfur water, most of the improvements do not last and it has been a struggle to produce a high quality water product on a consistent basis. Every year the village has had to replace piping and/or to rebuild the high service pumps, replace chlorinators that regulate the amount of chlorine that is mixed with the well water, parts and motor for the aerator, etc. No matter how much is set aside in the water budget for operation and maintenance or capital improvements it is never enough. Complaints have been high from the community as the water either has too much or not enough chlorine in the finished product.

The general plan will continue what was started with the EPA required water assessment plan on what would bring the water plant up-to-date and what it would cost to upgrade the plant the plan is required by EPA on a water plant upgrade and it would also identify potential funding. As you recall with the sewer plant upgrade of the lift stations, this plan and accessing the funding took approximately a year and a half before the actual construction took place. The administrator asks that the village start this process as it is costing more and more every year to try to keep the plant operating.

It is estimated that the water general plan would cost \$4,100,00. Discussion on requesting engineers to submit qualifications prior to selecting an engineer to prepare the water general plan.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by West, to authorize the administrator to request engineer qualifications on preparing a water general plan. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Vacation of Buffalo Street extended: John Hilton and Mason Gerken, property owners contiguous to Buffalo Street extension, are going forward with their request to vacate this undeveloped section of street.

A survey of the area to be vacated has been completed by Bockrath Engineers and was provided to council for review. The vacation will split roadway easement equally between Mr. Hilton and Mr. Gerken and it amounts to 25 feet for each property owner. A form was developed by the solicitor to apply for the vacation of an alley or street. The administrator will work with the petitioners on the application. No public hearing is required since this only affects those petitioning for the vacation of the street extension.

Home Town Pantry building sale inching closer: The administrator has been in contact with Jeff Cook who intends to take possession of the Home Town Pantry buildings located on S. Main and Railroad Street very soon. He has been working on the building to secure it and also has been in conversation on how to get a larger water service to the buildings. He plans on developing 4 apartments and 3 commercial business store fronts. It is anticipated when Railroad Street, between Cleveland and Main Street, is under construction to add parking spaces, the village may be able to run a one inch new service tap from the water main on Cleveland Street to the north side of the Home Town Pantry building. As it stands now, the pantry building is served with a ¾ inch service tap that runs from W. Daggett north in the alley way to the building. There is not enough room for a backhoe to be able to dig up the existing line. This will take some thought on what is the best way to get this property owner a larger service. We will continue to work with Mr. Cook and coordinate the improvements in the spring.

Re-zoning of S. Erie street: It has come to the administrator's at-

ention that S. Erie Street was at one time zoned B-1 (business) and R-1 (single family residential) to be able to allow for business located on S. Erie Street and also the residential homes. Without the joint designation, residences that might be damaged by weather, fire, etc., Would not be able to reconstruct their homes if the area zoned all B-1. At the present time there are four businesses located in this area and the zoning was reverted back to R-1 in the area that encompasses Hop's Place and Erie Recycling. Zoning Inspector Gabe Oberlin and the administrator are going to meet shortly after the holidays and look at this area and will no doubt request a zoning change so businesses and residences will all be covered.

Family Dollar Tree development: The administrator has been contacted by the development company that works with Family Dollar and Dollar Tree franchises and they are in the process of looking at Antwerp for a new store. The administrator will keep council up-to-date on where they intend to build and any zoning variances that might be required to assist them in their project.

Junk violation filed in county court: The police department filed with county court a village junk violation at the administrator's request. Bob Trowbridge of 210 Buffalo Street had been given notices to clean up his property and failed to do so. After many complaints on the property, the administrator felt this should be filed in county court. He will have his first hearing on January 11, 2021.

The village has had numerous water plant issues. The aerator fan broke apart, which has been repaired, the East High service pump is currently under repair by Layman Well Drilling, which required the pump and motor to be pulled. The village is also reading meters for the January 2021 mailing, so it has been hectic for all of us this fall and winter.

Committee reports: Finance Committee Chairman Mike Rohrs requested that an ad be put in the newspaper at the beginning of 2021 letting residents know that bills are due on the 15th of the month in February, May, August and November, regardless if it falls on a weekend or holiday and to make arrangements to pay early in these cases or bills can be dropped off at the dropbox at town hall or night deposit at Antwerp Exchange Bank anytime including holidays and weekends.

Keith West asked Keeran to check to see if our village inspector has license up to date.

Mayor's report: Mayor's court brought in a total of \$2,245.00 in the month of November 2020 with \$1,640.00 going to the village, \$582.50 going to the state, and \$22.50 going to the indigent driver's fund.

Mayor informed council that she would like to cross train April Litzenberg as backup for fiscal officer position in case an emergency should arise. Fiscal Officer Lichty will start training Litzenberg in February. Finance committee will discuss hours and pay for training sessions.

Fiscal Officer Lichty informed council there will be a special meeting yet this year to pass re-appropriations for 2020 and budget for 2021. Time and date will be decided after finance committee meets on Wednesday, December 23, at 9:00 am.

Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 7:00 am due to normal meeting date being a holiday.

Motion made by Reeb, seconded by Rister, to adjourn the meeting. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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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.
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CERAMICS PAINTED BY SYNERGY STUDENTS



SYNERGY Learning Center's Art students recently painted Christmas-themed ceramics. Shown is Caden Green (Van Wert), Brianna Waldron (Van Wert), and Garrett Grenzebach (Van Wert). All SYNERGY students would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12** on December 21, 2020, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021." This Ordinance establishes the compensation and wage rates for Village officials, employees, appointees, and volunteers effective January 1, 2021.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13** on December 21, 2020, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021." This Ordinance establishes the time and place of regular council meetings for calendar year 2021 to be the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m., unless there is a holiday then the meeting will be the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 a.m. with the meeting in January being on January 20, 2021, at 7:00 a.m. and the meeting in February being on February 17, 2021, at 7:00 a.m. The meetings will be conducted in council chambers at 118 North Main Street in the Village.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-14** on December 21, 2020, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL MANUAL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, SPECIFICALLY, AMENDMENTS TO ADD A NEW SECTION XXVII ENTITLED "PROHIBITION AGAINST TEXT-BASED COMMUNICATIONS WHILE DRIVING (ORC § 4511.204)" AND RE-NUMBER ALL EXISTING SECTIONS THEREAFTER." This Ordinance amends the personnel manual effective January 1, 2021, specifically amendments to add a new section prohibiting text-based communications while driving as provided under Ohio Revised Code § 4511.204.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07** on December 21, 2020, entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS VILLAGE PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2021." This Resolution authorizes the sale of surplus property by internet auction for calendar year 2021. The Village Administrator is designated as the Village's representative for internet auctions and the internet auctions shall be governed by general terms and conditions, including all property is offered for sale without warranty, the property will be available to view on the Village's website or in person by contacting the Village Administrator, all property will be available for a minimum of 10 business days for bidding and if not sold in 10 days after being posted, the property may be withdrawn from the internet auction, sealed bids shall be delivered to the offices of the Village Fiscal Officer, the Village Fiscal Officer shall open bids at noon the next business day following the close of the internet auction, the property will not be transferred to the successful bidder until payment received in full, and Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The terms and conditions shall be published on the Village's website.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-16** on December 21, 2020, entitled, "APPROVAL AND GRANTING CONSENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO, APPLY, MAINTAIN AND REPAIR STANDARD LONGITUDINAL PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND ERECT REGULATORY AND WARNING SIGNS ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE VILLAGE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND

GIVING CONSENT OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE AND USE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL MATERIAL ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE VILLAGE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND

GIVING CONSENT OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE AND/OR REPAIR ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE VILLAGE CORPORATION." This Ordinance provides consent to ODOT to maintain, repair and apply the necessary pavement marking lines and erect signs, remove snow and ice and use snow and ice control material, and perform maintenance and/or repair of State Route 49 within the Village corporate limits.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-17** on December 21, 2020, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$38,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$38,000.00 from the General Fund to the Police Fund to provide necessary funding for the operations of the police department.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-18** on December 21, 2020, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$25,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FIRE FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$25,000.00 from the General Fund to the Fire Fund to provide necessary funding for the operations of the fire department.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-19** on December 21, 2020, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE AND DIRECTING THE ADVERTISEMENT TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO TO PURCHASE FIRE GEAR TO AID IN THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE § 737.24; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the expenditure to purchase fire gear and directs the advertisement to solicit bids to purchase the fire gear by the Village Administrator in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §731.141.

The publication of the Ordinances is by summary only. The complete text of the Ordinances may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

PAULDING CO. CHRONICLES II

By: Caroline Longardner "CHRISTMAS VACATION" 2020

Here we are stuck between Christmas and New Year's AT HOME because of the Covid-19 Virus. How many of us went anywhere over the weekend? Not many, probably, it's too scary when you watch the news. However, there are still some die-hards out there who will keep this "Covid Thing" going until it dies on its own just because "you cannot stay at home for a few days". PLEASE let us do the best thing for everyone and stay at home with our own germs until we can get our vaccinations.

Just one hundred years ago this week there was SMALL-POX traveling around in Paulding County. The schools were even shut down in January 1901 for a couple of weeks because of it. We have had a lot of bad things to overcome including the big one in 1918. WE SHALL OVERCOME THE COVID-19.

Being at home has given me a lot of time to look up some of my favorite recipes (although there is no one to eat all these goodies when I do make them). However, I am going to share some of the recipes.

DARK CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT SHEET CAKE

This is not only delicious, but is very pretty.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a sheet cake pan with nonstick baking spray.

CAKE:

- 2 box dark chocolate fudge cake mix (15 oz)
- 2 box (3.9 oz) instant chocolate pudding mix
- 8 eggs
- 1 1/2 cooking oil
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups sour cream
- 2 teaspoon peppermint extract

Mix with mixer just until smooth. Pour into prepared pan, making sure there are no bubbles (shake pan). Bake about 25-30 minutes or until done (test with toothpick). Do not over bake. Cool completely before frosting.

FROSTING:

- 4 sticks butter, softened
- 8 cups powdered sugar
- 2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup whole milk (mix separately, on low speed until spreadable)

White chocolate for garnish
Peppermint candies for garnish

When cake is cooled, spread with frosting and sprinkle with 2 oz. white chocolate - finely chopped and crushed peppermint candies over top.

Makes approximately 11 X 16 sheet cake.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

- 1# bulk sausage
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 1/4 cups milk
- 2 1/2 cups plain croutons (bread cubes)
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 1 can (10 3/4 oz) cream of

mushroom soup plus 1/2 can milk

Directions: Cook sausage until browned, drain well, in a large mixing bowl mix croutons, sausage and cheese. Mix/ whip eggs and 1 cup milk in a blender (add the rest of milk) and pour over mushroom soup and 1/2 soup can of milk. Pour over casserole. Bake at 325degrees for 1 1/2 hours or until a knife comes out clean in the center.

Note: I have also instead of using croutons, used toasted sandwich bread with the crusts cut off. Lay them close together on the bottom of the oiled pan. Pour the other mixture over it. Refrig. overnight. In A.M. add mushroom soup/milk mixture (and a little more cheese) and bake. Be careful not to overcook cheese. (Makes 9 X 12 inch casserole).

IMPOSSIBLE PUMPKIN PIE

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons marg. or butter
- 2 eggs
- 2 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 cup biscuit mix
- 12 oz. can evaporated milk
- 16 oz. can pumpkin
- 2 cups vanilla

1. Beat together all ingredients until smooth. 2. Pour into greased 9" pie pan. 3. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-55 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. 4. Chill, top with whipped cream, and serve. (Makes 1 9inch pie.)

Happy Holidays to all the West Bend readers! Best wishes to all the shut-ins at hospitals and nursing homes and assisted living homes. You are in our prayers.

We are thinking of you and wishing you the best Stanley. Lots of people miss you and have been asking about you. You are in our prayers.

The weatherman says the snow is on the way, which can only mean that in a few months spring is around the corner. Then WE CAN BEGIN MOWING OUR YARDS AGAIN!! (after we get our vaccination!)

MINUTES FOR THE WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DECEMBER 7TH, 2020:

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Councilmen Voirol, Gerig, Thompson, and Watts. Councilman Thompson attended remotely. Mayor Kelsey, Chief Parker and Councilman Martin were not present. Kristi with Sturtz Public Management and Kaleb with Reliance were also present. Councilman Voirol led the meeting.

Councilman Voirol opened up the sewer rate public hearing at 7:17pm. Several residents objected to the increases and asked as to why this cost increase was necessary. The Superintendent, Councilman Watts and the Clerk-Treasurer informed the residents as to how recent developments with current projects have played out in order to necessitate this proposed increase. Councilman Voirol closed the public hearing at 8:04pm.

Councilman Voirol then opened up the streetscape phase II projects public hearing at 8:11pm. Kristi, as the grant writer, administrator, and conductor of the public hearing, went over details concerning this project, as well as the City's contribution, which explains the content in Resolutions 20-254 and 20-255. She read several letters from individuals that were submitted before hand due to COVID related considerations. An in-person resident voiced concerns about the potential of a particular tree needing to be removed with the proposed project. After consideration, it was determined that the tree in question should not need to be removed. Councilman Voirol closed the public hearing at 8:27pm.

THE WEST BEND NEWS
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.
Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent gave an update on water and sewer matters, of which several items were addressed. Leaf pickup will stop on Wednesday, December 16th. A fire hydrant on College and Rupp has been decommissioned. The older F-350 needed repairs in order to get through one more plowing season. The City water consumption seems to have returned back to a lower expected amount.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.
Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the November 16th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the November 16th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. Warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer handed out annual nepotism and acknowledgment forms for department heads and appointed employees to sign and return as well as to pass out to other employees within their respective departments to do the same. A document was prepared in which each elected officer signed that no contracts were entered into within the 2020 calendar year that would cause a conflict of interest, and if such a concern had arisen within the calendar year, a formal document was prepared and submitted to the State Board of Accounts in accordance with Indiana law.

Councilmen's Report: After allowing for the public hearing for residents to comment on the topic, Councilman Watts moved to have the second reading of Ordinance 20-1393 (Modify Sewer Rates) as amended since the last meeting, by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman

Watts moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 20-1393, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to suspend the rules to waive any additional readings of Ordinance 20-1393 and adopt as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Ordinance 20-1393 is ratified as presented. After allowing for the public hearing for residents to comment on the topic, Councilman Voirol moved to read Resolution 20-254 (Declaring a Slum and Blight Area Downtown) by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 20-254 as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to adopt Resolution 20-254 as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Resolution 20-254 is ratified as presented. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to read Resolution 20-255 (Matters Concerning Streetscape Phase II Application) by title only, second by Councilman Voirol, all present in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 20-255 as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to adopt Resolution 20-255 as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Resolution 20-255 is ratified as presented.

Audience: Kaleb set up tablets for each member of the Council to take home for any future remote meetings.

Councilman Voirol moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.

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

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Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Noah E. Kennedy, Defiance, OH; Defiance, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Guilty; Credit for time served in jail; Must show insurance for 3/17/20 by 12/18/20 @4:00 p.m.; Warrant and warrant block recalled

Noah E. Kennedy, Defiance, OH; Defiance, OH; Loud exhaust; Guilty; Pay or collections 12/18/20

Kyle A. Timbrooks, Allen Park, MI; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/17/21 @ \$50/month

William F. Shaw Jr., Gibsonburg, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Carisa L. Partee, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Case dismissed at state's request

Michael A. Shinabery, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Randy L. Drew, Continental, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Isiah T. Wilson, Toledo, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Warrant and warrant block recalled; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Isiah T. Wilson, Toledo, OH; Open container; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Warrant and warrant block recalled

Steven W. Bergman, Sherwood, OH; Disorderly conduct w/persistence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall have no contact with victim; Shall maintain gener-

al good behavior
Danny K. Reed, Latty, OH; Disorderly conduct; Count A dismissed

Danny K. Reed, Latty, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Tyler W. Fleming, Mark Center, OH; Possession of drug; Defendant waived the preliminary in open court; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Tyler W. Fleming, Mark Center, OH; Drugs-detention; Bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Justin M. Woodruff, Paulding, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Luke Diamente, Bryan, OH; Possession of marijuana; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Ivonne D. Pimentel, Raleigh, NC; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brandon Amstutz, Ottoville, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Natalie A. Winans, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Anna Enriquez, Adrian, MI; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Martin Anderson, Syracuse, NY; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Stephanie L. Elliott-Bradbury, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant paid in full

Gualupe Refujio, Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Ravdeep Singh, Brampton, ON; Marked lanes;

Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Eunika L. Sanders, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Laura J. Rios, Van Wert, OH; Child restraint; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 7/30/21 @ \$25/monthly beginning 1/29/21

Justin M. Woodruff, Paulding, OH; Fra suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay \$25 monthly commencing 1/29/21; Pay or collect 12/17/21

Justin M. Woodruff, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 1/29/21

Terrance J. Landwehr, Defiance, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Pay or collect 2/26/21

Terrance J. Landwehr, Defiance, OH; Turn signals; Guilty; Pay or collect 2/26/21

Terrance J. Landwehr, Defiance, OH; No tail lights; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 2/26/21

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

Matthew T. White, Oakwood, OH; Driving under suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 1/29/21; \$100 fine will be suspended if valid operator's license shown by 1/29/21

Matthew T. White, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 1/29/21

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP
12/23/20 Temple Terry Temple Tammy to Brigner Chad; 13501 Rd 171; Cottage On Blockberger Leased Land Lot 3 Auglaize Twp S-31

BLUE CREEK TWP
12/21/20 Cook Charles H & Cook Kimberly to Devford Properties Llc; 393 N Sherman St; 0.15 acres; Lot 34 O.p. Scott Village

BROWN TWP
12/22/20 Bidlack Randal Scott to Cupp Nicky Dale; 12919 Rd 263 Oakwood Oh 45873; 1.673 acres; Ne Cor Nel/4 Nel/4 Je Ci 18-187 10/3/19

12/21/20 Baker Douglas E Baker Neil E to Desota Danny; 22451 Rd 148 Oakwood Oh 45873; 3.37 acres; Pt E Pt S1/2 Sw1/4 S-3 Brown Twp

12/29/20 Eckart Roger C & Eckart Patricia L to Long Chad Lynn; Third Rear St; 0.2818 acres; Lot 35 O.p. Oakwood Vill

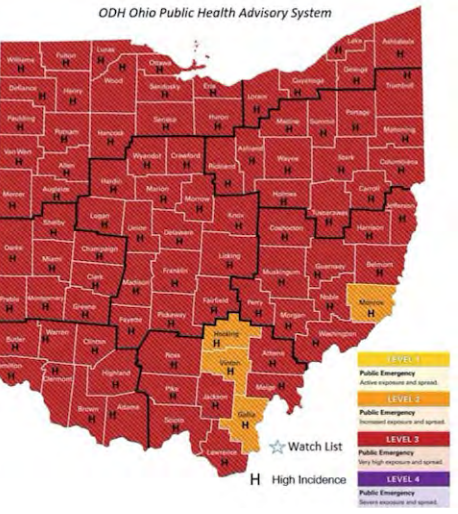
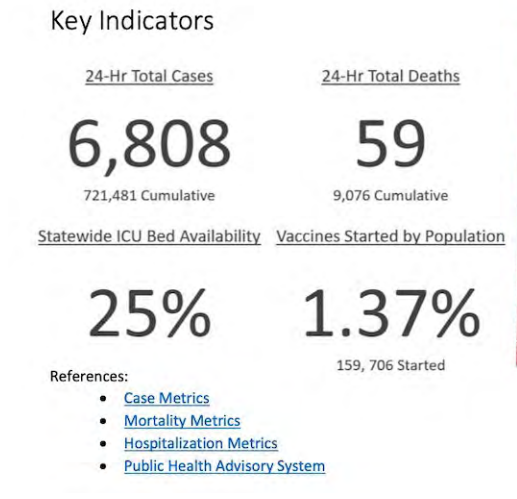
12/29/20 Eckart Roger C & Eckart Patricia L to Long Chad Lynn; 107 Third St; 0.2773 acres; Lot 36 O.p. Oakwood Vill

CARRYALL TWP
12/22/20 Demongeot Loren Et Al to Demongeot Gerald L Etal; 13874 Rd 27C Antwerp Oh 45813; 1.85 acres; Par 1 Part A Don H Lichty Parcels Carryall Twp Sec 28

HARRISON TWP
12/21/20 Hedrick George W Hedrick Elizabeth I to Hedrick George W; 5006 Rd 162 Antwerp Oh 45813; 0.8 acres; Pt Nw Cor Nw 1/4 Harrison Twp-Ant Dist S-2

12/23/20 Eicher Mary L to Stewart Aimee L Yocum

COVID-19 UPDATE: SCHOOL QUARANTINE GUIDANCE CHANGE, CURFEW EXTENSION, BAR AND RESTAURANT GRANTS STILL AVAILABLE



As of January 4, 2021 Paulding County
Cases: 1229
Hospitalizations: 99
Deaths: 19
Presumed Recovered: 1035
January 4, 2021
COVID-19 Questions?

Ohio is expected to receive more than 238,000 doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines next week. Governor DeWine encouraged those administering the vaccine to do so with urgency.

"Although we'll never know whose lives have been saved, we do know that these vaccines are saving lives," said Governor DeWine. "We all have a moral responsibility to get the vaccine out to those who choose to receive it as quickly as we possibly can."

Governor DeWine also encouraged citizens who wish to be vaccinated to act with urgency when offered the vaccine. Because the vaccine is currently scarce, Governor DeWine warned that those who decline to receive a vaccine at the first opportunity may not immediately receive another chance.

SCHOOL QUARANTINE GUIDANCE CHANGE

Governor DeWine announced that Ohio is changing its guidance regarding quarantines following an in-classroom exposure in K-12 schools. Moving forward, students and teachers exposed to a COVID-positive person in school are no longer required to quarantine as long as the exposure occurred in a classroom setting and all students/teachers were wearing masks and following other appropriate protocols.

The change follows an evaluation of virus spread in Ohio schools conducted by researchers with the Ohio Schools COVID-19 Evaluation Team. Preliminary results of the evaluation found no discernible difference in the risk of contracting the coronavirus between those in close contact with a COVID-positive person in the classroom and those who were farther away.

"This evaluation confirms for us that Ohio's classrooms are a safe place for our students and that the commitment our schools have made to keeping kids safe in the classroom is working," said Governor DeWine.

Schools should continue to require quarantines for exposed students in situations where masking and distancing protocols were not followed. The updated quarantine guidance does not apply to after-school activities, including sports.

CURFEW EXTENSION

Brandon L; 3391 Rd 144 Antwerp Oh 45813; 10.068 acres; Pt W1/2 Se1/4 Sw1/4 Harrison-Antwerp S-4

12/21/20 Cook Charles H & Cook Kimberly to Devford Properties Llc; 405 E Orchard St; 0.1894 acres; Lot 4-66 Ft Es Payne Village Block E

Governor DeWine announced that the Ohio Department of Health will extend Ohio's 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew until January 23, 2021. The extension is necessary until Ohio can determine if it will see a post-holiday case surge that impacts hospitals.

The curfew does not apply to those going to and from work, those who have an emergency, or those who need medical care. The curfew is not intended to stop anyone from getting groceries or going to the pharmacy. Picking up carry-out or a drive-thru meal and ordering for delivery is permitted, but serving food and drink within an establishment must cease at 10:00 p.m.

BAR & RESTAURANT GRANTS STILL AVAILABLE

More than 5,100 eligible on-premises liquor permit holders have not yet applied for state assistance through Ohio's Bar & Restaurant Grant Program. Of the \$38.7 million allotted to support liquor permit holders, more than \$12 million remains unclaimed.

Each active on-premises liquor permit (as of 10.23.20) is eligible for \$2,500 per location.

The funding is not competitive, and the money does not have to be repaid.

Although the program is referred to as the Bar & Restaurant Assistance Fund, more than just bars and restaurants have eligible liquor permits. Movie theaters, bowling alleys, sports and concert venues, and even some hair salons are eligible for this funding.

Permit holders who have not yet claimed their funds should visit businesshelp.ohio.gov to apply.

CURRENT CASE DATA

As of December 30, 2020 in total, there are 690,748 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 reported in Ohio and 8,855 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 38,002 people have been hospitalized throughout the pandemic, including 5,837 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.

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

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

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The Paulding SWCD Is Currently Hiring for a Full Time District Technician. Responsibilities of the position include: providing technical/engineering assistance, agriculture cost-share program administration, and assisting in county ditch petition process.

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TOOL MAKER- The shift available is Friday-Sunday 6pm-6am with an additional \$1.50 an hour shift premium. This person must have completed a formal Apprenticeship program plus 2 years' experience or 6-8 years' experience as a toolmaker using basic tool room equipment and familiar with some CNC equipment. Wire EDM experience a plus. The applicant must have the ability to work from drawings, sketches, and verbal instructions. The applicant must have proficient computer skills (proficient with CAD/CAM & MS Office Software).

MAINTENANCE POSITION- The shift available is Friday-Sunday 6pm-6am with an additional \$1.50 an hour shift premium. This position requires 2 years of technical training plus 2 years of related work experience or equivalent. The desired applicant should have the following qualifications in mechanical: The ability to use machine tools (drills, grinders, and welders), perform work on motors, belts, and chains, the ability to trouble shoot situations, occasionally make replacement parts. The applicant should also have the following qualifications in electrical: The ability to replace fuses and set circuits breakers on high and low-tension circuits, diagnose electrical trouble, read blueprints, pneumatics and electrical schematics. The applicant must also be able to work from simple wiring diagrams. The hourly rate is dependent on experience and qualifications. Applicant MUST be willing to attend additional schooling, paid for by the Company, but is considered a requirement for the position.

FLUID HANDLER- The shift available is Friday-Sunday 6pm-6am with an additional \$1.50 an hour shift premium. This person will be responsible for fluid reclamation among manufacturing machinery. This person is responsible for recycling oil and maintaining the coolant recycler unit. This person is also responsible for cleaning tanks regularly, overall general maintenance and tracking incoming and outgoing solid waste barrels.

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MACHINE OPERATORS - We have openings on our weekend shift (Friday-Sunday 6am-6pm) and (Friday-Sunday 6pm-6am) with an additional \$1.50 an hour shift premium within our manufacturing department. The desired applicants should have the following qualifications: Good mathematical skills, the ability to read standard micrometers and calipers, and produce to a high-quality standard. Previous machinery experience in set up and troubleshooting within a manufacturing type environment is preferred, along with a solid work history.

ABC is looking for self-directed individuals who work well with others, like challenges and are interested in being part of a dynamic organizational culture. Positions offer competitive wages, a full benefit package, including 401(k), weekly performance-based incentive pay, new hire incentive, weekly attendance incentive, shift premium, and opportunity for future growth.

Applications can be filled out at attenlohbrinck.appone.com

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING SEES 3 TEAMS AT DELTA

Someone once said, "Wrestling begins at the end of your comfort zone". For a couple of the Wayne Trace High School wrestlers, the end of their comfort zone was presented to them on December 30th at Delta. The Raiders faced Otsego first on the mats. Gaining significant team points with PINs were Jarrett Hornish, Seth Meggison, Samuel Moore, and Eli Moore. Hunter Long also won his match again Lee Borders 23-8 and Gabe Sutton won against Joseph Manley 3-2. Graiden Troth and Maddox Treece were both able to wrestle exhibition matches against Otsego and both experienced success as well. With all the success the team experienced, they still fell short of the team win. Otsego defeated Wayne Trace 48-35. Beginning the end of the comfort zone for some of the wrestlers.

Elmwood was the next team to challenge Wayne Trace. Not wanting to experience a loss, several wrestlers steeped out of their comfort zone and used their skills to join in the success for the team, contributing to the team win of 47-22. Connor Blankenship defeated Colin Campbell in the 106-pound weight class 7-2, earning three team points. Gabe Sutton, Jarrett Hornish, Hunter Long, Elliot Boroff, and Kaiden Woolbright all experienced first round PINs, adding six points each to the team score. Seth Meggison went all three rounds to defeat Frank Blair 18-2, earning five team points. Eli Moore also had to battle all three rounds to earn a 6-5 defeat over Gunner Endicott. Jacob Graham finished the dual with a PIN in the second round over Kaleb Loera.

In the matchup against Delta, there were only two Wayne Trace wins. Eli Moore was able to dominate Evan Perry with an 11-4 win and Jacob Graham was able to defeat Lucas Wolpert with a PIN. Eli and Jacob scored the team 9 points against Delta's 52. As for the remainder of the team, they reached the end of their comfort zone and now they know that wrestling begins. Being defeated as a wrestler means resetting the mind, training harder for the tough hitters, and moving to the next match.

The day was finished against Sylvania with a team win of 54-30. Connor Blankenship found himself stuck and pinned in the first period. Gabe Sutton was then injured and defeated due to the injury. Jarrett Hornish, Hunter Long, Eli Moore, Nathaniel Osborn, and Kaiden Woolbright all earned first round PINs for themselves and the team. Samuel Moore was able to defeat his opponent with a second period PIN. Jacob Graham and Kacy Hornish were able to earn the team 6 points each due to winning by forfeit for the team.

Through all of the wins on the day, as well as some of the Wayne Trace wrestler's first losses, wrestling truly does begin where the comfort zone ends. The losses teach that there is more training to do, you are not unbeatable, people are training to beat you, and the opponents see you when they work. Wayne Trace Wrestlers need to find where they are comfortable, what goals they have, and work until you demolish them and can make new goals. Wrestling is not easy and smashing goals is not comfortable. However, if it were easy and comfortable, everyone would be doing it.

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2020 ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce has closed out a challenging 2020. We began by growing our membership to 45 businesses, 21 non-profits, 7 home-based businesses and 4 single chamber memberships. We grew our category for home-based businesses. These range from local crafters to direct sales representatives. We continued our Spotlight on area businesses by doing feature articles on Small Town Bliss, Kauser Excavating, Papa Oley's, KS Works of Art and Advanced Chassis.

The Covid-19 epidemic created many challenges to us this year. Many of our events that we sponsor had to be cancelled due to state restrictions. Early in the epidemic we encouraged the community to support our local restaurants and bars that were struggling to abide by the guidelines and remain open. School was closed so we had a "bear hunt" where people were encouraged to put teddy bears in their front windows to allow parents to drive their children around town to spot the bears. At Easter we had an Easter egg hunt along those same lines to allow for some drive by Easter egg window hunting.

Our seniors were not

able to have their traditional graduation. To honor those seniors we had their senior pictures enlarged and placed in the windows of the H2O Water Stores building.

We awarded our second scholarship to a deserving senior from Vantage, Emily Wentland. Emily attended Vantage Vocational Center for criminal justice and graduated this spring. She was awarded \$500.00 to further her education at Defiance college. The scholarship money is generated from our Cutie Pie contest which we were able to hold at Petals and Vines and also KB Scoops since we were unable to have Day in the Park this year.

In June we once again sponsored the Town-wide garage sales. Chamber produced a map of sales within the community and participants were encouraged to social distance and have hand sanitizer available. Masks were also encouraged.

In October we held a virtual Halloween Costume Contest. Participants posted their pictures on the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Facebook page and those pictures were printed off and the residents of the Manor House chose 5 winners. Each winner won a \$5 Chamber Buck.

Small Business Saturday, held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, was a huge success with many businesses

having a very profitable day. We had a Scavenger Hunt and a save your receipt raffle-both with prizes awarded in the form of Chamber Bucks to be used at any Chamber Business. Thank you to the VFW for allowing us to host the welcome station in their meeting room.

We held a virtual Christmas tree lighting at Green way Park next to the police station. We have outgrown our large Christmas tree near the street so we have moved down to the arbor area behind the tennis court. We had lighting run to the area by Schweller electric and the nativity scene and Christmas tree were both part of the virtual lighting on November 30th.

We wrapped up 2020 with Santa's mailbox set up next to the town hall. Secret Santa Shop looked a little different this year. For \$5 per gift a child could shop in our Santa shop where they purchased small gifts for their family. Again we used the meeting room at the VFW and allowed 5 days/evenings by appointment to allow for social distancing and limiting of shoppers. All items are provided by our local businesses and all monies went back to the businesses. This year \$1315.00 went back to local businesses.

Chamber Bucks continue to be a hit with gift givers. Many businesses, groups and individuals purchased Chamber Bucks to show their appreciation. Remember if you receive a chamber buck in your business, just flip it over

Sudoku solution from page 9

9x9 grid with numbers 1-9 representing a Sudoku solution.

and there is a phone number on the back. Call Sue Fowler and she will stop in your business and reimburse you for the amount of the chamber buck.

Don't forget about Chamber gift certificates that are available at the Antwerp Exchange Bank. Gift certificates make a great gift or a nice way to pay it forward for a person or family in need. The certificate, in the form of a check, can be used anywhere in our town. The check cannot be used for cash.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce continues to be committed to all the businesses in the Antwerp community. We welcome any and all feedback and we encourage members to join us at our monthly meetings. You do not need to own a business to be a member of the chamber. We have an individual membership so if you like the things that we are doing, we invite you join us.

Thank you businesses for all that you do to support the chamber. Hopefully 2021 will bring health and normalcy back to the community and we will see more of you out and about in the community.

LEGAL NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDDERS

Sealed Bids for Property for sale "Description for 0.450 Acre" by the Board of County Commissioners, Paulding County, Ohio (herein called the "OWNER") will be received by the Owner at the Paulding County Commissioner's Office (115 N. Williams St., #B-1, Paulding, OH 45879) until Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM (local time). Any Bids received later than the above time will be returned unopened. All Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

Property for Sale Description: Description for 0.450 Acre

Situated: In the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Town 2 North, Range 2 East, Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio, being part of tract and all of Lot 86 of Dix's Addition as described in Official Record Volume 272, Page 135 and part of the former Penn Central Railroad described in Official Record Volume 519, Page 2068 and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of said Section 12, being a 3/4" pipe found;

Thence along the east line of said southwest quarter, N. 01°17'26"E., a distance of 39.60 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 86 of Dix's Addition, being the Principal Point of Beginning;

Thence along the south line of said Lot 86, N.89°03'34"W., a distance of 99.99 feet to a mag nail found at the southwest corner of said Lot 86, passing 5/8" iron pin found at 9.83 feet;

Thence along the west line of said Lot 86 and the east line of Elm Street, N.01°17'26"E., a distance of 159.71 feet to a mag nail set;

Thence on va new division line, S.89°05'34"E., a distance of 122.41 feet to a mag nail set in the centerline of said Penn Central Railroad, passing 5/8" iron pin set at 15.00 feet and 107.41 feet;

Thence along said centerline, S.01°01'26"W., a distance of 159.78 feet to a mag nail set in the north line of Wayne Street;

Thence on said north line, N.89°03'34"W., a distance of 23.17 feet to the Principal Point of Beginning;

Containing 0.450 acre, more or less, and being subject to all legal highways, rights-of-way, easements, restrictions, covenants, and/or conditions of record.

The above description and bearing system is based on a survey prepared by Michael L. Howbert, Registered Professional Surveyor No. 7959, in December of 2020.

Opening of the bids will take place in the office of the Paulding County Commissioners immediately following the time specified for receiving bids. Said bids shall be in writing on a form to be furnished by the County Commissioners, and shall be accompanied with either a, deposit of money, certified or cashier's check in an amount equal to ten percent of the bid amount, as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will complete the sale transaction. Minimum Bid will start at \$ 125,000.00.

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio.

Heather Barnhouse, Clerk Board of County Commissioners Paulding County, Ohio

Help Wanted

Radiology Technologist Openings: Part Time (0.35)

Environmental Services/Housekeeper Openings: Part Time (3 days a week) First Shift, and PRN (As Needed)

Registered Nurse Openings: Med-Surg Department - Part Time (Full Time Benefits - 0.75) (every third weekend) 7A - 7P and 7P - 7A Emergency Department - Part Time (0.6) - every third weekend - 7P-7A

Respiratory Therapist Opening: Part Time - 10 hour days, 2nd shift hours

Laboratory - MT/MLT Performs all analytical procedures in the laboratory in the specialties of chemistry, serology, hematology, blood banking, urinalysis, microbiology, coagulation, and body fluid analysis. Collects blood samples from inpatients and outpatients. Qualifications: Must be registered Medical Technologist, Medical Laboratory Technician, ASCP or HHS approved or equivalent. Opening: PRN (Daytime/wkn Coverage)

Certified Medical Assistant/LPN (Provider Office) Openings: PRN (As Needed)



HELP WANTED: Antwerp Manor dietary is seeking to fill part time position working with the kitchen and serving meals. If interested, please pick up an application at the front desk, or call 419-258-1606.

HELP WANTED: NURSES Antwerp Manor Assisted Living is currently looking to fill: Nurse 6 days/pay third shift Nurse Monday-Thursday second shift If interested please call 419-258-1606 Applications also available at the front desk.

LEGAL NOTICE Be it resolved by the Paulding County Board of Health the following fees have been adopted and become effective January 1, 2021. Food Service Operations/Retail Food Establishments Table with fees for different levels and mobile/vending/temporary services.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2020-19B on December 30, 2020, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriation amounts for 2020.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20 on December 30, 2020, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance makes appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures for fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, for the funds and in the amounts as set forth in said Ordinance.

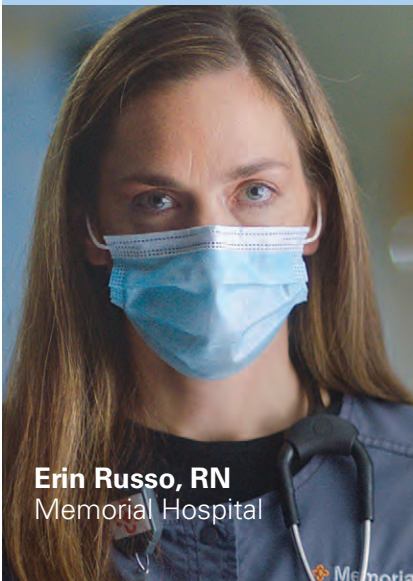
The publication of the Ordinance is by summary only. The complete text of the Ordinance may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

HELP WANTED

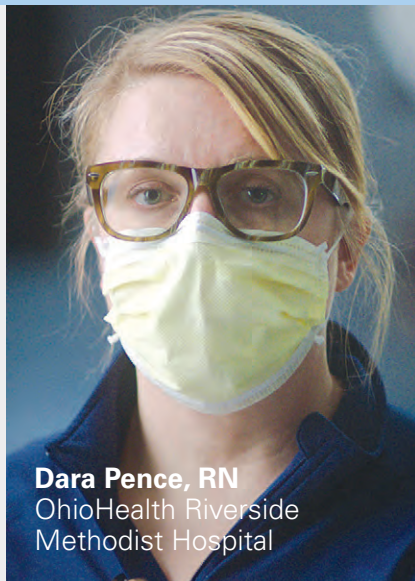
Looking for a Journeyman or Apprentice wanting to become a journeyman. We are an Electrical Contractor Business: 40%-Residential; 50%-Generators; 10%-Light Commercial & service. Must have a good work ethic, valid drivers license and must be ON TIME!

Excellent career opportunity for the right person. Paid vacation, holidays and profit sharing. Send resume to: gerberselectric@metalink.net

WE NEED YOUR HELP



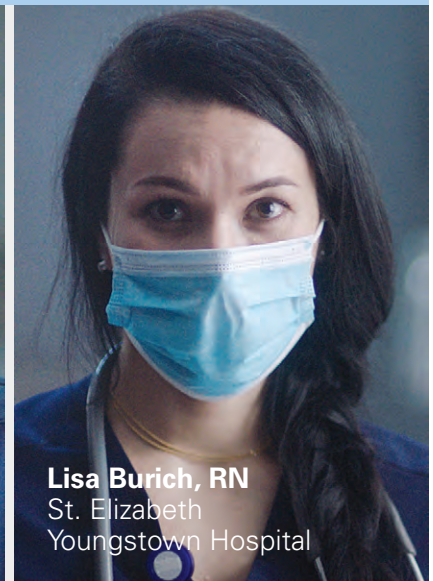
Erin Russo, RN
Memorial Hospital



Dara Pence, RN
OhioHealth Riverside
Methodist Hospital



Jasmine Shavers, RN
Miami Valley Hospital



Lisa Burich, RN
St. Elizabeth
Youngstown Hospital

Here's how you can help save lives:



STAY SAFE OHIO PROTOCOL

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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