

HORNISH BRINGS HOME WRESTLING STATE TITLE



Jarrett Hornish and Hunter Long State placers. Hornish State Champ Long 4th Place.

Through-out the 2020-2021 wrestling season the Wayne Trace Wrestling Team has continuously broken school records. This year at the state tournament the wrestlers competing at the OHSAA Division 3 tournament broke another school record. Prior to this year the best team finish at the state tournament was 11th place. This year the 3 Raiders competing at the state tournament combined their team points

to finish in a very respectful 7th place. With only 3 wrestlers competing at this prestigious event the boys were able to post a top 10 finish with limited numbers. The Raiders started off the tournament with a bang by winning all of their first round matches. Senior, Gabe Sutton, opened up the tournament with a big win for the Raiders when he knocked off the Coshocton District Champion Griffen

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Congratulations to Antwerp Boys Basketball on their incredible season! See Page 9

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL VACCINATION UPDATE

The combined efforts of Paulding County Hospital and Paulding County Health Department have been able to vaccinate 3,302 essential workers and eligible Paulding County residents thus far. Both entities have been working closely with the State of Ohio and remain committed to provide safe and effective COVID-19 vaccinations to currently eligible residents of Paulding County.

Beginning 3/9, several Paulding County Hospital Provider office clinics began

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

LITTLE SPROUTS OPENING FOR COMMUNITY



Mayor Greg White, Tim Copsey (PCED), Amber Gochenour (Little Sprouts Director), Jeremy Thompson, Pastor

The Paulding Nazarene Church is announcing a big addition to their ministries - Little Sprouts Early Learning Center that is now ready

to bring in young people to help parents with their daycare needs in Paulding. The church had a young lady ap

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WOODBURN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN - EXPANSION!



One of the greatest assets on the Indiana/Ohio border just announced a new Capital Campaign and expansion

devoted to helping the lives of young people. The annual meeting for the Woodburn

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MOLITORS COMPETE AT STATE GYMNASTICS MEET

Two Antwerp freshmen gymnasts took part in the Ohio High School Athletic Association state gymnastics meet on March 5 and March 6 at Hilliard Bradley High School with each enjoying success.

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Community Calendar

- March 17**
 - WBESC Meeting - 5:30pm
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm
- March 19**
 - Paulding KofC Fish Fry - 4-7pm
- March 20**
 - Oakwood Vol Fire Dept. Fish Fry 4-7pm
- March 21**
 - Cecil Comm Church, Ruth Bennett piano Concert & refreshments
- March 24**
 - Food Distribution @PC Fairgrounds 12-2pm
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm
- March 25**
 - Paulding County Carnegie Library Children's Room "Spring Party" 5-6:30pm
- March 26**
 - Paulding KofC Fish Fry - 4-7pm
 - Hicksville KofC Fish Fry 4:30-7pm
- March 27**
 - Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments for whole family - 1 pm.
- March 27**
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

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OBITUARIES

ANTWERP, OH
Nicholas Mendez, 83, of Cecil, OH, passed away at home on Thursday, March 11, 2021. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

Janice Evelyn Chambers, 59, of Antwerp passed away Thursday, March 4, 2021, at Lutheran Hospital. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

PAYNE, OH
Marianne Case, 91, of Payne, passed away at home Thursday, March 4, 2021. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio.

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 to offer COVID vaccinations. The schedule of provider offices offering COVID vaccines are as follows:
 -Julie Arend, CPN: Tuesday morning - Located on PCH main campus in the Medical Office Building
 -Dr. Halachanova: Wednesday afternoon - Located on PCH main campus in the Medical Office Building
 -Dr. Spangler: Wednesday afternoon - Located on PCH main campus in the Medical Office Building
 -Dr. Schramm: Friday morning - Located at PCH Antwerp Regional Medical Center
 -Janet Zeedyk, PA: Friday morning - Located at PCH Antwerp Regional Medical Center

Paulding County Hospital COVID Vaccine Clinic will continue to offer first dose vaccinations on Wednesday and second dose vaccinations on Friday.
 Eligible Paulding County residents can now schedule an appointment online at pauldingcountyhospital.com by selecting "CLICK HERE to schedule your COVID 19 Vaccine Appointment." Individuals may still call 419-399-1163 on Monday and Tuesday, from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm. Ap-

pointments are being scheduled for individuals that are at least 50 years of age or have a qualifying medical condition or occupation.
 Qualifying medical conditions: Ohioans with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset, and inherited conditions including cerebral palsy; spina bifida; severe congenital heart disease requiring hospitalization within the past year; inherited metabolic disorders including phenylketonuria; severe neurological disorders including epilepsy, hydrocephaly, and microcephaly; severe genetic disorders including Down syndrome, fragile X syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, Turner syndrome, and muscular dystrophy; severe lung disease, including asthma requiring hospitalization within the past year, and cystic fibrosis; sickle cell anemia; and alpha and beta thalassemia; and solid organ transplant patients, Type 1 diabetes; Type 2 diabetes; pregnant women; bone marrow transplant recipients; ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Phase 1C Occupations* currently eligible include Childcare Services, Funeral Services, and Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers.

*For a detailed list of those who gained eligibility due to IC criteria please visit coronavirus.ohio.gov and click on COVID-19 Vaccination Program, Phase 1C Distribution.
 For up-to-date information regarding Paulding County Hospital COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic please reference our website at pauldingcountyhospital.com/covid19vaccine

HEALTH ORDERS REGARDING MASS GATHERINGS, SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT VENUES SIGNED
 Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced that Ohio Department of Health Director Stephanie McCloud signed the following public health orders:
 First Amended Revised Order to Limit and/or Prohibit Mass Gatherings in the State of Ohio, with Exceptions. Changes include:
 Wedding receptions, funeral repasts, proms, and other events, whether or not food is served, at banquet facilities shall comply with previously

Thank You!
 We would like to thank all who sent cards, and said a prayer for our daughter Nicole Lockhart. Also, those who sent gifts of angel statues and wind chimes, are appreciated.
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PAULDING COUNTY STRIVES TO HELP ADDICTS THROUGH DRUG COURT PROGRAM



Paulding County Common Pleas Court Judge Tiffany Beckman (left) talks with Westwood Behavioral Health's Drug Court Coordinator Andrea Ricker after a recent session. Paulding County's Drug Court program recently celebrated five years of helping local drug addicts get back on their feet.

Paulding County Common Pleas Court Judge Tiffany Beckman knows that sometimes all that troubled people need is for one other person to believe in them. For many of the participants in Paulding County Drug Court, that one person is Judge Beckman herself.

Established in October 2015, Paulding County Drug Court is a specialized docket that allows the judge to draw from many resources to help people who have been incarcerated on drug or related charges to overcome their substance abuse and addiction problems.

A participant in Drug Court benefits from the pooled resources of several local agencies: the court, law enforcement, the prosecutor, Job and Family Services, and substance abuse and mental health providers.

"It takes all those pieces and parts so they don't fall through the cracks," says Judge Beckman. She describes the program as a sort of "super probation" where people are released from jail and given a lot of support and tools to help them while they are under probation.

Judge Beckman explains that the idea for the program began in June 2014, when judges and officials throughout the state of Ohio were invited to the Ohio Supreme Court Judicial Symposium on Opiate Addiction.

Then Governor John Kasich spearheaded the effort to find new ways to help communities that were impacted by the scourge of addiction. With the message that prison populations were exploding and the state was not going to be able "to arrest its way out" of the crisis, communities were challenged to tackle the problem locally by developing multi-faceted programs that addressed the problems of addiction at the individual level.

Judge Beckman describes the conference as "life changing." She came back and called a meeting of all the Paulding County agencies that could be potentially involved. Knowing that change is hard, she asked, "Who hates this idea?" "Everyone agreed that we needed to do something," recalls the judge. Within a year, all the parties came together, and Paulding County had plans in place to establish its own Drug Court Program.

"I was torn about what the right answer is—the old way or the new way. I am a happy medium person," says the judge. This program allows her to give convicted felons a

chance because they are ultra supervised, and a return to incarceration is never off the table.

Admittance into the program is at the judge's discretion. She explains that the process is "more English than math." She does not have an empirical scoring system that qualifies people for Drug Court. Instead, she looks at an individual facing release from incarceration and considers their prior history and their willingness to verbalize that they want to live their lives differently.

The judge says that sometimes that is a person who is young and new to the system, or it could be an older, repeat offender.

"I ask people, 'Are you going to be 50 years old and still wearing that jumpsuit?' Often they say they are just 'tired.' I wish I had a bell to ring when I heard that word because it usually means they are ready."

Judge Beckman, who has been the Common Pleas Court Judge for 10 years, strives to strike a balance between punishing and helping people. During Drug Court sessions, she fosters a firm, fair and friendly atmosphere for the participants who number between 10 and 20 at any given time.

She conducts Drug Court differently than regular court, choosing not to wear her robe or make those present rise when she enters. She often talks directly to participants about her own problems and triumphs, highlighting that we all have common struggles relating to child-rearing, jobs, paying bills, and managing our free time. And we also need to acknowledge our successes, in sober ways, of course.

"I tell personal stories because I want to be real to them," says the judge. "I want it to feel more like support and less like court."

Participants pass through four phases in the Drug Court program, with increasing freedoms in each phase. Drug testing and counseling are supervised by Westwood Behavioral Health. The judge credits Westwood's Drug Court Coordinator Andrea Ricker and counselor Ashley Tope with helping many individuals succeed in the program.

When participants phase up, they are required to fill out paperwork to explain why they should advance, and Ricker often makes them go back and write more, especially about their feelings.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed."

Acts 4:10,12

The judge admits that Phase 1 is very hard for participants, but often during Phase 2, she sees a switch turn on for them where they have more clarity and the program becomes easier. They work on the basics like getting their driver's licenses back, obtaining insurance, and working on custody and visitation issues with their children.

Drug Court sessions are held twice a month. Participants who have tested negative for drugs and attended all of their required treatment appointments are considered 100% compliant and can get something out of the judge's reward basket, which is filled with \$5 gift cards, candy, beef jerky, body lotion, and similar items. The judge also chooses a recipient of the "Good Attitude Award," and that person gets an extra reward.

Wanting to focus on the positive at each court session, the judge asks participants to tell her something good that has happened to them since she last saw them. If they fail to come up with something, she reminds them that the question is not a surprise and waits for an answer. At some point in their Drug Court experience, many will say that their "good thing" is that something bad has happened to them, and they coped without using drugs.

It takes at least one year to go through the program. Judge Beckman writes a personal letter to each graduate, which she reads at his or her graduation, often wiping away tears as she recounts the graduate's journey through Drug Court from her perspective.

"I'm a crier," she laughs every time as she fans her face with paperwork. She presents each graduate with a restaurant gift certificate and an inspirational plaque with a quote from C. S. Lewis, which reads, "You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

Graduates are given a standing ovation and treated to a celebratory lunch after-

wards. Thirty-eight people have graduated from Paulding County Drug Court in its over five-year existence. One of those has died of a drug overdose. Five or six others have relapsed and returned to prison. One participant graduated, relapsed and was re-admitted into the Drug Court program.

Arie Barajas, who was the first ever graduate of Paulding County Drug Court, was re-admitted into the program and is now in Phase 3. "Judge Beckman has helped me more than she will ever know. I know this is my last shot at a better life," says Barajas.

"This program is very intense, and if a person takes it serious there is so much support and opportunity," she adds. "If it weren't for this program and Judge Beckman, I know without a doubt I would be either dead, in prison or an active drug user facing death."

Judge Beckman believes that offering the program is still the right thing to do even with the failures. Statistics show that half of people who have been in recovery for two years relapse.

"Just cleaning them up doesn't fix their problems," says the judge. "There are so many layers to addiction, including loss and trauma. If I can give them a year of sobriety, I can show them a different way to live."

She points out that she has shown 38 people a year of living clean. "That is 38 years of sobriety," she says.

Judge Beckman says that she wants to see Drug Court become popular. "I want it to be a club that people want to join. A climate of recovery is my goal. I want this community to be a place where recovery is cool."

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A VISIT TO THE DOCTOR

A Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

You would think that by my age I would get over my fear of doctors. Doctors have always frightened me and I



believe each time I go to an appointment, they will have bad news. There are so many things to check about our health, especially when we grow older.

Our eyesight fails, our joints get stiff, we get bunions on our feet, gain weight, can't run, can't jump, fall down in high heels, get out of breath when we climb stairs are just a few of the things we endure when we reach a certain age.

We are told to exercise, eat right, sleep eight hours and to drink plenty of water. That may help, but I know people who did all that and still got sick. Then I also knew people who drank and smoked that have lived to be over 100. So what do we do? Personally, I guess I will eat that piece of chocolate or pie and be happy and enjoy it. Just think if we ate right the doctors could have less patients. (who wants to eat right?)

Yes, of course, I remember when doctors used to come to our homes and treat our illnesses. They may come late at night, but they always showed up with a little black bag full of all sorts of interesting little gadgets. Of course, I was scared of a doctor or a dentist even then. And, I let them know about it.

One day when I was in the third grade, I came home from school and my Mama had a nice little waxed paper bag with some potato chips in it. I had a little brother and we both wanted those chips. So I grabbed them. My Mama said, "Now, Nancy you have to share them with your brother."

I immediately turned around on my little heels and said very loudly, "I want my own bag, I don't want to share." The next thing I remember is that I ran into the edge of the door and cut my head right above my eye. Oh yes, I screamed and hollered and thought I was going to die. I saw the blood and immediately laid down on the couch informing everyone that I was bleeding to death.

As I laid on the couch scared and screaming, Grandma got on the crank phone and asked for the doctor. Of course we had a party

line, and everyone would pick up their receiver and listen in. This is how we got the news.

Well the doctor said he would come out to our house to look at my head, but it may be later. Oh my! Would I die or bleed to death by the time he got here? It must have been around 9 p.m. when the doctor came in and looked at my head. He said, "She is going to need a butterfly stitch."

After I heard that, I screamed and said, "No I don't want a butterfly stitch, just wrap up my head." Finally, after a lot of bribing, I agreed to let the doctor put that butterfly stitch on my head. (actually it was just a band aid, but I thought he was using a needle and thread.)

To my surprise, my ordeal was not over yet. The doctor told my Mama to bring me into the office in a week to have the stitch removed. I was not happy about it and as soon as I got into the doctors office that day I began kicking, screaming, crying and running. I ran around the office and into the bathroom, back out and then climbed on a chair telling them they would never catch me.

A half hour later, I was under the doctors desk. I am sure my Mama was mortified, but I was not about to come from under that desk. I sat there pouting and whimpering when all of a sudden the doctor held out a piece of chocolate and I was tired and so hungry that I came from under my hiding place. All the doctor had to do was take off the band aid and it did not hurt a bit. Plus the chocolate was good and worth hiding under the desk for.

I am not fond of dentists either. If I see mine in a store I hide. When I was about 5 for some reason my two front baby teeth had not come out. So it was decided to let the friendly dentist pull them out.

Again, I went into combat zone and kicked the dentist, jumped on his desk and flatly told him, he was not going to pull those teeth. Maybe I was scared, maybe I was just a brat. But, between the dentist, his secretary and my Mama, they held me down and yanked out those 2 teeth and I really thought I was going to die.

Through the years, I still hate going to the doctor or dentist but I can't fit under the desk anymore. So, I worry and worry and worry. I think, "If I got a cold, maybe it is pneumonia; if I have high blood pressure, I think I may have a stroke; if my head hurts perhaps I have a brain tumor; if I see a cut or bruise on myself, I think it could get infected. So many things to consider.

Maybe I am a worry wart or a hypochondriac but I get nervous each time I have to go see a doctor or the dentist. What was really hard was

being a mother of 4 children and having to take my kids in for their shots. They cried. I cried. And it even became harder to do once they were a little older. But hey, they got a sucker if they were good and you will never guess what I got..!

Are you scared of the doctor or dentist? Do you dread going? I hate to ask this but "Have you ever hid under the doctors desk?" Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

TIME FOR SOME FINANCIAL SPRING CLEAN

In just a few days, we will experience the vernal equinox - one of the two times in the year when the sun is exactly above the equator. Apart from this astronomical anomaly, though, the equinox is mostly known as the beginning of spring - a fresh beginning and the time to spruce things up. This year, as you tidy up your home and surroundings, why not also consider some financial spring cleaning?

Here are a few ideas for getting your financial house in order:

"De-clutter" your portfolio

Over the years, many of us tend to pick up duplicate items that find their way into the nooks and crannies of our homes, gathering dust and remaining unused. Over time, your investment portfolio can also accumulate redundancies - that is, you might own several investments that are essentially similar. It might be appropriate to replace some of these and broaden your holdings.

Own your investments purposefully

You own certain things for certain reasons - a broom to sweep the floors, a microwave to heat the food and so on. As an investor, you should be following a goal-based strategy that includes the matching of certain investments with certain objectives. For example, you might own stocks or mutual funds to eventually provide the capital appreciation potential you'll need to retire comfortably. But you might also own other vehicles, such as bonds or other fixed-income investments, to provide you with a source of regular income.

"Dust off" your investment strategy

Over a long winter, your windows can get dirty and grimy, so, when spring arrives, you may want to get out the glass cleaner - and when you're done, you'll be able to see out more clearly. Over time, your investment strategy may get somewhat "dusty," too, especially if you've experienced significant changes in your life, such as a new job, a new child or even a new plan

for retirement. By periodically reviewing your investment strategy, you'll be able to clarify your vision for the future.

Protect yourself from hidden dangers

If you poke around your garage, shed or other storage area, you may well find some objects - gardening tools, paint thinners and engine fluids, leaning ladders and so on - that could be dangerous, either because they aren't stored properly or they're hard to see and can cause trips and falls. As part of your spring cleaning, you'd want to get these objects out of harm's way to safeguard yourself and your family. But when you think of your financial situation, are you also exposing yourself and your loved ones to risk? If something were to happen to you, could your family members stay in their home? Could your children still go to college? To help keep their lifestyle intact if you weren't around, you'll need adequate life insurance. And to avoid burdening your grown children with potentially huge expenses should you ever need some type of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay, you may want to talk to a financial advisor about protection strategies.

By taking some spring cleaning measures, you can brighten your living space for the seasons ahead. And by applying some of the same principles to your financial environment, you can help improve the prospects for meeting your important goals.

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KID'S KORNER

Welcome back! I'm happy you are here again.

Did you find the answer to how long Lazarus had been dead before Jesus raised him back to life? It was four days (John 11:1-44). There is something quite interesting that happened.

Jesus had heard that His dear friend Lazarus was seriously ill and close to death. Mary and Martha knew that Jesus could bring miraculous healing to Lazarus, and so they sent for Him. But Jesus delayed His journey to the bedside of Lazarus. So much so, in fact, that when He did arrive Lazarus was already several days dead.

Why did He delay the journey? He had a point to make clear to Mary and Martha and all of us. He is the resurrection and the life. It didn't matter that Lazarus had been long dead. Jesus could still restore his life. In like manner, Jesus can raise our long-dead bodies not only to life but to eternal life. That is the promise that He makes to us. Even after we die in this life, yet He will raise to everlasting life with Him.

The shortest verse in the Bible, John 11:35, is contained within the above passage. "Jesus wept." He wept that Mary and Martha had not yet recognized that He had all power over death. He wept not only because His dear friend Lazarus had died, but also for the death that comes to us all because of sin. Death wasn't meant to be a part of our earthly life, but because of sin we face the fact of death every day.

The good news is that in Jesus we have the assurance that, even though we die in this life that, through faith in Him, eternity awaits us in His heavenly place.

OK, how about this one for next week: To whom did Jesus teach the prayer we know as the Lord's Prayer? For a bonus, where in the Bible is that prayer found?

See you next week.
Pastor Tim
mhrtim1951@gmail.com

TWO PEOPLE TWO WAYS

By: Doris Applegate

Once upon a time there was a certain rich man who wore beautiful clothes of purple and fine linen, and enjoyed a great life of luxury! A certain poor beggar whose name was Lazarus, who sat at the door of the rich man wanting a few crumbs of food from his table. Lazarus had horrible sores on his body and dogs would lick his sores! Finally the poor beggar died and the angels carried him to a Heavenly realm to sit beside Father Abraham. After a while the rich man also died but went into a place of torment! He happened to see Lazarus and Father Abraham across the way and said, "Have mercy on me and let Lazarus dip his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am greatly tormented in these flames!"

Father Abraham answered him and said, "Remember that you had many wonderful things in your lifetime and Lazarus had evil things..you are now tormented and he is happy, there also is a very wide gap or space between where you are and where we are so that no one can pass over." The rich man then wanted Abraham to send Lazarus to his five brothers and warn them not to come to this horrible place." Abraham replied and said, "They have Moses and the prophets to warn them." The rich man was really desperate now and said, "If one went to them from the dead they would surely listen," but Father Abraham said "No, if they

prophets, they will not hear and repent even if one from the dead went to tel them!" (Read Luke 16: 19-31)

As we have read this story of two people and the different lives they lived, we see that God judges fairly. Today we have the Lord Jesus to give us eternal life. It is a free offer to us, whosoever will may come and be saved from torment. The choice is OURS to make. Hopefully we choose Jesus Christ.

Amen

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
Do you have any rules for building a good Christian home?

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- 1. Respect - I Peter 2:17
- 2. Kindness - Ephesians 4:32
- 3. Orderliness - I Corinthians 14:40
- 4. Cleanliness - I Corinthians 6:20
- 5. Honesty - Romans 12:17
- 6. Permission - Ephesians 6:2
- 7. Manners - Philippians 1:27
- 8. Responsibility - I Corinthians 4:2
- 9. Obedience - Ephesians 6:1
- 10. Bible - Matthew 4:4
- 11. Prayer - Philippians 4:6
- 12. Christian Living - Colossians 3:23
- 13. Church - Hebrews 10:25
- 14. Modesty - I Timothy 2:9

DO NOT

- 1. Fighting or Arguing - Philippians. 2:3
- 2. Lying - Proverbs 12:22
- 3. Stealing - Exodus 20:15
- 4. Provoking - Galatians 5:26
- 5. Evil Speaking - Ephesians 4:29
- 6. Worldliness - I Timothy 5:22
- 7. Complaining - Philippians 2:14
- 8. Disobedience - Proverbs 30:17
- 9. Bad Company - Proverbs 13:20
- 10. Laziness - Romans 12:11
- 11. Selfishness - Romans 12:10
- 12. Revenge - Romans 12:19
- 13. Rebellion - I Samuel 15:23
- 14. Anger - James 1:20

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." - Proverbs 22:6

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Joe Heins introduces the new Capital Campaign

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Christian Children's Home took place on Saturday, March 13 at the Harlan Church of Christ and Christian School. This meeting was much more than the just announcing the 2020 financial report that people expect to hear at these type of meetings.

With one hundred people in attendance and more on-line, Joe Heins, Executive Director of WCCCH, announced new plans to expand the campus located on Nostestine Road near the state line. The Call to Action shows the plans that the Board of Directors have been working on for the past three years, carefully crafting for the coming 2021 groundbreaking. The new plans include a 12500 square foot multi-purpose building for training, counseling, and a gymnasium. Phase 2 will include a new 10-bedroom home to start construction as soon as phase 1 is finished.

The mandate set forth in the Holy Bible states, "to look after orphans and widows in their distress..." from James 1:27. For many years the house parents, directors and many others have made this possible all without government funding or intervention.

The \$1.6 million cost of the new campaign may seem daunting at first but Joe and the board have emphasized that this is the Lord's building and not theirs. This will get done by God's people and he quotes the Lord, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9). This builds on the faith of Christians who want to see these kids who have not had the greatest of opportunities in life, to become overcomers rather than victims.

Adults who have worked at the facility and adults who were actually raised in the facility over the past few de-

acades were in attendance and spoke on how great this will be for children whose lives have been messed up by circumstances beyond their control. The staff and counselors have been training these children for a long time to take advantage of the opportunities that are available in when we are set free by Jesus Christ.

2020 with the pandemic was a year that churches and other organizations struggled in many ways. Most had events cancelled, if not the whole year postponed. Giving may have been seriously effected. WCCCH was not exempt from this, as two of their biggest fundraisers were cancelled last year! Amazingly enough, even without these fundraisers the giving actually increased! Praise God!

What will take to get this Capital Campaign accomplished? It takes good people who will step up, see the need, and answer the call. Over \$150,000 has already been pledged by board and staff. Packets were handed out with pledge cards and information.

Be sure to visit wchonline.org or contact Joe Heins at joe@wchonline.org or call 260-632-5551. There is a lot of good news at Woodburn Christian Children's Home!

CONSPIRACY OF BETRAYAL

If you could pass judgment on none other than Judas Iscariot, how would you rule?

Over Easter weekend, that question will be asked in the courtroom drama "Conspiracy of Betrayal" by Dixie C. Manning. The drama is a joint presentation of Woodburn United Methodist Church and the Village Players.

"Conspiracy of Betrayal" presents the heavenly trial of Judas Iscariot (Jamy Shaffer), who is charged with conspiracy to commit murder in the death of Jesus of Nazareth (Richard Hall). The archangel Gabriel (Mercedes Mon-

civais) is the judge, the fallen angel Satan (Keith Robinson) acts as prosecuting attorney, and Jesus himself will be counsel for the defense.

Twelve members of the audience will for the jury and, by their vote, determine the outcome of the play. Characters will give testimony, the jury will vote on the verdict, and the play's ending is determined by that vote.

Supporting roles will be played by Brandy Patterson (Mary), Sean Patterson (John), Peter Greer (Ciaphas), Nicole Robinson (Bailiff) and Coral Watkins (Court Reporter). The play is directed by Dawn Patterson.

"Conspiracy of Betrayal" will be presented at Woodburn United Methodist Church, 4300 Becker Road, Woodburn, at 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 2 and at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Holy Saturday, April 3. Admission will be free offering, a portion of which will go toward Heifer International. Social distancing will be practiced, with masks requested for all audience members.



VANTAGE STUDENTS ASSIST IN VACCINATIONS AT PCH

Beginning on March 12th, Vantage adult education students enrolled in the PNP (Practical Nursing Program) assisted in vaccinating Paulding County residents, at Paulding County Hospital COVID Vaccine Clinic. PNP students will continue to assist Paulding County Hospital in vaccinating eligible individuals who wish to receive the vaccine throughout the month of March.

Eligible Paulding County residents can now schedule an appointment online at pauldingcountyhospital.com by selecting "CLICK HERE to schedule your COVID 19 Vaccine Appointment." Individuals may still call 419-399-1163 on Monday and Tuesday, from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm. Appointments are being scheduled for individuals that are at least 50 years of age or have a qualifying medical condition or occupation.

Qualifying medical conditions: Ohioans with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset, and inherited conditions including cerebral palsy; spina bifida; severe congenital heart disease requiring hospitalization within the past year; inherited metabolic disorders including phenylketonuria; severe neurological disorders including epilepsy, hydrocephaly, and microcephaly; severe genetic disorders including Down syndrome, fragile X syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, Turner syndrome, and muscular dystrophy; severe lung disease, including asthma requiring hospitalization within the past year, and cystic fibrosis; sickle cell anemia; and alpha and beta thalassemia; and solid organ

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY FEBRUARY SOM



Grover Hill Elementary February Students of the Month are Front seated: Gracelyn Miller, Aylan Stoller, Addi Noffsinger, Carson Devenney, Sam Schabbing, Gentry Tucker and Bryn Hershberger. Back Standing: Morgan Silance, Phoebe Landwehr, Abbie Williams, Jerilyn Orona, Zach Stoller, Jeremy Vejar and Karsyn Troth. Absent: Traiden White and Jerry Zickefoose.

transplant patients, Type 1 diabetes; Type 2 diabetes; pregnant women; bone marrow transplant recipients; ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Phase IC Occupations* currently eligible include Childcare Services, Funeral Services, and Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers.

*For a detailed list of those who gained eligibility due to IC criteria please visit coronavirus.ohio.gov and click on COVID-19 Vaccination Program, Phase IC Distribution.

For up-to-date information regarding Paulding County Hospital COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic please reference our website at pauldingcountyhospital.com/covid19vaccine

COVID TESTS AT THE LIBRARY

The state of Ohio is offering free at home COVID Test Kits. These at home kits are available for free from all Paulding County Carnegie Library locations. There are technical components that are required in order to use these tests.

You must have access to a Smart Phone, tablet or computer with a webcam and Internet access in order to use this test. The NAVICA app (available in English and Spanish) is required. The NAVICA app is available at the App store and Google Play at no charge. If you do not have access to these, local testing may be available at the Paulding County Hospital and Hicksville Memorial Hospital.

The at-home testing is done in collaboration with a telehealth session. Taking the antigen test includes a nasal swab and a session with a trained telehealth professional via the NAVICA app.

Additional information about the test can be found at <https://ohio.emed.com/>

Tests may be picked up at any Paulding County Carnegie Library location. All PCCL locations open at 10 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Full hours can be found at the bottom of our webpage www.mypccl.org. Our library buildings are open to the public, just stop in to request a test kit or give your closest location a call for curb side delivery.

"We appreciate the opportunity to provide these free COVID at home tests to our community." Ellen Williams, PCCL Director.

ELECTRICITY COULD HELP SPEED WOUND HEALING, NEW STUDY SHOWS

Electric stimulation may be able to help blood vessels carry white blood cells and oxygen to wounds, speeding healing, a new study suggests.

The study, published in the Royal Society of Chemistry journal *Lab on a Chip*, found that steady electrical stimulation generates increased permeability across blood vessels, providing new insight into the ways new blood vessels might grow.

The electrical stimulation provided a constant voltage with an accompanying electric current in the presence of fluid flow. The findings indicate that stimulation increases permeability of the blood vessel - an important characteristic that can help wound-healing substances in the blood reach injuries more efficiently.

"There was this speculation that blood vessels could grow better if you stimulated them electrically," said Shaurya Prakash, senior author of the study and associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at The Ohio State

University. "And we found that the response of the cells in our blood vessel models shows significant promise towards changing the permeability of the vessels that can have positive outcomes for our ongoing work in wound healing."

Blood vessels are crucial for wound healing: They thread throughout your body, carrying nutrients, cells and chemicals that can help control inflammation caused by an injury. Oxygen and white blood cells - which protect the body from foreign invaders - are two key components delivered by blood vessels.

But when there is an injury - for example, a cut on your finger - the architecture of the blood vessels at the wound site are disrupted. That also interrupts the vessels' ability to help the wound heal. Blood vessels regrow on their own, almost like the branches of trees, without external sources of electricity, as part of the healing process.

"And as the blood vessels begin to grow, they replenish the skin and cells and establish a healing barrier again," Prakash said. "But our question was: How do you make this process better and faster, and is there any benefit to doing that?"

What they found, in laboratory tests performed using human cells, is that stimulating blood vessels with electricity showed a marked increase in blood vessel permeability, which is a physical marker suggestive of possible new vessel growth.

"These initial findings are exciting, and the next phase of the work will require us to study if and how we can actually grow new vessels," Prakash said.

Jon Song, co-author of the paper and associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at Ohio State, said the results imply that one of the primary ways blood ves-

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PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF VOLUNTEER AT FOOD PANTRY



Paulding Middle School staff members and students recently volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry in Paulding, Ohio. Shown in the picture from left to right are: Mr. Kyle Kramer, Mr. Shawn Hurd, Devyn Haller, Madison Soukup, Ameriona Stiltner, Ameah Carr, and Mrs. Tanya Bok.

cells work to heal injuries is by allowing molecules and cells to move across the vessels' walls.

"And now we have better understanding for how electric stimulation can change the permeability across the vessel walls," Song said. "Let's say you have a cutaneous wound, like a paper cut, and your blood vessels are severed and that's why you have blood leaking out. What you need is a bunch of bloodborne cells to come to that place and exit out the blood vessel to initiate the wound repair."

The study suggested that changes in blood vessel permeability could get those bloodborne cells to a wound site more quickly, though it did not explain the reasons why that happened. The study seemed to indicate that electricity affected the proteins that hold blood vessel cells together, but those results were not conclusive.

The study is an extension of work by a broader team, led by Prakash, that previously showed electric bandages could help stimulate healing in wounded dogs. That work indicated that electrical stimulation might also help manage infections at wound sites - a phenomenon the researchers also hope to research further.

Other Ohio State researchers who worked on this study include Prashanth Mohana Sundaram, Kaushik K. Rangharajan, Tanner J. Hadick and Ehsan Akbari. This work was funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, the American Heart Association and the National Cancer Institute.

URL: <https://news.osu.edu/electricity-could-help-speed-wound-healing-new-study-shows/>

LAROSE BRINGING MORE ACCOUNTABILITY TO COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose rejected the appointments of five county board of elections members from Summit, Lorain, Vinton (2), and Hocking. The partisan breakdown is three Democrats (Lorain, Vinton, Hocking) and two Republicans (Summit, Vinton).

County boards of elections consist of four board members, with two each from the respective political parties. Terms last four years each. Each county political party recommends appointments to the Ohio Secretary of State for approval.

In each of the rejected appointments, significant deficiencies were determined where board members did not provide the standard of competence necessary to continue serving in their respective role. Letters sent to each board member are linked below.

"One of the principal reasons our 2020 election was so successful is because of the hard work, dedication, and professionalism of Ohio's bipartisan election officials. Far and away, they performed well under extremely challenging conditions," said LaRose. "However, challenging circumstances like 2020 have a way of both shining a light on outstanding boards but also laying bare those which need improvement when board members fail to meet the standard required of them. Most critical, such failures risk putting voter confi-

dence in jeopardy, and that's simply unacceptable."

For each rejected appointment, the respective county party organization is asked to submit a new name for approval.

In addition to Summit County's rejected board appointment, the Summit County Board of Elections has been placed on Administrative Oversight.

Administrative Oversight will require the board to report biweekly to the Secretary's office to ensure the board is effectively administering elections. It's important to note that two Summit County Board of Elections members' terms expired this year. One did not seek reappointment, and the Secretary rejected the recommendation to reappoint the other. The two remaining Board members will be evaluated under the same set of facts as stated in both the Administrative Oversight letter and the letter to the outgoing Summit County board member, as it has become clear that the issues plaguing the Summit County Board of Elections have occurred for many years. Our Office will continue to evaluate the ongoing service of the remaining two Board members, as well as the Director and the Deputy Director. The Secretary will not hesitate to initiate removal of the two Board members whose terms end in 2023, prior to that date, if we determine that it is in the best interest of the voters of Summit County to do so as we uphold our sacred oath to administer safe, secure, fair, and accurate elections.

MILITARY HISTORY OF PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry
John Stout Snook

One of Paulding County's high profile attorneys of his day was John Stout Snook. John was Born December 18, 1862 in Antwerp, Ohio. The son of William Nelson Snook,



who was born March 17, 1819, in New Jersey, and Martha (Banks) Snook, who was born on March 14, 1821. This couple was married, October 1, 1840 in Paulding, Ohio.

John was one of five children born into this family. John was raised in Antwerp and was a school teacher in 1880. In that same year, his mother died on December 25. John graduated from Antwerp grade school in 1881, and attended Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, in 1882.



In his third year, there was a show in town, that was out of bounds, John went anyway, and was expelled from school. (Later in life, he was welcomed back as a hero to receive an honorary degree).

He transferred to Cincinnati Law School, where he graduated in May 1887. Snook was admitted to the bar in 1887 and began practicing law in Antwerp, moving to Paulding, Ohio in 1890. That same year, 1890, he was the senior partner in the law firm, Snook and Wilcox (Alfred N. Wilcox). John had a logical mind and was the best lawyer in preparing a case that Alfred Wilcox would try and win in Court.

John also worked with Dr. Neeley in the cultivation of new varieties of flowers. He also taught Sunday school at the Presbyterian Church. John also met a girl named, Edith May Wells, who was born in 1870, in Pennsylvania. They were married August 3, 1891 in Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. On November 23, 1892, they had a son named Jean Donald Snook who was born in Paulding Township, Paulding County, Ohio. In November of 1894 the practicing partners, Snook & Wilcox, took a case that was a strain to the community of Paulding, as well as to themselves.

Charles Hart was arrested in the double murder of the Good children, Ashby and Elsie. The knowledge of why

they took this case is unclear, but the gruesome details and evidence, proved that Charles Hart was not right of mind. Public fear and a desire to have swift justice carried the rest of the year 1894. In December of 1894 as Charlie Hart appeared in Court, with John Snook and Alfred Wilcox, they all stood in front of Judge Wilson Snook, (not sure of the relation), the indictment was read. Charles stood there, cold and claimed he was guilty. Charles was sentenced to be hanged until he was, "dead, dead, dead." Charles Hart was hanged at the Ohio State Penitentiary, Friday April 12, 1895.

John had a desire to be somewhat of an elected official and ran for Congressman of 5th District as a Democrat. He won, two terms and served in the 57th-58th Congresses, March 4, 1901-March 5, 1905.

On March 14, 1905, his father, William Nelson Snook passed away. William and his wife Martha, are buried in Antwerp Riverside Cemetery, Antwerp, Ohio. Lot 58, Section 3, Grave 1-2. John was not a candidate in 1904, but resumed the practice of law in Paulding. Living in Paulding with wife Edith and son Jean Donald, practicing law, John still had that itch to scratch.

He served as a delegate in the 1912 Democratic Convention, as a Democrat, (also served as a delegate in 1932). Served as judge of the Court of Common Pleas 1913- 1915. In 1917, Snook was elected to the 65th Congress, March 4, 1917- March 3, 1919. John was not reelected in 1918 and returned to Paulding to practice law. As World War 1 loomed, his son Jean Donald, registered for the draft, May 31, 1917, in Cincinnati, Ohio. At 6-0" tall, slender build, brown eyes, brown hair, he would be accepted. He was currently a law student, and will serve in the Navy at Norfolk, Virginia, till May 9, 1918. He was released from service, January 2, 1919 as he was honorably discharged, May 5, 1920.

John and his wife, Edith still lived at 762 North Williams Street in Paulding. Edith became ill, in 1926, and passed away. She was buried in Live Oak Cemetery. John traveled overseas to Europe in 1927 his application for passport list him as 5'9", Gray Eyes, Dark Hair, Light Complexion, Long Face, Large Mouth, Big Nose, High Forehead.

John continued practicing law, until he was elected to the Court of Common Pleas

from 1930- 1938, after which he retired. He continued to travel extensively and finally became hard of hearing as he grew older. John had a housekeeper named, Florence Pearl Gray and she took care of John from the late 1930's until the day he died, September 19, 1952 in Paulding. He is buried with Edith in Live Oak Cemetery. As for Florence, she never married and she passed away, July 11, 1978 and was buried in Sherman Cemetery, Charloe. John's Son, Jean Donald, was married, became a father to a son, John Donald, became an attorney working for The Veterans Administration in Washington D.C., retired and moved back to Paulding area. He passed away, September 14, 1970 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He is buried in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Until Next Time!

AGCREDIT TO DISTRIBUTE \$31 MILLION PATRONAGE DIVIDEND TO BORROWER-OWNERS

AgCredit - one of northern Ohio's largest lenders for farmers, rural homeowners and agribusiness - announced that it will distribute \$31 million to its borrower-owners through its patronage program.

This marks the 34th consecutive year the cooperative has distributed earnings to its customers. This year's profit sharing will lower a loan rate by 38% on eligible loans. Qualified borrower-owners will receive their share when checks are mailed later this month.

"After the challenges of the past few years, and especially the hardships experienced with the pandemic in 2020, we are pleased to again return a high level of patronage to our borrower-owners," said Brian Ricker, AgCredit President and CEO.

"Our patronage program is just another way we're able to demonstrate in a tangible way the true value of cooperative membership," he added. "We also can't overestimate the importance of having a locally elected board of directors that is comprised of farmers who clearly understand the challenges facing our area farm operations."

AgCredit is a member of the nationwide Farm Credit System. For more information about the Association and its patronage dividend program, please visit www.AgCredit.net.

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. Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

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ARCHERS COME UP SHORT IN OT



Antwerp Senior Austin Lichty had a good night, adding another 3 point basket to the Archer total. More pictures at westbendnews.net

New Bremen kept Antwerp off of the scoreboard in overtime and the Cardinals posted a 51-43 victory over the Archers in Division IV boys regional semifinal basketball at Van Wert High School Tuesday evening (March 9, 2021).

Tied at 43-43 at the end of regulation, the Cardinals bucketed eight points in the extra session and kept the blue and white scoreless in moving on to the regional championship game against Columbus Grove.

New Bremen held a 21-8 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before the Cardinals took a 26-22 advantage at the intermission. The Auglaize County squad still was on top 33-32 entering the fourth quarter.

Jagger Landers led the Archers with 16 points, seven

rebounds, three assists and two steals while Austin Lichty chipped in 14 markers. Owen Sheedy and Luke Krouse each chipped in four markers followed by Landon Brewer (three) and Hunter Sproles (two).

Krouse also posted seven rebounds, three assists and three steals with Brewer grabbing six boards.

Reece Busse totaled 16 points and five rebounds for New Bremen with Trevor Bergman adding 13 markers. David Homan aided the Cardinal cause with eight points while Nick Alig and Daniel Homan both chipped in seven markers apiece. Mitchell Hays also had four points for the Cardinals.

David Homan and Alig each brought down four boards while Mitchell Hays dished out four assists.

ern Wells' Will Rickerd and Woodlan's Braden Smith.

The trio of Heritage's Kiel Eldridge, South Adams' Trey Schoch and Southern Wells' Austin Harris each garnered honorable mention as well.

NSCC OP-ED -- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Ohio's community colleges remain the critical linking pin to workforce development. The COVID-19 pandemic significantly disrupted Ohio employers and employees. Many Ohio businesses retrenched, but recognized the need for upskilling the continuing workforce to survive. Employees who lost their jobs found themselves needing new skills for a secure career in Ohio's future economy. And the realities of the soon-to-be post-COVID-19 economy indicates a shortage of needed skills for Ohio's future workforce as businesses grow and rebuild a thriving state economy. In northwest Ohio, Northwest State Community College, Owens State Community College, and Terra State Community College together can meet all these workforce development needs - customized training, short-term certificates, "learn while you earn" employer-sponsored programs,

apprenticeships, associate degrees, and more.

Governor DeWine, Lieutenant Governor Husted, Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor Gardner, the Development Services Agency, and the Ohio legislature have made workforce development a state priority. They provided significant new funding for community colleges and other partners to cover or defray the costs of workforce development. As one example, the recently established TechCred program provides worker training grants to employers to upskill their incumbent workforce and qualify them for new jobs in a more technology-infused economy. As of December 2020, more than 15,000 employee credentials have been awarded. Community colleges are also collaborating with the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation to deliver industry-recognized credentials to help displaced workers re-enter the workforce and help current workers advance their careers.

Your three community colleges in northwest Ohio participate in these and other state-wide workforce development initiatives. In addition, each of us brings unique specialized expertise to bridge Ohio's workforce gap and help employers and employees get the skills, high-value credentials, and postsecondary degrees they need for success:

- The newly opened 59,000 sf Dana Center for Advanced Manufacturing on the Owens Community College's Perrysburg campus offers critically-needed short-term certificates, associate degrees, and customized training in advanced manufacturing and skilled trades to address the current and projected shortage of skilled workers to support the manufacturing base of northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. The Dana Center feature six skilled technology labs, including robotics and programmable logic controller (PLC); computer-aided design (CAD); computer numerical control (CNC) and manual machining; mechanical and pneumatics; electrical; and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) and alternative energy; and

- Terra State's Kern Center for Workforce and Community Education offers critical training in leadership, healthcare, and skilled trades, as well as industry-driven testing and certifications. Throughout fall semester 2020, the Kern Center served more than 150 apprentices from 32 local companies.

Medical students applied the direct patient care they learned in the classroom to provide COVID19 testing on campus in partnership with Promedica and The Bellevue Hospital, keeping members of the campus community safe while developing workforce skills. Terra State opened labs during COVID-19 so that workers from area companies could obtain essential training without having to interrupt production at their facility. Terra State was awarded a U.S. Department of Labor JobCorps Scholars grant that expands access to training opportunities for underserved populations within in-demand occupations.

- NSCC was one of 11 community colleges nationally to receive a Department of La-

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY BAND GIVES SECOND CONCERT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR



The Oakwood Elementary 5th and 6th grade band recently performed their second concert of the school year for their parents. Shown here are the band members just prior to taking the stage. Included in the picture is Mr. Michael Wehrkamp, who joined the band as a guest member playing the drum set on their final number, "Rock Town."

bor "Strengthening Community College Training Grant." The \$1.69 million grant continues NSCC's previous workforce efforts to update the skills of current and displaced northwest Ohio workers for critical, high-demand local jobs. The grant coordinates 30 employer and civic partners and uses in-person and virtual learning that have been shown to help learners reach a higher mastery level at a faster pace than traditional training methods.

The primary mission of a community college is workforce development. Your community colleges in northwest Ohio - Northwest State Community College, Owens Community College, and Terra State Community College - take seriously our role in building the talent pipeline that prepares employees for good jobs and careers, meets the workforce needs of employers, and drives economic development. We have delivered workforce development to all sizes and sectors of business since we were established, and will continue to meet your needs now and into the future. Together, we are dedicated to making sure that community colleges are no longer the best-kept secret, but rather the first choice for nimble and fast, best quality, and low cost workforce education in northwest Ohio.

Bill Balzer, Interim President, Owens Community College

Michael Thomson, President, Northwest State Community College

Ron Schumacher, President, Terra State Community College

REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE URGES PARTY TO ZERO IN ON BORDER CRISIS, LINK TO BIDEN'S 'RADICAL' POLICIES

An influential Republican caucus is urging the party to zero in on the escalating crisis at the southern border, and link it directly to President Biden's "radical" immigration and border policies he has implemented since being inaugurated.

"Over the next few months, Americans will watch the crisis on our border worsen. They will see the consequences of the radical left's recklessness in real time," the memo distributed by the Republican Study Committee, and obtained by Fox News, says.

"And every one of those

consequences can be traced back to Joe Biden because every major change in our immigration policy since Inauguration Day was made unilaterally through the executive branch," it says.

The administration has been scrambling to cope with an influx of migrants, particularly unaccompanied children (UACs) and families, at the border. It is opening a number of shelters and processing centers, while allowing facilities to expand to 100% capacity.

Meanwhile it is considering using a Virginia military base for "potential use as a temporary influx care facility for [unaccompanied children] at some point in the future."

Republicans have pointed to the array of dramatic changes Biden made to immigration policy since entering the White House in January. Biden has ended the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP), which kept migrants in Mexico, narrowed enforcement priorities for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and proposed an immigration bill to grant millions of illegal immigrants a pathway to citizenship.

Additional factors, such as Mexico's refusal to accept families back from the U.S., have exacerbated the situation, which has seen migrants being released into the U.S. - a practice ended by the Trump administration.

The RSC memo urges members to highlight the policies, calling it a "messaging gift" by which voters can draw a "straight line between Jan. 20 and the current border crisis."

The group points also to DHS statements that citizens would not be prioritized over illegal immigrants for vaccines, and the halt of construction of the wall at the southern border.

"The results of Biden's radical policies are indefensible and that's why the RSC is urging its members to highlight the #BidenBorderCrisis during the early months of the Biden admin," the memo says.

The Biden administration has denied there is a crisis at the border, with Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas last week saying it was a "challenge" as they sought to undo what he described as cruel policies from the prior administration.

"It takes time to build out of the depths of cruelty that the administration before us

established," he said. "What we are seeing now at the order is the immediate result of the dismantlement of the system and the time that it takes to rebuild it virtually from scratch."

Republicans have continued to hammer the administration on the matter, pointing to not only the influx of migrants, but also linking it to the Biden reversals of Trump-era policies. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., on Sunday highlighted Biden's ending of diplomatic agreements like MPP and others with Northern Triangle countries.

"And that's why we have this surge," Johnson said on "Fox News Live" on Sunday. "And we've got a huge incentive now for people to come to this country. And we're only seeing the beginning of it. This is going to be a disaster."

LATTA EARNS NATIONAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) provided the following statement after being awarded the National Health Leadership Award by American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA):

"The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged our essential workers in ways that were not previously imaginable. I am proud of work accomplished to improve access to health care for all Americans, especially those in rural and underserved areas. This couldn't have been done without our health care providers, including Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs). It is an honor to be recognized by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists with the National Health Leadership Award."

The National Health Leadership Award was established in 1922. It recognizes an individual on the federal government level who supports the vital role that Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) have in providing access to cost-effective quality anesthesia services. To be eligible for the National Health Leadership award, a nominee must serve as a federal legislator, federal legislative staff, or federal regulatory agency staff. The awardee must show significant support for the profession of nurse anesthesia, and they must be an outstanding contributor to the formation of the national health policy.



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

We are heading into the third month of 2021 and here at Wayne Trace Local Schools we hope that March will bring warmer temperatures and much more spring like weather. This past month has brought us much winter type weather and created issues that have caused us to delay and cancel school many days. We will be adding two full days to the end of our calendar due to these missed days. Due to this addition of days our school year will now close for students on Friday, May 28. Our hope is that we will be able to get back on a more "normal" school schedule in the month of March.

Staff and students continue to follow the guidelines set by the Governor and our local health department that outline our daily practices to stay keep our education of students in person. We have seen attendance numbers remain at a good level during the pandemic. We attribute the success of our plan to all the students, staff and community members buying into the plan and wanting our students to be educated on campus. Many thanks to all involved for keeping our schools open as we know that in person learning is the best setting for our students.

Regardless of the weather and health factors in our district, our number one priority each day is to make certain our facilities are safe and secure. We are very thankful to be able to have Deputy Lyons and our K9 Duke in our district each day to assist our staff and students and continue to examine the district to make certain we are providing the safest environment possible each day. Our principals are again working with their staff members to make certain we conduct the necessary training and drills to prepare us for any circumstance that might arise. When we conduct these drills we work closely with our first responders to engage them in the process as well. While we do not ever want to insight panic with these drills, we know that the more we can prepare our staff and students through conducting these drills the better off we will be should a situation pop up. As a district we will go above and beyond what is required by the State of Ohio in regard to these trainings and drills to assure our campuses are secure and ready for any situation. Should you have any questions please contact your building principal.

We were pleased to be able to induct our newest member into our Wayne Trace Staff Hall of Fame on February 19 during the boys' basketball game vs Ottoville. Mrs. Leah Smith was in attendance to celebrate her induction into this elite group. As a district we are delighted to be able to bestow this honor on Leah for her many contributions to our district during her tenure here as an educator.

At the January Wayne Trace Board of Education meeting our school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year was adopted. Important dates to note include the first day for students - Wednesday, August 18, Christmas break - December 24 to December 31, and the last day of school - May 24. A complete calendar is available to the public on our school website.

As many of you may be aware the state mandated testing season is moving closer and closer as spring approaches. Our staff members continue to introduce, develop and assess students on academic content standards as outlined by the Ohio Department of Education to ensure the success of all our students. Parents can continue to assist in this process by encouraging students to continue to work hard and put forth their best effort through the end of the school year. While we know that no one is overly excited to take the state assessments, the results that come from them will allow us to determine student growth in the core academic subjects. A continued effort being put forth by all students will provide us with accurate data, so we can know in what areas improvement is necessary. As I have stated before success in school is a team effort between home and school. We all play a vital role in the education of our students.

Congratulations go out to our varsity athletic squads who are wrapping up their winter seasons. For just the second time in school history the varsity wrestling team has captured the Green Meadows Conference Title. With the OHSAA tournament seasons now under way, we wish our athletes the best of luck as they pursue success

down the tournament trail. Finally, please be aware of some 2010-2021 school calendar reminders. School will operate on a two-hour delay, district-wide, on Friday, March 12 and Friday April 23 for the purpose of a teacher in-service. Buses will run two hours late that day. Our 3rd Quarter will come to a close on March 26. Also, school will not be in session for students on March 29 to April 2 as we have a week off for spring break. Please note these dates on your calendars.

Should you have questions or concerns about your child's educational experience at Wayne Trace, feel free to contact your building principal or superintendent.

Go Raiders!
Benjamin A. Winans
Superintendent

STUDENT SERVICES Mrs. Laurie DeLong, Director

Welcome to March! For interested parents of preschool-age children, remember to sign your child up for Early Childhood Screening. The dates are March 24 for Payne, and March 25 for Grover Hill. To pre-register, call Amy at 419-587-3414 ext. 309. To be screened, children should be 3 years old by April 1, 2021. A child turning 3 after April 1 may come to the fall 2021 screening, or parents may call Help Me Grow at 419-399-4620 (for children birth - 3).

If you have a high school-age child and would like help to plan as they make the transition to adulthood, we will be having a special virtual Coffee & Dessert session toward the end of April. There will be three short sessions: 1- Guardianship, 2- STABLE/ABLE Accounts, 3- Getting services from the Board of DD, OOD, and Social Security. You will be able to sign up for one, two, or all three sessions. Registration information will come out in next month's newsletter.

Finally, I am happy to share that we have been awarded a mini-grant to install hallway sensory paths in both Grover Hill and Payne Elementary Schools. Sensory paths can be used for all students in whole classes, small groups, or individual students, and can help students refocus, burn off energy, and help with attention, behavior, and or sensory issues. The paths will be installed late spring.

PAYNE ELEMENTARY Mr. Paul Jones, Principal

Hopefully March will come in like a lamb! February is now behind us, and hopefully the snow and cold temperatures are as well.

As we approach spring, we are still dealing with the coronavirus. The Governor of Ohio still has a mask mandate in place for schools, as well as social distancing. Field trips and assemblies are still on hold as well. But on the positive side, we are improving and hopefully the end is near and we can get back to normal.

Wayne Trace Local Schools will be having a Spring Break this year. Spring Break will be March 29th through April 2nd. I hope everyone can enjoy time with their families.

Book Exchange

In celebration of Dr. Seuss and Read Across America week, our 6th annual Book Exchange, led by Mrs. Krouse, will take place Friday, March 5. Students are encouraged to bring in up to 2 gently used books that may be exchanged for different books to take home.

Transitional and Traditional Kindergarten Screening

Wayne Trace will have two Kindergarten age programs for the 2021-22 school year. These options include a Transitional Kindergarten depending upon the numbers, and a regular Traditional Kindergarten.

Students enrolled in both Traditional Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten will need to be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2020.

All students interested in enrolling in either program are required to participate in the Kindergarten screening process. Screenings will take place at WTPE on April 5-6. To register your child, please fill out the form that was sent home with students, or call the school at 419-263-2512.

It is important to note that the Transitional Kindergarten classroom will be contingent upon a minimum enrollment as determined by Wayne Trace administration.

It is hard to believe that we are beyond the half-way point in the school year. With all of the challenges that Covid had presented us, it is reassuring to know that we are able to continue to provide our students with high quality, in-person learning and are starting to see many students making gains this year as we try to overcome the loss of the last quarter of the 2019-2020 school year. Many thanks go out to our parents, grandparents, and guardians for all that you have done to make this year as successful as it has been.

Upcoming Events:

- March 1-5 - Dr. Seuss Week
- March 24 - Preschool Screening
- March 14 - Daylight Saving Time begins
- March 26 - End of the 3rd Quarter (This is a change)
- March 29-April 2 - Spring Break

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Mark Lange, Principal

By the time you read this, we will have FINALLY made it to March. The old saying "April showers bring May flowers" is a promise of warmer weather and the return of a greener life outdoors. February has been brutal to us this year with the number of delays and cancellations that we have had. Looking at the ten-day forecast, it seems that this round of bitter cold and snow may be finally over, and I am eagerly looking forward to the return of warmer days, more daylight, and the arrival of the early spring flowers.

March is also an important month of the school year. It is the "final stretch" so to speak in regards to getting our students prepared for the statewide assessments this spring. As teachers work diligently to make sure that our students are as well prepared as possible, please continue to make sure that your students are eating a good breakfast and getting plenty of rest so they are on top of their game each day. The statewide assessments will be starting in mid-April.

We will kick off the first week of the new month with our annual "Right to Read" week. This year's theme is Dr. Seuss and will commemorate his birthday - March 2nd. Mrs. Noffsinger, GH librarian, has been busy planning the week's activities, and she is pleased to announce that each class will be able to visit the new Paulding County Library branch in town. Students will be able to see the library, become familiar with the layout of the facility, learn how to get a library card, and learn more about all of the services the library has to offer. This is a great resource here in the community that is just waiting to be discovered. A big "thank you" goes out to Mrs. Noffsinger and the librarians for partnering to make this a reality.

This is also the time of year when we start preschool and kindergarten screenings. Preschool screenings for Grover Hill will be on Thursday, March 25th from 1-5pm. To schedule an appointment, please call Laurie DeLong, Special Education and Preschool Director, for an appointment. If your child will be ready for kindergarten or transitional kindergarten, kindergarten screenings will be conducted on Thursday March 25th and Friday, March 26th. Please call 419-399-4100, option #3 to register for either of the screenings. As a side note, current GH kindergarten and transitional kindergarten students will not have school on March 25th and 26th as the teachers test next year's students.

The Paulding County Libraries are once again sponsoring the "Battle of the Books" competition for county 5th and 6th grade students. Grover Hill has two teams this year. The "Radiant Reading Raiders" team consists of S. Lopez-Castillo, C. Manz, N. Schlatter, A. Stoller, Z. Stoller, and C. Volk while the "JAC" team is comprised of J. Beining, C. Brimmer, A. LaBounty, A. Manz, A. Noffsinger, and A. Stoller. Both teams read and study selected book in preparation for the competition where they will face tough questions over all of the books that they have read. At this time, the Paulding County Library is still working out the logistics of the competition to make sure it is Covid compliant, and students are excited to have the opportunity to participate this year as the competition was cancelled last spring. Thanks to

all of our hardworking GH students that are busy preparing for this year's battle between the various schools.

Finally, a huge congratulations goes out to N. Schlatter for his outstanding performance at the Paulding County Spelling Bee. I had the privilege of watching all of the county spellers compete, and he had some of the hardest words of any of the contestants. He certainly represented the building and district well as the 3rd place finisher. All of those hours of studying and preparation certainly paid off!

Spring break for all Wayne Trace schools will be March 29th through April 2. We wish everyone a restful and rewarding break. Upon our return, we will continue preparing for the rigors of statewide testing in the weeks that follow.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, never hesitate to call.

Your partner in education,
Mark Lange
WTGHE Principal

JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL Mr. Mike Myers, Principal

Academically, during the month of March our focus turns to the upcoming state end-of-course testing. Students in the Class of 2021 and beyond are taking end-of-course exams in six tested areas (Algebra I, Biology, American History, Geometry, English II, and American Government). These exams, along with seventh grade English and Math, and eighth grade English, Math, and Science will be administered in April and possibly May at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School.

I would encourage parents to go to the Ohio Department of Education website if you have a chance to view example test questions. The ODE tries to answer as many questions or concerns that parents may have in regard to state testing.

We have several special events taking place in March. Our Wayne Trace students are preparing and excited to present the high school musical, **Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory**, March 5-7 and March 12-14. This will be a terrific opportunity for our students to perform. Also, the FFA Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be March 20 from 7-11am in the HS cafeteria. There will be no school March 29- April 2 due to Spring Break.

As always, if there are questions regarding your son/daughter's education, please contact us at the school. We are committed to provide the best possible education for the all students!

Go Raiders!
Mike Myers, Principal

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School teachers recently voted on the following Students of the Month for January: 7th Grade: Riley Manz, 8th Grade: Ryan Viola, 9th Grade: Emma Laukhuf, 10th Grade: Storm Tracy, 11th Grade: Malia Wittwer, 12th Grade: Treyton Banks. As part of their award each student received a "Raider Pride - Pay Forward" t-shirt. Congratulations Raiders!

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 5-7 Willy Wonka performances
- Mar. 12-14 Willy Wonka performances
- Mar. 12 2 HR Delay- Staff In-Service**
- Mar. 14 Daylight Savings Time begins
- Mar. 19 End of 3rd Quarter
- Mar. 20 FFA Pancake & Sausage Bkfst 7-11a
- Mar. 24 Preschool Screening @ WTPE
- Mar. 25 Preschool Screening @ WTGHE
- Mar. 25-26 Kindergarten Screening @ WTGHE
- Mar.29-Apr. 2 NO SCHOOL—SPRING BREAK**

ATHLETIC EVENTS

- Varsity Baseball**
- Mar. 29 Continental - A 5:00
- Varsity Softball**
- Mar. 29 Ottoville - A 5:00

GO RAIDERS!



Jarrett Hornish in state Finals match once he secured the ahead reversal in route to his 5-4 state finals victory

Stephen from Barnesville with a 10-4 decision. Junior, Jarrett Hornish, followed Sutton's lead by picking up a pin in round one of the state tournament over Oak Harbor's Tyler Davis. Following suit with Hornish, Junior, Hunter Long, picked up a Major Decision over Drake Kanyuch of Shenandoah 15-1. At the end of round one the Raiders let the competition know that they were there to make a statement. In round two of the tournament Sutton dropped a battle versus Raymond Cmil from South Range 9-4. Hornish picked the Raider team back up and added to the

tournament. Hunter Long then lost a close match to projected state champion Zack Mattin of Delta 5-1 dropping him into the consolation round with teammate Sutton. In round two of the consolation Sutton fell to Carson Chiesa of Delta 3-1 ending his run as a possible state placer. Long picked Raider Nation back up with a 12-7 decision over Jeremiah McKee of Wellington securing his place on the podium and moving him into day two of competition with teammate Hornish. Hornishh kicked off day two of the State Tournament with an upset victory over pro-

ject state champion Caleb Edwards of Rootstown 4-2 in the semi-final round securing his place in the state finals match. Long then continued to

add to the Raider team score by knocking off Jesse Stroud in the consolation quarterfinals by a score of 9-2. This win put Long into the consolation semifinals where he would meet Gavin Owens of Eastwood. Long had met Owens previously this season where he won a thriller in overtime to capture the LCC Thunderbird Classic title. This time Long was able to secure a victory in regulation by a score of 3-1 moving him into the consolation finals where he would compete for 3rd and 4th place. Unfortunately while Long was winning the match for 3rd and 4th by a score of 2-1 he suffered a season ending ankle injury which caused him to injury default to Mike Prikryl of Rootstown. This injury caused Long to end his Junior year as the 132# Division III fourth place finisher.

Jarrett Hornish was now set to wrestle in the State Finals versus Trey Allen of Mechanicsburg. Hornish fell to Allen in the district final the week prior by a score of 10-5 but was confident that he could seek revenge versus Allen. In a thrilling back and forth state finals match Hornish proved that he was right by battling to a 5-4 decision over Allen to win the OHSAA Division III 126# state championship. By winning this match Hornish became not only the second state champion in Wayne Trace history but also the second State Champion in Paulding County history. This finals victory by Hornish secured the Raiders hold on the 7th place team placement which is the best finish in school history as a team. With two state placers coming back to compete for the Raiders in the 2021-2022 season the future looks bright for Raider Nation. Congratulations Jarrett Hornish on a great season and your State Championship.

3. Art Teacher's Name
 4. Student's Grade Level
 5. Name of Artwork
 6. Medium Used
 7. Description of artwork
- **make sure to write in why you think your piece captures this year's theme, and what the image you chose to focus on means to you personally.**
- The Virtual Online Gallery will launch on April 21st. For additional details on the competition rules & guidelines, visit the Congressional Art Competition page on Congressman Banks' website.

LEO, NH TOP NE-8 SQUAD

Conference champion Leo placed three on the all-NE8 league first team while New Haven put two on the squad as the all-league selections were released recently.

Leo seniors Blake Davis and Zack Troyer along with junior D.J. Allen comprised the trio of Lions selections while New Haven senior Thomas Latham and junior Jakar Williams also picked up first team honors.

Columbia City sophomore Andrew Hedrick, Huntington North junior Zach Hubartt, Belmont senior Tyler James, Norwell sophomore Luke McBride and DeKalb senior Cole Richmond rounded out the first team selections.

Second team honors went to Norwell sophomore Lleyton Bailey, Columbia City junior Mason Baker, East Noble senior Braeden Ball, New Haven sophomore Darrion Brooks, East Noble junior Chris Hood, Leo junior Xavier Middleton, DeKalb junior Connor Penrod, Belmont senior Caden Straub, Huntington North senior Sam Thompson and New Haven senior Dre Wright.

Players garnering honorable mention included Norwell sophomore Jon Colbert, Huntington North junior Will Hotchkiss, Norwell senior Eli Riley, Leo junior Ayden Ruble, New Haven junior Jackson Turnwald, Belmont junior John Ulman and Belmont junior Isaiah Wellman.

LANDERS NAMED TOP PLAYER IN GMC

Junior Jagger Landers was selected as the Green Meadows Conference boys basketball Player of the Year after leading Antwerp to the GMC title for the 2020-2021 basketball season.

Landers is joined on the all-GMC first team by junior teammate Luke Krouse along with Ayersville junior Jakob Trevino, Fairview senior Caleb Frank, Hicksville senior Landon Turnbull and Wayne Trace freshman Brooks Laukhuf.

Named to the second team were Antwerp senior Austin Lichty, Edgerton junior Gannon Ripke, Hicksville junior Jackson Bergman, Holgate junior Robbie Thacker, Wayne Trace junior Cameron Sinn and Wayne Trace freshman Kyle Stoller.

Garnering honorable mention all-league honors were Antwerp freshman Landon Brewer, Ayersville senior Kallen Brown, Edgerton senior Noah Landel, Fairview senior Russ Zeedyk, Hicksville sophomore Brody Balsler, Holgate senior Bailey Sonnenberg, Tinora senior Marcus Grube and Wayne Trace sophomore Trevor Sinn.

Antwerp won the outright league title with a 6-1 confer-

ence slate while finishing 23-2 overall on the year. Wayne Trace finished second at 18-7 in all games and 5-2 in the league with Edgerton taking third at 9-8 overall and 3-3 in the conference. The rest of the league standings included Fairview (11-9, 3-4), Ayersville (12-10, 3-4), Hicksville (11-11, 3-4), Holgate (9-15, 3-4) and Tinora (5-13, 1-5).

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proach them about taking on this ministry a couple of years ago, and since then the leaders agreed that this was a great need for the community. Currently PAULDING county has no options for daycare starting at 6 weeks of age. With the opening of Little Sprouts Early Learning Center that will all change.

The press conference began with Tim Copsey, Paulding County Economic development director, announcing the new ministry by the church to bless the community.

The church's goal is to exist for non-members according to pastor Jeremy Thompson. Thompson announced the young lady who brought up the need to the pastor as the new Director of Little Sprouts is Amber Gochenour. Amber currently works for the Paulding County Health department and, at the same time, is getting the facility ready for the new daycare option. Amber had been a nurse for nine years and is fully qualified to operate the new facility.

Little Sprouts is planning to open on June 7, 2021 with up to 80-90 children, but is planning on 60. The facility is open to all children from ages 6 weeks to 12 years old, and financial assistance is available for low income families through NOCAC.

Paulding mayor Greg White stated, "I'm excited for the Nazarene church to step up for this community need!"

Amber said the new facility will be open from 6 am to 6pm to be able to help families take care of the children. PEVS is also working with

the new learning center to help transport children to the facility after school.

This new location is looking to hire people too! They need 5-7 full and part time employees that are 18+ with a diploma. Little Sprouts is also working with Vantage Career Center for training young people in this profession.

Little Sprouts will be serving breakfast and snacks. Parents can send a pack lunch. A catered lunch is also available through the Paulding Pancake House.

There is one problem - 45 kids are already signed up. If your family is interested in this need then you need to go to the website littlesproutselc.org to register. You can even pay for the service right online. If you have questions go to the website or call 419-405-3399.

THE GREEN MEADOWS CONFERENCE IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS FOR BOYS BASKETBALL FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON:

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Jagger Landers, Antwerp (11)

FIRST TEAM:
Jagger Landers, Antwerp (11); Luke Krouse, Antwerp (11); Jakob Trevino, Ayersville (11); Caleb Frank, Fairview (12); Landon Turnbull, Hicksville (12); Brooks Laukhuf, Wayne Trace (9)

SECOND TEAM:
Austin Lichty, Antwerp (12); Gannon Ripke, Edgerton (11); Jackson Bergman, Hicksville (11); Robbie Thacker, Holgate (11); Cam Sinn, Wayne Trace (11); Kyle Stoller, Wayne Trace (9)

HONORABLE MENTION:
Landon Brewer, Antwerp (9); Kallen Brown, Ayersville (12); Noah Landel, Edgerton (12); Russ Zeedyk, Fairview (12); Brody Balsler, Hicksville (10); Bailey Sonnenberg, Holgate (12); Marcus Grube, Tinora (12); Trevor Sinn, Wayne Trace (10)



Gabe Sutton in his round one victory.

Raider team score by picking up a major decision over Skyler King from Barnesville 15-3 in the quarter finals securing his spot in day two of the state

jected state champion Caleb Edwards of Rootstown 4-2 in the semi-final round securing his place in the state finals match. Long then continued to

REP. BANKS NOW ACCEPTING ONLINE SUBMISSIONS FOR 2021 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN) will continue with an electronic submission process for the 2021 Congressional Art Competition.

This competition is open to all high school students in Indiana's 3rd District. The artwork that wins our district competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. The winner will receive two tickets to Washington D.C. from Southwest Airlines to attend a reception, the date of which is to be determined.

The 2021 Contest Theme is Patriotism.

Patriotism is the feeling of love, devotion and sense of attachment to the United States. Try to think outside of the box when deciding what patriotism means—and looks like—to you, and show us in your artwork.

All submissions are due by Thursday, April 15, and participants should email their submission to RepBanks.Art@mail.house.gov.

The email submission should contain the following attachments:

- A clear, high-resolution picture of the students' artwork uploaded in a PDF, JPEG, or PNG file.
- A scanned, signed copy of the Student Information & Release Form, complete to the best of the student's ability, and uploaded as a PDF.

The subject line of the email should read "2021 Congressional Art Competition Submission."

The email body should include:

1. Student's Name
2. School's Name

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Congratulations ANTWERP ARCHERS



2021 GMC, SECTIONAL AND DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

The Antwerp Archers Boys Basketball team had a fantastic 2020-2021 season this year, only losing twice. The team finished with a record of 23-2 and is the second year they took the GMC title. Coach Billman has been the driving force behind the team, along with coaches Jason Landers, Aaron Taylor, Sam Williamson, and Jason Hormann.

SEASON STATS:

The biggest win this season was over North Central at 81-24. The closest game was against Botkins in double overtime 67-63. **LEADERS:** Points - Jagger Landers - 424 (17.7ppg); Rebounds - 204 (8.5 rpg); Total Field Goal % - Jagger Landers 157/268 (58.6%), Hunter Sproles 43/84 (51.2%), Landon Brewer 70/156 (44.9%); 3 point Field Goal - Jagger Landers 26/65 (40%), Landon Brewer 40/102 (39.2%); Free Throws - Jagger Landers 84/106 (79.2%); Austin Lichty 53/69 (76.8%); Assists - Luke Krouse - 100 (4.0 apg); Steals - Austin Lichty 42 - 1.7 spg



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HICKSVILLE Seed: 7 52
EDGERTON Seed: 5 37
HOLGATE Seed: 9 44

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Kaden Recker	51	2.0	20	31	64.5%	2	16	12.5%	46.8%	5	9	55.6%	11	20	25	45	5	1	7	0	25
Dylan Hines	9	0.5	4	13	30.8%	0	0		30.8%	1	3	33.3%	4	7	14	21	4	0	9	0	17
Jagger Landers	424	17.7	131	203	64.5%	26	65	40.0%	58.6%	84	106	79.2%	56	74	130	204	39	39	56	0	24
Kaden Phares	3	0.3	0	0		0	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	3	100.0%	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	11
Luke Krouse	177	7.1	40	85	47.1%	24	81	29.6%	38.6%	25	47	53.2%	100	31	61	92	33	3	49	10	25
Parker Moore	12	1.2	1	7	14.3%	3	5	60.0%	33.3%	1	1	100.0%	2	0	4	4	0	0	1	0	10
Gaige McMichael	60	2.4	10	24	41.7%	12	31	38.7%	40.0%	4	8	50.0%	18	10	17	27	19	1	17	2	25
Owen Sheedy	161	6.4	40	90	44.4%	18	56	32.1%	39.7%	27	47	57.4%	19	20	22	42	24	4	24	0	25
Hunter Sproles	102	4.1	42	77	54.5%	1	7	14.3%	51.2%	15	29	51.7%	19	43	49	92	4	14	30	0	25
Mason Steel	6	0.4	1	5	20.0%	0	0			4	4	100.0%	1	1	4	5	1	0	1	0	14
Carson Altimus	2	0.5	1	1	100.0%	0	3	0.0%		0	0		0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	
Landon Brewer	197	7.9	30	54	55.6%	40	102	39.2%	44.9%	17	24	70.8%	32	28	66	94	31	14	16	0	25
Antwerp Totals	1439	57.6	366	690	53.0%	156	453	34.4%	45.7%	239	350	68.3%	304	251	440	691	202	82	233	16	25
Team Ave. Per Game	57.6		15	28		6	18			10	14		12	10.0	17.6	27.6	8	3	9	1	

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Paulding Elementary January 2021 Mindset Marvels, from left to right: Front row: Bay Snyder, Dominic Brehm, Harlow Kipfer, Liam Jones, Evelyn Dangler, Harmony Mullins. Middle row: Elena Baker, Zarla Ross, Milo Workman, Logan Apkarian, Zaniyah March, Kinley Sunday, Austin Guilford. Back row: Jackson Munger, Victor Leghuga, Mak Mullins, Gracie Leal, Ivan Martinez, Carly Font, Nicole Vielma, Nicholas Schlueter. Not pictured: Kole Jones

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL 7-MINDSETS



Paulding Middle School has been utilizing the 7-Mindsets curriculum throughout this school year to explore social-emotional learning. Shown in the picture are the students from Paulding Middle School who were selected as Attitude of Gratitude Mindset Motivators.

MINUTES FOR THE WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 15TH, 2021

The meeting began at 7:00 pm. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Councilmen Voirol, Martin, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker was not present. The meeting was held remote and monitored by Kaleb from Reliance.

Chief's Report: The Mayor mentioned that Officer Evans anticipates taking an agility test as a prerequisite to enrollment for an upcoming round of academy classes. A portion of the courses will take place online and a portion will continue to take place in person. Historically, all courses were administered in person, but the structure has changed due to COVID.

Superintendent's Report: The mayor mentioned that the city will be updating their safety procedures and input from the council will be encouraged after a final draft has been approved by the Board of Works.

Mayor's Report: The mayor presented a final contract from Sturtz Public Management regarding services related to the city for the Stellar Mainstreet Streetscape Project. This contract has been reviewed by the city's attorney and is ready for final consideration by the council. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to proceed with the contract as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. The mayor presented a drafted contract from Jones Petrie Rafinski regarding services to be provided on the same project. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to approve the contract with JPR after attorney review with non-material changes considered and approved by the mayor on behalf of the city, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. The mayor also mentioned that the 3rd Fire Territory Meeting, which is a public meeting, will take place on March 1st at 7pm at The Orchid in New Haven. The city's regularly scheduled meeting will occur virtually directly following this meeting, which is anticipated to begin at approximately 8:30pm on the same date. The city was awarded a safety grant through the city's worker's compensation provider, IPEP, in the amount of \$1,750. This check was presented at City Hall today by Stewart Brimmer Insurance, which is the insurance agent for the City of Woodburn. This grant consists of approximately 50% of the total needed to

purchase equipment that was submitted to IPEP in an effort to mitigate potential claims for the employees that work for the city.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the February 1st meeting. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to accept the minutes from the February 1st meeting as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. Warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. The clerk-treasurer asked the council to approve the cancellation of all outstanding checks that were written by the city of Woodburn in 2019 or earlier. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved as proposed, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. The clerk-treasurer presented end of year financial information for the 2020 calendar year. This included fund balances, expenditure guidelines, and revenue guidelines. December 2020 was corrected for an amount of \$21,21.

Councilmen's Report: The mayor asked Councilman Watts to explain the process to the council of appointing representatives to the proposed fire territory board. Two options were presented. Option 1: each highest executive within an entity of the territory sits on the fire territory board, unless they opt to replace themselves with another elected official within that entity, with the 7th member placed similarly but whose term rotates throughout the entities within the territory, all of which are for a two-year term. Option 2: this would operate as option 1, but the 7th seat is appointed from a candidate list comprising of residents from within the territory rather than an elected official from a particular entity. After discussion, Councilman Martin moved to proceed with Option 2, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. Details will be laid out in an upcoming resolution or ordinance describing these preferences formally. Councilman Watts provided recommendations for the Superintendent regarding the placement and specifications for fire hydrants to be placed on Hickory Street. Councilman Thompson inquired as to a timeline for the sidewalk to be addressed at the railroad crossing near Bob's Restaurant. The mayor mentioned that this work is to be done in tandem with the trail project which is expected to be completed in 2022. She also wanted to thank our utility, police, and fire crews for their help during recent adverse weather. Councilman Watts gave an update to the status of the electrical layout at City Hall.

Audience: Nothing to report.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

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

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

In late winter, State Wildlife Officer John Coffman, assigned to Fayette County, was called about a heavy skunk odor in a homeowner's crawl space. Officer Coffman arrived at the location and discovered a skunk under the home. Unfortunately, the skunk was trapped and died under the home. Officer Coffman was able to reach the skunk and removed it for the homeowner. As a reminder, skunks become more active as winter comes to an end.

In November 2020, State Wildlife Officer Jade Heizer was one of several presenters speaking to a local elementary school in Galena for their annual career connections day. Officer Heizer prepared to present virtually from Alum Creek State Park, using the lake as the backdrop. Officer Heizer brought white-tailed deer antlers and a wild turkey fan to show the children as she discussed her profession. Because of technical difficulties, the virtual presentation was adapted to become an audio presentation where Officer Heizer discussed the daily role of an Ohio wildlife officer, what led her into the field, and other similar careers in natural resources. The children were excited about listening to Officer Heizer's presentation, and had plenty of questions to ask. School staff thanked Officer Heizer for participating in the event.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In March 2020, State Wildlife Investigator Brian Baker, assigned to the Lake Erie Unit, observed a man fishing for yellow perch in West Harbor. The man had a 5-gallon bucket filled with water, and Investigator Baker could see numerous fish in the bucket. The man continued to fish and put perch in the bucket for a while, then loaded his fish into his truck and left. A short while later, Investigator Baker noticed the man had returned to the same location and began catching and keeping perch again. Investigator Baker then contacted the man as he was getting his fish filleted in Port Clinton. After talking with the man, he admitted that he had taken 70 yellow perch, 40 over the legal daily bag limit. The man was written a summons for overbagging and the fish were surrendered as evidence.

While recently patrolling near Bresler Reservoir in Allen County, State Wildlife Officer Craig Barr, assigned to Allen County, noticed an unusual amount of activity near the boat ramp. Further investigation found that the extra activity was bird watchers who were there to see a pomarine jaeger. This species of jaeger breeds in the arctic and spends its winters at sea. It is uncommon to see it in Ohio and so close to the shore. Birders came from across Ohio and other states, including Michigan and Illinois, to see the rare find. The bird eventually left the reservoir and continued on its journey.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

In late December, State Wildlife Officer Zach Hillman, assigned to northeast Ohio, received a call from a concerned Wayne County resident about an injured trumpeter swan that would not leave a backyard. Officer Hillman arrived and noticed that the swan had suffered some sort of head trauma. Officer Hillman was able to successfully capture the swan and safely secure it for transport to the Medina Raptor Center for rehabilitation. The swan is currently recovering and there are hopes for its release back to the wild.

State Wildlife Officer Tom Frank, assigned to Mahoning County, received a call about a butchered white-tailed deer that was dumped into a farmer's field. Officer Frank responded to the scene and identified tracks which led him to evidence located on a nearby property. Further investigation revealed an individual who admitted to dumping the untagged deer on the farmer's property. Officer Frank also obtained trail camera photos which showed the same individual coyote hunting without a license. Three summonses were issued and the individual was found guilty in court, subsequently paying \$545 in fines and court costs.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officer Ryan Donnelly, assigned to Washington County, took a phone call about a suspicious truck stuck in the mud in a farmer's field during white-tailed deer-gun hunting season. The caller stated that two dead deer were dumped in the woods not far from the truck. When Officer Donnelly arrived at the site, the owner of the truck had come back to

OAKWOOD 1ST GRADERS PERFORM STORY OF CHICKEN LICKEN



Shown are the first graders in Mrs. Jennifer Miller's class. The students had a great time performing.



Shown are Mrs. Caroline Arend's first grade students in costume after the performance.

retrieve the vehicle. The owner of the truck had shot the deer the night before using a spotlight and a rifle. Officer Donnelly issued a summons to the driver. He paid \$750 in fines and court costs, and forfeited the rifle to the state of Ohio.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

During the waterfowl hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Mark Schemmel, assigned to Auglaize County, received a Turn In a Poacher call from a concerned homeowner regarding nearby waterfowl hunters. The witness explained that he had watched a hunter using a motorboat to drive and concentrate waterfowl out of a no hunting zone into an area of the lake open to hunting. The hunter then later shot and harvested several of the ducks. The witness captured photographs of the individual and the watercraft's registration. An investigation revealed the person's identity. When contacted, the individual admitted to using the motorboat to drive and concentrate waterfowl in an attempt to harvest them. The individual was cited for the violation and was found guilty in court, paying \$155 in fines and courts costs. Call or text 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437) if you witness a wildlife violation.

State Wildlife Officer Jasmine Grossnickle, assigned to Miami County, received a phone call from a man inquiring about eagle nest lo-

cations. The man explained that his son was excited about eagle nests and had participated in the 2020 statewide survey. Officer Grossnickle told the man about public viewing locations for two additional nests in the county, but advised that the other known nests in the area were on private property and could not share their locations. Officer Grossnickle and the man talked about being respectful of eagle nest locations and not entering onto private property without permission. Coincidentally, the man called on a day where Officer Grossnickle had seen seven juvenile eagles at a public location, and she shared that information with the man. Officer Grossnickle thanked the man and his son for reporting the nest during the survey, and wished them luck on viewing more eagles in the area.

ORDC APPROVES GRANT FUNDING OF \$75,000 TO TRUCENT RENEWABLE CHEMICALS

On March 10, 2021, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) approved a grant in the amount of \$75,000 to Trucent Renewable Chemicals in order to establish rail service at a new facility to be constructed in Van Wert, Ohio. The approximately \$10,020,000 facility will result in 21 new jobs at the project site.

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PAYNE ELEMENTARY BOOK EXCHANGE



To celebrate Read Across America, Payne Elementary recently participated in Dr. Seuss related dress up days, read Dr. Seuss books, and finished off the week by holding their 6th Annual Book Exchange! Title 1 teacher, Mrs. April Krouse plans this exchange for the school every year in hopes to promote literacy and encourage students to learn to love all different kinds of books. Students were encouraged to bring in up to two books from home for the exchange this year. Students and teachers made donations, and we gathered over

300 books! A special thanks also goes out to the Paulding County Library who also donated a few books to add to our collection. The classes enjoyed choosing books from their favorite authors, topics, and genres. Those students who participated were entered into a drawing to receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to spend at the upcoming Spring Book Fair. Our winner was KA student Elise Steffen!! Mrs. Krouse appreciates all the help that went into this event and looks forward to next year's exchange!

Michigan, Trucent is a leading fluid separation technology company operating in numerous industries from automotive and heavy equipment manufacturing to solar glass fabrication and aerospace. Trucent provides ser-

vices that remove solid and liquid contaminants from industrial fluids, keeping these fluids in service longer and preventing their disposal, a positive result as many of these industrial fluids are hazardous materials. The

new facility to be built in Van Wert will be part of Trucent's Renewable Chemicals (TRC) group, which concentrates on whole cut and distilled fatty acids derived from vegetable oils. The plant will process locally sourced vegetable oils into a variety of other products including personal care products, animal feed, surfactants, paints, coolants and lubricants. In addition to utilizing traditional commodities such as Distillers Corn Oil and Soybean Oil, TRC will contract with local farmers and processors to grow and produce specialty oil products.

James Bleyer, Director, Trucent Renewable Chemicals, Renewable Chemicals Group, said, "support from the ORDC will allow Trucent Renewable Chemicals to build rail infrastructure to extend the reach of our distribution. This will open new markets for our products and by extension open new markets for agricultural products from our local Northwest Ohio farm community."

Matthew Dietrich, Executive Director of the ORDC, said, "this project is an excellent example of how ORDC works with our local economic development partners to help companies maximize the benefits of rail transportation for their logistics needs. As a result of ORDC involvement, Trucent was able to find a suitable rail-served site in Ohio and the shortline railroad will be able to generate more business serving the company," he said.

LATTA VOTES AGAINST LEGISLATION RESTRICTING AMERICANS' SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) provided the following statement after voting against two pieces of legislation, H.R.8 and H.R.1446, seeking to punish law-abiding Americans by restricting their constitutional rights:

"We must do everything we can in Congress to ensure Americans have a safe community to call home. And that means pursuing real solutions that will give law enforcement and local community leaders the resources they need to prevent heinous acts of violence.

"It is disappointing that House Democrats passed two bills that impose arbitrary and vague firearm requirements that will make it harder for Americans to defend themselves. While there was a hunting exception included, it is so vague that it may criminalize sportsmen and sportswomen who are simply handing a firearm to their hunting partner. These proposed 'solutions' punish law-abiding citizens under the guise of working to

address gun violence, and lack desperate attention needed on increasing access to mental health resources.

"Republicans previously passed legislation to fix and strengthen the NICS background check system, provide more resources to schools to address gun violence, and reform the mental health system. We should focus on enforcing the laws on the books, which already prohibit the transferring of firearms to anyone known or believed to be prohibited from possessing firearms."

H.R. 8 and H.R.1446 are partisan congressional attempts to bypass the Constitution and the Second Amendment.

H.R. 8 includes provisions to:

Require federal background checks on all gun sales, including private transactions.

Make it unlawful for anyone who is not a licensed importer, manufacturer, or dealer to transfer a firearm to someone else who is not so licensed, unless it is first taken possession of by a licensed importer, manufacturer, or dealer.

There are no caps on what a federal firearm licensee (FFL) could charge to facilitate the private transfers and conduct background checks. Violating this act could lead to up to one year in prison and/or a \$100,000 fine.

H.R.1446 includes provisions to eliminate the 3-day "safety valve" proceed to sale provision under the federal firearms background check system and replace with a new prolonged background check. It would result in arbitrary delays that could curb the rights of millions of law-abiding Americans to protect and defend their families. Additionally, without the three day proceed to sale provision, the FBI has no incentive to complete background checks in a timely manner.

LAWN CARE FOR YOU, THE HOMEOWNER

Spring is (almost) officially here. It's time to start thinking about shaping up the yard, and your lawn is a big part of that. Now is a great time to start preparing your lawn with an early spring fertilizer to attain and maintain that nice green look in your lawn all season long.

Claude, Jim and I will be writing articles throughout the growing season to help you keep your lawn looking great.

In order to give your lawn an

excellent boost this spring, we recommend an early treatment of lawn fertilizer for a strong green up. You may combine this with an annual weed preventative to help keep those unwanted grassy weeds (such as crabgrass) out of your lawn. We also suggest getting a PH test for the soil to determine whether your soil could be too acidic or to alkaline and to correct your PH with soil amending products.

Why fertilize in early spring? Grass and other plants are emerging from the dormant stage. Once the soil temperature reaches 55 degrees, the soil microbes will start to become active and the grass will green up. In order to maintain a lush healthy green lawn, grass needs the proper nutrients in order to grow strong and vibrant. Giving your lawn a high-quality slow release fertilizer in early spring will feed your lawn over the next 8 to 12 weeks, and set up your yard nicely for the rest of the growing season.

Choosing the right fertilizer is important. The lawn lives in the soil surrounded by air, water, living things and humus, the residue of living things. In soil, the fundamental physical, chemical and biological processes necessary for lawn grass growth takes place. For a lawn grass plant to be healthy it needs nutrients. These nutrients are divided into two main groups, the non-mineral and the mineral.

The non-mineral nutrients are hydrogen, oxygen and carbon. These nutrients are found in the air and water that surrounds us. In a process called photosynthesis, green plants use energy from the sun to change carbon dioxide, from the air, and hydrogen from the water, into sugars. These sugars become the means for making the carbohydrates, fats, oils, and proteins that are the building blocks of life. Since green plants get their carbon, hydrogen and oxygen from the air and water, there is little that man can do to control how much of these nutrients a green plant can make or use. We and all of life on earth are living off of the green plant for our food supply.

There are thirteen mineral nutrients, which come from the soil, that are important for lawn grass plant growth. The mineral nutrients are divided into two groups: macronutrients and micronutrients. Macronutrients include nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium and sulfur. Grass plants use these macronutrients for their growth and survival and not all of these nutrients are found in lawn fertilizers. Micronutrients are essential elements for lawn grass plant growth, which are needed in smaller quantities. The micronutrients are boron, copper, iron, chloride, manganese, molybdenum and zinc. Recycling of organic material, such as grass clippings, is as excellent way to provide micronutrients. They are absorbed by lawn grass plants from the soil and water by means of their root hairs. There are not always enough of these minerals present in the soil for a lawn

grass plant to produce maximum healthy growth. This is why we fertilize the lawn. We also fertilize to supply nitrogen to stimulate lawn growth; however, this as in the case of mineral nutrients, is done to supply extra nutrients for lawn growth stimulation.

High-quality lawn fertilizers feed evenly throughout an eight to twelve week period of time giving your lawn the right amount of food at the right time. Determining the amount and kind of fertilizer you need for your lawn will greatly depend upon your soil's condition and PH level to provide the nutrients your grass needs.

In early spring, you can also prevent grassy weeds from coming into your lawn later in the growing season. These are annual weeds that sprout from seeds that grow into mature plants throughout the growing season, and then drop their own seeds before dying... which provides another crop for the following year. These annual weeds include crabgrass, goosegrass, barnyardgrass, dallisgrass, quackgrass, and bermudagrass.

So how do I keep these weeds out of my yard? By using a pre-emergent weed control, you are creating a "protective barrier" on the lawn. The active ingredients are distributed throughout the lawn in late winter or early spring, before the annuals have begun to germinate. They lie in wait for the annual weed seeds to sprout. As germination begins, the young seedlings come in contact with the protective barrier and succumb to its controlling action.

However, these protective barriers also prevent any good grass seed from germinating. So if you are planning on seeding or overseeding any part of your lawn, do not use a pre-emergent control unless it is a control that specifically says you can seed.

Pre-emergent controls should be applied in late winter or early spring. However, as a guide for all areas, the application should be made before dandelions are in the puffball stage...before lilacs bloom... or before forsythia drop.

Pre-emergent controls usually last for approximately four months. When applying a pre-emergent in early spring, you may need to apply another application of pre-emergent in early summer to prevent crabgrass from coming up later in the summer.

Also, if you are planning on thatching this spring, do not apply any pre-emergent controls before you have thatched. Thatching or raking will break the barrier that a pre-emergent control provides and makes it useless.

When purchasing your fertilizer, you may want to think about getting fertilizer for other times of the growing season so you'll be able to enjoy your lawn the entire growing season.

Best wishes to you on a great lawn you can enjoy this year.

Len Schrock
Jonathan Green Lawn Care Consultant
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Cecil: 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

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

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

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

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

Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store

Ney: Marathon

Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General

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

tal, Paulding Kwik Mart

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

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

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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

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

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

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PLANT NUTRIENT AVAILABILITY

Plant nutrient availability is dependent on several factors including soil moisture, temperature, microbes, pH, chemical nutrient form, and plant root proximity. Plant roots require moist soil, adequate soil temperatures, and teaming microbes. The microbes generally make most nutrients available in a reduced form. Soils that are slightly anaerobic (lack oxygen) and slightly saturated result in reducing conditions for making nutrients plant available.

Farmers want to avoid the extremes to maximize plant growth and yield. For example, highly oxidized and dry soils (nutrients tied up) are just as bad as highly saturated compacted soils where nutrients may be available, but tend to leach or be lost with flowing water. Ideally, an inch of rain is better than no rain or 3 to 5-inch rains. Roots cannot grow into saturated conditions so they need oscillating wet and dry cycles to absorb most nutrients efficiently.

Some soil nutrients are highly mobile while others are relatively immobile. Mobile nutrients move with the soil solution and are generally negatively charged ions (anions) or uncharged and tend to have high soil concentrations. Examples include nitrogen, sulfur, chlorine, zinc, and molybdenum, and boron.

Immobile nutrients have little soil movement and generally have positive charges (cations) (except for phosphorus), tend to have low soil concentrations, are often bound to the soil cation exchange capacity (CEC), and precipitate as slightly soluble compounds. Examples include phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, manganese, iron, zinc, copper, and nickel.

Soil pH plays a vital role in plant nutrient availability. For most nutrients, a slightly acid pH between 6.5 to 7 makes most nutrients more plant available except for calcium, magnesium, and molybdenum.

Nutrients can also be classified as how mobile they are in plant tissue. Mobile plant nutrients are easily remobilized from the older leaves to the new leaves under deficiency conditions. Deficiencies generally show up on the older leaves because the nutrients are easily mobilized to newer faster growing leaves. Examples include nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, magnesium, chlorine, zinc, and molybdenum. Immobile plant nutrients are not easily mobilized. Deficiency symptoms are most pronounced on young plant leaves and parts that are newly grown. Examples include calcium, sulfur, manganese, iron, copper, and boron.

Calcium deficiency is difficult to see and shows up as blossom end rot in tomatoes. Calcium deficiency are a hidden source of reduced yield and is often caused by too much soil potassium (K), making calcium plant unavailable. Leaf tip necrosis is a sign of calcium deficiency. Calcium deficient leaves are stunted & mishappen. In corn, look for parallel lines (railroad tracks) near the mid rib. Calcium is critical for seed germination and early plant growth and activates 146 plant enzymes.

Iron (Fe) is essential for crop growth and plants take up Fe as the reduced ferrous (Fe²⁺) cation. Iron is a component of many enzymes associated with energy transfer, nitrogen reduction and fixation, and lignin formation.

Manganese (Mn) activates several important metabolic reactions and plays a direct role in photosynthesis. Manganese accelerates germination and maturity while increasing the availability of phosphorus and calcium. Manganese deficiency in soybeans and corn is common and is often corrected by applying foliar fertilizer sprays.

Zinc, copper and molybdenum are important for activating many plant enzymes. Zinc (Zn) is taken up by plants as the divalent Zn²⁺ cation and is commonly associated with yield limitations. Required in small amounts, high yields are impossible without zinc because it activates over 300 plant enzymes. Copper (Cu) activates enzymes and catalyzes reactions in several plant-growth processes. Copper is closely linked to Vitamin A production and it helps ensure successful protein synthesis. Molybdenum (Mo) is a trace element required for the synthesis and activity of the enzyme nitrate reductase. Molybdenum is vital for the process of symbiotic nitrogen (N) fixation by Rhizobia bacteria in legume root modules. Molybdenum is often lacking in plant tissue and is another source of hidden plant hunger.

Boron (B) affects membrane stability, helps plants absorb calcium, and B supports the structural and functional integrity of plant cell membranes. Boron-deficiency symptoms first appear at the growing points. Nickel (Ni) is a component of the urease enzyme. Without the presence of Ni, urea conversion is impossible. It is required in very small amounts, with the critical level appearing to be about 1.1 ppm. The majority of plant available nutrients are processed by soil microbes, so improving soil health generally results in improved nutrient availability and nutrient efficiency. Since many deficiency symptoms look similar, visit hoormansoilhealth.com for a fact sheets with nutrient deficiency images.

James J. Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Services

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signed health orders, including those regarding restaurants and facial coverings.

Events at banquet centers no longer have a 300-person limitation, so long as they comply with other health orders.

Addenda to Director's Second Amended Order that Provides Mandatory Requirements for Youth, Collegiate, Amateur, Club, and Professional Sports and Provides Mandatory Requirements for Entertainment Venues. Changes include:

The maximum number of spectators in any indoor sports venue shall be 25% of fixed, seated capacity.

The maximum number of spectators permitted in any outdoor sports venue shall be 30% of fixed, seated capacity.

The maximum number of patrons permitted in any indoor entertainment venue shall be 25% of fixed, seated capacity.

The maximum number of patrons gathered in any outdoor entertainment venue shall be 30% fixed, seated capacity.

Both orders are effective beginning 12:01 p.m. on March 2, 2021.

PAULDING FFA CELEBRATED NATIONAL FFA WEEK!!



Pictured here is the FFA officer team in official dress during our annual teacher appreciation luncheon.

By: Mason Schlatter, Paulding FFA Assistant Reporter

FFA week was a very eventful and exciting week for the members of the Paulding FFA. The student participated in dress-up days which were picked by the members and other fun activities throughout the week.

Everyday there was FFA trivia on the announcements as well as an FFA drawing for FFA merch. Monday students participated in America Monday by wearing red, white and blue. There was an agriculture quiz that high school students could take and if they

got all of the questions right then they received a cookie sponsored by Ag Credit. The purpose of this quiz was to help educate students about our number one industry in Paulding County, agriculture.

On Tuesday the members participated in boots, buckles, and hat day. The members



Pictured here are members showing off their camo/orange for FFA week dress up day on Thursday.

were also rewarded with a donut and juice party which was sponsored by the Paulding FFA Alumni. The members also participate in a mini-golf challenge by paying one dollar to putt and if they made it they got two dollars back. The money made was donated to the Paulding FFA Food for All Program.

On Wednesday the members had the hosted annual staff appreciation lunch to show our appreciation for our teachers and staff. The officer team wore official dress and the members and staff all wore their new FFA

shirts. Also every high school teacher received a free bag of popcorn sponsored by local Beck's dealers. We truly appreciate our teachers.

Thursday wrapped up FFA week for the members with a pizza party for all of the members which were also donated by the Paulding FFA Alumni. The members wore camo and orange for the theme. Each of the classes enjoyed a virtual visit with the Ohio FFA Sentinel Victoria Snyder. She conducted fun and interactive workshops with the students. There was also a cornhole tournament

on Thursday in which over 12 teams participating in held in the ag shop. The winning team received forty dollars which was Blake McGarvey and Fernando Garcia.

The Paulding FFA would like to give a shout out to Ag Credit for donating the cookies and the Paulding FFA Alumni for the pizza and donut party as well as its members for their participation in this wonderful event celebrating FFA. We are looking forward to many more fun events throughout the year.

affordable, for many it is not. The need is so great and far reaching, a line of cars forms sometimes twice a week at

their Waynedale location at 2502 Church St. and on regular distribution dates in (Continued on Page 15)

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION

IN THE Probate COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Michael Wehrkamp, Judge Case No. 20215002

COUNTY, OHIO JUV. COURT FILED MAR 15 2021

IN THE MATTER OF: ATTICUS LELYND SCHAFFER TO: JACOB SPROUL, Address UNKNOWN

"A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION, IF GRANTED, WILL RELIEVE YOU OF ALL PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CONTACT THE MINOR, AND, EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO A SPOUSE OF THE ADOPTION PETITIONER AND RELATIVES OF THAT SPOUSE, TERMINATE ALL LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MINOR AND YOU AND THE MINOR'S OTHER RELATIVES, SO THAT THE MINOR THEREAFTER IS A STRANGER TO YOU AND THE MINOR'S OTHER RELATIVES FOR ALL PURPOSES. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PETITION WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER PROOF OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING IS GIVEN TO YOU. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST ALSO APPEAR AT THE HEARING. A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION MAY BE ENTERED IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION PETITION OR APPEAR AT THE HEARING."

You are hereby notified that on the 10TH day of MARCH, 2021, CHRISTINA M. SPROUSE, filed in this Court a Petition for Adoption of ATTICUS LeLYND SCHAFFER, a minor, whose date of birth is MARCH 15, 2018, and for change of the name of the minor to Atticus LeLYND SPROUSE. This Court, located at 115 NORTH WILLIAMS STREET, PAULDING, OHIO 45879 will hear the petition on the 26 day of APRIL, 2021, at 10:00 o'clock AM.

It is alleged in the petition, pursuant to R.C. 3107.07, that the consent of JACOB SPROUL is not required due to the following:

That person is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide more than the de minimis contact with the minor for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the hope of the petitioner.

That person is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide for the maintenance and support of the minor as required by law or judicial decree for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.

State other grounds under R.C. 3107.07 (Includes putative father of the minor born prior to January 1, 1997). PETITIONER WAS AWARDED CUSTODY OF THE CHILD BY THE DEFIANCE

As the natural parent of the minor you are entitled to have an attorney represent your interests. In the event that you are indigent and cannot afford counsel, you are entitled to have counsel appointed for you at no cost to you. Please contact the Paulding County Probate Court for more information at (419) 399-8256

Signature of Deputy Clerk

SIGNIFICANT NEED ON-TRACK TO DOUBLE FORT WAYNE PET FOOD PANTRY'S SERVICES IN 2021

In just the first two short months of 2021, the Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry has helped provide food for 4,000 pets in homes of 964 families! This is a staggering statistic when you think about the 14,500+ pounds of dry food prepared by volunteers who put in hundreds of hours to accomplish such a great feat. Many people may not be aware there is such a great need for this in our community.

It is a desperate time for many families (with pets or not), but when most people add pet food to their shopping list, in comparison to other items, it is relatively cheap to buy a bag that keeps their beloved furry or feathered family member with a full stomach. But even though some may consider pet food

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PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Tongia L. Jennings, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/pass; Case dismissed at state's request

Dylon T. Stites, Defiance, OH; Possession of drug instrument; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

Andrew M. Sheets, Fort Wayne, IN; Drug paraphernalia; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

Steven Boggess, Marshall, MI; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Andrew M. Sheets, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request; Case waived

Robert Hobart Jr., Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Gina M. Foor, Defiance, OH; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gina M. Foor, Defiance, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Wayne A. Balduff, Walbridge, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Terrance J. Landwehr, Oakwood, OH; Driving under OVI suspension; Guilty; Defendant shall report to jail 3/3/21 @5:00 p.m.; 20 hours community service; Standard probation; Must secure valid operator's license by end of terms of probation

Jesse W. Harter, Antwerp, OH; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Case dismissed with costs; Pay or collections 3/26/21

Seth N. Hawkins, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gregory L. Troyer, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case was waived by defendant

Alicia R. Peters, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James L. Webb, Oakwood, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Davion K. Ellis, LaFayette, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Jimmy G. Smith Jr, Cecil, OH; Criminal damage; Guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Repay court appointed fees; Placed on probation; No unlawful contact with victim; 10 hours community service; Submit mental health evaluation; Risk assessment

Bob J. Trowbridge, Antwerp, OH; Junk ordinance; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Maintain general good behavior; Continue to clean up property

Bob J. Trowbridge, Antwerp, OH; Junk ordinance; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all costs

Maurice Edwards, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request

Jason A. Harlan, Wabash, IN; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request with costs to defendant

Yesenia Garcia, Paulding, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ryan Tromblay, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert Holtkamp, Cloverdale, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Alan R. Welch, Van Wert, OH; Distracted driving; Dismissed; Defendant took course

Ethan Gribble, Oakwood, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ethan Gribble, Oakwood, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Anthony J. Rice, Noblesville, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ronald W. Jewell, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Shirley E. Borton, Ottoville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Thomas W. Shipley, Onsted, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Rylee Schindler, Fort Wayne, IN; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Don D. Ballard Jr, Wauseon, OH; No operator's license; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay \$50 per month; Pay or collect 12/17/21

Brian D. Ripke, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Ashley K. Dobbelaere, Defiance, OH; Distracted driving; Case dismissed

Deandre Walton, Oakwood, OH; No operator's license; Case dismissed at state's request

Deandre Walton, Oakwood, OH; Failure to yield to emergency vehicle; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 3/26/21

Luke T. Garverick, Englewood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Anthony J. Berry, Lima, OH; Driving under suspension - operator license forfeiture; Guilty; Defendant to pay \$80 per month; Pay or collect 7/30/21

John D. Romes, Defiance, OH; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Zachary S. Horg, Continental, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cody Adkins, Celina, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Owen Leever, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Don D. Ballard Jr, Wauseon, OH; FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/17/21

Brandon C. Laney, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeffery D Mekus II, Paulding, OH; Assault; Guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Main-

tain general good behavior

Jeffery D. Mekus II, Paulding, OH; Criminal damage; Guilty; Defendant to maintain general good behavior

Jeffery D. Mekus II, Paulding, OH; Obstructing; Count C dismissed

Jeffery D. Mekus II, Paulding, OH; Resisting arrest; Count D dismissed

Eric A. Zehner, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant top ay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Complete evaluation; Complete 20 hours community service; Probation to assign online classes

Alexander T. Scott, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dennis A. Pugsley, New Haven, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jacob A. Philipot, Paulding, OH; Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/17/21

Gregory Bland, Woodburn, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Valerie T. Baughman, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jesse A. Noffsinger, Cloverdale, OH; Overheight; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP
3/10/21 Moore Jeffrey L to Pace Cameron; 19772 Sr 111 Defiance Oh 43512; 0.2583 acres; Lot 4 Auglaize Country Club Rsauglaize Twp S-19

3/10/21 Moore Jeffrey L to Pace Cameron; Sr 111; 0.2583 acres; Lot 3 Auglaize Country Club Rsauglaize Twp S-19

3/8/21 Frederick Philip A to Frederick Philip A Jr; 15513 Sr 66 Defiance Oh 43512; 1 acre; Se Cor Sel/4 Auglaize Twp S-23

3/8/21 Frederick Philip A to Frederick Philip A Jr; Sr 66; 6.5 acres; E3/4 S1/2 S1/2 Sel/4 Nel/4 Less 1A Auglaize Twp S-23

3/11/21 Noffsinger Kristine S & Noffsinger Wayne A to Noffsinger Wayne A Trustee Noffsinger Kristine S Trustee; 13636 Rd 169 Oakwood Oh 45873; 8.705 acres; Pt S1/2 Nw1/4 S-33Auglaize Twp

BLUE CREEK TWP
3/8/21 Us Bank National Association Trustee To Keysor Dylan J; 12938 Rd 72 Haviland Oh 45851; 5 Acres; Ne Cor E1/2 Nel/4 Blue Creek Twp S-12

BROWN TWP
3/11/21 Zimmerman Randy J to Zimmerman 1883 Llc; Rd 263; 78.507 acres; N1/2 Sel/4 Less 1.493 A 08-011080-00-00

3/8/21 Bidlack William Trustee Bidlack Phyllis J Trustee to Bidlack Phyllis J Trustee; 10174 Sr 66 Oakwood Oh 45873; 158.39 acres; Pt Sw1/4 Brown Twp S-14

3/8/21 Bidlack William Trustee Bidlack Phyllis J Trustee to Bidlack Phyllis J Trustee; SR 66; 79.84 acres; E1/2Sel/4 Brown Twp S-15

CRANE TWP
3/10/21 Ramage Steven C Ramage Melinda C to Ramage Steven C Trustee Ramage Melinda Trustee; Rd 192; 5.623 acres; Lot 8 Willow Run Subdiv Crane Twp-Ant Dist Sec 18

3/10/21 Ramage Steven C Ramage Melinda C to Ramage Steven C Trustee Ramage Melinda Trustee; Rd 192; 1.207 acres; Lot 9 Willow Run Subdiv Crane Twp-Ant Dist Sec 18

3/10/21 Rice Robert Life Est Rice Eileen Life Est to Payton Kathy Etal; 7224 Rd 424 Antwerp Oh 45813; 0.344 acres; Lot 16 Pt Nw1/4 S Of Us24noneman Rolling Acre Crane Twp-Ant Dist Sec 19

3/10/21 Rice Robert Life Est Rice Eileen Life Est to Payton Kathy Etal; Rd 424; 0.14 acres; Pt Sel/4Nw1/4 Crane Twp-Ant Dist Sec 19

3/10/21 Rice Robert Life Est Rice Eileen Life Est to Payton Kathy Etal; Rd 424; 0.14 acres; Pt Nw1/4 Crane Twp-Ant Dist Sec 19

EMERALD TWP
3/9/21 Johnson Glen A Life Esta @(3) to Johnson Mary G Le; 18932 Rd 115 Cecil Oh 45821; 0.46 acres; Pcl No 2 Ankney Parcels Emerald Twp

JACKSON TWP
3/10/21 Conlon Sam A Herman Deborah M to Herman Deborah M; 1015 Emerald Rd; 0.3444 acres; Lot40n50'&Lot41s50' Noneman Em Acres Allot #1Paulding Village

3/8/21 Lytle Lori L Adams Eric L to Heller Corey Hartwick Mindy; 13964 Helen St; 0.3409 acres; Lot 181 & Lot 180 Noneman Em Acres Allot#3 Paulding Village

3/9/21 Balsler Thomas D & Balsler Dee A to Balsler Dee A; 12420 Buckeye Dr; 0.3301 acres; Lot 6 Flat Rock Development Paulding Village

LATTY TWP
3/10/21 Stahl Richard F Youngblutt Charleen J to Wisda Stanley J; 201 N Main St; 0.2 acres; Lot 28 S-24 O.p. Grover Hill Vill

PAULDING TWP
3/10/21 Buehler Terry D Buehler Esther Marlene to Miller Matthew A Miller Wendy K; 11188 Sr 500 Paulding Oh 45879; 2.906 acres; Pte1/2W1/2Nw1/4 S-14 Pldg

3/8/21 Bland Kenneth C & Bland Cassandra J to Bland Cassandra J; 620 N Dix St; 0.2591 acres; Lot 45 Noneman 2nd Add Paulding Vill

OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE GRANT

The Ohio History Connection has announced that projects in Painesville, Piqua, Ravenna, and Van Wert are recipients of the National Park Service's Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program. This program assists Ohio's Main Street communities with the rehabilitation of historic buildings that prioritize economic impact, use of commercial first-floor space and upper floor residential space, and encourage reactivation of vacant spaces. Ohio was one of eight states to be awarded this funding in August 2020. The Ohio History Connection is re-granting \$446,327 to four projects in Main Street communities.

The Ohio Main Street Program, administered by Heritage Ohio, works with communities across the state to revitalize their historic or traditional commercial areas. Based in historic preservation, the Main Street approach was developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to save historic commercial architecture and the fabric of American communities' built environment. Heritage Ohio will oversee the grant projects working

THE WEST BEND NEWS

Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

in conjunction with the local Main Street organization.

Main Street community projects awarded:

Van Wert: The Kauke & McCurdy Block, 101 East Main Street

As part of an ambitious downtown rehab initiative, the Van Wert County Foundation was successful in obtaining Paul Bruhn funds to invest in the historic Kauke & McCurdy Block, once home to the Van Wert chapter of the IOOF (Independent Order of Odd Fellows). The owner's plans for the building include creating 16 new housing units and rehabbing 5,780 square feet of commercial space. Grant dollars will fund an integral component of the building's rejuvenation—the installation of a new elevator, vital to making the three-story building attractive and accessible for contemporary use.

"Historic Main Street Van Wert is so excited about the Paul Bruhn Grant and we look forward to partnering with Van Wert Forward on this project. We feel the momentum of downtown Van Wert is off the charts and this will help make the Historic Main Street of Van Wert vibrant for many years."

Mitch Price, Executive Director, Main Street Van Wert

"We are excited for the opportunity to further revitalize downtown Van Wert through Van Wert Forward - this grant award is a perfect fit for the project and to the vision of The Van Wert County Foundation of creating a well-resourced and thriving quality of life for our community. By maintaining the historic character of this building and creating attractive spaces that are accessible to all - we fulfill that vision."

Aminda Miller, Development Director, The Van Wert County Foundation

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Oakwood is accepting sealed bids for a 2005 FEATHERLITE TOY HAULER

- 33 ft.
- Model number #7924
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- Sold as is
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Village of Oakwood 2020 annual report is available for viewing by the public at the Village Town Hall.

Please call to schedule 419-594-3352.

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ANTWERP STUDENT COUNCIL RAISES MONEY FOR TEXAS



Faith Clem and Maggie Trabel

The Antwerp Student Council recently raised \$811.68 to donate to World Central Kitchen, which is providing relief funds to those in

Texas who suffered during the recent storm crisis.

Students donated money on a hat day, pajama day, and phone Friday.

THINGS AT THE PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ARE BUSY REGARDLESS OF THE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Like so many other restaurants, the Center has been closed to dining room meals since March of 2020. Home Delivered meals increased when the orders to stay at home were implemented last year so the meal routes are very busy. Grab and Go meals have been offered daily since last April. Activity sheets, like word searches, crossword puzzles and trivia, were distributed to give the seniors something to do. Those who completed the worksheets got their names in for a drawing. During the warm weather

parking lot Bingo, Exercise, drumming and outdoor dining were offered. In the colder weather unfortunately, those socially monitored activities came to a halt. In April the Center hopes to have outdoor activities restart. The area businesses are ready to participate with Bingo and other fun opportunities. Keep in mind, social distancing and mask will still be needed. We will be offering some outdoor activities in a safely controlled environment.

In order to support local owned restaurants, the Senior Center applied for Cares Act Funds through the Restaurant Initiative. The Area Office on Aging (AOOA) awarded the Senior Center \$7200 to purchase meals from locally owned restaurants and use

those meals for their senior clients. The first 50 "Staying Healthy" meals were provided by China Wok and were served by Grab and Go consumers in February. Wei's Beef and Broccoli, fried rice and egg rolls were a huge hit! The next meal is provided by Puckerbrush Pizza. Brian is preparing pulled pork, coleslaw, cornbread and baked beans. 200 meals are ordered for March 18th. The home delivery seniors will get the meal along with 50 others through our Grab and Go program. Currently there is a waiting list for the Grab and Go meals because all 50 meals are reserved. Other restaurants to participate in the near future are Grant's Catering and Fiesta Habanero.

Also, on March 18th, weather permitting, Lilly Creek Farms will be in the Senior Center's parking lot with their therapy animals. They did a visit in December and the people loved driving through to get their meals and being greeted by a miniature pony, decorated dogs and Chance the Belgium horse. Even if you are not getting a meal you can stop over and see the animals.

Want to be part of the Senior Center's team? They are hiring a part time driver for meal delivery and transportation. Call Marsha at 419-399-3650 if you are interested.

Webinars and Zoom meetings are very popular these days and Marsha, the Center's director, has attended her fair share. On Friday the 19th the AOOA is hosting another meeting to talk about the future of reopening. Vaccine's will be a big part of the decision along with mandatory testing of the Center's staff. The Senior Center is eager to get things open and see all the smiling faces, well, beneath the mask!

announced today that it has donated \$500 to the Van Wert County Foundation, to be directed to the Van Wert County Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

"The Mone staff is honored to support the efforts of the Van Wert County CERT," said Plant Manager Dave Richardson. "We applaud the work of the CERT volunteers, who provide a critical community service."

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

OHIO STATE LIMA ANNOUNCES AUTUMN SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST

The Ohio State University at Lima announces its autumn semester 2020 dean's list, which includes students who have achieved top grades for their work from 24 Ohio counties and two Michigan counties.

Criteria for the dean's list varies by college. It is usually based on the GPA for that specific term and the number of credit hours taken. Many colleges require a minimum of 12 graded credit hours with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

The dean's list includes Ohio and out-of-state students. Students are listed by county and city.

Students may choose not to have their names released under the provisions of the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Their names have been excluded from the list.

The list is available below:

DEFIANCE
Defiance: Leah Clevenger, Lauryn Luderman, Victoria Rohlf

HENRY
Holgate: Arianna Stephey, New Bavaria, Ruth Wenzinger

PAULDING
Payne: Julianna Roop,
VAN WERT
Delphos: Trevor German
Middle Point: Alena Looser, Kiya Wollenhaupt
Van Wert: Courtney Klinker, Olivia Mengerink, Emilee Riley, Riley Wilson

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room

The following members were present: Mr. Pat Baumle, Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mrs. Rhonda Stabler, Mr. Dick Swary

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mrs. Lisa McClure.

Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public*
*Thirty minutes of public participation will be permitted. Each person addressing the Board will give their name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person will be allotted 3 minutes until the total of 30 minutes is used. During that period no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have the opportunity to do so.

*All statements should be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

Guests: Mr. Sean Pfeiffer, Maintenance/Transportation Supervisor; Mr. Jack Baumle, Instructor; Mr. Gregg Schaffner, Custodian; Mrs. Tina Mead, Instructor; Mrs. Judy Stuckey, Instructor; Mr. Tim McDonough, Crescent News

Mr. Sean Pfeiffer, Maintenance/Transportation Supervisor discussed maintenance concerns in all 3 buildings. Mr. Pfeiffer handed them a list of repair/replacements that need to be on the radar in the next couple of years. The most important at this time is the roof at the Payne building. The roof over the 3rd floor needs replaced now. The other portions of the roof can wait but not for long. The roofs at both the Payne and High School are out of warranty and have surpassed their life expectancy. The bleachers at the High School is another

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (9) persons on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

Brandon J. Bird (10/30/94), Cecil, OH; Sexual offender registration, F4

Eliseo S. Camposano (12/14/79), Paulding, OH; burglary, F4

David D. Dadou (12/31/85), Sterling Heights, MI; Trafficking in marijuana, F4; Possession of marijuana, F5

Dustin R. Miller (12/8/87), Paulding, OH; Breaking & entering, F5; Theft, M1

Ryan E. Homier (3/10/80), Paulding, OH; Burglary, F4

Benjamin T. Wiswell (7/16/91), Paulding, OH; Failure to comply with order or signal of police officer, F3

David B. Emerick (3/27/68), Kendallville, IN; Vandalism, F5

Jeremy E. Shaffer (8/12/80), Oakwood, OH; Aggravated assault, F4

Miranda L. Bussing (9/22/80), Paulding, OH; Domestic violence, F4

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ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

3/9 A resident called in reference to child custody questions. Officer was able to answer the questions.

3/9 A vehicle was stopped on N. Main Street for traveling 55mph in a 35mph zone. The juvenile driver was sited into juvenile court

3/8 An officer was asked to assist the Ohio State Highway Patrol for a disabled semi that was blocking traffic near the off ramp on US 24.

3/7 Antwerp Police Department was contacted by Dekalb County Sheriff Office in reference to information they received of a juvenile possibly attempting suicide. It was determined that the incident was occurring out in the county, and was turned over to sheriff department.

3/6 A wallet was found by a resident near the Sunoco station. The officer was able to locate the owner from items in the wallet and the owner came and retrieved it.

3/6 An officer was called to Park Avenue Villa in reference to a domestic issue. When the officer arrived, the alleged victim had already left. When the officer contacted the alleged victim she refused to cooperate.

3/5 An officer was called

to a residence in the village in reference to an argument between a couple. When the officer arrived it was determined nothing physical had occurred and officer stood by while one of the party's gathered their belongings and left.

3/5 A resident reported that they had received a phone call from a number they did recognize. The call left a message stating that if he did not call them there would be a warrant issued for his arrest. The complainant did not call anyone back, officer took the information and provided the resident with a packet of information in reference to scams a fraud.

3/3 A resident of Maple Street called and requested packet of information on scams and fraud.

3/2 A resident called and asked for an officer to come to her location and make sure there was no one in her garage. An officer responded and found the garage secured and pad locked.

3/1 Antwerp Police Department was notified of a complaint that was received by Paulding County Sheriff Department in reference to child neglect or endangerment. The case was investigated and it was determined there was no child neglect or endangerment.

2/27 A resident requested an officer to unlock her vehicle. Officer responded and performed the unlock.

2/26 A warrant was received from the Defiance Police Department for a resident on Daggett Street. An officer responded to residence, arrested the individual and transported them to be turned over to Defiance.

2/24 Antwerp Police re-

LEGAL NOTICE

2021 PAULDING COUNTY CHIP SEAL PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding, Ohio, at its office in the Court House, 115 N. Williams Street, Rm. B-1, Paulding, Ohio, until, **until 10:15 A.M., D.S.T. on March 31, 2021**

PROPOSAL:

Chip sealing various County and Township roads within Paulding County, Ohio.
Engineer's Estimate = \$457,684.95

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed as listed above.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project.

Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.

All contractors shall follow all applicable Federal and State OSHA regulations. The contractor shall also hold the County Engineer harmless for any violations or fines received while engaged in this project.

All contractors must provide current Certificate of Liability Insurance Coverage for \$1,000,000 along with a current Certificate of Worker's Compensation Coverage, before they can be hired to perform any type of work for the Paulding County.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Paulding County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Industrial Relations.

All materials shall conform to the latest revision of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications.

Sealed bids shall be in writing and in accordance with specifications furnished by Paulding County and on file in the Offices of the Paulding County Engineer and Commissioners, and on the engineer's website at <https://pauldingcountyengineer.com/bids>.

Bids are to be sealed and addressed to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, and bids on the above named items to be marked:

PROPOSAL: "2021 PAULDING COUNTY CHIP SEAL PROJECT"

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids received.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
Heather Barnhouse, Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

2021 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS PAULDING COUNTY

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding, Ohio, at its office in the Court House, 115 N. Williams Street, Rm. B-1, Paulding, Ohio, 45879 until **10:00 A.M., D.S.T. on March 31, 2021.**

PROPOSAL:

2021 Bridge Replacements

The owner intends and requires that the project be completed no later than November 15, 2021.

Engineer's Estimate = \$580,000.00

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed as listed above.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Paulding County as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, (614) 644-2239.

All contractors shall follow all applicable Federal and State OSHA regulations. The contractor shall also hold the County Engineer harmless for any violations or fines received while engaged in this project.

All contractors must provide current Certificate of Liability Insurance Coverage for \$1,000,000 along with a current Certificate of Worker's Compensation Coverage, before they can be hired to perform any type of work for Paulding County.

All materials shall conform to the latest revision of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications.

Sealed bids shall be in writing and in accordance with specifications furnished by Paulding County and on file in the Offices of the Paulding County Engineer and Commissioners and on the engineer's website at <https://pauldingcountyengineer.com/bids>.

Bids are to be sealed and addressed to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, and bids on the above-named items to be marked:

PROPOSAL: "2021 Bridge Replacements"

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids received.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
Heather Barnhouse, Clerk
Board of Commissioners

ceived a call in reference to a resident on Canal Street who had hit their medical alert button. Officer responded and it was determined that the button was pushed by accident and everything was alright.

2/24 The school resource officer called and requested a welfare check on students that had not reported to school. An officer went to the residence and found everything was alright.

February had a total of 97 calls with 24 citations into mayor court.

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!

to approve the budget/revenue comparison for February 2021;
to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor: 4.00 Mills Inside Operating; .70 Mills Outside Operating; .70 Mills 2000 OSFC Construction and Renovation Bond; .50 Mills 2000 Local Funded Initiative bond; .50 Mills OSFC Construction Maintenance
to amend the appropriations and revenues for FY21.
*Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?
Roll call vote: Mrs. McClure, Mr. Baumle, Mr. Sinn, Mrs. Stabler, and Mr. Swary, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.
Vantage Report - Mr. Pat Baumle updated the board about the actual in person open house Vantage will be having. The sophomores from every school will be invited to come. Vantage had 55 students qualify for State competition in their respective programs. The LPN to RN program is underway. The All Boards Dinner is scheduled for April 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Report of the Building Principals - All were in attendance and gave a report for their building.
Superintendent's Report
Mr. Ben Winans, Superintendent informed the board that there have been several requests for Field Trips. The district is going to allow Field Trips but all protocols will be followed to keep students safe.
Mr. Winans also announced that there will be a prom. It is going to be held at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds free of charge. Activities are set up to follow protocols. After Prom is also being organized as well.
A. Curriculum
Testing Season: The 2020-2021 state-mandated tests will be administered mid-March through the beginning of May.
We met and discussed our direction for the English curriculum and also hope to have a proposal for the updated math curriculum for you at our April meeting.
B. Personnel
Consent item A represents our recommendation to fill the open cook/cashier position at WTPE.
Consent items B and C represent our final spring sports supplemental positions. Consent item D is our recommendation to fill our open head football position.
The WBESC substitute list is included in consent item N for your approval.
C. Buildings and Grounds
Sean and I met with the Building and Grounds committee to go over several items at each campus and show the group the potential projects. I will provide more detailed update to the Board at the meeting.
With spring right around the corner we will again be working a local company to apply fertilizer and weed control to our athletic fields and the grounds at all campuses.
D. Events
Several extra-curricular deserve recognition for outstanding accomplishments. This recognition can be found in consent items E through J.
Willy Wonka was performed on March 5, 6 and 7 and will be performed again on March 12, 13, and 14. Consent Item K recognizes those involved in the musical.
E. Operations
Consent item L represents the approval needed by the Board for the recent trip to the sectional and district wrestling tournament and the upcoming trip to the state wrestling tournament. These dates have changed from what were previously approved.
The open enrollment period begins April 1 (consent item M). We plan to continue with the same guidelines and procedures as previous years.
Mr. Duane Sinn requested that Letter D be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.
I. Consent Agenda Items
One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:
Motion by: Mrs. Stabler; Seconded by: Mr. Sinn
A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and WTPE principal to offer Julie Childs the open cashier/cook position at WTPE as of March 1, 2021;
B. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal and Athletic Director to approve Brad Anderson as the Assistant/JV baseball coach;
C. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal and Athletic Director to approve Mike Jerome as a

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volunteer baseball coach;

D. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal and Athletic Director to approve Matt Holden as the Head High School Football coach;

E. to commend Head Wrestling Coach George Clemens III, his assistant coaches and the high school wrestlers for winning this year's Green Meadows Conference as a team;

F. to commend Head Wrestling Coach George Clemens III, his assistant coaches and the following varsity wrestlers for winning individual Green Meadows Conference titles: Jarrett Hornish, Hunter Long, Seth Meggison, Eli Moore, and Jacob Graham;

G. to commend Head Wrestling Coach George Clemens III, his assistant coaches and the following varsity wrestlers for winning an individual sectional title: Gabe Sutton, Jarrett Hornish, Hunter Long, and Seth Meggison;

H. to commend Coach William Lyons, his assistant coaches and the following junior high wrestlers for claiming an individual championship at this year's Green Meadows Tournament: Kamryn Sutton, Corbin Kimmel, Connor Dyson Scott, and Logan Gerschütz;

I. to commend Coach Bethany DeJarnett, the assistant coaches, and the varsity girls' basketball players for capturing the sectional title;

J. to commend Coach Jim Linder, the assistant coaches, and the varsity boys' basketball players for capturing the sectional title;

K. to commend Joel Dunham, Jenna Dunham, Sharon Spinner, Joni Wenninger, Kaleb O'Donnell, Angie Stokes and the cast and crew of Willy Wonka on three spectacular performances;

L. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, Assistant JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve overnight trips for the high school wrestling team if necessary on February 26, 2021; Lima, Ohio; March 5, 2021: Troy, Ohio; and March 12 & 13, 2021: Marion, Ohio;

M. to confirm that open enrollment applications will be accepted between April 1, 2021, and June 1, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year, with such applications being accepted from qualifying students from anywhere in the state of Ohio (not simply just students who reside in contiguously bordering school districts);

N. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the WBESC substitute list as presented.

*Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?
Roll call vote: Mrs. Stabler, Mr. Sinn, Mr. Baumle, Mrs. McClure, and Mr. Swary, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.
8:20 p.m. Executive Session
Motion by: Mrs. McClure; Seconded by: Mr. Baumle

"Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) and Section 121.22(G)(4) a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of specified employment matters of public employee/official (excluding elected officials)."
Roll call vote: Mrs. McClure, Mr. Baumle, Mr. Sinn, Mrs. Stabler, and Mr. Swary, aye. Nay, none. Board in executive session.
8:55 p.m. Regular Session called back to order.
Motion by: Mr. Sinn; Seconded by: Mrs. Stabler

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal and Athletic Director to approve Matt Holden as the Head High School Football coach.

Roll call vote: Mr. Sinn, Mrs. Stabler, Mr. Baumle, Mrs. McClure, and Mr. Swary, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Motion by: Mr. Baumle; Seconded by: Mrs. Stabler

To repair/replace the 3rd floor section of roof at the Payne Elementary Building for a cost not to exceed \$86,566.15 as per the Tips Contract.

Roll call vote: Mr. Baumle, Mrs. Stabler, Mrs. McClure, Mr. Sinn, and Mr. Swary, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Adjournment
Motion by: Mrs. McClure; Seconded by: Mr. Baumle. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned.
The next Board meeting will be held April 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Lecture Room.

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Downtown Fort Wayne, Roanoke and New Haven.

Rochele Watson, Executive Director of The Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry says that their mission is simple, "We offer free pet food for those in need to: 1. Reduce the number of animals that are taken to the shelter. 2. Reduce the number of animals that are euthanized due to overcrowded shelters. 3. Preserve the loving relationship that pet owners share with their pets. 4. Relieve people of the emotional stress of not being able to provide for their pets."

When the Pantry was founded in 2010, economic reasons made up 25% of the pet surrenders to local shelters, by 2020, less than 2% were surrendered because the owner couldn't buy food. An impressive 76,517 pounds of food was distributed last year. If you're doing the math in your head this means that in just two months, they are on track to distribute more than double that amount this year.

So, how can you help them serve every family in need? Well, it just so happens that this weekend, The Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry is holding an online "Paw-ction" Fri.- Sun.

March 12-14. Twenty locally donated items and gift certificates, from Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, to Sweets So Geek, to Pet Wants Fort Wayne, and a bunch of unique gifts in-between will be on the virtual auction block. You can check out the fundraiser by searching for the event on Facebook or by visiting www.32auctions.com/fwpfpawction

If the Paw-ction is not your style, Watson says that they are always looking for kind people to lend a hand as a volunteer. And they have listed on their website (fwpetfoodpantry.com) all of the drop-off locations for pet food donations as well as the ways to make a one time, monthly, or weekly financial contribution. They are also registered on Kroger Rewards and Amazon Smile, which donates a small percentage of each purchase you make to the non-profit, at no cost to you.

"With your generosity, we can continue to support our growing client base, still struggling to feed their pets, as the economy remains uncertain, but dedication to their pets remains unwavering. Thank you for your support." Watson said.

About Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry:

"Keeping Pets at Home with Their Families" The Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry (a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity organization) provides pet food at no cost to pet owners who are struggling financially and cannot afford to feed their pets. If you are in need of help or would like to learn more about this organization, you can call them at (260) 478-4551, search for them on Facebook or visit their website at fwpetfoodpantry.com

JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE EAST ALLEN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND THE EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES IN OPPOSITION TO HB 1005 AND SB 413

On March 9, 2021, the East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees and the East Allen Education Association signed a joint resolution in Opposition to HB 1005 and SB

Sudoku solution from page 13

7	1	8	4	8	9	2	5	6
9	8	2	5	1	6	3	7	4
6	4	5	7	3	2	8	1	9
5	2	1	6	9	8	7	4	3
4	9	7	3	2	5	1	6	8
8	3	6	1	7	4	5	9	2
1	6	4	2	5	3	9	8	7
2	7	2	1	6	4	3	5	9
3	5	8	9	7	4	6	2	1

413. They believe that public schools provide a strong educational environment for Indiana's children while this legislation, if enacted, would put this environment at risk by directing resources away from public schools to non-public schools which are not subject to the same rigorous scrutiny for their use of taxpayer resources.

Andra Kosmoski, president of the East Allen Education Association (EAEA) said, "The members of EAEA believe we have made an important step in advocating for our students during this legislative session by signing a joint resolution with the EACS School Board. We hope this sheds light on the fact that HB 1005 and SB 413 are not in the best interest of our schools and encourages our families and community members to reach out to their lawmakers in support of public education".

Todd Buckmaster, EACS board president said, "We, the EACS Board of School Trustees, stand with the EAEA in opposition to HB1005 and SB413. We stand united against the reallocation of public school funds. It is not good for our students, our staff, or public education in general. It is time for our teachers and staff to be heard".

HELP WANTED:

Antwerp Manor dietary is seeking to fill part time dishwashing position.

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

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SPRING PARTY AT THE LIBRARY



The Paulding County Carnegie Library Children's Room will be hosting a "Spring Party" featuring the Easter Bunny. The "Spring Party" will be Drive thru style program. Drive thru the parking lot for a visit with the Easter Bunny and receive a bag of goodies. Social distancing will be observed. Staff will be wearing masks.

The "Spring Party" will take place on Thursday, March 25; 5-6:30 PM. Stop by anytime between those hours. For more information please call the Children's Room at 419-399-2032.

RETURN OF PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

The Paulding County Carnegie Library Children's Room is pleased to announce the return of Preschool Storytime with "Kooky Kirk". The Preschool Storytime takes place every Wednesday at 10:00 am. Call the Library at 419-399-2032, to reserve your spot. Face masks are required and social distancing will be observed. Come join the fun!

PEVS PURCHASES PARC LANE TRAINING CENTER

Paulding County Board of DD - Jim Stripe, Superintendent

The Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities has agreed to work with the Paulding County Commissioners and the Paulding Exempted Village School District in the transfer of the PARC Lane Training Center building at 900 Fairgrounds Drive in Paulding. The Board of Developmental Disabilities has operated from that location since 1982. During that time the facility has provided services and supports to families and individuals with developmental disabilities. As service and support deliveries have changed the use of the building has also changed. Much of the building is used for administrative and case management services.

The decision to work with the community in the transfer of the facility was the subject of much discussion. The Board of DD made the decision after making certain that the transaction would not interfere with their mission and vision. The mission of the Board is "to promote the safety, wellness, and success of those we serve" with a vision of "establishing a culture of community for all". With more services and supports taking place in the community the need for a building like PARC Lane is not as necessary. The Board also relies on and funds agency and independent providers for the majority of services and supports throughout the community. Additionally, the Board felt that it would benefit the community of Paulding and would allow the Board of DD

to continue to provide those services that are important to the families and individuals they support.

Paulding Exempted Village Schools - Ken Amstutz, Superintendent

With the purchase of the PARC Lane building, Paulding Exempted Village Schools has the vision to create an alternative educational setting with expanded opportunities for students in grades 6-12. As it stands today, 40-50 students from all Paulding County school districts will be served at the PARC Lane building, many of whom are currently attending out of the county. In addition to students in an alternative setting, approximately 30% of graduates are in need of additional training or education once they receive their diploma. We hope to bridge this gap by working with Northwest State Community College in providing appropriate training and post-secondary education in the community. The long-term goal will be to assist Paulding County in developing a quality workforce with a partnership between the schools, community and businesses.

All school districts in Paulding County are included in its development as is the Juvenile Court for the establishment of an Assessment Center. Also, Western Buckeye Educational Service Center is assessing the feasibility in using space to enhance their presence and commitment to Paulding County youth. Through the relationship that has been developed between many agencies to provide wrap-around services, we hope to be able to ensure the success of students throughout Paulding County. Without the cooperative effort of everyone involved, plus Paulding County Economic Development Director, Tim Copsey, this project would not have been possible.

Paulding County Juvenile Court - Michael Wehrkamp, Judge

The Paulding County Juvenile Court is also a partner in the project. The building will house the county's first community-based youth assessment and evening reporting center, made possible through a grant from the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The goal of the center is to allow youth to be served in the least restrictive setting and give the community the ability to intervene earlier when problem behaviors arise, all while ensuring public safety. When a child is referred to the center from a school or law enforcement agency, staff will administer a series of evidence-based assessments and screenings on the child to determine the needs of the child and his or her family and the most appropriate intervention, ranging from secure detention to weekly appointments with staff.

"The assessment center will serve as a one-stop shop to identify issues and barriers children are facing, linking them and their families with community partners and resources they need before the problems become more serious," said Paulding County Juvenile Court Judge Michael Wehrkamp. "Locating the assessment center in this building makes good sense because it will allow multiple community partners to come together in one place to help our youth. This partnership will be transformational for Paulding County, and we are excited to be a part of it."

Northwest State Community College - Matt Kibler, JFS Workforce Training Coordi-

FIRST GRADERS IN MUSIC



Shown here is Alaina Daniels holding the book with her friend, Alex Burghart, as the rest of their classmates gather around the BIG instrument.

These Oakwood Elementary students from Mrs. Arnd's first grade class had a big surprise in music class this week when one of the student's fathers, Mr. Israel Daniels, brought in his bass violin! After exploring the instrument and comparing it to a violin, Mrs. Wehrkamp and

the students read "Berlioz the Bear," by author Jan Brett, a story about a bear who plays the bass violin with his musical friends. We appreciate Mr. Daniels for bringing it in to share with us as well as Mrs. Diane Erford for sharing her violin with the students this week

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We are very excited about the opportunity to further our work with Paulding High School. Alongside OhioMeansJobs- Defiance & Paulding Counties, we are already making an impact with students at

the high school. Ultimately, the objective is to provide the local business community with quality, homegrown talent to meet the workforce needs, and we believe this is another great opportunity for collaboration in Paulding County.

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Visit our self-referral colonoscopy site at pauldingcountyhospital.com/self-referral-colonoscopy.



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