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MORGAN ILLER FIELD: NEW HOME OF LADY PANTHERS



Morgan Iller receives the pitch from great great niece Ginny!

Virginia "Ginny" Iller Paulus was the first one at the field on Saturday, March 27, just north of the Paulding Football field complex, sharing the same parking lot. Virginia donated the funds to make the new softball complex for Paulding Schools.

The new field is officially dedicated and ready for use by the Lady Panthers. Ginny tossed the first pitch to open the first game up on the very foggy morning!

The Lady Panthers took on Continental on this Saturday and won the game 13-1!

SPOTLIGHT ON WOODBURN: BOB'S RESTAURANT



Bob's Restaurant is the first business the Woodburn Main Street Organization would like to put in the spotlight this year. Bob's Restaurant, located at 22031 Main Street, Woodburn, first opened in June 1975

by Bob and Leah Sproul as a sandwich and pie restaurant. It has had 5 different owners since it opened. Tiara and Steve Bremer are the current owners. They bought the restaurant in

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1,000+ VIEWERS TUNED IN FOR PPEC'S 85TH ANNUAL MEETING



Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative's (PPEC) 85th Annual Meeting of Members was held virtually this year due to COVID-19, premiering on Facebook and YouTube at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March

20, 2021. More than 1,000 viewers tuned in to watch the meeting over the weekend to hear co-op updates, a recap of 2020, and election results.

More than 2,100 mem-

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SHERIFF SALES TO GO VIRTUAL

The Paulding County Sheriff's Office will no longer be conducting sales of real estate for foreclosures. Pursuant to House Bill 390, RealAuction has been contracted with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services for these sales to be on-line with the "Official Public Sheriff's Sale Website". The process and procedures under which

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PAULDING FFA RECEIVES AWARDS AT STATE LEVEL!



Gold Officers. Left to right Treasurer, Colton Howell; Reporter, Hailey Weidenhamer and Secretary, Baylee March

By: Mason Schlatter, Paulding FFA Assistant Reporter

Since December we have

had several members working on degrees as well as FFA officer books for the evaluation pro-

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OPTIMIST CLUB OF VAN WERT SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Optimist Club of Van Wert is gearing up again for the 2021 Avenue of Flags program! Each year, the group places American flags around town during 5 summer and fall holidays. This year the club plans on displaying about 400 large flags in front of homes and businesses. Besides being a community patriotism activity, this is the group's largest annual fundraising activity.

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Community Calendar

- 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 (Easter)**
- Woodburn UMC Easter Sunrise Svc 7:30 am
 - Grant's Easter Buffet 10a-2p
 - Cecil Community Church Prayer meeting 6pm
- April 10**
- Paulding Fish & Game Gun Show 8am - 2pm
- April 11**
- Paulding Cemeteries Spring Cleanup deadline
 - Wholeness Seminar Cecil Community Church 6pm
- April 12**
- Lippert hiring event @ Payne
- April 14**
- Antwerp Conservation Club Social Night 6-8p; Hot sandwiches popcorn, games

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OBITUARIES

PAYNE, OH
Dawn Wobler, 64, of Payne, Ohio passed away March 22, 2021, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arr By Dooley Funeral Home 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio.
ANTWERP, OH
Bradley Wayne Conner, 37, of Antwerp passed away Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at his home. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

KID'S KORNER

Hi, again. I'm glad you've come back for another visit. Stay safe, stay well.
 Did you find the time when the sun and moon stood still for a day? In Joshua 10:13 we find the Israelites battling the Amorites. We could go on with a long discussion of why those two groups were battling, but that reason why isn't really important for our consideration at this time. What is important is that God effectively stopped time so that the Israelites would have more daylight in which to fight their battle.
 God, as Creator of all things, has control over all things. We've seen many celestial events - solar and lunar eclipses, comets and shooting stars. God reveals His mighty power according to need. We've maybe never seen the earth stand

still or seen a lot of the miracles God performs, but we do know one very important thing.
 We know that God loves us enough to die for us and then take up His life again that we should have forgiveness of sins. With that is the promise of everlasting life for us. That's pretty exciting, isn't it? Because God loves us, we can live with Him in His glory forever!
 God controls all things for His purpose. His ultimate purpose is that, through faith in our Savior Jesus Christ, we should live with Him forever.
 For next week, what were the temptations the Devil put before Jesus in the wilderness? See you next week.
 Pastor Tim
 mhrtim1951@gmail.com

EVIDENCE OF SALVATION

By: Doris Applegate
 In Luke, Chapter 19, we read of a great salvation. Jesus was passing through the town of Jericho and there was a man named Zacchaeus, who was the chief tax collection in that area and had become very rich.
 He wanted to see Jesus but was too short in stature to see over the crowd of people that he had to climb a tree to see. When Jesus came by and looked up and said, "Come

down because I must be a guest in your home today." The crowd was displeased that Jesus would eat with this evil man, but the Lord knew what would happen.
 When Zacchaeus stood before Jesus he said, "I will give half of my wealth to the poor and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much." Jesus responded and said, "Salvation has come to this home today."
 Jesus came to earth from Heaven to "seek and to save those who are lost". Since Jesus is the only way to eternal life we must recognize first of all that we are lost and that our only hope of salvation and Heaven is by accepting God's free gift through His son, Jesus Christ.
 Just like Zacchaeus, we will see our sins for what they are and repent. What we are blessed with when we come to Jesus and ask forgiveness is a brand new life and way of living. Just think of the people that were blessed when their stolen money was returned to them. Not only are we happy but we also cause others to be blessed by our new life.
 We gain more than we lose when we turn to the Lord. We gain EVERYTHING! The 'blindness' come off our eyes when we see Jesus. Satan blinds the eyes of many and only the light of Jesus can cause them to open up. Remember the song "I saw the light, no more darkness, no more night."
 When we walk in the light, we have fellowship with God and other believers. Only those in the light can see. Faith, Hope and Love finally find a place to rest and abide... Thank you Jesus!
 Amen

PARSON TO PERSON
By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
Can you give me an explanation concerning the animals in Leviticus 11:8 that were not to be eaten?
 From the time of creation to the flood, everyone was a vegetarian (Genesis 1:29-30). Then God permitted everything that moved to be eaten (Genesis 9:3). Around 1490 B.C. the Lord gave Moses instructions specifically for the Jewish people, primarily to set them apart from the Gentiles. These laws were a "shadow" (picture) of Christ according to Colossians 2:14-17 - "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of these openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday or of the new moon or of the Sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."
 The unclean animals were associated with things like bringing forth death, having filthy habits, feasting on dead, rotting and diseased animals, etc. They were a good picture of both sin and sinners. These animals included all kinds of vultures, parasites, slimy scaleless fish, serpents, pigs, swarming creatures and many others. The clean animals had better habits and were less destructive - such as cows, sheep and goats. Once that picture had fulfilled its purpose when Christ died on the cross, the necessity for keeping it was done away as we saw in Colossians 2:13-17. Read also Acts 10:9-15 and verse 28.
 Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

St John Lutheran Church, 812 East High Street, Hicksville, announces their schedule for Holy Week. The church will celebrate Maundy Thursday service on Thursday at 7:35 pm at Holy Trinity, Harlan, Indiana SR 37, our Shared Ministry Congregation.
 The two congregations will celebrate Good Friday at St John on Friday at 7:35 pm. The church will celebrate The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday at 10:35 am. The service will have special music, the church will be dressed for Easter and will include Holy Communion followed by an Easter egg hunt. The services will be led by our new Minister Alex Heffelfinger. The church has a new email address: stjohnehx@outlook.com, like us on Facebook, St John Lutheran Church Hicksville Ohio or phone 419-542-6269. ALL ARE WELCOME!

FIRST UM CHURCH ANNOUNCES HOLY WEEK SERVICES

First United Methodist Church of Van Wert will be holding special services during Holy Week. Maundy Thursday service will be April 1 beginning at 7:00 pm. Maundy Thursday is the Christian holy day on the Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the Washing of the Feet and Last Supper with the Twelve Apostles. The service at First UM will include Holy Communion as well as special music with Jeremy Laukhuf and a homily from Pastor Chris Farmer.
 First Church will host the traditional Good Friday service on April 2 beginning at 12:05 pm. This is a community service that will include music, scripture, prayers and a proces-

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
 —II Corinthians 5:21

sion of the cross. The procession will begin at the YWCA on Cherry Street in Van Wert starting at 11:45 am. It will process down Main Street to Jefferson Street and then into the church. Anyone wishing to be a part of this procession should meet at the YWCA by 11:45 am. Ministers from the Van Wert area who are participating in the service are Jim Burns of Liberty Baptist, David To of Trinity UM, Bill Watson of Pentecostal Way, Dr. Tom Kinnan of Trinity Friends, and Chris Farmer of First UM.
 Easter Sunday is April 4 and will be celebrated with two services at First UM Church. A casual service will begin at 8:30 am and features special music from the Praise & Worship Band led by Jeremy Laukhuf. Pastor Chris Farmer will present the message. The second service will start at 10:30 am, one half hour later than normal. It will feature traditional worship and includes a brass ensemble with pipe organ and a message from Pastor Farmer. The sanctuary will be decorated in traditional Easter lilies and other liturgical decorations. Both Easter services will provide staffed childcare, so feel free to bring the entire family to worship.
 All are welcome to worship at First United Methodist Church on Good Friday and if you don't have a church home, you are welcome to attend any of these special services. First United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Central and Jefferson in the heart of downtown Van Wert, just across from Fountain Park. First Church practices Covid-19 safety protocol. Perhaps Easter is the time for you to return to church! Pastor Chris Farmer and the congregation welcome you.

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HITCHIN' A RIDE

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

Years ago I remember my Grandma and Grandpa stopping to pick up hitchhikers.

Rambling along in an old 1953 Ford, we would see a person who was going somewhere with their thumb out and they



needed a ride. Yes, we usually picked them up. Hitchhiking back in the 50's was a popular mode of travel and so was just walking to get to a destination.

To think back, it seemed to be a lot safer to walk or hitch a ride back then, so it was not uncommon to see a man or a woman with their thumb sticking out, meaning they wanted a ride. Many guys and gals who were in the military used to "hitch a ride" to get home for a weekend.

When I was younger, I remember a big tall man who used to walk from a Van Wert County village to Van Wert almost daily. He had big long legs which were covered with a pair of rubber knee high boots. Taking long strides, he would brag and say that he could walk faster than a car and really didn't want a ride.

I have never hitchhiked, but have heard stories about those who did. There are a lot of great

experiences people had while hitching, but there are also stories of robbery and murder. I did find out that most states do have a law that says it is illegal to stand on a roadway and solicit a ride. Today, you don't see too many hitchhikers, because of safety issues and in today's world most people have cars. Personally, I have never seen a lady hitchhiker, although one tells the following story about her experience while attempting to get a ride.

The girl was a mere 17 years old, so did not have a drivers license. Usually she walked most places, but, occasionally got rides with friends and sometimes she did hitchhike. The night in question was one of those seldom occasions when the girl decided to hitchhike home. She had worked a late shift and was just too tired to walk.

The gal's rule of thumb (no pun intended) she just would not accept a ride with a lone man. It was safer to accept rides from women or (rarely) men with a wife/girlfriend and/or kids in the car. That night, though, cars were few and far between and it was cold. A lone man pulled over and she took a good look at him and figured she could whip him if he tried anything.

The girl got into the car and warmed her fingers and hands in front of the heating vent. After some small talk the driver drove slower as it was snowing outside. About ten minutes later, she noticed a car near the intersection that they were approaching. They went into a slide and the girl said, "Watch

out!"

The strange man immediately hit the gas, shooting through the intersection and yelled at her "Don't you ever scream at me!" Needless to say, she was taken aback and also scared. She then said to him, "Look, this is close enough, just pull over here and I can get out and walk the rest of the way."

He didn't seem to hear her and so she repeated herself. "Pull over here and let me out," but no response. He just stared straight ahead, driving faster now than he had been since it began to snow.

The teenage girl sat there, scared half to death when the man began mumbling to himself. He began to speak, quietly and rapidly, saying things like, "You're always yelling at me. I've told you time and again that I do not appreciate being yelled at, but do you listen? Nooooo. Well I'm done listening to you now, do you hear me?" The 17 year old thought about jumping out of the car onto the roadway, but noticed the locks on the doors had been removed. By now, she thought she may be in some serious trouble with this lone man she had accepted a ride with.

The man finally looked at her directly and putting his eyes down said that he did not mean to frighten her. He then pulled over at a gas station and the girl jumped out as if demons were chasing her. But, that was not the end of the story. When she escaped from the car, the man sat there and the girl wondered what to do next. The man called her back over to the car. He said, "Come here, you forgot your hat." Should she go back over and get her hat and risk a chance that she may be abducted? He held her hat outside of the open window and she hurriedly grabbed it.

She waited until he pulled away, as she did not want him to see which direction she was walking. After a time, she went to put on her hat and noticed something inside of it. There was a hundred dollar bill with a little note attached. It said, "Don't ever hitchhike again and never get into a car with a lone man."

Now, if I would pick up a hitchhiker, I sure would not scare him, but my driving may. They would probably not even want to accept a ride with me. It may be safer walking.

No, I do not want to hitchhike. I do not know even how to stick up my thumb or which side of the road to stand on. To those who have hitchhiked I hope you had good experiences. Do you think hitchhiking is safe to do anymore? Have you ever picked up a hitchhiker or were scared if you did accept a ride? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for your Thoughts. In the meantime, if I see you hitchhiking, just beware. You may be safer walking. Happy hitching.

HOW MUCH RISK SHOULD YOU TAKE BEFORE RETIREMENT?

If you're planning to retire in just a few years, you may be getting excited about this next phase of your life. However, your ability to enjoy retirement fully will depend, at least partially, on the resources you can draw from your investment portfolio. So, while you still have time to act, ask yourself if you're comfortable with your portfolio's risk level.

Your relationship with risk can change noticeably over time. When you started saving for retirement, you may have been willing to take on more investment risk, which translated into a relatively high percentage of stocks and

stock-based mutual funds in your investment portfolio. As you know, stocks offer the potential for greater returns than other assets - such as bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs) - but they are also typically more volatile and carry more risk. But when you were a young adult, you had sufficient time to recover from market fluctuations. (Of course, there are no guarantees - it's possible that some stocks will lose value and never regain it.)



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

Now, fast forward to where you are now - closing in on retirement. Even at this stage of your life - and, in fact, even during your retirement - you will need some growth-oriented investments to help stay ahead of inflation. Over time, even a low inflation rate, such as we've had the past several years, can erode your purchasing power.

So, the issue isn't this: "Should I get rid of all my risk?" You shouldn't - and, in fact, you couldn't, because all investments, even the ones considered most "conservative," contain some type of risk, even if it isn't the risk of loss of principal. For instance, some investments run the risk of not keeping up with inflation. Instead, ask yourself these questions: "How much risk should I take within my portfolio?" "How much risk do I actually need to achieve my goals in retirement?"

Of course, there are no one-size-fits-all answers. You'll need to look at your investment portfolio to see if it's positioned to provide you with the income you'll require in your retirement years. You might have initially based your financial strategy on a specific type of retirement lifestyle, but now that you're nearing retirement, perhaps you've changed your mind. Your anticipated new lifestyle might require either more or less income than you had originally projected - and if that's the case, you may need to adjust the risk level in your portfolio or make other adjustments.

For example, suppose you had initially envisioned a rather quiet retirement, sticking around your home, volunteering and spending time with your grandchildren. But in recent years - and especially since the confinement many of us have felt during the COVID-19 pandemic - you may have thought that you'd now like to travel extensively. To achieve this goal, which will likely cost more than your original one, you may have to work longer, or invest more each year until you retire, or seek a higher return on your investments - which means accepting more risk.

As you can see, managing risk is a balancing act - and you may need to make some tough choices. But as long as you're aware of how much risk you can take, and how much risk you may need to take to reach your goals, you can develop a strategy that aligns with your objectives.

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ANTWERP CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

Our Antwerp Chamber of Commerce spotlight for February is Antwerp Manor Assisted Living Facility located in the old elementary building at 204 Archer Drive in downtown Antwerp.

Brian McLaughlin is the administrator of Antwerp Manor and he has a special connection to this particular area of the town. His great grandfather was the architect of the old Antwerp school and Brian's father helped with the project when he was home from college back in 1963. This was the last project they worked on together as Brian's great grandfather died shortly after the completion of the school. In 2004, Brian's father was selling tooling to Dana and a few other machine shops in Antwerp when he discovered that the city was planning on demolishing the old school as the new K-12 building had been constructed just east of town. Armed with a desire to preserve what

he and his grandfather had built he made a deal with the city council to build a field house at the new school in exchange for the old school buildings. Brian's father was now the proud owner of an old school with no idea what to do with it. After discussion with local and state officials, the idea of having an assisted living facility in Antwerp would be just what the community needed. The remodeling of the old school began in 2005 and all of the supplies that were left behind were shipped to Haiti to help with the rebuilding of schools after Hurricanes Ivan and Jeanne devastated the island.

On January 1st 2006 the Essen House Restaurant opened to the public, a full year before the first phase of the Manor House opened in January 2007. The second and third phases of the facility opened in 2009. The recession of 2008-2010 started a chain reaction which resulted in a change of ownership in 2013. The new owner leased the business to a company (Continued on Page 7)

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SERVANT HEART

Silas Dempsey - Mrs. Warnimont & Mrs. Carter's Preschool Class

Everyone can learn what it is to have a heart like Jesus by watching Silas and how he treats others. He treats everyone with love, kindness, and respect. He is always quick to offer a helping hand to his teachers or fellow classmates on a daily basis. If there is a mess that needs cleaned up, he is the first to jump to action and clean up even when he didn't make the mess. He puts others before himself on numerous occasions and shows such selflessness; which is quite amazing to watch coming from a preschooler. He is such a wonderful role model for his fellow classmates, and really for the whole school. The faith and love he has for Jesus is something we can all learn from and strive for in our own lives. Silas can remind us all that you don't have to be big to make a difference in this world, and spread God's Word. You only need to put all your love into every little thing you do there the glory of His name. Great job Silas. We are so proud of you!

Ayla Praul - Mrs. Warnimont & Mrs. Carter's Preschool Class

Ayla has a caring loving heart and is a great example for showing kindness. Ayla is always there to help others in any way she can. She

walks in every morning with a smile on her face and gets right to her morning work. She is always asking for things to help around the classroom and will do anything asked without questions. Ayla is a great friend to all her classmates, and on her own will go play with someone if she sees them playing alone. We are proud of Ayla for always serving with a heart like Jesus. Good job Ayla!

Carson Holt - Miss Sullivan's First Grade Class

Carson Holt shows us how to live like Jesus. Carson is quick to help anyone around him and always has a hug or high-five ready for others. Carson encourages others and looks to make sure everyone is included. Thank you for your servant's heart, Carson!

Kalel Mead - Miss Sullivan's Second Grade Class

Kalel Mead is living a life like Jesus. Kalel is a friend to everyone around him. He loves to play with others. He never says no when asked to help, and he puts his whole self into helping. Kalel is a generally positive and friendly person that you can't help but smile around. Thank you Kalel for bringing your unique light into this world!

Alivia Mosier - Mrs. Gideon's Third Grade Class

Alivia shows that she has a servant's heart by always offer-

ing to help other students study when they are having difficulties learning a skill. We did a math challenge where each

grade level had to pass a difficult challenge in order to have a McDonald's lunch provided to them. Alivia was the first 3rd grader to pass the third grade challenge, and from that point on whenever she overheard a peer worrying that they may not ever pass she was there to help them study the words and definitions. On the very last day, she helped one of the last of her classmates to study, and he passed the test moments later with flying colors. Alivia is always quietly doing her work, she never disturbs others, however she is quick to notice when help is needed and just as quick to offer that help. She is a wonderful example of having a heart like Jesus.

Wyatt Flynn - Mrs. Gideon's Third Grade Class

Wyatt has a servant heart. I had a student come to me and whisper that Wyatt should get a servant's heart award because during centers when the students are working in groups, he always offers to go and return supplies and turn in work for his group. Then, later that day our class was having our McDonald's lunch for their math challenge reward, and our order ended up being short on sandwiches. Without hesitation, Wyatt picked up his second sandwich and offered it to the child who had not got their order. He made Mr. Linder and I so proud! It was a selfless act that showed us all that he has a heart like Jesus: willing to give up something with no regard to himself.

Achilles Mead - Mrs. Bradbury's Sixth Grade Class

Achilles Mead is always respectful, even when he is being redirected. Achilles is the first one to admit if he did or said something wrong and he always apologizes. When I had a stamp on my desk, he noticed and cleaned it off for me without me even asking. He often volunteers to help out and put away equipment for gym class or sweep the gym floor. If I ever have any issues with technology, he willingly helps solve them. Last week when I asked Achilles for an assignment he forgot to turn in, he handed it to me and said that he was very sorry for not turning it in on time. I have so much respect for Achilles because he is always respectful to me, even when he has done something wrong. Thank you for serving with a heart like Jesus.

Isabelle O'Shaughnessy - Mrs. Bradbury's Sixth Grade Class

Isabelle O'Shaughnessy serves with a heart like Jesus. In our classroom, she often makes sure pencils are sharpened and puts things away that

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL CONDUCTS SUPPLY DRIVE



The Paulding Middle School student council recently conducted a supply drive for the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry located in Paulding, Ohio. Shown in the picture are members of the Paulding Middle School student council with the items donated by Paulding Middle School students and staff members.

PAULDING FFA HOSTS 4TH ANNUAL AG BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Pictured here is the Paulding FFA Ag basketball team with their plaque for winning the 4th Annual Ag Basketball Tournament held at Paulding High School Gym.

By: Hailey Weidenhamber, Paulding FFA Reporter

On Saturday, March 20th the Paulding FFA Chapter hosted the 4th Annual Ag Basketball tournament at Paulding High School. This year's tournament had 3 different chapters participate. The team participating were Paulding, Wayne Trace and Miller City.

Ag ball is for all FFA students that do not play basketball, but still want to stay active and have some fun playing basketball. It also provides a way for members to mingle with other chapters in the nearby area. Paulding FFA ag ball team battled back out of the losers bracket to win the tournament this year. This is the first time

since we started the ag basketball tournament that Paulding has won the tournament. The winning team received a plaque to commemorate the tournament. Everyone had a lot of fun playing basketball and we are looking forward to next year's tournament.

PAULDING FFA HOLDS MARCH TRAPSHOOT



Pictured from left to right, Paulding FFA trap members: Nolan Johanns, Kyle Harris with his plaque, Jesse Schaffer, Kyle Mobley, Zaden Davenport and Carter Manz.

By: Mason Schlatter, Assistant Reporter-Paulding FFA

Over the weekend, on March 27, 6 members from the Paulding FFA chapter attended the March trap shoot at The Paulding Fish and Game Club.

This was the third trap shoot that we have done this year. The members went through the safety precautions with a fish and game member before the competition to ensure that everyone

had a safe and fun day hitting clay pigeons. The members competed in two rounds where they

had five different positions to shoot from. The members were placed 16 yards away from the electric clay pigeon thrower. The first round was practice but the second round is what determined the winner of the day. The winner was Kyle Harris with a total of 17 out of 25. Kyle Harris received a plaque for his trapshooting skills. Nolan Johanns and Jesse Schaffer tied for 2nd with 16 out of 25. We would like to thank the Fish and Game Club of Paulding for all their help and support of the Paulding FFA program.

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Antwerp Conservation Club Event Schedule

- 1) April 8th - Monthly Meeting at 7pm
- 2) April 14th - Social Night 6-8pm. We will have hot sandwiches and popcorn available. Will be playing euchre and other types of card games. This is open to the public and for all ages.
- 3) April 24th - NRL22 Match. Registration opens at 8am with match starting at 9am. You can go to NRL22 website and see the April Course of Fire. This is open to the public.

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MILITARY HISTORY OF PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry
 Joshua Byron Hartzog, Paulding County's only Medal of Honor Recipient, was born February 3, 1866 in Grover Hill, Ohio. The son of Joshua and Sarah Jane (Blythe) Pease Hartzog, Joshua Hartzog Sr., was born in Schuykill County, Pennsylvania, January 30, 1830. Mr. Hartzog was of German descent and moved to Paulding County in 1850, with the trade of a blacksmith. Upon moving into Washington Township, he met and married Eliza J. Mackerel, January 16, 1851. Eliza was born in 1833, and passed away December 31, 1864, leaving behind 4 children. She is buried in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill, Ohio. Joshua remarried to Sarah Jane (Blythe) Pease. She was born January 27, 1838, in Waynsburg, Stark County, Ohio. Her first husband was Mark Pease, who passed away, Joshua and Sarah were married May 15, 1865. Sarah's father, Henry Blythe, was a Civil War Veteran. With Joshua and Sar-



ah's marriage, the blessing of 4 children were born.

Thus the story of Joshua Byron Hartzog begins. As a small child, Joshua picked up the values of family and hard work as he worked the farm ground in Washington Township with his father and other siblings. By 1889, Joshua wanted to seek the adventure while serving in the United States military.

Joshua traveled to Michigan. On April 25, 1889 at Detroit, Michigan, at the age of 21, Joshua enlisted in United States Army. He lists his occupation as a laborer. Joshua has Dark Eyes, Dark Complexion, Dark Hair and is 5-4" tall. He is assigned to Company E. 1st United States Artillery with the rank of private. On December 29, 1890, Joshua was a participant in the Pine Ridge Campaign that occurred at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. The purpose of this action, was to arrest the Sioux Chief, Big Foot and disarm his warriors. A powerful medicine man had convinced the warriors that their "Ghost Shirts", would protect them from the Blue-coats bullets.

When Joshua's commanding officer was wounded, Private Joshua Hartzog, braved the heavy gun fire to rescue the officer. An eye witness stated, "All the Indians opened fire on us. One of my men went for ammunition and did not come back. My captain called on me to come back, but I kept moving nearer to the Indians, and kept shouting. Lieutenant Hawthorne came toward me and was calling, when suddenly I heard him say, "Oh, my God"! Looking around I saw him lying on his side, and then I knew he had been hit. Hartzog ran to him and carried him back behind the hill".

On March 21, 1891, for his actions on December 29, 1890, at Wounded Knee, part of the Pine Ridge Campaign, Joshua Bryon Hartzog was awarded

the Congressional Medal of Honor. The written statement for his medal reads, "Went to the rescue of the commanding officer, who had fallen severely wounded, He picked him up and carried him out of range of hostile gun fire." He also served with Company G., 5th United States Artillery, with the rank of sergeant. Joshua stayed in the military until July 21, 1892. In 1893 Joshua found himself at the Chicago World's Fair as part of the Exposition Police Force. Joshua returned home to Grover Hill and July 25, 1894, he marries Elvina Elizabeth Gensel who was born December 10, 1865, in Paulding, Ohio. She was the daughter of James H. and Mary (Ackerman) Gensel. Mary was a Civil War Veteran, who served with 20th Mississippi Infantry, Confederate Army.

With this marriage, 8 children will be born. With 2 sets of twins. On July 25, 1897, Joshua's father, Joshua Sr., passed away, he was buried in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill, Ohio. By 1910, Joshua and family was living in Pinconning, Bay County, Michigan as a farmer.

On February 10, 1910, Joshua filed for his military pension and the family moved to Arkansas. On September 24, 1916, in Higginson, White County, Elvina passed away and is buried in Gum Springs Cemetery, Searcy, White County, Arkansas.

On August 7, 1917, Joshua married Carrie E. Davis, in Wellington, Kansas. (Apparently, that marriage did not work out!) In 1918, Joshua married, Mariah Gertrude Thurmon, born in 1870, and lived in Higginson, Arkansas, and had 1 child, a daughter, Thelma Lucille. Joshua was a farmer. Well, that marriage will not last either. In 1923, Joshua married Madie Bell McClellan, who was born in 1884 in Mississippi. They lived in Garden, Arkansas until Joshua Bryon Hartzog died. He passed away, May 27, 1939, in Beebe, Arkansas. He was buried beside his first wife, Elvina, in Gum Springs Cemetery, Beebe, Searcy, White County, Arkansas.

vice was not held this year. The memorial service offers a time of remembrance for families and caregivers.

"Our staff and patient families appreciate this memorial service," said Brent Tow, CHP President/CEO. "It's a moment of remembrance, plus families enjoy reconnecting with the nurses and staff who worked so closely with them while caring for their loved one."

CHP hired Darin Hohman of Dark Horse Productions to record and edit the service to give it a similar look and feel of the live event.

The Angel Foundation, an affiliated nonprofit organization that plans wishes for terminally-ill adults, covered the production cost.

"Whether at home, an extended care facility, or at our Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center, it's an honor to guide patients and families through the end-of-life journey," said Jeanie Saum, RN, CHP Hospice Supervisor. "In 2020, these families not only lost loved ones, but faced the coronavirus pandemic that changed our lives in so many ways, not the least of these, the way we say goodbye, mourn, and grieve."

Families received invitations with links to view the service online. The public will have the opportunity to view it this summer.

Saum says the memorial service includes reflections from CHP Hospice nurses, social workers, and staff; music by the CHP Hospice musician and a patient family member; and messages of hope and encouragement from CHP Hospice chaplains.

CHP also offers monthly bereavement support groups to promote healing following a loss. The groups are free

LT GRAY VISITS OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Lt. Jon Gray from the Van Wert Ohio Highway Patrol Post visited Oakwood Elementary School on Monday, March 22nd to share his knowledge on highway safety and dealing with drivers who are driving under the influence of alcohol. Shown with Lt. Gray are sixth grade students Camdyn Manz, Myriah Manz, Jordan Manz, and Avery Cooper.

and open to the bereaved regardless if their loved one used CHP services or not. For more information call 419-399-4708.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL VACCINATION UPDATE 3.29.2021

The combined efforts of Paulding County Hospital and Paulding County Health Department have been able to vaccinate 4,380 essential workers and eligible Paulding County residents thus far. Both entities have been working closely with the State of Ohio and remain committed to provide safe and effective COVID-19 vaccinations to currently eligible residents of Paulding County.

Eligible Paulding County residents can conveniently schedule an appointment online at pauldingcountyhospital.com by selecting "CLICK HERE to schedule your

COVID 19 Vaccine Appointment." Our online scheduling tool allows you to quickly select the time and available location to receive your vaccine. Individuals may still call 419-399-1163 on Monday and Tuesday, from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm. Appointments are being scheduled for individuals that wish to receive the vaccine and are age 16 and older.

This week on Wednesday, 3/31 Paulding County Hospital will be offering extended vaccine clinic hours. This will be located in our COVID Vaccine Clinic on the main campus, by appointment only. Please go to our website pauldingcountyhospital.com to schedule one of the available appointments.

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

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, Split Endz Salon
- Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Valero Gas, Marathon
- Grover Hill:** Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop
- Hicksville:** Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway
- Melrose:** Morning Star Convenience Store
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- Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General
- Paulding:** Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paul-

ding, Paulding County Hospital, 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

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INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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

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

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

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

DON'T WAIT OR HESITATE, VACCINATE

Beginning on March 29, Phase 2D will open the vaccine to all eligible Ohioans age 16 and up. Individuals aged 16-17 will be eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine, the only COVID-19 vaccine authorized for use for those under age 18.

The COVID-19 vaccines have been tested rigorously and are safe. The decision to receive a vaccine is a personal choice, but the Paulding County Health Department hopes you choose to receive it when you are eligible.

As more Paulding County residents receive the COVID-19 vaccine, it's important that we do not let up. We need to continue to wear our masks, stay socially distanced, and wash our hands frequently.

Encourage your family and friends to get the vaccine and contact the Paulding County Health Department at (419) 399-3921 to schedule your vaccination appointment.

CHP RELEASES MEMORIAL SERVICE VIDEO

CHP Home Care & Hospice is releasing a video of its annual memorial service to families cared for by its hospice program in 2020. Due to COVID-19 precautions, an in-person ser-



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Payne Elementary March SOM are: Front Row: Adam Endicott, Evelyn Sweet, Braelyn Gonzales, Kelsey Folsom, Kohen Fore, Beckett Taylor, Mailey Stoller. Back Row: Demirian Goings, Grayson Sutton, Reece Morehead, Brooke Wells, Aubre Dunn, Layla Shellenbarger, Lilly Holbrook.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is open to the public with new hours. The new hours are Monday through Thursday 10-7, Friday 10-5 and Saturday 10-1.

National Library Week is April 5-10, stop by your favorite branch and celebrate your library.

The Adult Department of the Main Branch of the Library would like you to check their facebook page for upcoming contest and activities.

The Children's Department is busy planning our weekly Preschool Storytime with

"Kooky Kirk", every Wednesday at 10:00 am. Call to reserve your spot today at 419-399-2032. April is National Poetry Month. Money Smart Week is April 10-17. The Children's Room will be celebrating Earth Day the week of April 19-24. Arbor Day is April 30, stop by and check out our books on trees. Pickup your Earth Day craft and treat, while supplies last. Be sure to check out our Facebook page, Paulding County Library Youth Service, for our new "Reading Round-up" series.

The Antwerp Branch will be having Easter crafts available for pick up and take home for all ages of children. Be sure to check out the online Spring

Stories, and the "Spring I Spy" that is happening at the library. Storytime is starting on Wednesday, April 21st @ 11:00 am. Call 419-258-2855 to register, limited to 6 spots. Call before April 15th to reserve your spot, stories will be read and craft to take home.

The Grover Hill Branch is springing into action with all kinds of new activities. The Branch will be launching their Munchkin Club for kids. Monday Munchkin Story Time will be for ages 5 and under. The 6-9 age group will have themed crafts, activities and rewards as well. The branch is currently surveying the adult patrons on ideas of what kind of clubs and programs they would like

to see at the library. The 2021 Bucket List resumes its Spring Season, Monday April 5, which includes 21 days of indoor and outdoor reading related exercises. The staff is hopeful and confident that there will be something for everyone.

The Oakwood Branch Library is reopening their puzzle selection for in-library relaxation time. April 5-30, stop in anytime to plant a flower seed or two. Watch it grow under our "Grow Light" and put your progress on facebook, and/or plant a "Grass Head". Kids will love the modern "chia pet" project. April 12-20, decorate a small selfie journal cover in spring beauty for your personal use. Adults from now till April 9, put your name in for a book giveaway. Drawing will be on April 9. Hint: it has to do with planting, growing and canning.

The Payne Branch Library will be having in person story times on Tuesdays at 11 am. Patrons will need to call and sign up for a spot by calling 419-263-3333. Free Art Fridays will continue, as well as Coloring Club Wednesdays and Monday Meditation, patrons can stop in any time after noon to meditate, and we will be celebrating National Poetry Month with activities all month long.

The Library Branches new hours are Monday and Thursday 10-7, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday

10-1. Friends of the Library used bookstore "Buy the Book" is open to the public on Wednesday 3:30-6:30 and Saturdays 9-12. The store is located next to the Library in the Annex at 205 S. Main St, Paulding. All books sell for a free will donation. Friends Group will meet at the bookstore on Monday, April 12 at 6:00 pm. If interested on being part of the Friends Group, registration forms are available for pick up at the library. The Black Swamp Bookworms reading club begins at 6:30 pm. Pick up a copy of "Her Royal Spyness" by Rhys Bowen and join them.

A GREAT LOCAL RESOURCE

By: Luke Parrett (12), Antwerp, OH

Recently I have had the opportunity to volunteer at the Antwerp Food Pantry. I was amazed at the variety of items available for those who need them. Due to Covid-19 the food pantry had been closed, but it is now open for business.

Antwerp's Food Pantry is maintained by Antwerp Ministerial Association and by donations from numerous local organizations such as the Boy Scouts. Just this month Antwerp Elementary blessed the food pantry with over three hundred boxes cereal. Donations from the community

are always welcome and can be either monetary or grocery items.

For those who need food assistance, the food pantry is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon and located at the Antwerp United Methodist Church, 202 East River Street, through the west door. Photo identification is required to sign up to received groceries.

I enjoy working at the food pantry and I am proud of our community for helping our neighbors.

4-H CLUB HAS IN-PERSON MEETING

By: Ryan Rupp

The campground kids 4-H club had their first in person meeting on Sunday, March 14th. The members are happy to be back to normal.

In the meeting, the kids voted on some things involving how much they would spend on the fair booth and float as well as sending two drawings to the Beck's Fair T-shirt Design Contest.

Renae shared her health demonstration updating the club with new information on the Covid-19 pandemic.

PAULDING BAND BOOSTERS HAVE AN UPCOMING ELECTION

The Paulding Band Boosters want readers to be aware that there will be an upcoming election. Join the Facebook page for more information.

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September 2005. Shortly after the Bremers bought the restaurant they had an open house and birthday party for Bob Sproul's 90th birthday.

Tiara's family moved to Woodburn when she was in 6th grade. Steve Bremer grew up in Woodburn. Steve is the man behind the scenes most of the time, taking care of the paperwork but he does do deliveries when needed. Tiara and her husband have raised their family in Woodburn. They have 3 sons and 2 grandchildren. Their sons have all worked at the restaurant at one time or another.

Tiara Bremer worked as a server at Bob's Restaurant for 4 years before she and her husband bought the restaurant. She started working at the restaurant while her niece was working as a server there. Whenever they were short on help at the restaurant Tiara would come in and help out. Eventually Tiara became a full time server.

Bob's Restaurant offers delivery service within 10-15 miles of the restaurant when a delivery driver is available. They also offer their complete menu for carry out (260-632-5233). Since Fridays are all you can eat fish, a carry out fish dinner comes with 6 pieces of fish. Sometimes on a Friday night the restaurant can go through 70 to 80 pounds of fish.

Bob's has 12 to 14 different pies available every day. The pies are made from scratch and whole pies are available. It is best to call a day ahead to order a whole pie. The most popular pie is the Peanut Butter pie.

Bob's Pizza Shop (260-632-4444) opened 6 years ago. The pizza dough is homemade and made fresh every day. The most popular pizzas are the Supreme pizza and the Taco pizza. The Pizza Shop is not open on Mondays right now.

Mention you read this article the next time you visit Bob's Restaurant and you can have a free drink with your meal.



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SPRING FLING CHARITY EVENT

The Spring Fling Charity Event is returning to downtown Grover Hill on Saturday, April 17. One of the highlights for the day will be the Classic Car, Truck, & Bike Show sponsored by Fox & Fox Car Care. Collector vehicles from northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio will be on display 10:00am-2:00pm in the First Merchants Bank parking lot, along with '50's and '60's music provided by Fort Wayne DJ's. Your entire family will have fun seeing these amazing machines up close and interacting with their owners.

Collectors can register their rides for the show by visiting Grabill.net/event/spring-fling-21 or calling 260-433-2159. The Grabill.net website also has details about the entire Spring Fling Charity Event, including the Benefit Auction and the Hog Roast Dinner & Stage Show.

Proceeds from the Spring Fling will help raise support for Christian Community Health Care and Harlan Christian Youth Center.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP CHANGES ZONING PROPOSAL

After a public outcry recently in the Village of Antwerp, the Planning Commission met on March 22 at the Antwerp Community Church, and changed their proposal of rezoning nearly the entire Erie Street from Residential (R1, R2) to Business (B2) to a smaller section of existing business - Hopps Place, Erie Recycling, and Robb Gerken's residence/business. The rest of the housing area will remain residential according to the proposal voted on by the Planning Commission. There were nearly 75 people in attendance at the meeting who were concerned by the proposed zoning changes.

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named Vancrest, and the facility was renamed Vancrest of Antwerp. In 2018 Vancrest did not renew their lease, and it was decided on a sort of portmanteau of the two previous names and now calls the facility Antwerp Manor. In, January, they began their 15th year of operation. Covid 19 has made the past year particularly difficult for residents and staff, but the management is confident that the vaccine will change things in 2021.

Antwerp Manor is a full service 52 room Assisted Living facility. They offer 24 hour care which includes Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapies available on site. They provide mean-

LEGO SCIENCE LAB @ GROVER HILL ELEM



The Grover Hill Elementary fifth graders completed a science lab experimenting with their Lego cars. Their trials were on different ramp heights and different surfaces. Later they also adjusted the Lego car mass as they learned more about force and motion. Now to draw our conclusions.

ingful and engaging activities, serve three delicious meals a day, provide medication management, assistance with activities of daily living, housekeeping and laundry services. The dedicated and caring staff goes out of their way to make sure that every resident knows that they are here for them and that help is only moments away at all times. One of the most unique things about Antwerp Manor and its staff is the love they have for the residents. Antwerp Manor is here to help make family's lives better. Most of the children of the residents still work and they no longer have the ability to devote the time needed to deliver the care their parents need. This often results in tremendous guilt, anxiety, and physical exhaustion. Antwerp Manor provides them not only around the clock care but also delicious meals, social interaction, activities, supervised medications and housekeeping. The resident's life improves and the family's life gets better.

Antwerp Manor serves the greater Northwest area of Ohio. They have had some residents come from as far away as Florida or New York to be closer to their children, but the majority of residents have lived in the community their whole lives.

There is an internal courtyard called nature's corner. It has housed chickens, goats, rabbits, and even at one time Peacocks. The owner was informed that Peacocks were flightless birds who would stay inside the courtyard and display their beautiful plumage for the residents. It turns out that they don't fly very high or very long, but more than enough to clear the wall and end up out on what at the time was US 24 causing all kinds of traffic mayhem. By their 4th escape, and dozens of hours spent running around after them it was decided they would live out their days on the farm.

It takes a special type of person to dedicate your life to caring for others. Brian is extremely proud of his staff and the emotional sacrifice that occurs as they become close caregivers to the residents. Recently, the facility was just voted "Best Senior Living Facility" in Paulding County by the Paulding Progress Reader's Choice poll.

Brian stated, "We are here to help, it's OK to get help, and it will make both of your lives better. Second important tip. Getting on Medicaid

takes months. Start the process way before you need it. There is nothing we can do to rush the government."

If you have any questions about services available, please call Jennifer @ (419) 506-0316.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is excited to have Brian McLaughlin and Antwerp Manor Assisted Living partnering with us in the Antwerp Community.

AD & NEWS DEADLINES ARE FRIDAY AT 5PM

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Just by participating, you are able to showcase your patriotism and thank those that have served or who are currently serving. Did you know you also benefit area youth? The money earned by this program is directly reinvested into other programs we offer that benefit the youth in the area.

Program details:

The Optimist Club of Van Wert is responsible for the placement of the flag and proper storage after the flags have been recovered.

Participants in this program receive a 3' by 5' high-quality, American flag on a 10' flagpole within 15' of the curb in front of your home or business for the following days surrounding five national holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veterans Day. Club members will install the flags a few days before the holiday and remove them a few days after each holiday.

Volunteer Opportunities

The club is looking for help! Community members, churches, civic groups, etc. are needed in order to help get all the flags out before each holiday or picked up a few days after. Typically, a shift takes 1-2 hours and the timing of the shift is flexible. They are looking for individuals who could help, even with just 1 or 2 shifts per summer in helping with the service project.

If you or your organization can help, please call the Edward Jones office of Trevor Webster. 419-232-2057. Your name will be added to a list and you will be contacted to attend a short informational meeting in May. Also, if you would like to order a flag or request information, please call the same number.

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cess. These members have been through several evaluations to obtain their State degree, American degree and FFA Officer Book ratings. We are happy to announce that the evaluation process is over for 2021 at the state level. The officer books were evaluated and they all received a Gold Rating, the highest rating a book can receive. This is the fourth straight year in a row that Paulding FFA officer books received a Triple Crown (3 Gold's). There was many hours of preparation and organization to meet this rating. We would like to congratulate the following officers on this huge accomplishment as well as their assistants. This year's treasurer is Colton Howell and his assistant is Carter Manz. Baylee March is our current secretary and the reporter is Hailey Weidenhamer with assistant Mason Schlatter. Next are the State FFA degree recipients. The state FFA degree is the highest degree a state can bestow onto its members. This year Paulding has 7 members who met the requirements to receive their state degree at the State FFA Convention in May held virtually this year. Congratulations to the following members: Kyle Harris, Isaac Smalley, Baylee March, Jalynn Parrett, Kyle Moble, Jaylyn McCloud and Ben Weible. We had 5 FFA members apply for their American FFA degree and they were all approved to move onto the National evaluation process during summer. We will wait until the results from Nationals are released to announce those candidates. We are so proud of the accomplishments of our members throughout the year. Together we can work together to accomplish our goals!

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.

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.

Timothy Cummins
Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Woodburn

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Home of the Archers

April 2021 Newsletter



| SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE | MRS. STOKES—ELEMENTARY | MR. LICHTY—HS/MS | ATHLETIC CALENDAR |
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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of April is the last full month of school, and as such, a very busy month. The busy month will get started upon students return Tuesday, April 6 to the building from a short Spring Break associated with the Easter holiday. Our annual Kindergarten Screening will take place April 7 and 8. That weekend, April 9-11, our Musical Department will put their hours of preparation on display with the high school musical entitled, "Guys and Dolls." Our Fine Arts program will also be on display during our Arts Festival scheduled for April 17. From a core academic standpoint, our staff and students have been preparing for the annual state assessments that will be given to students in grades 3-12 during the mid to latter half of the month. Our spring athletic teams have also been busy preparing for an onslaught of baseball and softball games as well as track & field meets that will take place throughout the month. When attending a softball or baseball game this spring, you will notice two large billboards that display the accomplishments of our two teams during the 2019 season. A special thanks to Christy Williamson and the Vulcraft Corporation for the donation of the billboard structures.

We are excited to announce that our Board of Education has given the approval to move forward with our plans toward the development and potential construction of an Innovation and Aquaponics Center to be located in the proximity of the patio area. The plans were put on hold last fall due to the uncertainty of the impact the pandemic would have on the multiple facets affecting school funding at the state and local level. At this point, it appears the pandemic has had minimal effect on our school funding and we will be able to proceed with our plans. The Innovation Center will feature a Discovery Lab space for our elementary students and a Fab Lab space for our middle and high school age students. Also included in the Innovation Center is a multimedia/sound control studio and a technology hub area. The Aquaponics Center will have a corridor connection to the Innovation Center and feature a greenhouse structure. The greenhouse will serve as a teaching tool area for core STEM subjects such as math, biology, chemistry, and engineering and areas of study including economics, marketing, and nutrition. Students will have the opportunity to study fish, plants, and bacteria interacting in a living ecosystem. Students will also have the opportunity to perform water quality tests and measure growth rates in fish and plants and additionally, produce food items for consumption.

Plans are also in the works to relocate for the 2021-2022 school year, our students who currently attend the Synergy Learning Center in Van Wert, to a new center to be located in Paulding. The plan is for Antwerp Local, Paulding Exempted Village, and Wayne Trace Local to utilize the Parc Lane Alternate Learning Center in Paulding as an alternate educational setting with expanding opportunities to serve students in an environment more conducive to their academic and behavior needs. The education center will house between 40—50 middle and high school age students. Students will be provided numerous wrap-around services that will help to ensure their success.

The school district will utilize a new alert system beginning July 1. The system is called Instant Connect and will replace the retiring Honeywell Instant Alert system that has been used by the school district for many years. The Instant Connect System has many new and improved features including an app that will notify you of upcoming events. More details will be shared with you during the next few months.

As always, thanks for your support of our school district.
 Martin A. Miller
 Antwerp Local Schools Superintendent

MRS. STOKES—ELEMENTARY

SPRING WEATHER—The elementary dress code permits students to wear shorts during April and May at the parent's discretion. Sandals may be worn only if they have a strap at the back in elementary. This is to help prevent injury during recess. The weather often changes during the day, so please plan clothing that can be worn for outside recess throughout the day including a jacket when needed.

TESTING—State Testing will be held April 14 and 15 for English Language Arts in grades 3-5. We will test in Math for grades 3-5 on April 21 and 22. Finally, we will test in Science in 5th grade on April 28 and 29. We ask that families make every effort possible to have students at school during their scheduled testing dates. If you have any appointments, please try to schedule around these dates. This will allow them to test during their normal schedule.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION — Registration and screening will be held on April 7 and 8. If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2021, please call the elementary office now at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200.

JR. MUSICAL—The musical, Mary Poppins, Jr. will be held in the auditoria May 7-9, 2021.

SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL—The Spring Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, April 17 from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Student artwork will be displayed as well as musical performances. There will also be items raffled off with donations going to the Antwerp Music Program.
 ~ Mrs. Tracey Stokes
 Elementary Principal

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month in classroom guidance, Mrs. Lichty focused on "Interrupting" in Kindergarten. They listened to the book, *My Mouth is a Volcano*. Then they talked about different strategies that students can use to make sure they're not interrupting. Each student wrote a sentence about how they would keep their mouths from "erupting."

Mrs. Lichty focused on "Worry" in first grade. The lesson focused on worries and how to use various coping skills to deal with worries that may occur.

Second and third graders learned about personal body safety. Mrs. Lichty read the book, *I Said No!* Then a discussion took place on how to keep students' bodies safe and what to do if they ever found themselves in an unsafe situation.

Fourth and fifth graders learned about "Respect." They discussed what respect looks like, sounds like, and feels like. They learned how to show respect to various people and in various situations.

Mrs. Lichty is available to assist any child with individual needs. Call 419-258-5421, ext.2204.

GUYS & DOLLS

AHS Musical Department is proud to announce a return to the stage with a production of *Guys & Dolls*, the 1950 Broadway musical comedy about luck and love. This outstanding stage performance includes such songs as *A Bushel and a Peck*, *Luck Be a Lady*, and *Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat*.

Our cast includes senior leads Aaron Hawley playing Sky Masterson, and Mallory Ehrhart playing Sarah Brown. Theater newcomer Zach Duval will play Nathan Detroit opposite the role of Miss Adelaide played by Kate Farr.

Performances will be Friday, April 9 at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 10, at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m., and a final performance on Sunday, April 11 at 2 p.m. Tickets are limited so contact the high school office to reserve your ticket.

MR. LICHTY—HS/MS

The Archers are coming off a very successful Winter season in numerous extracurriculars! Congratulations to:
 ~ Freshmen **Brooke and Hannah Molitor** competed at the State Gymnastics competition. **Hannah** finished 26th in the all-around, and **Brooke and Hannah** tied for 22nd in the uneven bars.
 ~ Our **Freshman Boys Basketball** team finished the season 13-0 and won the GMC tournament. ~ **Coach Billman** and his **Varsity Boys Basketball** team capped off another incredible season with a record of 23-2, a GMC title, and a 2nd straight appearance in the Regional semi-finals.
 ~ Junior basketball player, **Jagger Landers**, was named 1st Team District 7, GMC Player of the Year, and Paulding County Player of the Year.
 ~ Senior basketball player, **Austin Lichty**, earned 1st Team District 7 honors.
 ~ Senior basketball player, **Owen Sheedy**, was named Honorable Mention District 7.
 ~ Freshman basketball player, **Landon Brewer**, also earned Honorable Mention honors in District 7.
 ~ Junior basketball player, **Luke Krouse**, was named 1st Team Honors in District 7.
 ~ Senior basketball players, **Austin Lichty and Dylan Hines** earned 1st Team District 7 Academic Honors.
 ~ **Boys Basketball Coach, Doug Billman**, was named District 7 Coach of the Year.
 ~ Junior girls basketball player, **Asti Coppes**, was named 2nd Team in District 7.
 ~ The **Competition Cheer Squad** finished runner-up in the state level competition.
 ~ The **Archer Pep Band** entertained the crowds at basketball games all season long.

SPRING STATE ASSESSMENTS will take place on April 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, and 29. Student attendance is very important on these dates.

The **SPRING SPORTS SEASON** is underway. Come on out, enjoy the weather, check out our upgraded facilities, and cheer on the Archer athletes!
 ~ Mr. Travis Lichty
 MS/HS Principal

HS/MS GUIDANCE

The AP Exam Schedule for 2021 is available at <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsguidance/advanced-placement-ap?authuser=0>. AP exam fee balances are due to Mrs. Hammer by April 16, 2021.

The following local scholarships are due in April: VFW (due March 30); Paulding County Area Foundation; JP Crain; Van Wert Health; Antwerp Education Association; Roger Brown Memorial; Community Memorial Hospital; Antwerp Conservation Club; Jean Detmon; Bruckhart; WMYW My 102.7. More information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsguidance/scholarships?authuser=0>.

Intent to participate in College Credit Plus courses for 2021-2022 are due at the guidance office by 3:00 p.m. on April 1. Northwest State's College Credit Plus applications are due by April 15. Visit <http://northweststate.edu/college-credit-plus/> for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr 2-5 Easter/Spring Break
- Apr 7 & 8 Kindergarten Registration
- Apr 9-11 Musical—Guys & Dolls
- Apr 14-15 ELA Testing
- Apr 17 Arts Festival
- Apr 21-22 Math Testing
- Apr 25 NHS & NJHS Induction - 2:00
- Apr 28-29 Science Testing
- May 1 Prom
- May 7-9 Musical—Mary Poppins, Jr.

VARSITY BASEBALL

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| Apr 1 | 5:00 | @ Paulding |
| Apr 5 | 5:00 | @ Wayne Trace |
| Apr 8 | 5:00 | Home w/Fairview |
| Apr 9 | 5:00 | Home w/Ottoville |
| Apr 10 | 11:00 | Home w/Liberty Center |
| Apr 12 | 5:00 | Home w/Parkway |
| Apr 13 | 5:00 | Home w/Edgerton |
| Apr 15 | 5:00 | @ Hicksville |
| Apr 16 | 5:00 | @ Montpelier |
| Apr 17 | 11:00 | @ Continental |
| Apr 19 | 5:00 | Home w/Ft Jennings |
| Apr 20 | 5:00 | @ Ayersville |
| Apr 22 | 5:00 | Home w/Holgate |
| Apr 23 | 5:00 | Home w/Hilltop |
| Apr 24 | 10:30 | @Defiance w/Lincolnview |
| Apr 27 | 5:00 | @ Tinora |
| Apr 29 | 5:00 | Home w/Wayne Trace |
| Apr 30 | 5:00 | @ Fayette |

VARSITY SOFTBALL

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| Apr 1 | 5:00 | @ Continental |
| Apr 5 | 5:00 | @ Parkway |
| Apr 6 | 5:00 | @ Delphos Jefferson |
| Apr 8 | 5:00 | Home w/Fairview |
| Apr 12 | 5:00 | Home w/Kalida |
| Apr 13 | 5:00 | Home w/Edgerton |
| Apr 15 | 5:00 | @ Hicksville |
| Apr 17 | 11:00 | @ Home w/Paulding |
| Apr 19 | 5:00 | @ Van Wert |
| Apr 20 | 5:00 | @ Ayersville |
| Apr 22 | 5:00 | Home w/Holgate |
| Apr 23 | 5:00 | @ Fayette |
| Apr 26 | 5:00 | @ Montpelier |
| Apr 27 | 5:00 | @ Tinora |
| Apr 29 | 5:00 | Home w/Wayne Trace |

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

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| Apr 1 | 4:30 | @ Tinora/Wayne Trace |
| Apr 6 | 4:30 | @ Fairview/Holgate |
| Apr 13 | 5:00 | @ Ayersville/Ottoville/Stryker |
| Apr 16 | 4:30 | @ Wayne Trace Inv |
| Apr 19 | 4:30 | @ Crestview/Hix/Continental |
| Apr 24 | 9:30 | @ Hicksville Inv |
| Apr 27 | 4:30 | @ Ottawa Glandorf/CG/Kal |

JV BASEBALL

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| Apr 3 | 11:00 | Home w/Wayne Trace |
| Apr 6 | 5:00 | @ Paulding |
| Apr 21 | 4:00 | Home w/Hicksville |
| Apr 26 | 5:00 | Home w/Ayersville |
| Apr 28 | 4:00 | @ Hicksville |

JV SOFTBALL

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| Apr 1 | 5:00 | Home w/Hicksville |
| Apr 5 | 5:00 | Home w/Parkway |
| Apr 8 | 5:00 | @ Fairview |
| Apr 12 | 5:00 | @ Hilltop |
| Apr 20 | 5:00 | Home w/Ayersville |
| Apr 27 | 5:00 | Home w/Tinora |
| Apr 28 | 4:00 | @ Hicksville |
| Apr 29 | 5:00 | @ Wayne Trace |

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD

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| Apr 5 | 4:30 | Home w/Tinora/Holgate |
| Apr 8 | 4:30 | @ Hilltop/Edon |
| Apr 12 | 5:30 | @ Woodlan/Heritage |
| Apr 15 | 4:30 | @ Hicksville/Edon/N.Central |
| Apr 19 | 4:30 | @ Ayersville/Edgtn/Pldg |
| Apr 26 | 5:00 | @ Hicksville/Edgtn/WT |
| Apr 30 | 4:30 | Home/Antwerp Invitational |

Here's What's Cooking !
MENU April 1—9

- Thurs, 4/01—Breaded Chicken on Bun, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Milk
- Tues, 4/06—Corn dog, Sweet Potato Fries, Mixed Fruit, Milk
- Wed, 4/07—Hotdog on Bun, Baked Beans, Pineapple, Milk
- Thurs, 4/08—Salisbury Steak, Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Apple Crisp, Milk
- Fri, 4/09—Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk

Please remember that our menus are subject to change without notice at any time. Our full menu is available online.

KINDERGARTNERS LIVE TO GIVE



PEVS is working on the 7 Mindsets Curriculum this year. We have been working on the Live to Give Mindset. We're learning about how it doesn't take much to make a big difference. Oakwood

Kindergarten started collecting pennies to give to a local food pantry. Together Mrs. Miller & Mrs. Roehrig's classes collected 5,786 pennies to donate. The money that was collected was donated to

Voice of Life Outreach. This outreach provides meals and groceries to families in need. Our Kindergarten kids have BIG hearts and hope to inspire others to Live to Give!

PUBLIC INVITATION TO VIRTUAL PRESENTATION ON WATER QUALITY IN OUR RIVERS AND STREAMS, AND THE CONNECTION TO LAKE ERIE

2021 Rivers Summit III - Science Behind Water Quality Challenges: April 7, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

The Maumee Watershed Alliance, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, The Nature Conservancy, and the Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District are co-hosting Rivers Summit III, Science Behind Water Quality Challenges to bring water quality issues in the Western Lake Erie Basin Watershed to the forefront. This free event will include presentations on the science behind water quality challenges, weather patterns and their effects on waterways, economic impacts on cities and agriculture, and successes in addressing these challenges.

To register, visit the Maumee Watershed Alliance's webpage: maumeewatershedalliance.org and click on the link in the Rivers Summit III article.

For more information, contact the Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District at 260-484-5848 ext. 3.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 3RD 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2020/21

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MRS. J. MILLER 1B: Shaderik Ball, Kirsten Blockberger*, Enola Clifford, Molly Halter, Chamile Clifford*, Brandon Lambert, Sophia Leidigh, Forrest Logan*, Kennedy Manz*, Brielle Schlatter*, Josh Schlatter*, Kasya Sheaks, Tierney Tenwalde

MS. MARCH 2A: Adalyn Miller*, Brextyn Bartley, Cooper Boroff, Ty Clifford, Chandler Fitch, Raelyn Haynes*, Lucy Riethman, Morgan Snyder, Brantlee Swanson, Reagan Wilson

MRS. CARTER 2B: Leah Baker*, Kalioppe Foor, Aryah Loop, Connor Manz*, Wakita Monfette, Carter Naugle, Kaylee Pack*, Grayson Porter*, Logan Riethman, Rylee Steffes, Gavin Thomas

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MR. AVERY 5B: Kinzley Collard, Katie Conlon-Johnson, Kyler Foor, Addyson Gribble, Quinton Laker, Gannon Landers*, Ava Leatherman*, Jason Manz*, Tyson Manz*, Civil Pumphrey, Dylan Weible

MS. BRIMMER 6C: Levi Ankney, Domanick Bullinger, Kate Manz*, Eli Pessefall, Tori Schlatter*, Trinity Starr

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THE FIRST FAMILIES IN PAULDING CO. (BURIED WHEN/WHERE?)

By: *Caroline Longardner*

Who were the first persons to succeed and die in what is now Paulding Co.? The first white settlement was made in Auglaize Twp. by Shadrach Hudson in 1819. The route along the Auglaize River had been opened up by Gen. Wayne to Defiance. More settlements came on the Maumee from Ft. Wayne and along the Indian trails throughout the county. Eventually all of Paulding Co. became settled. Some of the townships became organized before the county became organized in 1839.

Who were these FFA ("First Families of Antwerp) in 1800? or the FFP (First Families of Paulding") in 1800? or the FFC ("First Families of Charloe) in 1800? (and others). There are always some "Layers of society that were evident" by how the people "do their business"; "pay their bills"; "handle their personal affairs".

The people who belong to certain churches, live in certain parts of town or areas and try to make the best

appearance "do appear" to be the most prominent, honest and the citizens who will bring the community up in it's top standards. Preachers, teachers, business people, and leaders in the community help with the community fellowship to form a good teamwork for good community government. It's always hopeful that communities have good examples to follow. THEY are buried in the cemeteries.

Even these early settlers realized the importance of schools and churches being made available. Taxes were a necessary thing in order to get ahead, but it had to be done. Roads had to be built, teachers had to be had, Newspapers needed to be encouraged and supported if the community was going to succeed. Good political leadership would make or break them..

We are now in 2021. What happened to all of these historical people who have gone before us and are buried in the soil of Paulding Co.? Some were prominent, some were not. There are many centuries of graves that are apparent in our graveyards and many more that are not. The American Indians were here for centuries before the white settlers. They lived along the Maumee and Auglaize waterways. By traveling around Paulding Co. we can see that a lot of pioneers and citizens have come to Paulding Co, settled here and died here. We have a lot of beautiful cemeteries. Many are fading/who are these people?

Even the Maumee River in Defiance has marked Indian graves along the highway dating back to 1790. Ponti-

THE WEST BEND NEWS
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

ac's birth memorial is there, also. We have Indian graves in Paulding Co. (no doubt); graves of: white settlers, black slaves; & our cemeteries are filled in each twp. with graves of persons who wished to be buried here or who died here as citizens. Some of the stones are no longer visible. Who are they?

If wills were not probated when a person died, which other proof is there of the person's death other than an obituary or newspaper write-up? Health Dept. records are not always up-to-date or back as far as the death we are searching. Some of our cemeteries are VERY old in Paulding Co. (or not at all).

The local library has an "obituary file" of newspaper

items. Also, it has some books of research by the local Genealogical Society on the cemeteries. However, these do not cover the deaths that are not visible in the cemetery. (or newspapers). Some people are kind enough to share old Bibles, but they only go back so far. Some funeral homes have limited info to share.

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE BURIED IN PAULDING CO.? WHERE ARE THEY BURIED? Thanks for your input.

Caroline Longardner

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ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

3/23 A resident from Payne called to report unauthorized use of vehicle. She was referred to the Payne police department

3/22 The Antwerp Police Department assisted the Paulding Police Department with obtaining pictures of a vehicle that had been involved in a hit/skip accident in Paulding.

3/22 A case involving bad checks issued to the VFW was given to Antwerp Police Department. The suspect was given written notice to pay the checks and when checks were unpaid, the suspect was cited into the Antwerp Mayor's Court.

3/22 A protection order was received at the Antwerp Police Department involving two individuals that use to reside in the Village of Antwerp.

3/23 A representative of AEP came to the Antwerp Police Department and stated



they would be in the Antwerp area for the next few weeks looking at and marking trees that are to be cut away from the power lines. She said they will leave yellow cards at the residence of the trees to be cut.

3/22 Officers attended the Antwerp Community Church for a zoning meeting.

3/22 An Antwerp police officer was asked to assist a deputy sheriff with a traffic stop on the edge of the village.

3/22 A man from Wilshire, Ohio called and asked that a welfare check be done on a relative of his that lives in the village. Check was performed, all was fine.

3/21 A black older bicycle was reported setting by Antwerp Presbyterian Church. Caller said that the bike had been sitting there for a period of time. The bike was brought to the police department. The owner of the bike called the police department the next day to see if that particular had been

located. He came and picked it up.

3/20 A resident reported that they saw a refrigerator sitting in a yard in the village of Antwerp with the doors still attached. An officer responded and asked owner to either secure or remove doors. The owner removed the doors. (It is illegal to set refrigerator or freezer outside your residence with doors attached).

3/19 It was reported that there was damage to a telephone pole and electric boxes near the entrance to Veterans Memorial Park. An officer responded and found extensive damage to the electrical boxes which actually control all of the street lights down River Street. The police department is looking for a reddish color Chevy truck with chrome inserts along fenders. A chrome insert on the passenger side should be missing, there should be damage to the passenger side and also the passenger window appears to be broken out.

3/18 An employee of the West Bend News reported there was a white boxer at the office. The dog warden and the owner

were contacted.

3/17 A man reported that he was parked at the Sunoco gas station, also in the vehicle was his 13 year old daughter, and while there, a man approached the vehicle, looked inside the vehicle and when he realized there was someone inside, he made an obscene gesture to the the 13 year old. When the owner of the vehicle came out and the daughter explained what happened, he approached the man and the man cursed and yelled before leaving and heading south on 49. The registration was given to the officer and it returned to a rental car company. The case is under investigation.

3/16 A resident came to the police department and asked to assist him with checking with the post office as to why his mail had stopped being delivered. When the post master was contacted, the post master said there would be no reason and for the man not to be receiving his mail. The post master said he actually should have received a postcard yesterday. When the person who made the complaint was contacted, he stated he had not checked his mail, but he would.

3/16 The police department was notified in reference of a pursuit that coming into the village of Payne heading northbound on 49. Officers went to the south edge of village, as officers approached the suspect vehicle turned and went west bound on 24.

3/14 A resident of W. Canal Street reported that his neighbor appeared to be intoxicated, stumbling around the yard and then got into a blue van and was sitting in it. The caller was afraid the guy may leave. Officer responded, found the individual in the vehicle, convinced the gentleman that it was not a good idea to go drive anywhere and assisted him with getting into his house, The officer brought the man's keys to the police department for him to retrieve later.

3/13 A theft was reported at Dollar General on the edge of town. Officer investigated the case, located the suspect, retrieved the items and filed a complaint with the Paulding prosecutor's office.

3/12 A lab report was received from the BCI&I in reference to items that had been taken off of an individual two months ago during an arrest. The items tested positive for methamphetamine. The case will be referred to the Paulding prosecutor for charges to be filed.

Although each individual case wasn't listed, over the last month, there has been numerous reports to the Antwerp Police Department from citizens of the village in reference to fraud cases. Everything dealing with phone calls from the IRS, phone calls claiming to be a family member attempting to get money, phone calls from non-profit organizations, unemployment, and receiving emails stating they owe m money for different things. As always, citizens are encouraged to never give out any sort of personal or banking information.

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

session of marijuana; Defendant is deceased; All other matters in this case are hereby vacated

Jason R. Herron, Adrian, MI; Drug paraphernalia; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs waived

Dylin D. Lofton, Adrian, MI; Drug paraphernalia; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs waived

Leonard J. Reed, Princeton, MN; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John W. Rupert, Bipro, IN; Telephone harassment; Said defendant is deceased; All others vacated

Audrey Y. Trice, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant may complete DIP in lieu of 3 jail days, to be completed by 7/30/21; Pay or collections 12/16/22; Proof of financial responsibility provided

Jessica E. Kohart, Cape Coral, FL; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Terry A. Green III, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jennifer L. French, Gas City, IN; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 5/28/21

Jennifer L. French, Gas City, IN; Distracted driving; Case dismissed at state's request

Thomas R. Stapleton, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Todd J. Griggs, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Luke D. McCullough, Paulding, OH; Failure to yield at intersection; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David E. Ritchie, Rome City, IN; Permit violation; Case dismissed; Defendant is deceased

Christian M. Engelhardt, Clyde, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 4/30/21

Phoenix S. Wetzel, Toledo, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kendra D. Gamble, Paulding, OH; Reckless operation; Guilty; License suspended 90 days beginning 11/8/20-served; 20 hours community control; Standard probation; ALS vacated immediately; Must secure valid license

Kendra D. Gamble, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 9/24/21

Zacharie C. Coomer, Kennard, IN; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant may complete DIP in lieu of 3 jail days before 7/30/21; ALS vacated immediately; Firearm shall be forfeited

Zacharie C. Coomer, Kennard,

IN; OVI/breath high; Case dismissed at state's request

Avrial M. Sawyer, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Avrial M. Sawyer, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brenda Closset, Defiance, OH; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Steven Simonin, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lindsey M. Herder, Fort Wayne, IN; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice

April Havens, Indianapolis, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Guilty; Pay \$100 per month beginning 4/30/21; Pay or collect 8/27/21; Warrant and warrant block recalled; Must show proof of insurance by 3/26/21

Riley C. Chon, Sherwood, OH; Physical control; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today; IID may be removed from vehicle; ALS vacated immediately; Firearms may be returned to defendant; To complete DIP in lieu of 3 jail days - to complete by 7/30/21

Chelsea S. Gholston, Fort Huroon, MI; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Patel Bharat, Apollo Beach, FL; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brooke E. Paquin, Toledo, OH; Distracted driving; Case dismissed; Defendant completed course

Alan A. Morales, Whitmore Lake, MI; Driving under non FRA suspension; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 6/25/21

Johnny Rakes, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James A. Wilcox, Haviland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Colton Christo, Paulding, OH; No motorcycle license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today; Proof of insurance provided

Colton Christo, Paulding, OH; No eye protection; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Erin K. Fawcett, Sylvania, OH; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jennifer G. Petrou, Saline, MI; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David W. Harvey, Huntington, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tianna R. Church, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty Case was waived by

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.

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

- Project owner, name of project, and location;
- Brief description of the project, including size of project (e.g., square footage).
- Year services were completed or anticipated completion date;
- Construction cost;
- Other relevant information about the project and the firm's services; and
- 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:

- 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;
- 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:

- The coverage amounts and types of insurance coverage, particularly the firm's commercial general liability and professional liability limits;

11. 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.

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 technically 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. 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:

- 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.)
- 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.
- Firm's Overall Experience – The firm's experience in providing substantially similar services in Ohio (i.e., design services for Ohio public projects).
- 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

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION

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

COUNTY, OHIO JUV. COURT
FILED
MAR 15 2021

IN THE MATTER OF:
ATTICUS LELYND SCHAFFER

To: **JACOB SPROUL**, ADDRESS UNKNOWN

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

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

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

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

"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."

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

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

Eric M. Collins
Eric M. Collins, Paulding, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Defendant is deceased; All other matters in this case are hereby vacated

Eric M. Collins, Paulding, OH; Pos-

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition
Eric M. Collins, Paulding, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Defendant is deceased; All other matters in this case are hereby vacated

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Defendant
Demand Young, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Jessica A. Burling, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jackson P; Sr 111; 0.2066 acres; Lot 4 S-7 Rw Morrow Pcls Paulding Twp
 3/24/21 Yazhari Michael to White Jackson P; Sr 111; 0.9553 acres; Pt Sel/4 S-7 Pldg Twp
 3/24/21 CMS Holdings & Rentals LLC to CMS Rez1 LLC; 109 E Perry St; 0.0333 acres; Lot 181 Mpt E1/2 21 1/2Fto.p. Paulding Vill
 3/24/21 CMS Holdings & Rentals LLC to CMS Rez1 Llc; E Perry St; 0.0333 acres; Lot 188 21 1/2 Ft W 1/2 O.p. Paulding Vill

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BROWN TWP
 3/24/21 Parrett Charles G & Parrett Jerrolyn K to GS Cooper LLC; Sr 66; 20.469 acres; N1/2 Nw1/4 Sw1/4 Brown Twp S-11
CRANE TWP
 3/23/21 Merriman John D Merriman Jayme A to Merriman John D Merriman Jayme A; 10718 Rd 192 Cecil Oh 45821; 2.6 acres; Pt Sel/4 Crane Twp Sec 10
 3/23/21 Merriman John D Merriman Jayme A to Merriman John D Merriman Jayme A; 10718 Rd 192 Cecil Oh 45821; 2.6 acres; Tel/2Sw1/4&PtW1/2Sel/4 Crane Twp Sec 10
 3/23/21 Slattery Ronald Lynn to Slattery Ronald Lynn; 23.143 acres; N Pt Ne1/4Nw1/4&Pt W1/2Ne1/4Crane Twp-Ant Dist S-7
EMERALD TWP
 3/22/21 Hasch Harold L Jr & Hasch Linda K to Schlegel Victor E Schlegel Amy D; Rd 143; 28.118 acres; Pt Nw1/4 Sw1/4 S-1 Emerald Twp
 3/22/21 Hasch Harold L Jr & Hasch Linda K to Schlegel Victor E Schlegel Amy D; Rd 143; 20 acres; S1/2 Sw1/4 Sw1/4 Emerald Twp S-1
HARRISON TWP
 3/23/21 Price Mark & Price Jennifer to Goings Nicole Goings Cody; 5809 Sr 500 Payne Oh 45880; 0.34 acres; Lot 7 Horney Parcels #3 Harrison Twp S-35
 3/23/21 Price Mark & Price Jennifer to Goings Nicole Goings Cody; Sr 500; 0.98 acres; Pt Ne1/4Sel/4 Harrison Twp S-35
 3/23/21 Price Mark & Price Jennifer to Goings Nicole Goings Cody; Sr 500; 1.18 acres; Pt Ne1/4Sel/4 Harrison Twp S-35
JACKSON TWP
 3/24/21 Daniels Justine Life Est Britt French D to Daniels Justine; 14793 Rd 138 Paulding Oh 45879; 0.36 acres; Ptswcore1/2Sel/4-8X121/2 Rds-Jackson Twp S-8 Easement V598 P1438
 3/24/21 Daniels Justine Life Est Britt French D to Daniels Justine; Rd 138; 0.15 acres; Ptswcore1/2Sel/4 Jackson Twp S-8 Easement V598 P1438
 3/24/21 Daniels Justine Life Est Britt French D to Daniels Justine; Rd 138; 0.11 acres; Pt Swcor E1/2Sel/4 Jackson Twp S-8 Easement V598 P1438
 3/24/21 Daniels Justine Life Est Britt French D to Daniels Justine; 14855 Rd 138 Paulding Oh 45879; 0.56 acres; Sw Cor E1/2 Sel/4 Jackson Twp S-8
PAULDING TWP
 3/24/21 Yazhari Michael to White Jackson P; 7905 Sr 111 Paulding Oh 45879; 0.2927 acres; Lot 3 S-7 Rw Morrow Pcls Paulding Twp
 3/24/21 Yazhari Michael to White

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State wildlife officers annually collect road-killed deer for testing. State Wildlife Officer Brad Kiger, assigned to Franklin County, noticed that the antlers from the road-killed deer could go to a good use instead of being thrown away. The Ohio Division of Wildlife is always looking for ways to benefit wildlife, people, and organizations. The agency has always had a good relationship with the Columbus Zoo and the education of Ohio's wildlife. Officer Kiger reached out to the zoo to see if it would be interested in the antlers, and zoo staff was excited about the idea. Antlers are a great source of minerals such as calcium and phosphorus and can be consumed by many animals, as well as an added enrichment. Antlers were gathered from road-killed deer located by wildlife management staff and other wildlife officers in central Ohio. Officer Kiger then coordinated and donated antlers for use by the zoo. The antlers are given as a treat to many animals, including a Komodo dragon named Sapo, and are being enjoyed by all.

State Wildlife Officer Jeff Tipton, assigned to Champaign County, was contacted at night by a neighbor who heard coon-hounds running and several shots from a nearby property that did not allow hunting. Officer Tipton immediately responded to the area and found two trucks with dog boxes in the back. Officer Tipton saw lights in a nearby woods, so he started to walk down the hill to approach the poachers. The group was alerted to his presence and they took off running. Officer Tipton ran after them, identified himself, and ordered them to stop, which they did. He could see two men, a woman, and at least one dog. One of the men had a rifle and the other man had a pistol. Officer Tipton ordered them to place the firearms the ground, identified all three people, seized their firearms, and told them to return to their trucks. All three were hunting without permission. The two men had not purchased a fur taker permit for the current season, which is required to hunt raccoons. The two men were issued citations for hunting without permission and for hunting raccoons without a fur taker permit. The woman, who had her fur taker permit, was issued a citation for hunting without permission. They all paid more than \$800 in fines through the Champaign County Municipal Court.

HELP WANTED:

Antwerp Manor dietary is seeking to fill part time dishwashing position.
If Interested, please pick up an application at the front desk, or call 419-258-1606 to inquire.

NOTICE
 In pursuance of law (R.C. Section 323.08) I, Lou Ann Wannemacher, Treasurer of Paulding County, Ohio hereby give notice the 2020 Rate of Taxation forms are on file at the Treasurer's Office in the Court House. If you need a copy mailed or faxed to you please call 419-399-8280, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

HELP WANTED
Vantage Career Center Intervention Specialist Posting
Position: Intervention Specialist
Start Date: 2021-2022 School Year
Application Deadline: Friday, April 2, 2021
 Job Objectives: Plans, implements and assesses student learning experiences. Helps students make appropriate choices. Encourages parental involvement. This full-time instructional position does not require the writing of student IEP's. To view the full posting and application process please visit <https://www.vantagecareercenter.com/Employment.aspx>
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FORT DEFIANCE Antiques - 402 Clinton St. Downtown Defiance, OH. Hours M-Sat 10-5. Phone 419-782-6003 tf

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two
 In February 2020, Lake Erie froze and provided a small window for anglers to ice fish. During one of these days, State Wildlife Officer Matt D. Smith, assigned to Henry County, was contacting anglers as they came back to shore to verify catches and to check for fishing licenses. Officer Smith contacted two men from Wisconsin who had several walleye shorter than the 15-inch minimum length. The men were issued the appropriate citations.
 In December, State Wildlife Investigator Matthew Fisher, assigned to the Lake Erie Unit, was on patrol when he received word of a disabled vessel on Lake Erie. High winds caused the waves to reach 5 feet high and did not allow another boat on site to reach the disabled boat. The U.S. Coast Guard was called to help tow the boat to safety. Investigator Fisher monitored the location of the disabled boat through binoculars as the Coast Guard responded. When the Coast Guard arrived at the

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dock, the water levels were too low to launch their boat, so they had to move to another location. During this time, Investigator Fisher continued to monitor the boat, which was drifting farther out into the lake because of the high winds. Investigator Fisher relayed the boat's location to the Coast Guard to assist them in locating the vessel. Once the boat was safely at the dock, it was discovered that the boaters had been waterfowl hunting when some of their duck blind material became entangled in the motor. When one of the hunters went to cut it free, he accidentally stepped on the fuel line connector and broke it, rendering the motor inoperable and setting the boat adrift.
Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Three
 Conservation projects are as much a part of a state wildlife officer's responsibilities as law enforcement-related tasks. Each year when winter temperatures dip low enough and several inches of ice forms, wildlife officers venture on foot into wetlands to tend wood duck nest boxes, preparing them for the spring season. State Wildlife Officer Tom Frank, assigned to Mahoning County, checks and Mahoning County, 70 boxes each year when weather allows. In the past several decades, conservation efforts involving wood duck nest boxes have contributed greatly to the recovery of this species. To learn more about placing nest boxes for wood ducks as well as other cavity nesting species, visit wildohio.gov.

During the 2020 white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Tom Frank, assigned to Mahoning County, was patrolling an area where hunters are known to trespass. Officer Frank observed that hunting was taking place on the property. State Wildlife Officer Jesse Janosik, assigned to Columbiana County, was nearby and assisted with patrol on his ATV. The combined effort led to an individual who was hunting without a valid hunting license, was not wearing the required

hunter orange clothing, and did not have written permission to be on the property. Summonses were issued and the defendant was found guilty, subsequently paying \$495 in fines and court costs.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

While on patrol in Gallia County in February, State Wildlife Officer Roy Rucker spoke with U.S. National Guard personnel who were assisting with the brush cleanup from a recent ice storm. In situations that involve public safety, wildlife areas sometimes serve as temporary holding spaces to help other agencies complete their mission. In this instance, Crown City Wildlife Area was used as a staging site for brush that was removed from local roadways. The two individuals with the National Guard were using a backhoe to compact the pile as dump trucks came into the area to unload the brush. Access to the wildlife area was not disrupted, and the brush was removed when it was safe to do so.

During the 2020 two-day white-tailed gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officers Wes Feldner and Logan Ambrister were patrolling in Belmont County when they received information about a road hunting incident. The officers responded to the area and met with the person who reported the violation. He had contacted an individual loading a deer into the back of a small truck. The officers examined the area and found evidence that the deer was shot from the roadway. The property where the violations took place was leased for hunting, and the suspects did not have written permission to hunt there. The officers were able to identify two suspects. Both individuals admitted to committing several violations, including hunting with the aid of a motor vehicle, shooting from a roadway, hunting without written permission, and failure to complete the game check process. The suspects were issued several summonses, and the firearm and the deer were both seized as evidence. Both individuals were found guilty in the Belmont County Western Court and paid \$870 in fines and court costs. The suspect who shot the deer was given a one-year hunting license suspension. The deer was ordered forfeited to the Ohio Division of Wildlife and was later processed by a local facility and the venison was donated to a food pantry.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

Last summer, State Wildlife Officer Mark Schemmel, assigned to Auglaize County, was contacting anglers along

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the Miami-Erie Canal. At one popular fishing location, Officer Schemmel was contacted by a mother while her family fished beneath a bridge. One of her children had scraped and cut his head underneath the bridge and required immediate attention. Officer Schemmel quickly responded with a first-aid kit and provided water and bandages to properly dress the wound. The boy quickly calmed down and was later transported to a nearby medical facility. Prior to the young angler departing, Officer Schemmel gave him a New Spider-Man youth fishing pole for his strength and patience. The fishing pole was graciously donated by a local conservation club to be handed out in situations such as this. After checking in with the family later that day, the boy received a few stitches, but was eager to get back out and use his new rod and reel.

Near the end of the south zone waterfowl hunting season, State Wildlife Officers Matthew Hunt and Mathew Bourne were contacting groups floating on the Mad River. After contacting a few hunters along the river, the officers heard multiple shots near their location. The officers investigated and found three individuals hunting from a blind over a private pond. The hunters were new to waterfowl hunting. One of the hunters had not obtained the required state and federal hunting stamps. Two of the firearms were not properly plugged. The individuals received two verbal warnings for the unplugged firearms. One citation was issued to the individual who did not purchase the required stamps.

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.

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PAULDING FFA CELEBRATES NATIONAL AG DAY WITH TRACTOR DRIVE-IN



Pictured here are Paulding FFA members who drove their tractors to school as well as representatives from Beck's who sponsored their donuts and juice for National Ag Day.

By: Mason Schattler, Paulding FFA Assistant Reporter

On Tuesday, March 23rd the Paulding FFA Chapter celebrated National Ag Day. The chapter celebrated by holding a Tractor Drive-In that morning as a way to pay tribute to our farmers. Several students drove their tractors to school to show their love for agriculture.

The Paulding FFA Chapter has made Tractor Drive-In Day a tradition the past few years. The chapter enjoys this day very much and they also enjoy learning about agriculture. National Ag Day is a day to recognize as well as celebrate things provided by agriculture.

The National Ag Day program wants people to recognize and understand how food products are produced, why agriculture is so important, and so much more.

The students who drove their tractors to school were greeted by representatives from AgVantage, our local Beck's dealer who sponsored donuts and juice. We want to thank them for their continued support of our FFA chapter. The Paulding FFA Chapter learns and understands how important agriculture is to the world and gladly celebrates agriculture each day during our agriculture education classes offered at Paulding.

VWCF AWARDS MATCHING GRANT TO YWCA EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

The Van Wert County Foundation proudly announces an innovative grant program that provides matching grant funding for the YWCA of Van Wert County's Empowerment Program. This collaborative effort raises awareness and resources to the empowerment of women and girls in our community - building the future leaders of tomorrow.

"My department, formerly Health and Wellness, now focuses on empowering women and girls to help them become stronger, more confident, and regain control of their lives. We are kicking off NEW programming as certified One Circle Foundation facilitators and will now be offering FREE small group sessions for female youth (ages 9-18) and adult women," shares J.J. McClain, the Director of Empowerment Resources at the YWCA of Van Wert County.

These Women and Girl's Circles created by the One Circle Foundation (<https://onecirclefoundation.org/>) use evidence-based curriculums designed to foster strengths and promote resiliency through developing authentic connections. Recent Community Needs Assessments in Van Wert County have identified issues in substance abuse, sexual activity, weight control, and overall mental health within these individual demographics. Both organizations feel strongly that this programming is particularly relevant.

The Van Wert County Foundation is going to match dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000, all donations that come in through this campaign, which will allow the YWCA to offer this programming FREE for all participants. Those interested in giving to this initiative can donate through the VWCF website www.vanwertcountyfoundation.org/give select the YWCA Empowerment Program Fund or by check or cash donation to The Van Wert County Foundation office located at 138 E. Main St., Van Wert, OH or the YWCA of Van Wert County Administrative office located at 408 E. Main St., Van Wert, OH.

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these sales will be completed are detailed at RealAuction's website <https://paulding.sheriffssaleauction.ohio.gov>. All prospective bidders should familiarize themselves with this new process.

Changes do not affect tax sales. These sales will continue to be posted on the Paulding County Sheriff's website (www.pauldingohsheriff.com) and conducted at the courthouse.

RealAuction's website should be up by April 1

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bers (19%) voted in PPEC's 2021 elections - the largest number of votes ever cast in the co-op's election history. All nine proposed changes to the co-op's Code of Regulations were passed with 90% of members voting in favor of the changes that would help the co-op operate in a more virtual environment for the future. A complete explanation of all nine passed changes can be found here: https://ppec.coop/sites/ppec/files/2021_elections/PPEC-proposed-Code-Changes-Explanations-FULL-CURRENT-AND-FINAL-LANGUAGE-Jan.-2021.pdf

Board election results were an-

nounced, with each board member elected to serve a three-year term: Incumbent Tim Derck of Antwerp was re-elected to District 3 (represents Carryall, Crane, Benton, and Harrison Townships in Paulding County, Ohio). No candidates submitted petitions to run against Derck, so Derck was re-elected by affirmation. Incumbent Ken Niese of Ottawa was re-elected to District 7 (represents Monroe, Palmer, Liberty, and Greensburg Townships in Putnam County, Ohio). New trustee Adam Schnipke of Fort Jennings was elected to District 8 (represents Perry, Jackson, Monterey, and Jennings Townships in Putnam County, Ohio; Marion Township in Allen County, Ohio). District 8 had an open seat with three candidates running for election after Doug Fortman's decision not to run for re-election.

The election was run by a third-party company named Survey and Ballot System. The certified election results can be found at www.PPEC.coop/85-Virtual-Annual-Meeting.

Board Chairman Dr. John Saxton, Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Ron Black, and President and CEO George Carter reflected on 2020's challenges and successes, while looking ahead to the future.

"This year's theme, 'Hope Isn't Canceled,' is important and fitting," said Saxton. "It says a lot about where who we are as a cooperative family. This has been a very challenging year for your co-op, but with our outstanding staff and dedicated board, we were able to achieve many of our strategic goals."

As highlighted during the meeting, this included:

No rate increase in 2020 or in 2021.

Net margins for 2020 were \$5.6 million, exceeding budget expectations despite a decrease in sales due to the pandemic. More than \$6 million was invested in electric plant facilities.

The largest capital credits refund in co-op history: Nearly \$2.2 million was returned to members last December via capital credits - this is proof of each member's ownership in the co-op.

PPEC replaced 528 poles, rebuilt 21 miles of line, and repaired the Fort Brown and Continental substations. Cecil Substation was rebuilt completely (a \$2 million project).

Total system outage time was reduced to 59 minutes per member in 2020 - well below the goal of 100 minutes.

The result? Improved reliability, increased capacity for future growth, and shorter outage durations for the future.

Carter began his remarks by painting an image of the co-op's challenging history, born out of the Great Depression and surviving World War II, countless ice storms, windstorms, tornadoes, and more during its 85-year history.

"Overcoming obstacles and surviving them is the co-op way, and it's in large part due to the dedication and resilience of our employees," Carter said. "I want to personally thank each employee that works for PPEC. I know it was a difficult and fearful year, and I greatly appreciate the efforts each one of you put forth."

Carter recapped the years of experience the co-op has lost due to retirements, including Member Service Manager Renee Boss, Lineman Dennis Clark, and Operations Manager Ted Slusser.

"I also want to thank Mr. Doug Fortman as he leaves the board. It's a challenge to replace all this experience and wisdom at the co-op," Carter said.

Looking at rates, Carter explained that wholesale power prices from PPEC's Cardinal Generating Station "have remained mostly flat" but are beginning to increase due to transmission cost increases.

"Moving the power from our generating plants to our local substations is done over the transmission system," Carter explained. "The transmission system is like a big toll road - we must pay to use it. These costs have increased and are projected to continue increasing in coming years. They will impact future rates."

Board Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Ron Black reported that the cooperative "performed well financially" in 2020, with PPEC's auditing firm of Boshore, Reineck, Stoller, and Waterman issuing an unqualified, or clean audit opinion. This means the financial records accurately reflect the business of the co-op.

Saxton ended the meeting asking members to mark their calendars for Saturday, July 24, 2021, for PPEC's new COVID-friendly Member Appreciation Day. The event will be a family day of fun with entertainment and prizes for kids and adults alike.

A \$100 grand prize and fifteen \$25 bill credits were drawn from those members who watched the meeting and left a comment. Winners of the credits were as follows:

GRAND PRIZE \$100

WINNER:

Danielle & Michael Wi-

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Dale & Helen Calvelage

(Fort Jennings)

Jay Wischmeyer (Colum-

bus Grove)

Jacob & Stephanie Litwill-

er (Cloverdale)

Nichole & Troy Warnecke

(Columbus Grove)

Kevin Kettels (Continental)

James & Laura Boesch

(Cecil)

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(Middle Point)

Crayton McCleery (New

Haven, IN)

Jeff Mumma (Payne)

Karen & Dennis Stachowi-

ak (Miller City)

Steve & Michelle Kennedy

(New Haven)

Chad Crosby (Payne)

Mary & Allan Gerding

(Ottawa)

Ruth Foppe (Ottawa)

To view the virtual annual

meeting recording, visit

www.ppec.coop/85-Virtual-Annual-Meeting. The co-

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