

## PAULDING EAGLES MAKES DONATION TO PAULDING FFA



Pictured from left, Dennis Price, Paulding Eagles; Kelli Schlatter, Paulding FFA Alumni Secretary; John Gutierrez and Mike Kauser, Paulding Eagles.

### By: Kelli Schlatter, Paulding FFA Alumni Secretary

The Paulding FFA Alumni is a leadership organization that supports the Paulding FFA and helps high school and college students achieve their highest potential through vocational training and leadership experiences. We support the students at many events and supply scholarships to at-

tend different FFA activities/contests as well as college. A big fundraiser for the Alumni includes the Paulding FFA Alumni Sausage Stand at the Paulding County Fair and Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival. Unfortunately in 2020, due to COVID-19, we were not able to raise the funds that we have in the past.

The Paulding Eagles made a \$500 donation to the Paulding FFA Alumni to assist in our continued support of the Paulding FFA. The Paulding FFA Alumni would like to thank the Paulding Eagles for their generous donation to our organization. We truly appreciate their support to our community.

### GET INVOLVED IN ON-FARM RESEARCH

Is there a product or growing practice you want to test on your farm? If so, consider hosting an eFields on-farm re-

search trial this year. eFields is Ohio State University's on-farm research program. Each year, a publication is released with trial details and results. You may find the electronic version of the 2020 eFields Re-

port by going to the website. Hard copies are also currently available at the OSU Extension.

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## Paulding County Area FOUNDATION

### PCAF SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

The Paulding County Area Foundation offers and facilitates many scholarships for high school graduates and/or college students. The JP Crain scholarship is for high school graduates entering their post secondary education; as well as current college students. This scholarship is applicable for first time applicants and renewing applicants. The Paulding County Area Foun-

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### FEEL GOOD FRIDAYS RETURN TO VAN WERT

Reunited and it feels so good...Friday night entertainment, underwritten exclusively by the Van Wert County Foundation, returns to Van Wert! Feel Good Fridays at Fountain Park presented by Van Wert LIVE events will

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### BSSA INFORMATION FROM SHERIFF LANDERS



Some Paulding County residents will be soon receiving a letter in the mail signed by me. This request is from the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association (BSSA) attempting to seek new associate members. I am a proud member of this Association.

I feel it is imperative to communicate with our citizens and let you all know

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## Community Calendar

- 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**
  - Antwerp Conservation Club Easter Egg Hunt - 1 pm.
- March 28**
  - Woodburn UMC Palm Sunday Svc 9am
- March 31**
  - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm
- April 1**
  - Just Me Open House 10-6
  - Cecil Community Church foot washing & Communion at 7pm
- April 2**
  - Just Me Open House 10-6
  - Cecil Community Church Good Friday Service at 7pm
- April 3**
  - Just Me Open House 10-2
- April 4**
  - Woodburn UMC Easter Sunrise Svc 7:30 am
  - Cecil Community Church Prayer meeting 6pm
- April 10**
  - Paulding Fish & Game Gun Show 8am - 2pm

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**Come and join us during Holy Week**  
 Palm Sunday March 28, at 9:00 am  
 Maundy Thursday Service April 1, at 7:00 pm  
 Easter Sunrise service April 4, at 7:30 Am; Breakfast following Sunrise Service  
 Sunday worship 9:00 am; No Easter egg hunt, treat bags provided for kids  
 Easter play Good Friday April 2, at 7:00 pm and April 3, at 2:30 pm and at 7:00 pm: Conspiracy of Betrayal; Free will offering for all performances

**Masks and social distancing will be required at all functions.**

**WHERE ARE YOUR FEET STANDING?**

**By: Doris Applegate**

This morning I woke up with this song on my mind and in my heart (spirit): "On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand!"

Yes, Jesus Christ is our Rock that keeps us out of mud and mire of the ugly ways of the world and all things evil. What a blessing to know a place of safety in this old world! The first part of the song is: "My faith is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name!"

Talk about security! We are secure in Jesus Christ our Lord. On the other hand, those who do not have their feet firmly planted on this Rock are in Big Trouble! Any place you are standing on is dangerous if not on the "Jesus Rock!"

Jesus plainly taught us what to do so as to be sure of a safe place. In Matthew 7:1-27 we are told: Not to judge others, (take care of your own sins and failures before trying to help others). Do not give holy things dogs or cast your pearls before pigs...In Proverbs 9:7-8 it says: "Do not

reprove a scorner or he will hate you, reprove a wise man and he will love you." Jesus also said, if we ask, seek and knock, we would receive from our heavenly father.

We are to "do unto others as we would want them to do to us." We are to "enter in at the narrow and straight gate where we will find eternal life and are NOT to enter in the gate that is wide and the way broad because that leads to destruction." We are to "be on guard for people who are false and don't speak truth" ... we will know all people by the "fruit of their lives."

In the book of Galatians 5:22-23 we see the fruits that we can tell the true from the false people. The fruits are: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance or self-control. Wow! That's a lot of fruit to look for. Jesus said if we do the things listed above that our "house" (life) will be built strong on the rock, but if we don't do these things, our "house" (life) will collapse when the storms come!

Amen



**KID'S KORNER**

Welcome back!

The question from last week is about who Jesus taught to pray and, as a bonus, where in the Bible that is found. Did you find it?

Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray. He taught them the prayer that we know as The Lord's Prayer. It can be found in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4.

God invites us to pray to Him at all times. The Lord's Prayer is an example of prayer, but not the only prayer we can pray.

Prayer is being in communication with God. It's

talking with Him in spoken words or in thoughts. He gives us the assurance that He hears and answers every Christian prayer. Sometimes He says yes, sometimes no, and sometimes not right now.

An important thing is that we ask that our prayers be answered according to God's will. His will is perfect, and He knows even better than do we what is good and right for us. When we pray that His will be done, it is done.

God would have us pray to Him at all times and in all places. What a blessing it is that our Mighty God listens to us and answers us!

For next week: Did you know that the sun and moon actually stopped moving through space for a while? Can you find when that happened?

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

**PARSON TO PERSON**

**By: Dr. James Bachman**

*Dear Parson,*  
 Please help me connect Psalm 78:9 with the rest of chapter 78. Verse 9 - "The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle."

Ephraim, Joseph's second son who received the blessing of the first born from Jacob in Genesis 48, became the leading tribe in Israel through the time of King Saul. Ephraim sometimes represented all Israel.

I believe "their day of battle" was anytime and most every time they were tested by God. Though they were physically armed and carrying bows, spiritually they failed in faith and courage. They knew what God commanded and their responsibility to obey and teach these things to their children - Psalm 78:1-7, but they were stubborn and rebelled - verse 8. They kept doing it - verses 10-59, so the result was that God refused Ephraim from being the leading tribe and chose the tribe of Judah - verses 67-72.

That is a major lesson for us to obey and teach our children especially in the time of testing.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com



**FIVE REASONS TO MAKE THAT WELL VISIT APPOINTMENT**

If you've put off seeing your doctor for fear of catching or spreading the COVID-19 virus, Ibad Faroqui, MD, a Family Medicine provider with Lutheran Health Physicians, wants you to know it's safe and important to make and/or keep this appointment.

Precautions for your safety include enhanced cleaning of commonly touched surfaces; minimal visitors in

waiting areas; social distancing in all settings; masking of all patients and providers; screening clinic staff during shifts and asking that only one person accompany a patient into a provider's office. For certain types of appointments, a telehealth visit is also an option.

"Our patients and community deserve safe and personalized care," said Faroqui. "Our offices and clinics have adapted and we pride ourselves on maintaining our patients' health. An ongoing relationship with a trusted provider can help you optimize your long-term care."

Here are five reasons to make an appointment for your next well-visit or check-up without delay.

1. Check on your general health. The clinic has a record of your health parameters such as cholesterol, blood sugar, weight and others. If any numbers are trending in the wrong direction, your provider can help you make a plan to get back on track with lifestyle changes, diet or medical treatment.

2. Manage chronic conditions. Ongoing medical concerns, whether diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol or others require regular monitoring by a provider to keep them from progressing to life-threatening levels. Regular check-ups can help you avoid a medical crisis.

3. Identify issues early with routine screenings. The practice keeps records of your screening exams to help you remember when it's time to get your colonoscopy, mammogram, bone density test, prostate exam and other screenings. Early identifi-

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

—Ephesians 6:10-11

cation of many illnesses can give you the most options for treatment and better outcomes.

4. Stay current on vaccinations for your protection. While you're hearing plenty of news about the COVID-19 vaccine, there are other vaccinations to prevent disease as your immune system weakens over time. Annual flu vaccines and a tetanus vaccine every 10 years, as well as shingles and pneumonia vaccines, are all proven ways to safeguard your health and shouldn't be neglected.

5. Keep prescriptions updated. Bring a full list of your medications, including any over-the-counter medication, so your provider has a complete picture of what you're taking. An annual review can identify possible side effects or medication conflicts.

If you need a primary care provider, call (833) 546-4968 or go online to find a physician or advanced practice provider with Lutheran Health Physicians.

**RUN FOR THE BENJAMINS**

The Foundation of Community Memorial Hospital would like to introduce a fitness challenge to the community.

The challenge is called "Run for the Benjamins" and it will be a virtual race that will take you on a path from Hicksville, Ohio to Benjamin,

PA. The platform is called My Virtual Mission Platform. Participants will create a username and password on the site/app/. Follow this link <https://tinyurl.com/4theBenjamins> and use the Mission Code CMH50 to join. Follow the prompts to create your own private My Virtual Mission account.

The site features a leaderboard so you can see your progress compared to others. Amazing street views of where you are going. You can even find current weather conditions at your virtual location. Create custom milestones of your own. You can also post photos and comments about the mission along the way.

Miles will be manual entry on the honor system. There will be an exercise conversion chart, so participants may be many forms of exercise to reach Benjamin, PA. Examples are biking, swimming, walking, running and others.

The virtual event will go live on 4/15/21 at 8:00 am. Benjamin, PA is 259 miles from Hicksville which equals about 4 miles/day.

So, get off the couch, shake off those winter and Covid blues and join us in a fitness challenge that is guaranteed to start you on the track to better health and the chance to win some money along the way.

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**MAKING SOAP**

**Penny For Your Thoughts**  
By: Nancy Whitaker

I have never claimed to be a so called Arts and Crafts person, but I do like to cook and create various recipes and try household tips to save time and money. Everyone likes to save a dollar or two, at least I do, because as Ben Franklin said, "A penny saved is a penny earned."



The Internet and social media has made it easy to look up almost anything we might want to know. Of course our grandparents and forefathers had just their hands, perhaps a book and made due with what they had.

I have never been able to sew or knit or even crochet. My grandma used to sit for hours and crochet beautiful lace around handkerchiefs and tablecloths. Me, I always liked to play around in the kitchen.

Of course, one day I begged Mom to let me make custard. I had found a recipe in an old cookbook and basically, I just wanted to do something. I was a proud little girl that evening when it came time for dessert and my homemade custard was served. Well, it sure looked good and I could not wait to taste it.

All at once Grandpa let out a choking sound and pulled my little chain bracelet from down his throat and out of his mouth. My little bracelet had escaped from my wrist and had made its way into my pudding. Oh no! I was so embarrassed that I cried. However, I recovered, became a fairly good cook, but never forgot that incident in which Grandpa almost died at the hands of my custard.

dryer. I remember buying the soap detergent called Breeze, which had washcloths, hand towels or bath towels in the box for us to keep. Sadly they do not offer those anymore and I am not sure if Breeze is still even on the market.

Things change, products change, peoples lifestyles change. While good old garden canned vegetables is great from the garden, now Mama and Dad usually both work and there is not a lot of time to do things like we used to. While I love modern, better and improved products, I still miss the smell of that lye laundry soap, the blue thick starch and the agitator of that May Tag clunking around.

Personally, I think I dirty more clothing than a whole family. It seems as if I always have a couple loads of laundry to catch up on. Now they make these pods which you can just throw in your washing machine and they are so handy.

However, about 4 years ago, I found a recipe to make your own laundry soap and you may be able to save a penny. I make this laundry detergent about twice a year and really like it.

In case you want to try making the soap here is how you make it:  
2 bars of Fels Naptha Soap;  
2 cups of washing soda  
2 cups of Borax.  
5 gallon bucket  
Directions: Shred up the bars of Fels Naptha or you can use Zotes

**CEREAL DOMINO CAUSE DONATES TO FOOD PANTRY**



High school student council members, including junior Gaige McMichael (in the foreground), set up the domino run on Friday afternoon.

On Friday, March 12th, students and staff at Antwerp Elementary School lined the main hallway of the school to watch a cereal domino run.

For two weeks prior, students donated 343 boxes for the run. The event was organized by the Antwerp Student Council, who will now donate the

boxes to the Antwerp Food Pantry. A video of the cereal domino run can be viewed on the school's Facebook page.

**PUBLIC NOTICE: VILLAGE OF PAULDING**

**CEMETERY SPRING CLEANUP**

By order of the Village of Paulding Cemetery Board, all old wreaths, flowers, grave blankets and decorations on the graves at Live Oak and Paulding Memorial Cemeteries are to be removed by Sunday, April 11, 2021. Anything left on the graves after that date will be removed by the Cemetery Board. New flowers can be placed on the graves beginning Saturday, May 1, 2021.

Due to safety concerns, shepherd hooks, plant hangers, decorative stones, mulch, statues, solar slights, perpetual lights, wreaths, etc. are prohibited. Any items not directly on the grave stones or its foundation will be disposed of. This will be enforced!

Please refer to the rules and regulations posted on the south end of the Mausoleum at Live Oak Cemetery. The rules are also available on our website at [www.villageofpaulding.com](http://www.villageofpaulding.com)

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Shredding up the Fels Naptha is probably the hardest part. I bought an old fashioned shredder especially to make soap.

Once the Fels Naptha is shredded finely, add the shredded soap to about 2 quarts of very hot water leaving it on the stove to melt. Stir and stir as you watch the soap pieces melt.

Next Fill your 5 gallon bucket 1/2 full of warm water. Add your melted soap mixture; a cup of washing soda, a cup of Oxide and a cup of borax. (20 Mule Team)

Now it is time to stir and stir. There will be chunks to break down so your soap will be smooth. An immersion blender works good to stir the soap. Get a family member to help stir too. This will keep kids busy also.

Let soap rest for 24 hours; then stir some more.

When soap is smooth, add some freshner beads if you want a scented soap.

Put into bottles and enjoy your homemade soap. I really enjoy making and using it

**BUSINESS OWNERS' ISSUES GO BEYOND 'MOM AND POP' LABEL**

If you own a small business, you typically don't get a lot of recognition - so you may be pleased to learn that March 29 is National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day. You might not necessarily think of your business as a "Mom and Pop" operation, but it certainly contributes to the well-being of your

family now, and possibly to that of future generations, too - if you make the right moves.

Depending on the nature of your business, you may have spent the past several months more concerned about today than tomorrow, given the serious economic repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is still placing stress on a great many business owners across the country.

If your business has been adversely affected by the pandemic, you might be eligible for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan. As you may know, recent legislation provided \$285 billion more for this program. To learn more, and to start the application process, visit the Small Business Administration website at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov). You have until March 31 to apply for a PPP loan. Other relief also may be available.

But regardless of whether you apply for one of these loans, you can take other steps to help maximize the benefits you get from your business - and perhaps even extend its longevity.

Here are a few suggestions:

Establish a retirement plan. If you don't already have a retirement plan, it's never too late to set one up. As a business owner, you have several options, including an "owner-only" 401(k), a SIMPLE IRA and a SEP-IRA. All these plans are fairly easy to establish and can offer potential tax advantages, as well as providing you with a source of retirement income in the future. You may want to work with a financial professional to pick the right plan for your needs.

Coordinate your business assets with your investment portfolio. Like most business owners, you may have a great deal of your personal wealth tied up in your business. And, as the past year has certainly shown, this can be risky. Consequent-

ly, you'll need to weigh this risk factor when deciding on investing in your retirement plan or in other investment accounts. This doesn't mean you should try to avoid all risk only by pursuing the most conservative vehicles - which would be counterproductive to achieving enough growth to meet your retirement income goals - but you will need to pay close attention to your investment mix to ensure it provides you with an appropriate balance to what you've invested in your business.

Develop a transition strategy. How will you make the transition from business owner to the next phase of your life? Will you sell the business outright? Will you

gradually transfer it to a family member? If so, what mechanism will you use? It's a good idea to have these types of plans in place well before you need to enact them, so you may want to consult with your financial, legal and tax advisors soon.

A "Mom and Pop" business may sound quaint and carefree - but, as you know, running a business of any size can be an all-consuming endeavor and always involves significant financial concerns. Get the help you need to meet these challenges.

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**MILITARY HISTORY OF PAULDING COUNTY**

**By: Mark Holtsberry  
Samuel Rolla Mott Jr.**

One of Paulding County's highest ranking officers was Samuel Rolla Mott Jr. He was born January 12, 1831 in Knox County, Ohio, the son of John G. and Anna (Rieder) Mott.



His early childhood education in schools were of the normal studies. As he grew older he learned the molders trade in St. Marys, Ohio and Buffalo, New York and he stayed with this trade for 6 years.

In 1852, Samuel had taken to the liking of Miss Martha Apgar, the daughter of Peter Apgar, from New Jersey. They were married February 1, 1852, Auglaize County, Ohio. With this marriage, which will be a happy and congenial one, six children were born: two sons and four daughters.

Wanting to do other skills, in 1855, he engaged in the saw mill and lumber business, but he had to move back to Auglaize County, Ohio. In 1858, he met and friended, Colonel John Walkup, who Samuel

studied and read law with. At the breaking out of Civil War, Samuel abandoned his studies.

In April 1861 Samuel joined Company K. 15th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The company was mustered into service, April 27, 1861 at Camp Jackson, Ohio. On May 6, 1861, Samuel was appointed to serve as 1st lieutenant. The company was mustered in to serve three months. Samuel's desire to serve led him to reenlist. The 57th Ohio Volunteer Infantry was formed in Camp Dennison, Ohio in October of 1861 and Samuel was with Company C 57th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Mustered into service September 18, 1861 at Camp Vance, Findlay, Ohio, where at that time, Samuel R. Mott was appointed captain on October 20, 1861.

His Company saw action at Shiloh April 6-7, 1862, where he was wounded in the hip. The company would be engaged in four more battles, before Captain Samuel R. Mott, would be promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of the 57th Regiment, which was on April 16, 1863. Samuel was wounded in the neck at Vicksburg sometime between May 18 and July 4, 1863. He was wounded for a third time in Atlanta, between July 22, 1864 and September 2, 1864. He was promoted to colonel of the 57th Regiment on August 14, 1865.

Samuel served until September 26, 1865 and was discharged with the rank of Brevet Brigadier General. At an 18th annual reunion of the G. A. R. in Minneapolis where General William T. Sherman spoke, the question was asked of him, "Whatever happened to Mott, Colonel Mott?" Sherman said, "Mott was a soldier and a good one. I remember once, near Kenesaw, a big display of our men in plain view of the rebels. After you had started back to your camp in the woods, the rebels sent shells after you lively, and one of them exploded almost between Mott's legs, tearing off half of his coat tail! Mott laughed as though it was very funny! He never flinched. He

was always on hand."

Returning home, Samuel resumed his law studies, and was admitted to the bar in 1866 and began practice in Wapakoneta, Ohio. In 1867, as a Democrat, he was elected recorder of Auglaize County, serving one term. Also on March 11, 1867, Samuel filed for his Civil War Pension, Listing himself as invalid. In 1870 he was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives and served two terms, representing Auglaize County.

In 1874 Samuel located in Paulding and continued in the practice of law, holding at times, the office of mayor and justice of the peace, which he held for 12 years. Samuel was ever ready to defend his principles of his faith, either in fluent speech or friendly argument.

The Van Wert, Paulding and Michigan Railway was incorporated in December 1874 to build a short branch from Toledo, Wabash and Western Railway at Cecil to Paulding. The Paulding and Cecil Railroad was incorporated for the same purpose in December 1879 and opened in 1880. Samuel was one of the promoters of the Paulding and Cecil Railroad, in which this enterprise, Samuel suffered severe financial loss.

In the 1880's, Samuel and family continued to live in Paulding and Samuel was still practicing law. Samuel became a charter member of Paulding Lodge # 502, F. & A. M. where he began the first master. In the 1890's, Samuel and Martha were still living in Paulding, but Samuel's health started to decline. Samuel and Martha lived long enough to see their children grow up to be ladies and gentlemen.

On June 7, 1899, Samuel Rolla Mott passed away in Paulding, Ohio and was buried Friday June 9, 1899 in Live Oak Cemetery (block E. Lot 16, grave 6) under the auspices of the Widow's Son Lodge #502 F. & A.M. with Revs. Townsend and Magill officiating. The funeral was a large and impressive one, the solemnity of which will long linger in the hearts of those who attended. On June 23, 1899, his wife, Martha, filed for the Widow's Pension.

Until Next Time

**KEEPING MOMS AND BABIES SAFE DURING THE PANDEMIC**

The delivery of babies has been a happy event for the labor and delivery teams at Lutheran Hospital and Dupont Hospital over the past year. Thousands of infants born over the past year have been a welcome sight in the midst of the global pandemic.

While the virus has changed many things in the world - The Birthplace at Dupont Hospital and Lutheran Hospital are a pleasant constant, located in a separate area at each hospital to provide specialized care and services. A dedicated team of nurses, obstetricians and other caregivers work exclusively with the moms and babies through delivery and postpartum care.

"It is a privilege to care for moms as they bring new life into this world," said Amy Thomas, MD, OB/GYN and medical director of the OB Laborist Program at Dupont Hospital. "Our Birthplaces are designed with comfort and

safety in mind and our compassionate team is committed to making this an exceptional, safe experience."

Prenatal care remains critical and women are encouraged to stay in contact with their obstetrician and keep their appointments to be sure their pregnancy is on track. And once the baby is here, regular visits to the pediatrician are important to help them thrive.

The hospitals and physician clinics keep the safety of their patients as the top priority. Many actions have been taken to enhance infection prevention and support social distancing to maintain a safe environment during the pandemic.

When an expectant mom arrives at the hospital, staff will check her temperature (as part of checking her vitals), test for COVID-19 and complete a screening questionnaire. Moms can have two designated visitors (including spouse or partner), but only one at a time. There are no visiting hour restrictions. Visitors must wear masks at all times.

"We are taking the necessary precautions for your protection," said Ravi Raju, MD, OB/GYN and medical director of the OB Laborist Program at Lutheran Hospital. "More than 1,000 moms have their babies here each year and we give each the personalized care they need."

Labor and delivery proceed as they always have and most adjacent procedures remain available. Tubal ligation after delivery is an option if a mother is negative for COVID-19 and circumcisions can also be performed. Breast-feeding is encouraged, even for moms who test positive for COVID-19 and can protect their infant by wearing a mask.

As for prenatal classes and postpartum support, virtual classes and online support groups have temporarily replaced onsite options. CPR classes are offered by appointment only to enable expectant parents to learn this important skill in a safe environment.

Information about The Birthplace is available online at Lutheran Hospital or Dupont Hospital. If you need help finding an obstetrician, pediatrician or another provider, visit the "Find a Doctor" link or call (833) 546-4968.

Lutheran Hospital and Dupont Hospital are certified as Perinatal Centers and as Level III Obstetric Care and Level III Neonatal Care Centers by the Indiana State Department of Health. Dupont Hospital and Lutheran Hospital have also been designated Blue Distinction® Centers+ for Maternity Care from Anthem, Inc., which recognizes quality maternity care and expertise.

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sion Paulding County office. Current eFields projects include the following: Corn Seeding Rate, Soybean Seeding Rate, Nitrogen Trials (Rate, Timing, Placement, & Source), Sulfur Rate, Corn Pop-up Fertilizer, Soybean Fungicide, Soil Health. You can also work with ANR Educator Sarah Noggle to develop a custom study protocol. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about hosting an on-farm trial, call 419-399-8225 or e-mail noggle.17@osu.edu.

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keep spirits high and keep you feeling fine. Any Friday night at 7:30 PM beginning June 4 through August 6, will feature national artists traveling from across the country to share their artistry on the Fountain Park stage. The ten free concerts are at the corner of W. Main Street and Jefferson Street in historic downtown Van Wert. Feel Good Fridays in Fountain Park are here to provide free, family-friendly entertainment for all to enjoy. It will soon be time to grab those lawn chairs and have a-rockin' good time!

**FEEL GOOD FRIDAYS AT FOUNTAIN PARK BAND ROSTER**

**JUNE 4 - THE SWON BROTHERS:** This country duo has been thrilling audiences long before their appearance as finalists on NBC's The Voice and have released a repertoire of amazing songs since, including their Top 15 HIT, "Later On," from their self-titled major-label debut. They've played for hundreds of thousands of fans as part of Carrie Underwood's Storyteller Tour and Brad Paisley's Country Nation World Tour, as well as their own headlining shows.

**JUNE 11 - RUMOURS: A FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE:** Rumours' lead singer Mckenzie Jackson was bewitched by the music of Fleetwood Mac at a young age. She can duplicate the iconic lead singer Stevie Nick's voice so well that she and Rumours effortlessly transport audiences to the height of Fleetwood Mac's amazing success. The sensational voices of Rumours recreate the signature harmonies; and along with their expert instrumentation, stage moves and wardrobe, replicate those magical moments in music history that Fleetwood Mac fans cherish and can now relive again and again.

**JUNE 18 - THE VAN DELLS:** The Van-Dells are a masterful musical tribute to the '50s and '60s. The show begins in the '50s. Dressed in letter sweaters, The Van-Dells hit the stage running with songs like At The Hop

and Morse Code of Love, along with Doo-Wop favorites, and never slow down. The non-stop show continues with "Glitter and Gold" that made the 1960's famous. The audience will be taken on a nostalgic trip through time reliving the magical era. The Van-Dells have been called "The 3 Stooges set to music".

**JUNE 25 - FAREWELL ANGELINA:** Farewell Angelina is an all-female country group with powerhouse vocalists, dynamic songwriters, and accomplished multi-instrumentalists. Their stellar blend of heart-stopping harmonies over blazing double violins and guitars has earned soaring praise across the board. Roughstock calls them a "Superstar Act... with Killer Songs." Rolling Stone says, "Wickedly smart songwriting delivered with a healthy dash of sass... deft playing... into one sonic knockout punch." They've been named among Rolling Stone's "New Artists You Need To Know," and Roughstock's "Ones to Watch" with a tour schedule to prove it. The girls have opened shows for the likes of Kenny Chesney, Old Dominion, Frankie Ballard, Jake Owen, Billy Currington, Maroon 5, and Trace Adkins, to name a few.

**JULY 2 - PEACHERINE RAGTIME SOCIETY ORCHESTRA:** The Peacherine Ragtime Society Orchestra is the leading professional ragtime orchestra in the United States. Under the direction of virtuoso Andrew Greene, PRSO recreates the syncopated stylings of a bygone era - Ragtime, Theater, and Dance music using an immense archive of over 15,000 original orchestral scores. The patriotic concert program will also include the music of the late 1800s and early 1900s, with selections by composers such as Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, W.C. Handy, Eubie Blake, George M. Cohan, and of course, the King of Ragtime, Scott Joplin.

**JULY 9 - SHINING STAR: Earth, Wind & Fire Tribute:** This timeless musical recreation of Earth, Wind & Fire's music and the show is based

**TO WOODBURN RESIDENTS:**

The Woodburn City Hall will open to the public beginning April 5th, 2021. Any Common Council or Board of Works and Public Safety meetings will take place in person at City Hall going forward from this date. Please use your best judgement in entering City Hall regarding both your health and the health of others.

Due to the current condition of the property which has recently been purchased by the City, the City asks that residents no longer consider the old American Legion Property, located at 22115 Main Street, to be used for purposes of a storm shelter during inclement weather. Consider using the Christ Lutheran Church, located at 4412 Park Street, until directed to the contrary.

Feel free to call City Hall with questions at 260-632-5318.

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2 - CLAIMS ASSISTANCE - Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.  
*We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.*  
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on the '70s thru '80s, the peak time of Earth, Wind & Fire's magical career, and the highly acclaimed live recordings of their concerts. This show's playlist has been hailed as the definitive collection of Earth, Wind & Fire's top-charting hits, and includes best-loved songs such as After The Love Is Gone, Sing A Song, September, Got To Get You Into My Life, their namesake Shining Star, along with disco tracks, Boogie Wonderland, and Let's Groove Tonight. This show is the closest and ONLY production to embody the aura, costuming, moves, and vocalization styles of this supergroup. The magic, the versatility, the vocals, the essence, the songs, the energy, the horns, and the spirit

JULY 16 - WALDEN: Hailing from Athens, Georgia, Walden emerged as the city's newest rock sound. The band quickly captured the college town's attention. Walden has burst onto the scene with many major festival appearances across the nation. These four young men quickly become one of the biggest upcoming musical acts in the southeast, capturing the attention of audiences of all ages with their raw sound, infectious energy, and the undeniable connection they share on stage. Comprised of Richard Becker (vocals/guitar), Jamie de Lange (bass), Eric Hangartner, (vocals/piano), and Andrew Mendel (drums) the quartet has remained just that ever since. While each shares a dream of traveling the world creating music, they are drawn together by a common understanding to navigate through the perpetual noise that pervades everyday life in search of something else - something of true purpose and meaning - a sense of

truly feeling alive. JULY 23 - THAT ARENA ROCK SHOW: That Arena Rock Show is the ultimate high energy tribute to "Classic" Rock N' Roll... Performing legendary rock anthems that ruled the airwaves in the 70s and 80s that include artists, Led Zeppelin, Aerosmith, AC/DC, Bon Jovi, Guns N Roses, and more. This show takes a trip back in time, turning Fountain Park into an arena for a night! Get your lighters out and your fist in the air. This rock show is more than just music - it's an experience! "These guys are so great at recapturing the excitement of the greatest arena rock shows of all time that they will make every hair on your body stand on end; even those you may have lost! Now THAT is powerful!"

JULY 30 - HEART BY HEART Steve Fossen and Michael Derosier, bassist and drummer for the band Heart during the 70s and early 80s, are now touring as Heart By Heart. "Our mission is to perform the classic Heart music as faithfully as we can," Fossen says. The band features vocalist Somar Macek, guitarist/keyboardist/vocalist Lizzy Daymont and guitarist Chad Quist. Heart By Heart presents a powerful, dynamic show that includes all the favorite Heart hits as well as deep album cuts that fans will love. Fossen and Derosier are the powerful driving engine behind Heart's classic hits like Barracuda, Straight On, Crazy On You, Magic Man, Even It Up, Dog & Butterfly, Heartless, Kick It Out, and more. First formed by Steve Fossen in 1969, Heart went on to release six top-10 albums and landed 20 hit singles on the Billboard top 40 charts. In recognition of their con-

tributions to these iconic recordings, and to Heart's first seven years of national and international touring, Fossen and Derosier were inducted into The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame with the rest of the original Heart lineup in 2013.

AUGUST 6 - BUILDING 429 GRAMMY®-nominated band Building 429 - comprised of Jason Roy, Michael Anderson, Jesse Garcia, and Aaron Branch - is one of Christian music's top artists with high-energy live shows, lyrically-driven, anthemic songs, and a consistent message of hope through Christ. Known for writing songs about big faith showing up in everyday moments, Building 429's dynamic new single, "Fear No More," encourages the listener to hold fast to faith in the midst of life's inevitable setbacks

**Feel Good Friday Concerts begin at 7:30 PM and are a BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair) event. Blankets on the Fountain Park lawn work well too. Come early and hang out in downtown Van Wert before the concerts to shop and dine. Safety protocols will be announced prior to the first concert in coordination with the Van Wert Health Department. Find more information at vanwertlive.com.**

**NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE-LED TEAMS ADVANCE TO STATE FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION**

Three Junior High School teams have qualified for the state FIRST Robotics Competition on Saturday, March 13th. The event, which will be held virtually, involves high-energy competition in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) fields, using those sensibilities "to build industrial-size robots to play a difficult field game in alliance with other teams, while also fundraising to meet their goals, designing a team "brand", and advancing respect and appreciation for STEM within the local community." Similar to the Northwest State Community College Cryptic Cyborgs team, these FIRST teams are competitive, but for a younger age group. All three teams are led by female coaches, and one of the coaches (Jani Tisovic) is an adjunct faculty member at the College. The teams also use NSCC facilities and materials for competition.

**ABOUT THE TEAMS**  
The three teams that

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will be competing in this weekend's state competition include Team MechTech #34447, The Octobots, and The Country Club. Details about each team are as follows:

• Team MechTech is led by Head Coach Erin Riley, and consists of four members - three returning from last year, and one new member who is a sibling of a returning member. The team members reside in Bryan, Napoleon and Wauseon. The team has had fun this year, despite the challenges of COVID-19. "We applied our love of gaming to this year's challenge by designing a project solution that helps gamers become and stay more physically active. We were then able to see how this solution could be helpful to people of all ages and physical abilities, as well as users of electronic devices other than game consoles."

• The Octobots are from St. Patrick Catholic School in Bryan, with team members attending St. Patrick's, Bryan and Hilltop Schools. The name originates from the original team having 8 members. Head Coach Jani Tisovic noted the team started the year hosting in-person meetings, but moved to virtual meetings in November. "Our team has a lot of energy and we liked to play Frisbee, bocce and corn hole at the end of our meetings. This excess energy inspired our RePlay project, Taking 5 in the Triple A Field for middle and high school students. We built a solid robot with attachments that ride the wall and dump bocce blocks."

The Country Club hails from Alvordton, and is composed of nine members - four sets of siblings from Montpelier, Pioneer, Alvordton and Fayette. Their name stems from all members living in the country. Head Coach Jill Graham notes "Since this is our second year together as a team we have been able to increase our capabilities with the robot so that we can accomplish missions with greater reliability. Our shared love of nature and technology has helped us to think "outside of the box" to come up with innovative solutions to our problem. This year specifically we have used the two to

create a solution to help our elderly friends become more active while enjoying nature!"

**ABOUT FIRST ROBOTICS**

FIRST Robotics Competition combines the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology, with competitions held nationwide, as well as in Canada. Additional information is available at <https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/frc>. To watch the competition on Twitch, go to <https://www.twitch.tv/firstinspires>.

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this is not a scam. The BSSA will only request for memberships using this system, and only with my approval. The Association does not contact prospective members by telephone.

In November, 2020, I was voted to serve as the Treasurer for the BSSA by my colleagues across the state. I am now serving my 8th consecutive year on the Board of Directors. I also sit on the Legislative, Civil Process, Carry Concealed Weapons, Education & Training, DARE/SRO, Image Enhancing and Community Corrections Committees for the Association. I feel by committing myself to these assignments, I can better serve you by having a working knowledge of what

is coming out of Columbus through our association.

The funds collected by the BSSA using this membership drive directly affect my office. Our Association will continue to have the resources necessary through education to advance my office into the ever-changing world we all live in. I urge you all to consider becoming an associate member of this fabulous organization.

My office is committed to making our neighborhoods a safe place to live. It is imperative we seek progress to reduce the negative influences crime has on our children and to help safeguard the elderly. Through your financial contribution to this associate member program, my office will continue to receive the training and guidance necessary to move forward.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Association at 800-589-2772 or by mail at 1103 Schrock Road, Suite 401, Columbus, Ohio 43229. Explore my office website at [www.pauldingohsheriff.com](http://www.pauldingohsheriff.com) and click on the BSSA video to learn more about the Office of Sheriff.

As always, you can contact my office and ask for me directly.

*-Jason K. Landers, Sheriff*

**READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

**OHIO LOCATIONS**

**Antwerp:** Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Subway, Antwerp Manor Assisted Living  
**Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General  
**Cecil:** 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village  
**Charloe:** Charloe Store  
**Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware  
**Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid  
**Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Valero Gas, Marathon  
**Grover Hill:** Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop  
**Hicksville:** Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway  
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tal, Paulding Kwik Mart  
**Payne:** Blueberry Pancake House, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza  
**Sherwood:** Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium,  
**Scott:** Scott Post Office  
**Van Wert:** CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video

**INDIANA LOCATIONS**

**Fort Wayne:** Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living  
**Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales  
**Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank  
**Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub  
**Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General  
**New Haven:** New Haven Tan McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS  
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**PAULDING ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES FEBRUARY MINDSET MARVELS**



Paulding Elementary School February Mindset Marvels are left to right: Front row: Kaden Wiechart, Noah Miller, Chloe Gonzales, Jeremiah Sajuan, Carter Crossland, Bella Jasso, Brooklynn Richards. Middle row: Mary Adams, Lane Sprow, Kevin Mudrack, Jack Roddy, Averie Kline, Mallory Elder, Teagan Bland, Brooklyn Wood. Back row: Phenoix Clements, Billie Dix, Presley Barnes, Savannah Harris, Kendall Kohart, Maddalayna Mullins, Merissa Schroeder

**LIONS TAKE TITLE AT NEW HAVEN; MOORE TRIPLE WINNER FOR WARRIORS**

The Leo boys opened the 2021 high school track season in style with a win at the New Haven Invitational at the Patrick D. Monaghan Track and Field Facilities on Saturday.

The Lions boys won the meet with 110-1/2 points while Fort Wayne Carroll took second at 88 and Huntington North finished third with 87.

Other local teams include Woodlan taking fourth, totaling 67 points, and New Haven finished seventh with 54. Woodlan senior Max Moore was a triple victor, claiming titles in the 110 hurdles (16.69), 300 hurdles (43.83) and high jump (5-8). Warrior sophomore Sam Handerson took first in the long jump with a leap of 20-6. Leo junior David Slick also was a double winner, taking the 100 dash (11.32) and 200 dash (22.90) while senior Jackson Ringwood captured the 800 run (2:01.35).

Leo also captured a pair of relay titles, winning the 3200 relay in 8:42.09 and taking the 400 relay in 45.37 seconds. The Lion 1600 relay team placed fourth in 3:47.36. Woodlan also placed in all three relay events. The Warriors took fifth in the 3200 relay (9:38.46), fourth in the 400 relay (46.85) and eighth

in the 1600 relay (3:59.68). New Haven was sixth in the 1600 relay (3:55.68).

Individuals picking up points for the Lions included Luigi Rivas (second, 110 hurdles), Aiden Delatorre (third, 110 hurdles; second, 300 hurdles and sixth, long jump), Max Loeffler (fifth, 100 dash and seventh, long jump), Mason Sheron (sixth, 100 dash), Luke Shappell (fourth, 1600 run), Noah Hoffman (fifth, 400 dash and tied for second, high jump), Jaydon Steiding-er (eighth, 800 run), Austin Johnson (eighth, 3200 run), Gabe Steenman (tied for seventh, high jump), Tanner Jackson (tied for seventh, high jump) and Simeh Kose (seventh, pole vault).

Also placing for the Warriors were Bryson Art (eighth, 110 hurdles), Tyler Hamrick (sixth, 400 dash), Xavier Helztel (second, long jump) and Kolton Helmke (fourth, shot put).

Cody Grunden (third, 1600 run and second, 3200 run), James Hardy (seventh, 400 dash), Stephan Sharpe (fifth, 300 hurdles and third, pole vault), James Rhodes (seventh, 300 hurdles and tied for second, high jump), Martin King (eighth, long jump), Isaac Jackson (second, 100 dash), Andrew Arnos (eighth, 1600 run and fourth, 3200 run) and Stephan Poiry (eighth, discus).

**WHY DID THE PILGRIMS SAIL TO AMERICA?**

**By: Caroline Longardner**  
SIGNS AND WONDERS About 1617 the history books tell of a group of whales near the beach, nearest to The Hague. They were most likely sperm whale. It was written by historian: Carleton, that "They were thought to "indicate the coming" of "both famine and plague". An abundance of rats then appeared along the Rhine River and Cologne and finally a pestilence that was either "smallpox or bubonic plague" began to show up. It appeared to be a bad sign of the future. A comet in the sky in 1618 was seen around the world that caused a lot of concern about the future.

The thousands of native Americans who may have lived in ancient New England before the arrival of the Mayflower may have seen this comet as "they expected strange things to follow". According to Indian historians Although no one really knows exactly what happened, there were thousands of deaths of the Indian culture before the Pilgrims got there. There were graves and bones all along the shore line with no real evidence of "a battle". Whole tribes and families were dead.

REASONS TO SAIL TO THE NEW WORLD Moving to Leiden, Holland from England to escape religious problems and controversy in 1609 was catching up with them again. Leiden had a very good industry and a lot of potential, however, there was a deepening social division. Taxation, wage unrest, + actual exiling of those who worked in the textile trades (disease be-

cause of bad available living conditions). The Pilgrims lived mostly near a stagnant canal where some privys drained directly into them.

William Bradford gave four reasons for leaving Leiden, Holland: 1. To leave "the hardness of the place, poor conditions, endless work, and a harsh diet." 2. Because of. "The gradual weakening of morale, as in Leiden the Pilgrims aged prematurely, because of the hardships of manual labor. (they were exposed to flax dust, and workers with linen suffer from byssinosis, a lung disorder that causes a chronic cough)." 3. Because of - "The burdens inflicted on the children." They had to work from an early age. In Nottingham shire, even the smallest boys and girls hand knitted woolen stockings, but they also worked hard in the fields and in the town. Many times the children turned to crime to survive or choose to ship out on the Dutch vessels bound for the East Indies. (In the 17th century, half of those who did so never returned).

THE BEAVER FUR TRADE Some historians have often portrayed the Pilgrims/Puritans as troubled souls afflicted by the conflict of religion and the stress of wanting to get into commerce. The fur trade (specifically the Beaver fur trade) was being pushed at the time the Pilgrims were getting ready to come to America. Beaver Hats were highly treasured head wear even by King Henry III in 1261 in the Middle Ages. For many centuries they were a sign of prestige and money and power. All parts of the skin, fur, and anal grease were used and sold.

In June 1619 when Jones made the Mayflower ready for sail, the Virginia Company put out a promotional pamphlet that contained the following: "The rich Fures, Caviary and Cordage, which we draw from Russia with so great difficulty, are to be had in Virginia, and the parts adjoining, with ease and plenty." This made an attractive proposition for the Pilgrims and future merchants and new-corners to the New World.

The Pilgrims were not prepared to do any trapping when they arrived on the shores of this country in 1620. They hardly had enough food to survive. These new settlers were deeply in debt to their backers and the North American beaver could be their way out of debt. No other colonial product fetched so high a price in Paris, London, or in Holland. Governor Bradford eventually sent to England for instructions on how to fish, trap and how to make salt. It is thought that as many as 50 beavers may have lived in each square mile or even more densely in places such as Hathan Bog. Wildlife still avails in Maine not too far from there. In 2010 there were more than 400 pairs of bald eagles that were breeding in the state of Maine

Ref: Amer. Hist.; Making Haste from Babylon by Bunker

**SLAWSON NAMED STUDENT OF THE QUARTER AT PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL**



Each nine weeks at Paulding Middle School Mr. Romero and Mrs. Wiswell select a Student of the Quarter from their classroom. This nine weeks David Slawson was selected. David is shown in the picture with his \$10 gift card to Subway to reward him for being selected.

**TRACK TEAMS LEARN PATHS TO STATE**

High school boys and girls track teams in the Northwest District found out their respective paths to the state track and field meet recently as the district and regional assignments were released.

In the Division II district at Defiance, a dozen boys schools and 13 girls schools will battle to advance to the regional.

Boys schools participating at the home of the Bulldogs include Bryan, Evergreen, Lakota, Lima Bath, Napoleon, Otsego, Ottawa Glandorf, Paulding, St. Marys, Swanton, Van Wert and Wauseon.

On the girls side, teams from Bryan, Celina, Defiance, Evergreen, Lima Bath, Napoleon, Otsego, Ottawa Glandorf, Paulding, St. Marys, Swanton, Van Wert and Wauseon will take part in the Defiance district.

The Division II district at Defiance is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, and Friday, May 21. Finishers in the top four at the Defiance district will move on to the regionals at a to be determined location by the OHSAA.

Kenton is the lone school from the Western Buckeye League in the Division II district at Ontario as both the Wildcat boys and girls will run on Thursday, May 20, and Saturday, May 22.

Advancers, which include the top four finishers in each event, from Ontario move on to the regional meet at Lexington.

Division I boys teams from Celina, Defiance, Elida, Lima Shawnee and Wapakoneta all will travel to Findlay High School for a 15-team district on Thursday, May 20, and Saturday, May 22.

In the girls portion, teams from Elida, Lima Shawnee and Wapakoneta will tangle with ten other schools in Division I district action at Findlay as well.

District advancers out of the Division I meet at Findlay qualify for the regional meet in Amherst.

Findlay and Spencerville.

Traveling to the home of the Pilots for a boys district meet on Wednesday, May 19, and Friday, May 21, will be squads from Antwerp, Archbold, Ayersville, Continental, Edgerton, Edon, Fairview, Fayette, Hicksville, Hilltop, Holgate, Montpelier, North Central, Stryker, Tinora and Wayne Trace.

Girls squads taking part at Ayersville are Antwerp, Archbold, Ayersville, Continental, Delta, Edgerton, Edon, Fairview, Fayette, Hicksville, Hilltop, Holgate, Montpelier, North Central, Patrick Henry, Pettisville, Stryker, Tinora and Wayne Trace.

The district meet at Findlay is also scheduled for May 19 and May 21 with several local schools taking part.

On the boys side, schools included in the meet are Ada, Arcadia, Arlington, Bluffton, Columbus Grove, Cory Rawson, Kalida, Leipsic, McComb, Ottoville, Pandora Gilboa, Upper Scioto Valley, Van Buren and Vanlue.

The girls portion at Findlay will have teams from Ada, Arcadia, Arlington, Bluffton, Columbus Grove, Cory Rawson, Elmwood, Hopewell Loudon, Kalida, Leipsic, McComb, New Riegel, North Baltimore, Ottoville, Pandora Gilboa, Upper Scioto Valley, Van Buren and Vanlue.

The top four boys and top four girls in each of the districts at Ayersville and Findlay will advance to the regional at Tiffin.

In the final Division III district of interest, 19 schools will make the trip to Spencerville looking for a regional berth at Troy.

Boys and girls teams at the home of the Bearcats are Allen East, Coldwater, Crestview, Delphos Jefferson, Delphos St. John's, Fort Jennings, Fort Recovery, Lima Central Catholic, Lima Perry, Lima Temple Christian, Lincolnview, Marion Local, Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville, Parkway, Spencerville, St. Henry and Waynesfield Goshen.

The top four finishers in each event at Spencerville will move on to Troy.

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### LOCAL ATHLETES GARNER IBCA ACADEMIC ALL-STATE HONORS

The Indiana Basketball Coaches Association released its Academic All-State teams recently with several local athletes being named to the squads.

On the boys side, Blackhawk Christian put a pair on the first team as Zane Burke and Caleb Fuerst were both honored while Homestead's Luke Goode also earned first team honors.

Local athletes picking up honorable mention included Woodlan's Brennan Donovan, New Haven's James Rhodes, Leo's Zack Troyer, Garrett's Trevor Armstrong, Angola's Bryce Dailey, Eastside's Liam Franz, Adams Central's Chase Green, DeKalb's Trestan Kern, Angola's Gage King, DeKalb's Jacob Myer, Fort Wayne Carroll's Ryan Preston, DeKalb's Cole Richmond, Angola's Joel Knox, Norwell's Eli Riley, Fort Wayne Carroll's Samuel Strycker and Belmont's Caden Staub.

Taking first team honors on the girls side are Sage Hammond (Adams Central), Mariah Hosted (Churubusco), Hanna Knoll (Angola) and Lillian Mast (West Noble).

Girls receiving honorable mention were Lydia Dyer (Woodlan), Ella Smith (Woodlan), Magdalene Cheever (Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger), Angela Caldwell (West Noble), Sarah Brown (DeKalb), Sadie Best (Garrett), Lauren Bales (Norwell), Amber Austin (Homestead), Rachel Cockroft (Angola), Jasmy Combs (Fort Wayne South Side), Chastity Craig (Concordia), McKenna Dietsch (Adams Central), Cecilia Garret (Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger), Kylie Garton (East Noble), Kayliana Hammel (Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger), Rhaya Kaschinske (Concordia), Eversyn Murphy (Fort Wayne Carroll), Delane Sheets (Fort Wayne Carroll), Erin Shoemaker (West Noble), Madison Smith (South Adams) and Carly Turner (East Noble).

### LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER

#### Aeration and Rolling

Soil density and general lawn appearance can be improved by aerating and rolling your lawn. Aeration consists of perforating the soil (and any thatch above it) with small holes that opens up the soil, thatch and grass. This allows water, air, and fertilizer to get closer to the roots of the grass, which enables the roots to grow deeper, producing a vigorous and vibrant lawn. In tests, grass roots have been shown to proliferate around the holes. Aerating will also improve soil compaction and reduce the likelihood of thatch becoming an issue.

To aerate a lawn, use a specialized tool to poke holes or remove cores from the soil. Run the aerator over the lawn several times to make enough holes. It is best to go over the lawn in different patterns. Make sure the soil is moist during aeration, so the aerating device can penetrate it fully. You may have to water the lawn first if there hasn't been much rain to ensure the soil is damp.

Some signs that your lawn may need to be aerated are

poor drainage, a failure for the lawn to turn green after fertilizing, and a presence of many worn areas. Intensively maintained lawns (those that receive regular fertilizer feedings) should be aerated about once a year. Lawns receiving moderate maintenance (not much fertilizer) only need aerated every two years or so. In this area, aeration can be done in the spring and fall of the year.

An aerated lawn will recover faster if fertilized and watered adequately. Apply fertilizer as soon as possible, and water whenever rainfall fails to supply about one inch of moisture per week. If the lawn is thin, overseeding with a high quality grass seed is recommended.

An alternative to lawn aeration would be to use products that encourage soil microbes. These are easy to spread with your fertilizer spreader, and can be used any time of the year. They contain a special formula of soil-reviving ingredients that encourage soil microbes to breakdown nutrients, while also loosening hard packed soil for greater air, water, root, and nutrient penetration.

If you find your lawn to be overly lumpy, consider using a lawn roller. This is only necessary if the soil is uneven. If your lawn is very uneven, you can roll the lawn first thing in the spring or after a rainfall when the soil is still moist. The next best time to do this is in the fall. The key is to use a light roller. Heavy rolling on wet, heavy clay soils can cause harmful soil compaction. When soil becomes overly compacted, the grass roots have a much harder time growing deeper to help the grass thrive. It is not recommended to roll a new seedbed, since the new seedlings will take root easier in loose soil. Simply use a garden rake to level the soil in newly seeded areas.

(The Scotts Company has provided most of this information.)

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### WARSAW GIRLS CAPTURE NH INVITE

In the girls track and field opener for the 2021 season, Warsaw took home the team title at the New Haven Invitational at the Patrick D. Monaghan Track and Field Facilities on Saturday.

The Lady Tigers captured the championship with 146 points to easily get past second place Leo's 118-1/2. The host Lady Bulldogs finished fifth in the meet at 48 points and Woodlan took sixth with 36.

Leo junior Karis Davis was a double winner, claiming the individual title in the 100-meter dash (12.88) and 200-meter dash (26.84), while junior teammate Leah Handshoe won the 300 hurdles in 47.48 seconds.

New Haven senior Gabrielle Bussard also picked up a first-place finish, winning the discus with a toss of 110-3, while also took fourth in the shot put following a throw of 30-7-1/2.

Abby Moher (fourth, 100 hurdles), Gloria Coolman (sixth, 100 hurdles and fourth, 300 hurdles), Joy Wolf (eighth, 100 dash), Renee Beaubien (fourth, 1600 run and sixth, 3200 run), Isabelle Shenfeld

(fifth, 1600 run and fourth, 3200 run), Taylor Swygart (seventh, 400 dash; fifth, 200 dash and sixth, long jump), Eden Norris (seventh, 800 run), Maya Norris (seventh, 3200 run), Handshoe (tied for third, high jump), Jacky Gill (eighth, high jump and tied for fourth, pole vault), Evelyn York (eighth, long jump), Katelyn Fry (eighth, shot put and third, discus) and Katie Busch (sixth, discus) also posted top-eight finishes for Leo.

Placers for New Haven included Trishelle Ganaway (second, long jump and 100 hurdles; seventh, 300 hurdles), Jackson (third, 100 dash and second, 300 hurdles) and Madeline Graves (eighth, 400 dash).

Individuals earning points for the Lady Warriors were Gabbi Klopfenstein (fifth, 100 hurdles; sixth, 300 hurdles and tied for fifth, high jump), Lydia Dyer (eighth, 3200 run), Olivia Baumert (tied for third, high jump), Savanna Graber (seventh, long jump), Myah Van Camp (seventh, pole vault) and Rachel Emehiser (fifth, shot put).

Leo claimed the 3200-meter relay title with a time of 10:14.14 while Woodlan was fifth in 11:11.90. In the 400 relay, the Lions finished second in 52.19 seconds with the Warriors placing fifth, crossing the line in 57.61 seconds. Leo also took fourth in the 1600 relay (4:30.88) while Woodlan ended up sixth (4:40.36).

### CINCINNATI-AREA MOM USES COUNT THE KICKS, SAVES HER BABY'S LIFE

Cathleen Wolff never expected that downloading the Count the Kicks app to monitor her baby's movements during pregnancy would help save her daughter's life. Cathleen learned about Count the Kicks through educational materials provided by the Ohio Department of Health and discussed the importance of tracking her baby's movements with her doctor. Recently, she was in her

### NEW GROVER HILL BRANCH LIBRARY



Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary will kick off the first week of March with our annual "Right to Read" week. Mrs. Vicky 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 Grover Hill 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 the librarians Mrs. Amanda Jewell and Mrs. Tawnya English for partnering with Grover Hill Elementary to make this a reality.

eight month of pregnancy when she noticed a change in her baby's normal movements — a significant development that needed to be addressed.

After noticing it was taking her baby longer than usual to get to 10 movements and that her baby's movements weren't as strong as usual, Cathleen alerted her doctor who started testing right away and determined her baby would need to be delivered.

"It was immediately discovered that Margot had a complete knot in her cord, that the cord was wrapped around her neck two times, and her hands were also tethered by the cord. Thankfully, she was healthy and after a very brief stay in the NICU was able to come home to our family," Cathleen said. "I am very fortunate that my OB

office shared the Count the Kicks information with me through posters on the room walls and a brochure, as it encouraged me to download and regularly use the Count the Kicks app, which is how I knew that my baby's normal movement pattern had changed."

Count the Kicks, an evidence-based public health campaign, educates and empowers expectant parents to track their baby's movements in the third trimester of pregnancy. Research shows a change in a baby's movements could be the earliest, and sometimes only indication that something may be wrong with a pregnancy. Thanks to a partnership with the Ohio Department of Health, nurses, doctors and hospital staff have been able to order free Count the Kicks brochures, app download reminder cards, and posters to place in offices that care for pregnant patients and to share with expectant parents since 2018.

Ohio Department of Health, along with many other organizations in Ohio, are committed to reducing stillbirths through increasing awareness and community intervention. This is the second baby that we know of to be saved in Ohio through the Count the Kicks awareness campaign.

"Count the Kicks is a powerful tool in helping mothers evaluate and track their baby's movement," said Ohio Department of Health Maternal, Child, and Family Health Bureau Chief Dyane Gogan Turner. "Mothers are in a unique position to feel changes in their pregnancy, and Count the Kicks empowers them with a method to better track and document these changes for health experts who may be able to help. We are so excited to know that these resources were able to help save a life and hope they will save many more."

Research indicates that keeping a daily record of a baby's movement — including kicks, rolls, punches and

Count the Kicks app, parents will start to notice a normal movement pattern for their baby.

Changes to that pattern can indicate potential issues with the pregnancy. Parents who notice a change should call their healthcare provider immediately. Every year in the U.S. 24,000 babies are born still, according to the CDC. Stillbirth affects every 1 in 167 pregnancies in the U.S.

About Count the Kicks Healthy Birth Day, Inc., the nonprofit that created Count the Kicks, currently has a growing network of supportive doctors, nurses, hospitals and clinics that give Count the Kicks materials to their patients. We have a free Count the Kicks app in Google Play and iOS app stores that is available in 12 languages and has been downloaded more than 130,000 times in all 50 U.S. states, and more 140 other countries. The app allows expectant parents to monitor their baby's movement, record the history, set a daily reminder, count for twins and more. Count the Kicks has Ambassadors in 30 U.S. states (including Kari Davis, Heather Johnston Weliver, Jasmine Abraham and DaShonda Watkins in Ohio), plus Washington, D.C., Canada and India. We have appeared on Good Morning America, in O Magazine, and produced a national PSA that has generated more than 300 million viewer impressions.

In the first 10 years of the Count the Kicks campaign in Iowa (2008-2018), the state's stillbirth rate decreased nearly 32 percent, according to the CDC. In the same timeframe, the stillbirth rate in the U.S. as a whole has remained stagnant. Learn more about our mission to save 7,500 babies every year and improve birth outcomes everywhere at CountTheKicks.org.

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\*Rayni Rister, \*Ethan Sanders, Autumn Zuber  
**FRESHMEN:** Landon Brewer, Myranda Brooks, Cohen Hitzeman, Addysin Hornmann, Sara Lawhorn, Reid Lichty, Aewyn McMichael, Brooke Molitor, \*Hannah Molitor, Emma Saul, Connor Shiple, Kahlea Shook, \*Leila Spyer, Emma Townley  
**Blue Card 3.66-3.33** (with no grade less than a C+)  
**SENIORS:** Madysyn Bauer, Heaven Bruce, Lydia Butzin, Mallory Ehrhart, Landyn Reyes  
**JUNIORS:** Astianna Coppes, Layla Copsey, Summer Franklin, Morgan Kniceley, Alexandra Lehman, Leslie Pollock, Allison Reinhart, Kiera Reyes  
**SOPHOMORES:** Owen Brinneman, Zachery Devall, Isabelle Graham, Hayleigh Jewell, Ross Lee, Adrienne Pease, Ratana Owen, Aerial Snyder  
**FRESHMEN:** Carson Altimus, Nathan Boyer, Taylor Morales, Lucy Wales, Zane Wolf

**Honor Roll 3.32-3.0** (with

no grade less than a C)  
**SENIORS:** Logan Castillo, Carmen Cruz, Logan McKeever  
**JUNIORS:** Hailey Grant, Jagger Landers, Kaden Recker, Ilse Zijlstra  
**SOPHOMORES:** Ethan Lichty, Kyleigh Logan, McCartney Lucas, Levi Miller, Parker Moore, Elijah Reinhart, Makenna Smith, Kendra Spieth, Jillian Treece, Laura Wolf  
**FRESHMEN:** Camden Fuller, Caleb Laker, Jill Magoulas, Falynn McAleander, Austin Miller, Benjamin Savina, Caydence Shull

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\*DENOTES 4.0  
**Gold Card 4.0-3.75** (with no grade less than a B-)  
**EIGHTH GRADE:** \*Allison Carnes, Elle Clem, Derek Hines, Isabella Jackson, Lydia Johnson, Jonah Keys, \*Aiden Lichty, Teeghun Marlin, \*Braylen Moreno, \*Madysin

Peters, Brynn Reinhart, \*Caroline Rohrs, \*Eden Shuherk, \*Gracelyn Stoller, \*Jessica Thornell  
**NINTH GRADE:** \*Kalli Billman, Krystal Bradbury, \*Nikalas Brandenburg, \*Marcelo Cruz, \*Leigha Doster, Sara Farr, Miley Jewell, Andrew Johnson, Hayden Lengacher, Estee Lichty, \*Zaine McMichael, Harlee Moore, \*Hampton Rogge, Colten Sargent, Corbin Sargent, \*Taylor Shull, Taylor Stiebling, \*Raelynn Zuber  
**SIXTH GRADE:** \*Briley Bagley, Tatum Boyer, \*Roman DeLong, Payleigh Dickess, Kole Elston, Maddox Friend, Blake Gribler, \*Josie Hahn, Lexy Hicks, \*Aiden Hook, \*Eliana Hormann, Emily Laker, Ethan Marlin, \*Tyler Overman, Michael Rohrs, \*Nathan Sanders, Madison Schmidt, \*Gabriella Snyder, \*Keira Spyer  
**Blue Card 3.749-3.5** (with no grade less than a C+)  
**EIGHTH GRADE:** Shelby Bowley, Noah Bradbury, Maylynn Carnahan, Drew Eaken, Owen Franks, Dayne Sholl, Magdaline Trabel  
**SEVENTH GRADE:** Emory Ehrhart, Amelia Graham, Dylan Hahn, Griffin Kosch, Dominic Laker, Camryn McAleander, Braxton Schilt  
**SIXTH GRADE:** Reese Durbin, Maddilan Doster, Keegan Gray Wyckoff, Emery Jones, Isabella Krenkle, Jennifer Lawhorn, Weston Rhonehouse  
**Honor Roll 3.49-3.0** (with no grade less than a C)  
**EIGHTH GRADE:** Jeffrey Castillo, Faith Clem, Karsen Donat, Lillian Friend, Logan Kuklo, Skyler Octaviano, Bryce Sholl, Tavin Sholl, Kayden Winslow, Austin Zuber

**SEVENTH GRADE:** Braedon Baer, Andonia Christakopoulos, Corbin Eaton, Raelyn Franklin, Ella Hughes, Zaybriel King-Bauer, Caleb Lockhart, Lillyanna McKay, Ethan Porter, Lauren Walters  
**SIXTH GRADE:** Ava Conney, Aliyah Brown-Kiessling, Hailey Clem, Maclaren Ehrhart, Cheyenne Maynard, Alyssa Lawson, Lincoln Lucas, Madison McCoy, Kara Pierce, Holly Richey, Allison Sproles, Lucas Sproles

**PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL  
3RD 9WKS HONOR ROLL  
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**GRADE 6**  
**ALL A'S:** Max Daeger, Klayleigh Dunham, Mariah Klopfenstein, Megan Manz, Vivienne Myers, Lucy Porter, Lailah Smith, Audrey Stoller, Darcy Taylor  
**ALL A'S AND B'S:** Destiny Aldred, London Ametewee, Braylon Barnes, Lillian Bauer, Isabella Burtch, Hadassa Cantu, Landon Dasher, Madalyn Dierksheide, Maleigha Evans, Silas Foltz, Quinlyn Gonzales, Jayla Griffith, Monico Moreno, Gannon Parrett, Estie Pease, Noah Pollock, Colton Roehrig, Tory Singer, Taylor Stemen, Brooklynn Verfaillie, RJ Wirts, Nevaeh Yantiss  
**GRADE 7**  
**ALL A'S:** Lucy Breier, Jackson Griffith, Hunter Harwell, Isabelle Lamb, Aleah Matty, Jack Schweller, Laila Stiltner  
**ALL A'S AND B'S:** Grady Barton, Adriana Biliti, Makayla Carr, Izaac Coutts, Landen Danberry, Lilian Daniels, Sophia English, Mallory Fisher, Olivia Frank-

lin, Matthew Geiger, Gerald Hartzell, Nicholas Hatcher, Addison Hunt, Colten Hunt, Damien Iliff, Brooklyn King, Layla Kremer, Brooklyn Laker, Lillian Lamond, Clayton Manz, Jared Manz, Trenton Manz, Renee McCabe, Alondra Meyer, Addison Pease, Mara Phlipot, Abigail Punches, Luke Ray, Blake Rhonehouse, Rileigh Sanders, Thad Schneider, Xander Schwab, Sheyenne Shepherd, Addison Shull, Skyler Snyder, Gavin Williams, Logan Winke

**GRADE 8**  
**ALL A'S:** Lucas Beckman, Gavin Coil, Elizabeth Dotterer, Grace Goyings, Jocelynn Hawk, Sam Logan, Claire Miller, Emma Porter, Ashley Rickels  
**ALL A'S AND B'S:** Hannah Arnold, Aameah Carr, David Dulaney, Carter Evans, Kaitlyn Goings, Emily Keezer, Jalyan Klopfenstein, Allen Levandoski, Peyton Manz, Marley Parrett, Hopeful Rose, Brooklyn Schlatter, David Slawson, Dominic Stahl, Maxwell Stork, Kadence Thomas, Cully Thompson, Ethan Warner, Jack Woods

**PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL  
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**SENIORS**  
4.0: Kaeli Bustos, Daniel Cantu, Jonathan Clapsaddle, Kaylyn Cox, Megan Dearth, Leigha Egnor, Sadie Estle, Adela Foltz, Quintin Gonzales, Megan Harpel, Isabelle Heitman, Caleb Manz, Elyse Manz, Baylee March, Luke McCullough, Jalyan Parrett, Gillian Porter, Quincy Porter, Lynelle Schneider, Kaitlyn Shaffer, Benjamin Weible, Hailey Weidenhamer  
3.5-3.99: Haley Burtin, Dominic Carnahan, Fernando Garcia, Hailey Hartzell, Hailee Huner, Morgan Iler, Robert Keeterle, Kayla Lane, Adrian Manz, Blake McGarvey, Trace McKinley, Morgan Moble, Dayton Price, Isaac Smalley, Jasmine Wong  
3.0-3.49: Haiden Dix, Nolan Johanns, Hunter Kausser, Gabriela Rocha, Deacon Sanders, Marquise Seibert, Angelina Smith, Courtney Smith, Domenic Wesley, Anjulene Yonge  
**JUNIORS**  
4.0: Alivya Bakle, Ella Cook, Erika Dobbelaere, Taelyn Etzler, Sophia Fisher, Audrey Giesige, Zachary Gorrell, Austin Hawk, Reid Johanns, Paige Jones, Jaylyn McCloud, Janae Pease, Lily Dominiq, Cristian Funez, Kaylena Gray, Ethan Herman, Kyle Kelly, Myla Mitchell, Austin Pessefall, Connor Smith, Zoraya Valle, Chloe Verfaillie, Samuel Woods  
3.0-3.49: Alexandria Ade, Christian Bauer, Kalyn Goshia, Kellsey Kupfersmith, Samantha Proxmire, Katelynn Ringle, Cierra Singer, Olivia Sproue, Autumn Yonge

**SOPHOMORES**  
4.0: Vincente Cantu, Natalli Cortes Becerra, Quinten Doster, Ethan Foltz, Miranda Iler, Carlea Kuckuck, Kirsten Diller, Jack Lipps, Ashton Manz, Jacob Martinez, Hayden Mullen, Wyatt Pessefall, Olivia Porter, Caydence Rue, Ariana Sheaks, Chaz Shull, Cassandra Weller

3.5-3.99: Peyton Adams, Jonathan Adkins, Eternity Bassler, Katelyn Beckman, Luis Cortes Becerra, Mason Doster, Joseph Estle, Eugene Hobart, Shirlyn Hunter, Skylar Keezer, Autumn Koche-nour, Carter Manz, Haley Manz, Nicholas Manz, Emily Mazariegos, Emma McClure, Braxton Ricker, Brayden Sanders, Ean Seibert, Tyler Sherry, Mikayla Shough, Sydney Trahin, Bryanna Winke  
3.0-3.49: Cayden Breier, Haden Dunakin, Alana Ed-dings, Timothy Epple, Mar-rissa Gray, Bridget Gribble, Cameron Laker, Sherida Matty, Benjamin Parks, Nash Saylor, Makayla Suffel, Cam-eron Wilhelm  
**FRESHMEN**  
4.0: Casey Agler, Elli Bar-ton, Cyrah Bradford, Ronald Goodwin, Aiden Herman, Mattie Hirschy, Jamy Hunt, Eli Jones, Maci Kausser, Sarah Lewis, Wesley Ludwig, Carla Manz, Malia Manz, Aiden Miller, Patrick Paholak, Jocy-lynn Parrett, Trinity Salazar, Denis Santillan-Rodriguez, Lathan Schneider, Dillon Shough, Riley Stork, Sarah Wong  
3.5-3.99: Jacob Fife, Ava Foltz, Kobe Foor, Joshua Fu-nez, Adriannah Garms, Ty-tus Manz, Kelcie Pack, Esther Rocha, Tyler Schlatter, Adam Stahl  
3.0-3.49: Drake Ankney, Hunter Coutts, Zane Daniels, Marlee Eastman, Ella Gor-rell, Garrett McClure, Emily McCrory, Allyson Merriman, Marc Sheaks, Riley Smith

**ANTWERP ELEMENTARY  
3RD 9WKS HONOR ROLL  
2020/21**  
**ALL A THIRD GRADE:** Bermejo, Laylah; Cline, Eliza; Honigford, Anderson (AJ); Rice, Marshall; Fidler, Conner; Grant, Hayden; Kiracofe, Alivia; Meyer, Isaac; Mezuk, Avaeah; Rice, Heidi; Rogge, Benton; Zartman, Briggs; Bermejo, Parker; Graham, Jameson; Steel, Jordan; Stuck-ey, Kolton; Winslow, Rylan  
**FOURTH GRADE:** Overman, Evan; Robbins, Garrett; Sorrell, Aleta; Mowery, An-nabelle  
**FIFTH GRADE:** Jackson, Kenna; Rivera, Franco; Bark-er, Bryceton; Cline, Wyatt; Zuber, Kora  
**A'S & B'S**  
**THIRD GRADE:** Friend, Isaac; Bennett, Kaylyn; Bradbury, Hannah; Dunham, Ave; Gerencser, Parker; Henning, Bradyn (Brady); Seslar, Charles; Tay-lor, Bentley; White, Emma; Addis, Brooklyn; Bennett, Domenic; Cross, Alexandria (Alex or Lex); Eicher, Kray-ston; Jones, Luke; Antoine, Sophia; Baum, Brooklin; Burk, Carleigh; Hitzeman, Jayde; Johnson, Kyler; Nes-tleroad, Cooper; Orozco, Rosalie (Rosie)  
**FOURTH GRADE:** Friend, Addison; Miller, Al-lison; Hicks, Devin; Hook, Charlotte; Laker, Glenna (Gigi); Lawson, Brooklynn; Rohrs, Cate; Bradbury, Tyler; Burtnett, Elliana; Cottrell, Pearce; Fish, Auston; Mor-row, Emerson; Ousley, Eliza; Reinhart, Alaina; Barker, Brennan  
**FIFTH GRADE:** Bagley, Hudsyn; Bidlack, Anabelle; Brandenburg, Gabriella; Doster, Tucker; Dunderman, Arriyana (ANA); Evilszor, Chloe; Halsey, Lilly; Zijistra, Anneliese; Bell, Alyvia; Full-er, Brayden; Herber, Camden;

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES**

**Addendum • March 16, 2021**

The Board of Paulding County Commissioners (the "Board" or "Owner"), is soliciting Statements of Qualifications ("SOQs") from qualified individuals or firms to provide Design Professional Services for the Owner's Courthouse Facility Project (the "Project"). Services are anticipated to include preparation of schematic design, design development documents and construction documents, as well as construction administration.

The Owner anticipates that it will use a competitive proposal delivery model for the construction of the Project.

**Project Description:**

This Project is anticipated to include: Removal of existing windows and storm windows, and installation of new windows throughout the entire courthouse that maintain the 1886 look outside while preserving the woodwork on the inside. In addition, repair wood shutters on the inside of the windows to be operable.

The Paulding County Courthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Funding:**

This project will be funded by the county's general fund and any historic grants, if available.

**Submittals:**

Interested individuals or firms should submit 2 hard copies and 1 electronic PDF on a flash drive, of their SOQs, enclosed in a sealed envelope. The envelope shall be plainly marked on the outside "BOARD OF PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS — COURT HOUSE WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT DESIGN PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS."

SOQs must be delivered to the following address, before the submittal deadline:

**Board of Paulding County Commissioners  
115 North Williams Street  
Paulding, OH 45879**

The Owner reserves the right to waive any defect or technicality in any SOQ received or to eliminate any firm that submits an incomplete or inadequate SOQ or that is not responsive to the requirements of this RFQ.

**Submittal Deadline:**

SOQs will be received until **4:00 PM** local time, **April 6, 2021.**

**Questions, Clarifications and Addenda:**

All questions concerning this RFQ shall be directed in writing via email to Clint Vance, at [clint@pcohio.us](mailto:clint@pcohio.us). Questions will be reviewed and the Owner will determine whether any addenda should be issued as a result of any pertinent or substantive inquiries. Addenda will be issued to all firms that have requested the RFQ for the Project. Firms shall not rely on any oral instructions or answers.

**Qualifications:**

Submittals should include the following:

1. Firm's History and Resources – Information about the firm's history and the resources available to it for this Project (number of years in business, etc.)
2. Education & Technical Training – Provide the education, technical training, and experience of the principal in charge of the Project and the Project Manager, as well as any other individuals assigned to the Project, and proposed consultants, if any. Provide the education, technical training, and experience of firm owners. Detail how the identified individuals will communicate with the Owner.
3. Firm's Overall Experience – The firm's experience in providing substantially similar services in Ohio (i.e., design services for Ohio public projects).
4. Past Performance based on References – Past performance as reflected in evaluations of previous and current clients for which the firm has provided or is providing similar services; please include a list of three (3) relevant projects involving

similar services performed by the firm. Include the following information for each project:

- a. Project owner, name of project, and location;
  - b. Brief description of the project, including size of project (e.g., square footage).
  - c. Year services were completed or anticipated completion date;
  - d. Construction cost;
  - e. Other relevant information about the project and the firm's services; and
  - f. Reference contact person and phone number.
5. Past Performance with Owner – The firm's past experience with the Owner, if any.
  6. Proximity to the Site – The firm's location and proximity to the site for purposes of site visits and attending meetings at the District.
  7. Proposed Coordination for Design and Work – Describe the steps the firm will take to coordinate design and work on the Project with the Owner and Contractor with respect to scheduling the Project, maintaining the construction schedule, and close-out of each stage of the Project.
  8. Project Estimates and Budget – The firm's procedures for preparing budget estimates, including initial budget development and budget updates with the Owner, performing design reviews, constructability reviews, and value engineering. Provide specific information on:
    - a. Project budget development, including but not limited to, procedures for initial budget development with the Owner and process for updating the budget in coordination with the Owner at various stages of the design process;
    - b. The firm's experience over the past five (5) years with preparing project estimates and construction costs, monitoring project costs, and completing a project within the initial budget.
  9. Unique Competence, Qualities, and/or Expertise of the Assigned Team to Perform the Required Services – Unique competence, qualities, and/or expertise that set the assigned team apart from other firms and teams as it relates to the required services for the Project. List a maximum of four (4) specific and unique qualities that set the assigned team apart from others in relation to the District's Project.
  10. Professional Liability Insurance Coverage & Claims History – The firm's insurance coverage, including errors and omissions. Include:
    - a. The coverage amounts and types of insurance coverage, particularly the firm's commercial general liability and professional liability limits;
    - b. Construction Phase Services – The firm's practices with respect to site visits and oversight of the Project. What amount of time is spent on average on site during construction? What is the background of the individuals who would be visiting the Project during construction? What documentation of such site visits is prepared and maintained?
 

Firms submitting statements of qualifications for the available contract will be evaluated and ranked in order of their qualifications, subject to the District's absolute right to stop the process and refrain from entering into any contract.

Upon selection of the firm determined to be most qualified to provide the requested services for the Project, the District reserves the right to negotiate the price for services to be provided, with such firm. If the Owner and the selected firm agree to a price and scope of services, the form of agreement between the Owner and the selected firm will be a modified AIA Document B101-2017 Agreement Between Owner and Architect.

Qualifications received may be retained in the file maintained by the District for design professional qualifications; each firm is requested to provide annual updates to the qualifications to keep them current.



Honigford, Avery; Lockhart, Taylor; Lucas, Noah; Meyer, Elise; Peters, Braxton; Phares, Kati; Rice, Allison (Ailie); Rohrs, Clara; Saylor, Anabelle

### LATTA, CHABOT INTRODUCE THE FIGHT FENTANYL ACT

Ohio Congressmen Steve Chabot (R-OH1) and Bob Latta (R-OH5) introduced legislation to provide the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) the ability to criminalize the manufacturing, distribution or possession of fentanyl-like drugs. Specifically, H.R. 1910, the Federal Initiative to Guarantee Health by Targeting (FIGHT) Fentanyl Act will permanently list all fentanyl analog drugs as schedule I controlled substances under the Controlled Substances Act.

Three years ago, the DEA temporarily scheduled fentanyl analogs as controlled substances. Last year, Congress passed a temporary extension that continued to criminalize fentanyl analogs until May 6, 2021. By making this important designation permanent, the FIGHT Fentanyl Act will end the necessity to continue passing temporary extensions.

"Fentanyl is 80-100 times stronger than morphine," said Latta. "According to the Ohio Department of Health Violence and Injury Prevention Section (VIPS), this extremely powerful, addictive, and dangerous substance was involved in 76 percent of overdose deaths in Ohio in 2019.

If we don't act together now to fight fentanyl, we will continue to see thousands of Americans lose their lives for years to come. The FIGHT Fentanyl Act permanently lists fentanyl as a schedule I controlled substance so that we can better prevent fentanyl from destroying and taking even more American lives. I am encouraged this bill builds on previous work in Congress to stop the spread of fentanyl in our communities."

"The opioid crisis facing our nation and devastating American families is far too severe for temporary measures that are not guaranteed to be renewed or extended," said Chabot. "One of the most dangerous opioids on the streets is fentanyl, with thousands of overdose deaths every year attributed to fentanyl and fentanyl-related drugs. Our legislation will permanently provide the DEA the ability to fight the production, importation and distribution of fentanyl analogs, which will help to keep these dangerous drugs off the streets and reduce overdose deaths across the country."

Representatives Latta and Chabot introduced nearly identical legislation in the 116th Congress.

### MINUTES FOR THE WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 1ST, 2021

The meeting began at 9:30pm. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Councilmen Voirol, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker and Councilman Martin were not present. The meeting was held remote and moni-

tored by Kaleb from Reliance. Chief's Report: Nothing to report. Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report. Mayor's Report: The mayor described details regarding the fire territory that was approved earlier this evening. Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the February 15th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the February 15th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all present in favor. Warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. The clerk-treasurer asked the council to consider a motion to destroy all records that have gone past their retention cycle from years 2005-2014 in accordance with the State of Indiana's requirements for destruction of records. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved as proposed, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilmen's Report: Nothing to report. Audience: Nothing to report. Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Go to [www.cityofwoodburn.org](http://www.cityofwoodburn.org) to see previously approved minutes and recent community news.

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dation (Anonymous) scholarship is for graduating seniors planning to further their educational career with a desire to come back to Paulding County upon graduation. The Virginia Paulus-Iler Scholarship is for students entering their third year of study at an Ohio college or university and who have graduated from Paulding Exempted Village Schools.

To check specific application criteria be sure to download the forms from the Foundation's website, [www.pauldingcountyareafoundation.com](http://www.pauldingcountyareafoundation.com). The Paulding County Area Foundation facilitates other school specific scholarships as well, so be sure to speak with the school guidance counselor for all available opportunities. Deadlines for all Paulding County Area Foundation scholarships is April 9, 2021. Please return the application and all necessary information to the school guidance counselor or to the Foundation office, 101 E. Perry St. Paulding by this date to be considered.

### UV RADIATION KILLS VIRUS THAT CAUSES COVID-19 IN LAB, STUDY FINDS

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- A specific wavelength of ultraviolet radiation killed more than 99.99% of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in laboratory tests, a new study has found.

The results could offer an encouraging option for inactivating the virus that causes COVID-19 from surfaces or, potentially, from the air. It is the first study to demonstrate that specific doses of UV222, a relatively short wavelength of ultraviolet radiation, may be a feasible and safe approach to disinfecting COVID-19.

The study appears on a preprint server and has not yet undergone a formal peer review by other scientists.

"The special thing is that this wavelength is effectively absorbed by the SARS-CoV-2 genome and the proteins of the virus," said Natalie Hull, lead author of the study and assistant professor of civil, environmental and geodetic engineering at The Ohio State University. "And because of that, it was likely able to damage the proteins that perpetuate the virus infection cycle. And we think that's why this is so effective."

The findings mean that UV222 could be a safe way to disinfect spaces contaminated by COVID-19, the researchers said.

"This is the first time anyone has done something with the real virus, and as best we can tell, this is a wavelength that's safe for humans," said Richard Robinson, co-author of the study and associate professor of microbial infection and immunity at Ohio State. "And so theoretically, this could be a way of decontaminating that would be safer for people, and would also kill the virus."

There are caveats to the study. The findings, while encouraging, are "a starting point," Hull said. The researchers tested the effectiveness of UV to destroy SARS-CoV-2 in a liquid solution, which is usually a more difficult medium to disinfect than air.

But the study did not test UV222's ability to kill the virus in the air or on non-liquid surfaces, and any real-world solution to fighting the virus in spaces where people live, work or play must be effective in those spaces. An open room would include other factors not tested in this study, including varying temperatures, humidity and air flow, Hull said.

She said the UV light destroys the proteins and nucleic acids that make up the virus, essentially disabling it. Destroying the proteins and nucleic acids makes it impossible for the virus to replicate and complete the cycles necessary to infect people.

"It's basically like scrambling a protein with heat," Hull said. "You're applying energy and it breaks the bonds to change the structure. And these cell processes responsible for replicating the genome and making more virus components or binding to the host cell don't happen in the same way, so it halts the infection cycle."

The researchers knew that ultraviolet radiation could inactivate coronaviruses, a broad category of viruses that includes SARS-CoV-2. (The common cold, for example, is also a coronavirus; UV radiation has been shown to destroy it as well.) But most commercially available UV lamps emit rays that are long enough to penetrate skin, making them a potential cancer risk. And little information is known about how much UV radiation is necessary to kill SARS-CoV-2.

UV222 is a shorter wavelength of ultraviolet radiation than the rays that reach people from the sun, and previous studies have shown that UV222 is not likely to cause skin cancer and other health problems associated with UV radiation. (The "222" refers to the size of the wavelength - 222 nanometers. These wavelengths from the sun are mostly consumed by Earth's atmosphere before they reach us.)

The study was performed on samples of the COVID-19-causing virus that were cultivated and reproduced in a special laboratory on Ohio State's campus designed to manage biologically dangerous pathogens and viruses. The research team obtained the samples from the Bio-defense and Emerging Infections Research Resources Repository, an arm of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Researchers directed UV222 at samples of the virus held in a liquid suspension, then tested to see how much of the virus was

## THE WEST BEND NEWS *Sudoku Puzzle*

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

destroyed and how long the UV radiation took to destroy it. They tested times ranging from 15 seconds to 15 minutes.

Robinson, who has studied tuberculosis and other lung pathogens and who is associate director of Ohio State's Biosafety Level 3 lab where the tests were conducted, said he was overwhelmed by what they saw: A near-total destruction of the virus, after only a few minutes.

"When we started these experiments last summer, it was at the time when nothing was working to stop COVID," Robinson said. "And this was so rewarding, because immunologists were still unsure what to do and here was this thing where we could just zap the virus and see this immediate effect."

Hull and Robinson intend to continue testing UV222 in real-world conditions, and Hull said she is optimistic.

"We found the virus is really wimpy when confronted

with UV222," she said. "And our findings are a conservative estimate - liquid is this nice place where the virus is much happier than in a room full of air. We don't know for sure, but I think it's reasonable to think it might work in the air, too. We need to do the experiments to find out for sure."

### Have Something to sell?

Classified ads are \$8.50 for 20 words or less and only \$.15 for each additional word.

### PUBLIC NOTICE SPECIAL PURPOSE FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION

#### ORDINANCE 21-03-01

Was passed by emergency on March 15, 2021 at the Sherwood Village Council regular council meeting. A copy of the ordinance is available in the Village office.

### DOCUMENT 00020 - NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Paulding County Commissioners, acting for the Village of Latty, will receive sealed bids for the Village of Latty Street Improvements Project.

Bids will be received at the Paulding County Commissioners office located at 115 N. Williams Street B-1 Paulding, Ohio 45879 on April 14, 2021 at which time and place bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids received after 10:30 a.m. (local time) on April 14, 2021 will be returned unopened.

Bids will be received on a unit price basis as outlined in the bid documents.

The project consists of street improvements in three sections of the Village. Third Street from Lewis Street to Van Wert Street, Third Street from Van Wert Street to Peaslee Street, and Fourth Street from Lewis Street to Van Wert Street. The roadway condition includes rutting, alligator cracking, and areas of pavement failure creating unsafe travel conditions.

Bids must be signed and submitted on the separate bidding forms included in the Bidding Documents, sealed in the provided envelope, and shall be accompanied by either a Bid Guaranty Bond in the amount of 100% of the Bid amount or by a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit on a solvent. 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. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the Bid.

All contractors and sub-contractors 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 is compulsory under 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.

Attention of bidders is called to all of the requirements contained in this bid packet, particularly to the Federal Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates, encouragement of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) utilization, various insurance requirements, and various equal employment opportunity provisions.

The Bidding Documents, which include Drawings, Specifications and blank bid forms, may be examined and obtained at the office of Maumee Valley Planning Organization, 1300 E. Second Street, Suite 200, Defiance, OH 43512. After posting, Bid Documents can be found on the web at [mvpo.org/bid](http://mvpo.org/bid).

The Owner reserves the right to reject each and every bid and to waive informalities, irregularities and errors in the bidding to the extent permitted by law.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

END OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS

### NEW DIGITAL SCANNERS

Listen on the MARCS Enforcement Frequencies  
**Call Ron Weck 419-399-7117 or email [weckair@bright.net](mailto:weckair@bright.net)**  
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### 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,

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Paul J. Bakle, Grover Hill, OH; Domestic violence; Guilty; Defendant shall pay all costs; Maintain general good behavior; Shall have no contact with victim... Paul J. Bakle, Van Wert, OH; Trespassing; Guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Maintain general good behavior; No contact with victim... Leybi Antonio M. Romero, Antwerp, OH; Open container; Case dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived... Anthony Dobbins, Indianapolis, IN; Possession marijuana; Case dismissed; Costs waived... Leybi A. Romero, Antwerp, OH; FRA suspension; Case dismissed at state's request... Anthony Dobbins, Indianapolis, IN; Possession marijuana; Case dismissed; Costs waived...

endant to pay all costs; Case dismissed; Shall maintain general good behavior... Henry Brooks III, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; No unlawful contact with victim; Maintain general good behavior... Kelton A. Fries, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/under the influence; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 4/29/22... Kelton A. Fries, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Case dismissed at state's request... Kelton A. Fries, Fort Wayne, IN; Distracted driving; Case dismissed at state's request... Ryan P. Duma, Defiance, OH; False information; Pled no contest, found guilty; Jail days to run concurrent with SEARCH program; Pay all fines and costs by 12/17/21... Henry Brooks III, Paulding, OH; Child endangerment; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Complete 20 hours community service; Risk assessment; Mental health evaluation; Parenting class; No unlawful contact with victims; Not discipline children... Dustin R. Miller, Payne, OH; Breaking & entering; Preliminary hearing waived; Bound over... Dustin R. Miller, Payne, OH; Theft; Preliminary hearing waived; Bound over... Ryan E. Homier, Melrose, OH; Burglary; Preliminary hearing waived; Defendant indicted; Case shall be bound over... Eliseo S. Camposano Jr., Paulding, OH; Burglary; Preliminary hearing waived; Bound over... Christina R. Smith, Antwerp, OH; Domestic violence; Count A dismissed... Christina R. Smith, Antwerp, OH; Resisting arrest; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Complete an evaluation alcohol and mental; Complete counseling; Risk assessment; Community service... Kaleb R. Becker, Kalida, OH; Possession of marijuana; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant... Kaleb R. Becker, Kalida, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant... Nicholas R. Hill, Leipsic, OH; Reckless operation; Guilty; Defendants license has been suspended for 90 days and is deemed served; ALS vacated immediately; Pay or collections by 3/26/21... Michael E. Bone, Linden, IN; Permit violation; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs... Joshua K. Clark, Paulding, OH; Failure to reinstate; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 10/29/21; Defendant must provide proof of insurance by 3/19/21... Kaleb R. Becker, Findlay, OH; OVI/under the influence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; ALS vacated immediately; Intoxa-lock installed by 3/11/21; Pay or collect by 11/19/21... Kaleb R. Becker, Findlay, OH; Left of center; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all

lia; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant... Elijah F. Harris, Cincinnati, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant... Michael B. Crowder, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant... Taylor M. Shubeta, Toledo, OH; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BENTON TWP 3/18/21 Schaefer Richard Schaefer Bertha M to Schaefer Bertha M; Rd 55; 38.204 acres; N1/2Nw1/4 Less 1A Benton Twp S-13... BROWN TWP 3/17/21 Doster Jill Ann Le & Wagner Brett T to Doster Jill Ann; 20231 Sr 613 Oakwood Oh 45873; 2.546 acres; Pt Sw1/4 Sw1/4 Brown Twp S-29... WASHINGTON TWP 3/15/21 Carnahan Larry L Trustee & Carnahan Diana M Trustee to Gerald T Hilvers Family Farm Llc; Rd 203; 0.0596 acres; Lot1&N1/2Vac-1st&E1/2Alleymandale Outlots Washington Twp Sec 25... CARRYALL TWP 3/16/21 Thomas Chester W Le & Thomas Lois J Le Et Al to Thomas Chester W Le; Sixth St; 0.2652 acres; Lot 16 & Vac Alley Ee & S1/2 Vac Alley Ns Floyd Burt Add Oakwood VI

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04 on March 15, 2021, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO." This Ordinance authorizes the Village Administrator to execute a first addendum to the Agreement with Real Waste Disposal LLC for the purpose of extending the term of such agreement for a one (1) year period. The publication of the Ordinance is by summary only. The complete text of the Ordinance may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

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 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... 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... 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

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Michael Wehrkamp, Judge Case No. 20215002... IN THE MATTER OF: ATTICUS LELYND SCHAFFER To: JACOB SPROUL, ADDRESS UNKNOWN... 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... "A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION, IF GRANTED, WILL RELIEVE YOU OF ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, 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."... 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

FILED MAR 15 2021... PROBABE COURT PAULDING COUNTY, OH... JACOB SPROUL... Deputy Clerk

Cloverdale Oh 45827; 0.3591 acres; Lot 77&N1/2Vac-1st&W1/2Allymandale Outlots Washington Twp Sec 25 3/15/21 Carnahan Larry L Trustee & Carnahan Diana M Trustee to Gerald T Hilvers Family Farm LLC; 2968 Sr 66 Cloverdale Oh 45827; 0.2394 acres; Lot 74 & W1/2 Vac Alley Mandale Outlots Washington Twp Sec 25

### REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP 3/15/21

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

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Administrator Sara Keeran, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, EMS Coordinator-Clerk Ashley McDougall and Police Chief George Clemens. Visitors: Barry Hook, Michelle Walker, Bill Boylan, Bryce Steiner, Andrew Elbrecht, Mary Leinard and John Hilton.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held February 17, 2021, were reviewed.

• Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to accept the minutes from the February 17, 2021, regular council meeting. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The February disbursements were reviewed. Discussion on expenses.

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by Rohrs, to accept the February reconciliation report. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by Rohrs, to accept the February reconciliation report. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Visitors  
Mary Leinard was present to introduce Andrew Elbrecht with Gateside Properties LLC, who is the new owner of the mobile home park. Andrew stated that the park will remain a mobile home community.

Barry Hook was in attendance and wanted to know if the village has a generator and uses it when water is off. Administrator Keeran told Barry that the village does have a generator but has not had to use it. Barry also asked about meeting time. Council member Rister said the meeting time can be reviewed when council discusses for 2022.

Michelle Walker was in attendance to observe.

Bill Boylan addressed council about a property he owns at 610 S. Erie Street. He heard that the CIC wants to put a driveway in the lot south of his property (612 S. Erie Street) to go back to an undeveloped area for when it is developed. He has concerns that this will lower his property's value and that his son will have no privacy on his property at all. He stated that currently there are security cameras from the doctor's office on the other side of the property and they had to have a fence put up for privacy. Mr. Boylan suggests using Water Plant Drive for access to the property. Administrator Keeran will talk to CIC about his concerns.

Bryce Steiner was in attendance to discuss the zoning map. He wanted to inform council that the map had not been updated since 2012 other than the admin-

istrator writing changes on it for the last 9 years. He wanted to know the checks and balances of the amendments to this map and how council knows the changes are correct and current. He asked that the zoning map be updated continually and be available on the village's website.

John Hilton was present at the meeting and asked that his name be rescinded on the petition he submitted asking for the vacation of Buffalo Street extended adjacent to his property. He is no longer interested in having Buffalo Street extended vacated. Solicitor Farr will look into how to proceed with ordinance no. 2021-06 Prior to the final reading.

**Police Report**  
Police Chief Clemens provided a written report showing 97 calls for service for the month of February with 24 offenses.

**EMS Report**  
EMS Coordinator-Clerk Ashley McDougall provided a written report showing 142 outstanding runs.

EMS had 27 runs in November and 22 runs in December, finishing with 302 runs in 2020. Collections in November were \$6,935.12 and \$4,668.03 in December. In December, a transfer of \$6,450.00 went into the vehicle replacement fund. There were 18 runs in January and 15 runs in February, which brings total to 33 runs as of the end of February 2021. \$4,288.66 was collected in January and \$12,508.87 in February.

Mayor Reeb asked Ashley to provide EMS report earlier in order to include in council packet so council has time to review prior to meeting.

**Fiscal Officer's Report**  
Final reading of ordinance no. 2021-04: An ordinance authorizing the village administrator to enter into an addendum to the agreement for collection, transportation and disposal of residential solid waste within the corporate limits of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio

• Motion made by West, seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2021-04. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Second reading of ordinance no. 2021-06: An ordinance vacating that portion of Buffalo Street extended, which runs east and west parallel to East Canal Street between lots located at 406 South Erie Street, Erie Street, W. Buffalo Street (parcel nos. 12-17S-008-00, 12-26S-049-00, and 12-26S-050-00) and 502 South Erie Street (parcel no. 12-17S-009-00) in Antwerp, Ohio, and reserving an easement

Rita tax collection for the month of February, paid in March, was \$20,413.31, down \$18,732.04 from last year at this same time.

**Administrator's Report**  
Planning Commission meeting on rezoning of S. Erie Street rescheduled:

The Planning Commission met on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall to review the resolutions passed by council on proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance and the official zoning map. Due to the large number of residents that attended and with nowhere to safely social distance at Town Hall, the meeting was not held and was re-scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Church at 704 S. Erie Street, Antwerp. Notices of the meeting will be mailed and/or delivered to S. Erie Street residents and all who signed the attendance sheet. Also, the meeting will be advertised and placed on the village's website and Facebook page.

Proposal for income survey to be conducted:

The administrator contacted Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) about conducting a village wide income survey. The village's last income survey was good for 5 years and expired in October of 2020. An income survey is helpful in getting low interest, zero interest and grant funding from the different funding agencies used for water, sewer, storm and road projects. The procedure followed would be for MVPO to send out surveys to residents and have the residents either fill out their information online or by mailing in a postage paid return envelope. The surveys are confidential and names are not required on the form. Total household income is marked along with the number of residents in the house. According to MVPO, 400 surveys/post cards would be mailed out and in order to have a qualified survey, 350 would need returned. The village would have 6 months to complete the survey from start to finish. Second mailings are usually re-

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quired and often door to door follow-up may be required. MVPO stated the cost would be approximately \$1,000.00 for cost of mailings, return postage, envelopes. This is a reasonable fee and it removes the village from conducting the actual income survey. The total returned surveys need to reveal that the village is at 51% below median household income for our village to be able to qualify for zero interest loans and grants. The administrator recommended that council approve this so the village can find funding for any needed improvements to the water plant.

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by West, to approve retaining Maumee Valley Planning Organization to complete income survey for Village of Antwerp. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

**Hometown Pantry building rehab continuing:**

Jeff Cook, future owner of the Hometown Pantry buildings, is applying for community reinvestment area tax abatement through the Paulding County Economic Development office. Once all paperwork has been submitted and the amount of investment is determined, Director Copey will approach the village on the proposed abatement. It should be noted that the village granted Dr. Mowery a CRA Abatement when she built the new dental office in the downtown. The abatement only addresses real property improvements made to the building. Mr. Cook has approached the administrator and asked if he could place a roll off container for his business on Mercer Landmarks property, directly across the street from his buildings on Railroad Street. There is no area behind his buildings that a dumpster can be put. Mercer Landmark would allow him to place his dumpster on their property and Mr. Cook has offered to construct an enclosure around the container. Council did not see a problem with this as long as an enclosure was made and it looked nice.

Inspection completed of house on 107 E. River:

The home located at 107 E. River Street was inspected by the village's housing inspector on Monday, March 8th. The inspector met with the property owner from Fort Wayne, several contractors that he brought with him and council member Mike Rohrs. Rohrs gave a report on what was determined from the inspection. Mrs. Beregszazi will be kept up to date on the process of bringing this home into compliance.

Discussion on inspection. Another inspection is to be done March 31st and the property owner has until April 12th to make property compliant or fines may be imposed starting April 13th. Solicitor Farr will review ordinance and advise of next steps, and Administrator Keeran will contact owner to see if property sold. 2 Homes on Mervin Street demolished:

Two homes owned by Fritz Ehrhart, 104 and 105 Mervin have been demolished this week. The administrator spoke to the contractor on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, and informed him that the site must be cleaned up each night and the depressions left from crawl space must be filled in. Complaints were noted from adjacent neighbors about pieces of electrical components being left on the ground and the crawl space left open. The contractor assured the administrator that the site would be finished today and back fill would be placed in the crawl spaces.

103 Mervin street is owned by the Landbank and is being checked for asbestos. Next steps will be to demolish the structure and sell the property.

**Committee Reports**  
Utility Committee met to discuss engineers. At this time, they would like Jones and Henry to attend the April council meeting and Westler to attend the may council meeting and both to make presentations to council. Administrator Keeran will get in touch with both companies and schedule them to attend. Council member West also asked that Curtis Nestleroad attend those meetings so that he can ask and answer questions that will pertain to Antwerp.

**New business**  
Rohrs asked about manhole cover on s curve. Keeran stated she would contact the state and get it repaired again. Rohrs received complaint about Erie Recycling trash flying all over the neighborhood

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and that it needed to get taken care of. Keeran will contact business owner.

Rohrs asked Keeran if generator and sewer jet were in working condition. Keeran stated that they were not. Rohrs asked that they be scrapped if they do not work.

**Old Business**

West asked status of purchasing dump truck through state purchase program. Rohrs said that the finance committee would need to discuss. In meantime, Keeran will look into process with state purchase program.

Update on county court matter on violation of junk motor vehicle and litter ordinances. Property has been cleaned up except for a few items that property owner said he would remove by end of this month. Court imposed sentence of fine and court costs with fine being suspended. The case is concluded.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor's report brought in a total of \$1,450.00 in the month of February 2021 with \$1,060.00 going to the village, \$375.00 going to the state, and \$15.00 going to the indigent driver's fund.

• Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to adjourn the meeting. 4 yeas, 1 nay. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

### BUILDING SOIL CARBON

There is renewed interest in paying farmers to sequester soil carbon by building soil organic matter (SOM) levels. Building soil carbon is dependent upon temperature, moisture, vegetation, tillage, soil texture, crop rotation, and microbial activity. Soil is a major storehouse for carbon and carbon dioxide. Ohio soils originally had 5-6% soil organic matter (50-60 tons decomposed SOM) in the top furrow slice (6.7 inches) of soil. Most Ohio soils today only have about 2-3% SOM, so an additional 2-4% SOM could be added.

Temperature, moisture, and vegetation controlled most carbon and SOM storage historically. Tropical areas have lower SOM while colder soils store more carbon in SOM. Tropical carbon is stored above ground while colder climates store carbon in the soil due to limited temperature and moisture. Every 100F temperature increase will double microbial activity and releases carbon as carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. The type of vegetation impacts carbon sequestration. Hardwood trees in the Eastern USA have low root turnover, so carbon sequestration is slower and accumulates closer to the surface. Prairie soils have high SOM because 50% of the roots turn over every year, building carbon and SOM deeper and quicker. Vegetation (prairie grasses) and climate have a huge impact on SOM and soil carbon storage.

Tilling soil results in the immediate loss of soil carbon as carbon dioxide. Tillage incorporates soil oxygen, speeding up inefficient microbial decomposition of organic residues. Soil texture is important, with sandy soils being more permeable and able to hold less carbon than silty clay or clay soils. Corn and wheat generally raise your SOM levels while a soybean crop reduces SOM levels. Soybeans have less total biomass and a lower carbon to nitrogen (C:N) ratio which makes it easier and faster to decompose, which results in a loss of soil carbon.

The fastest way to gain soil carbon is to convert to long-term no-till, adding high carbon crops (corn and wheat), and adding cover crop mixtures high in carbon (grasses primarily but also legumes to stabilize soil carbon). Adding root diversity or cover crop mixes (tap roots from broadleaves and legumes and fibrous roots from grasses) to populate the soil year-round to increase soil carbon through root exudates (sugars and carbohydrates). Building soil carbon is a slow process because almost 60-80% of carbon in the plant residue, especially surface residue, is lost to the atmosphere annually. Since roots are more protected, the carbon from roots makes up the majority (80-90%) of soil carbon.

Here is a method to estimate how fast you can build soil carbon. It takes 10 tons of decomposed organic matter residue to equal 1% SOM. If you start with 40 tons organic matter residue and lose 75% or keep 25% after the microbes decompose the residue, 10 tons decomposed SOM or 1% SOM is added to your soil. Cereal rye accumulates 4-6 tons of crop residue and loses 75% or gains 25% which equals 1-1.5 tons decomposed SOM or 0.1 to 0.15% (1/10 or 1.5/10) SOM gained annually. SOM is about 58% carbon (we often assume 50%) so you gain roughly .05 to .075 tons of ac-

### Sudoku solution from page 9

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

tual carbon per year by using cereal rye with long-term no-till.

Grasses are the most efficient way to build SOM. Planting sorghum or Sudan species for forage or as a cover crop increases root mass 5-10X each time the crop is cut or harvested. Annual ryegrass has 50% more roots than cereal rye, barley and oats. Other grasses include pearl millet, wheat, and spelt. Every 1% SOM requires 1000 pounds of N to stabilize the SOM, so adding legumes and clovers to a cover crop mixture builds SOM faster.

Building SOM requires healthy soils with live plants and roots to add soil carbon. Tilled soils are dominated by bacteria which are 20-30% efficient at converting organic residues into soil carbon while fungi are 40-55% efficient. No-till fields with cover crops have a balance of bacteria and fungi which increases and improves carbon sequestration. There are 1,000-2,000X more microbes associated with live plants and roots than in a tilled soil. Soil microbes are "soluble bags of fertilizer" so healthy soils are more fertile and build carbon faster. The long-term soil humus is mainly composed of dead microbial bodies, so it takes a long time to build SOM and soil carbon stocks. Building soil carbon is good for the environment and improves farming profitability.

James J. Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Services

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## CUSTOM TRAINING SOLUTIONS CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A STANDARDS RECOGNITION ENTITY

Custom Training Solutions, a division of Northwest State Community College received the distinct recognition from the Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship as a Standards Recognition Entity in December 2020. A Standards Recognition Entity (SRE) is a designation given to organizations that have applied and demonstrated expert industry knowledge and ability to recognize high quality Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs (IRAPs) in a set of occupations. CTS may recognize IRAPs within Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation and Warehousing for occupations such as Industrial Machinery Mechanics; Main-

tenance Workers, Machinery; Millwrights (non-construction related only); Maintenance and Repair Workers, General; Machinist; Tool and Die Makers; Welding; CNC Machine Tool Programmers, Metal and Plastics; Production Workers; and others.

IRAPs have received a substantial amount of negative press in the recent weeks following a decision by the Biden Administration to rescind Executive Order 13801 which former President Trump signed in 2017 and led to the creation of IRAPs. The White House issued a statement stating "Industry-recognized apprenticeship programs have fewer quality standards than registered apprenticeship programs—for example, they fail to require the wage progression that reflects increasing apprentice skills and they lack the standardized training rigor

that ensures employers know they are hiring a worker with high-quality training"1.

Custom Training Solutions submitted a highly detailed application providing evidence that we have the expert industry knowledge in the Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation and Warehousing sectors to recognize and uphold high-quality IRAPs that are still registered with the Department of Labor and must meet rigorous criteria to be recognized. IRAPs are meant to be flexible, employer driven, and based on competencies mastered vs. time spent completing on-the-job training. CTS, as a part of our application, created a panel of industry experts in various trades that will recognize all IRAPs to ensure that they are of high-quality. Every recognized IRAP will also be monitored and evaluated annually

to ensure the program meets all federal, state, and local requirements.

Northwest State Community College through the Workforce Development division, Custom Training Solutions, was approved as a Sponsor for State Registered Apprenticeship programs in spring 2019. Currently, NSCC sponsors ten companies with a total of 15 registered apprenticeship programs. Being a sponsor for companies in Northwest Ohio allows manufacturing employers that do not have the resources or bandwidth to sponsor their own programs to create and implement Registered Apprenticeship Programs leaving the paperwork and responsibility with Northwest State. Having this capability and experience only adds to the legitimacy of being recognized as a Standards Recognition Entity.

Although President Biden has ordered the suspension of recognizing new SREs, those that have already been given this prestigious status are able to continue their important work and recognize high quality IRAPs. There are currently 27 SREs across the United States. Custom Training Solutions, as an approved Standards Recognition Entity, is able to recognize IRAPs in the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. We are also committed to continuing our work as a sponsor for State Registered Apprenticeship Programs. There is a need in our communities for both apprenticeship type programs. Custom Training Solutions is here to support the needs of Advanced Manufacturing.

To learn more about IRAPs, RAPs, or other training programs, please contact Tori Atkinson, Director of Workforce Development and Innovative Learning at Northwest State Community College by email at [tatkinson@northweststate.edu](mailto:tatkinson@northweststate.edu).

## OHIO'S LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES URGED TO CONFIRM PLANS FOR CONTINUED COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION

Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Aging Director Ursel McElroy encouraged all of Ohio's nursing homes and assisted living facilities to immediately engage with Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccination Maintenance Program to ensure ongoing delivery of vaccines to staff and residents.

Ohio was one of the first states in the nation to launch the federal partnership for vaccinations at nursing homes and assisted living facilities. On December 18, 2020, Ohio administered its first shot as part of the national Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program. Through this program, residents and staff across the state were among the first Ohioans to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. While the federal program winds down, Ohio's facilities have been strongly urged to participate in the Ohio COVID-19 Vaccine Maintenance Program. This program makes it possible for facilities to continue offering the vaccine to employees and residents who chose not to receive the vaccine earlier but now want it, as well as offer the vaccine to new employees and new residents

## BRODY ROSSWURM - MRS. BRADBURY'S SIXTH GRADE CLASS



Brody Rosswurm is a caring and kind young man. He helps students in tech class, has a positive attitude, and is a good friend. Recently, some of the sixth-grade students were throwing erasers in the classroom and when I asked who was participating, Brody immediately put his hand up. He was the only student to admit to it, even though I knew he didn't act alone. The fact that Brody knew he did something he shouldn't

have, but was willing to admit to it in front of the entire classroom says a lot about his character. He could have easily just sat quietly and pretended he didn't participate like the rest of the students did. We all make mistakes, but we must take accountability for our actions and Brody does a great job of that. I am very proud of Brody for not being afraid to do what is right, even if no one else is.

coming into the facility.

"I'm proud Ohio is a leader in establishing one of the earliest state-led vaccine maintenance programs," said Governor Mike DeWine. "We need to continue making the vaccine available to residents and employees at our nursing homes and assisted living facilities, because we must continue to protect our most vulnerable population of older Ohioans against COVID-19."

It is important that every Ohio licensed nursing home and assisted living facility complete the online program registration and share how a facility plans to provide the vaccine -- either through the state program or by partnering with another entity.

Currently, 90 percent of Ohio's nursing homes and 74 percent of assisted living facilities have responded. The Ohio Department of Aging would like the remaining 10 percent of nursing homes (98) and 26 percent of as-

sisted living facilities (209) to register their plans. The Ohio COVID-19 Vaccination Maintenance Program, which began in February, has already delivered 16,000 vaccine doses, with an additional 30,000 scheduled through March. To learn more or register for the program, please visit [aging.ohio.gov](http://aging.ohio.gov).

### Thank You!

I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude for every healthcare hero that crossed paths with me during my illness. I also want to thank the community for all of the prayers, calls/texts, cards, and well wishes. Your kindness and support will never be forgotten.

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-Joe Sukup



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