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LEINARD MOBILE HOME PARK CHANGES HANDS



Pictured are Sue Fowler and Angel Steiner from the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce, Jill and Andrew Elbrecht, new owners of Leinard Mobile Home Park, Mary Leinard, and Tim Cosey of the Paulding County Economic Development.

Saturday April 17 was a special day for many people of Antwerp. Mary Leinard, who has owned the Leinard Mobile Home Park for many years, and previously her father, presented a banquet for people in her life that made a difference in her small part of the world that she loves - Antwerp, Ohio. The event took place at Grant's Catering and Mary had brought in live music and lots of friends! The hall was full of fun and memories. Some of the residents have been there up to 35 years and even third generation families have been there.

Mary understands that she runs a tight ship and keeps the park in tip-top shape, which means that it's a really great place to live!

Mary presented to everyone there the new owners of Leinard Mobile Home Park - Andrew and Jill Elbrecht. Andrew stated that he intends to keep the same high standards to ensure it stays a great place to live! He appreciates all the work that Mary has done, and everyone recognized the importance of her work here, both for housing and the economy. We appreciate Mary, and welcome Andrew & Jill!

Everyone who knows

94TH PAULDING FFA BANQUET: MAKING OUR MARK, LEAVING OUR LEGACY



Paulding FFA 2021-2022 Officers which are as follows: President Paige Jones, Vice President Kyle Mobley, Secretary Sydney Trahin, Treasurer Mason Schlatter, Assistant Treasurer Lathan Schneider, Reporter Carter Manz, Assistant Reporter Jaylyn McCloud, Sentinel Ally Jo Merriman, and Parliamentarian Jamy Hunt, Student Advisor Tyler Schlatter.

By: Carter Manz, Paulding FFA Reporter

The Paulding FFA Chapter recently held its 94th Annual FFA Banquet on April 10th, 2021. The theme for this year's event was, "Making our Mark, Leaving our Legacy." This event was held to recognize the Paulding FFA members, community members, and advisors for their great accomplishments throughout the past year.

The banquet started with awarding members their Greenhand and Chapter degrees along with recognizing our 3rd and 4th-year mem-

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THREE STUDENTS TAKE HOME \$4,200 IN SCHOLARSHIPS



Eric Thornell (Antwerp), Kiersten Cline (Hicksville), and EricaRae (Swanton) each

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

LOCAL MAN AUTHORS THIRD BOOK



In a small town like Antwerp, everyone pretty much knows you. Randy Getrost was born and raised in Antwerp and was part of the class of 1975. Several years ago he decided it was time to put some of his mental adventures on paper and his first book appeared in 2019 with the title of "The Lesson". It's an adventure of a retired law enforcement officer who goes back home to South Carolina, falls in love, and solves a mystery. "It's where he grew up, but a place he never wanted to go back to." The book is available at (Continued on Page 5)

Community Calendar

April 21

- Western Buckeye ESC meeting 5:30 pm @ Paulding Office
- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

April 24

- Antwerp Conservation Club NRL22 Match 9a.
- Reservoir War Marker Dedication 10:30a @ Rds 180 & 77

April 25

- Harvest Time Gospel Youth Singers Concert - Cecil Community Church 6pm

April 28

- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

April 29

- Antwerp Manor Blood Drive 10am-4pm



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PAULDING ELEMENTARY MARCH 2021 MINDSET MARVELS



Front Row: Kolby Ringler, Ella Hale, Zayla Ross, Leigha Hahn, Violeta Gutierrez-Santillan, Briggs Stoller, Chad Gonzales. Middle Row: Brayden Ramirez-Cortez, Alanna Bassler, Kyra Aldred, Carlos Lechuga, Scarlett Neff, Grayson VanVlerah, Gavin Parrett. Back Row: Ellen Huelsmeyer, Gabriella Stork, Kayana Lipps, Madelynn VanVlerah, Cora Agler, Daniella Borland. Not Pictured: Maggie Wilson, Gaven James.

combined both entities have been able to vaccinate 4,897 essential workers and eligible Paulding County residents thus far.

All Ohioans age 16 years of age and older are now eligible to receive COVID Vaccines. Youth age 16-17 are eligible and have been approved to receive Pfizer COVID Vaccines. Beginning at age 18, individuals are approved to receive Johnson & Johnson, Moderna or Pfizer Vaccines.

Currently, Paulding County Health Department has COVID vaccine appointments available for Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine brands. Ohioans age 18 and older are eligible to receive both Moderna and Johnson & Johnson Vaccines. As of today, Paulding County Hospital has Pfizer brand COVID vaccine appointments available. Ohioans age 16 years of age and older are eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID Vaccine.

To schedule an appointment for your COVID vaccine with Paulding County Health Department please call 419-399-3921. For individuals wishing to receive Pfizer vaccines you can schedule an appointment online at paulding-countyhospital.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 also call the Paulding County Hospital COVID Vaccine Clinic at 419-399-1163 on Monday and Tuesday, from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm.

DAZED AND CONFUSED!?!

By: Sarah Noggle, OSU Extension Agriculture, and Natural Resources, Paulding County

On Friday, April 9, 2021, I received a call to the Master Gardener Volunteer Hotline from a local person. They shared that they had a robin that had been attacking and hitting their house window since Easter weekend. They wanted to know what to do. The customer shared that the bird was crashing into the so hard that it would sit in the yard dazed and confused. After some research, I would some related information from different Extension Experts. I will share information from Chuck Otte, Geary County, Pennsylvania Extension Agent on an article he shared in 2020.

About this time of year is when we receive calls about birds attacking house windows. This is very different than the occasional bird flying into a window. We see that all winter long. Birds are startled and don't realize that the reflection of the outdoors in the window is not a continuation of the outdoors. They fly right into it. Sometimes they fly right away, sometimes they fall to the ground stunned and sometimes they break their necks and never fly again. This is a big problem by the way. It's estimated that 200 million birds die from window collisions in the USA and Canada annually. That's a lot of birds but a drop in the bucket compared to the 2.6 billion that cats kill annually.

But the birds I receive calls about now just keep flying at the window. Or sometimes it may be a mirror on a vehicle parked at their house. I even had a new BBQ grill one time that a meadowlark just couldn't stay away from. These crazy birds will obsessively fly at the window, flutter at it, peck at it, and often leave a whole lot of what we birders call "whitewash" all over the window or the side of the house. It's annoying, it's messy and it can be downright unnerving!

Quite frankly what we have here are raging hormones. To be specific, most often it is male birds. They don't realize that the other bird is their reflection. They view it as a rival male, and he is invading MY territory. First thing in the morning he remembers that bird so goes to see if he is still there. Well yes, he is so I must chase him away. And so, it goes on and off all day long, for days on end sometimes for weeks.

The most common species that does this is Northern Cardinals, but I've seen robins, wrens, and meadowlarks do it too. I honestly think that male cardinals may be the most testosterone-crazed birds out there! It starts happening this time of year because rapidly lengthening minutes of daylight trigger hormones in most bird species, which prepares the females for egg laying and the males for finding mates. I think it happens regularly with cardinals because they tend to nest in shrubs very close to houses, so they are more likely to first encounter their image in the window reflection and once they do, it is all over.

First, no, they do not learn that it isn't another bird so

don't even hope for that to occur. Secondly, cutouts of hawk silhouettes that you put on the inside of the windows won't do any good. The reflection is seen in the outer portions of the windowpane. The only way to stop the bird is to cover up the window with just about anything. I've seen newspapers, cardboard, and thin plywood used. You may be able to put up some screening or netting and block enough of the reflection so the bird wouldn't be seeing himself. If you are going to do this, the sooner you start the less time the bird will have to get this habit ingrained. I will say that for two or three years we had cardinals nesting in the holly bush outside our kitchen window. The outside of those windows had screens on them, and we never had problems with the cardinals attacking the windows.

The next question homeowners have is how long this behavior will last. Unfortunately, cardinals can have multiple broods through the summer, and it could last well into August in many years. Once they get started, they are liable to be at it all summer long. The activity may dwindle some when the parents are busy feeding the young but it's liable to pick right back up

when they start the second brood. Yes, it is annoying. No, you can't shoot them as cardinals, like most all songbirds, are protected by federal law. The birds will stop eventually but until then.....

Great information from a colleague in Extension.

NEW HERITAGE LIONS CLUB OFFICERS

The Heritage Lions Club announced the following officers: Larry Smith agreed to remain President, with Tom Wolf as First Vice-President and Jan Hockemeyer, Second Vice-President. Cindy Wolf will again serve as the club Secretary and Dick Weber will remain Treasurer. Kathleen Coy volunteered to continue as the chapter's Tail Twister, providing fun quizzes at each meeting. Lion Tom Bullerman will be the Lion Tamer while Lions Jack Clear, Dan Harkless, and Dan Will agreed to serve on the board of directors.

Heritage Lions have donated well over \$100,000 to local organizations in the past 10 years. Recipients have included Monroeville Fire and EMS, Monroeville Park, Cornerstone, Hoagland Fire and EMS, Poe Fire and EMS, and the three local food banks.

Several Heritage High School donations have also been made, including Prom/After Prom and money for Heritage Band and the JV team uniforms. Finally, Heritage Lions have provided funds for many eye-related projects including Lions School For the Blind, Lions Eye Bank, and Lions Dog For the Blind. They have conducted local in-school eye exams and provided transportation for blind bowlers.

If you are interested in helping the Heritage Lions help your local community, please contact any Heritage Lion. New members are always welcome. By working together we can strengthen our communities.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION TO HOLD VIRTUAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Maumee, OH - The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will be presenting a variety of virtual educational programs to help the community and families impacted by the disease.

These presentations cover a variety of topics and occur at different times during the day and early evening via video-conferencing to allow individuals to participate in the con-

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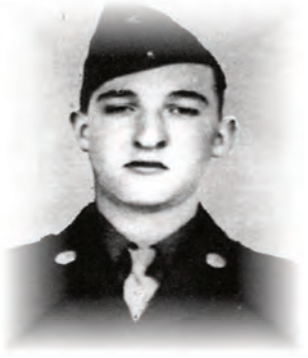
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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry Canal Street Five - part 2 of 5

Forest Frederick Ours, the son of John Edward and Elma Lee (Guyton) Ours, was born, August 9, 1925, in Antwerp, Ohio. Forest's Father John was born August 3, 1890, in Paul-



ding County, Ohio, John had registered for the draft in World War I, was medium build, medium height, black hair, brown eyes. Not finding any further records, John was not taken for service. John worked on the railroad until retirement in 1950. John passed away, May 1968. His wife, Elma Lee was born 1897, and died November 24, 1971. John and Elma were married December 23, 1916. This

marriage produced six children. In 1940, the family lived at 531 West Canal Street, Forest was working for the Pennsylvania Railroad out of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, when he decided to register for the draft, August 9, 1943 in Paulding, Ohio. He was light complected, brown eyes, brown hair, 5'-8", 160 Pounds. His enlistment date was November 16, 1943 in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio. His brother John R. enlisted and served in World War II and Korea, in the air force. His other brother Wayne E., also served in World War II, in Africa, Sicily, Italy and Germany.

Forest, while serving with the 141st Infantry in Italy, was hit with artillery shell fragments in the shoulder and upper torso. We was killed in action, June 17, 1944. His body was brought home for burial in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp, Ohio. Forest was never married.

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the Antwerp Library, branch of Paulding County Carnegie Library, which is open now. Getrost, now living in Auburn, IN, has a strong tie to Antwerp. His grandmother was Goldie Getrost who was one of the early residents of the Manor House (now Antwerp Manor). She had the aviary in the front entrance built and donated to the Manor. His father was Jerry Getrost and mother was Ruth Fetters Getrost. Randy is engaged to Toni Leinard with a May 29 ceremony scheduled in Antwerp. He has three children - Denny Getrost, Laina Gross, and Eric Dunderman. He also has five grandchildren. The second book in the series came out at the end of 2020, named "Live Again." The third book is due out at the end of this year and titled "Love Like

You're Gonna Die." The fourth and final book is a flashback story that develops the characters and foundation of the first in the saga.

Randy is a person with an interesting story, finding himself in life. He lost his father at the age of 13 years old and didn't realize how much he struggled with that. He tried to cover up the pain with alcohol. That followed him for many years. Of course, he was a functional alcoholic and kept his job, most of the time. He worked at Hart's Machine Shop for 36 years. He made pretty good money as a machinist, but he was always running from something that he wasn't quite sure of. About six years ago Randy hit rock bottom. There was no place to go and alcohol had taken over. Previously there were always new lows to hit but this time no lower place was found - it was prison or die. His families had been destroyed through the alcohol abuse, and he didn't even recognize it. It was always someone else causing him pain and hurt, or so he thought.

Randy found himself at the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, completely defeated. He started the 12 step program on site and found, that by step five, he was using his alcohol to cover up his past by self-medicating. He had not dealt with painful memory of his father's death adequately. Now, through the grace of Jesus Christ, he has a changed life, and a changed outlook. The drink is no longer needed or wanted. Restoring his relationships and asking for forgiveness from those he loves is a top priority now in his life. Some have accepted him again and others are taking some time, but he prays soon they will be resolved. In a small town where everybody knows your name, that could take time.

Randy's thinking clearly now. He works at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville as the Food Service Director. The words for his new books are flowing and he loves his new found life in God. The first two of Randy's books are now available on Amazon and he is working on bringing the books to local retailers as well as online.

COVID19 CRISIS GRANT FUND - SECOND DISTRIBUTION

A second round of Covid19 relief grant funds have been distributed to small businesses around Paulding County. This is a follow-up distribution to the first round that went out in July 2020. The end goal for these grants is to keep as many of our small businesses functioning and running as possible. Starting immediately after

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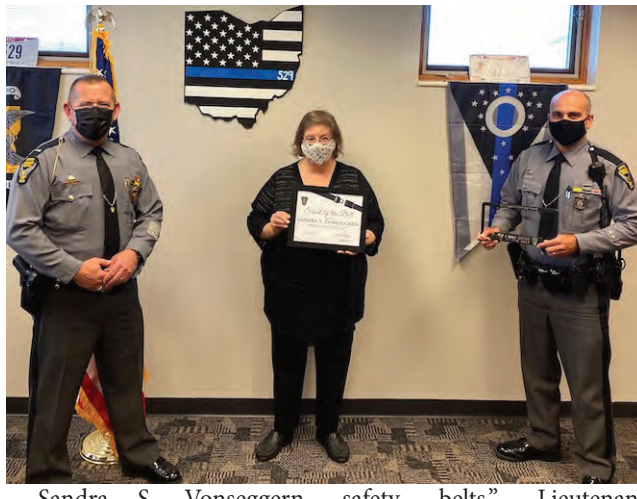
mandated shutdown orders in April 2020, private individuals began to reach out inquiring about a fund to donate money to help offset lost business earnings. A joint effort between the Paulding County Area Foundation, United Way and the Economic Development office established an account that allowed donations to be accepted.

Originally, \$9,945 was collected. The majority of those funds were set up to be distributed to the eleven small businesses that applied from around the county. As those grants were being delivered, one of those businesses shared that their business outlook had turned positive and donated the funds back. This kept the account open and also opened the door for future donations. The blessings continued to pour in. These grants were 100% gifts with no payback expected from the recipients.

The account grew to nearly \$11,000. It was decided to distribute once again. Paulding County Area Foundation Director Lisa McClure noted, "The people of Paulding County saw the need to help our small businesses and thus the Crisis Fund grew. The generosity of Paulding County is amazing. Thank you to all who contributed and those who would like to continue to see the needs met of our small businesses. Helping one another saw us through an incredibly tough 2020."

The application information was marketed through local newspapers, the Paulding County Economic Development county-wide email blast, website and social media pages. Eight businesses took advantage of applying. All eight were able to receive partial or whole grants. "The outpouring of love, donated from individuals all over the county through these private funds, is truly heart-warming. We did our best to make sure every recipient understood that these weren't municipal or government funds being handed out. These were from the pockets and homes of county residents who truly care about their neighbors" Economic Development Director Tim Copsey explained. Once again, a small amount of funds have been

TOLEDO WOMAN JOINS OHIO'S "SAVED BY THE BELT" CLUB



Sandra S. Vonseggern, Toledo, joined Ohio's "Saved by the Belt" Club today after her safety belt saved her from sustaining life-threatening injuries. The crash occurred on state Route 65 in Wood County on March 8. Ohio State Highway Patrol Lieutenant Robert J. Ashenfelter, Bowling Green Post commander, along with Trooper Anthony Scherley presented her with a "Saved by the Belt" certificate signed by Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath and Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol superintendent. "Sandra is a living testimony to the effectiveness of

safety belts," Lieutenant Ashenfelter said. "Everyone needs to buckle up every trip, every time." Provisional data from 2020 shows 487 people in Ohio were killed in traffic crashes where a safety belt was available, but not in use. The "Saved by the Belt" Club is a joint effort by the Ohio Department of Public Safety and more than 400 Ohio law enforcement agencies. This club is designed to recognize people who have benefited from their decision to wear safety belts. Sandra also received a "Saved by the Belt" license plate bracket.

held back to keep this account open and active in case more funds are donated. If you would still like to donate for a future distribution you can make checks payable to: Paulding County Area Foundation. In the memo, please write: Paulding County Crisis Fund. If you would like your funds to go directly to a specific cause, you can also note that information when making your donation. If you would like more information on the Paulding County Crisis Fund, you can call: 419-786-0137 or email Lisa McClure at pcaf@pauldingcountyareafoundation.net

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venience of their homes. They will discuss topics such as what is Alzheimer's disease, warning signs to look for, activities to do at home, and how to have those difficult conversations/manage behaviors. We will even help you

have a healthy brain! The programs are very helpful for anyone experiencing signs of memory loss, their family members who may be concerned, and the community member looking for more education. All programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required. To register for the program, call 800.272.3900
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 May 5: Effective Communication Strategies - 5pm
 May 10: Warning Signs of Alzheimer's - 4pm
 May 10: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's - 11am
 May 10: Understanding/Responding to Dementia Related Behavior - 6pm
 May 11: Effective Communication Strategies/Activities at Home - 2pm
 May 13: 10 Warning Signs
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ARCHERS ROLL TO WIN OVER BULLDOGS



Antwerp's Carson Altimus line drives the ball to center field for a base hit! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp scored in each of its four at-bats and the Archers rolled to a 15-1 over Edgerton in Green Meadows Conference baseball action Tuesday evening. The Archers scored a single run in the first before the Bulldogs plated a single run to even the game at 1-1. However, Antwerp scored four times in the second and added eight more in the third to extend the lead to 13-1. The blue and white finished up the scoring with a two-run fourth to set the final 15-1 margin. Chase Clark posted three singles, a double, three runs scored and three runs batted in to set the tone for the Archers from the leadoff slot. Austin Lichty added three doubles, three runs scored and five runs batted in with

Dylan Hines hitting a home run, scoring once and driving in two. Hunter Sproles also posted three singles, a double, two runs scored and two runs batted in. Jason Geyer chipped in a double and scored three times while Carson Altimus recorded a pair of singles and scored once. Ethan Lichty and Parker Moore added singles for the Archers with Ethan Lichty and Luke Krouse also scoring a run. Ethan Lichty aided the cause with a run batted in as well. Austin Lichty got the win on the mound, pitching the five-inning complete game with ten strikeouts while allowing two hits and an earned run.

ARCHERS ROLL TO WIN OVER KALIDA

ANTWERP - Molly Reinhart had three hits with three others posting a pair of hits as the Antwerp Lady Archers cruised to a 14-0 win over visiting Kalida Monday afternoon in non-league softball action. Reinhart had three singles to lead the way for Antwerp, which also got a double and a triple from Astianna Coppes. Samantha Rigsby added a single and a double for the Lady Archers and Emerson Litzenberg recorded a pair of singles. Kennedy Trabel, Laura Miller and Emma Townley each picked up a single as well

for Antwerp. Litzenberg also recorded the win on the mound, giving up six hits and two walks while posting eight strikeouts in the five-inning effort. Molly Westrick tossed four frames in taking the loss for Kalida, giving up a dozen hits and two walks with one strikeout. Melanie Meyers had a pair of hits to lead the Lady Wildcats while Cassidy Hipsher, Emily Buss, Aly Hoyt and Brooke Siefker posting one single each.

WOODS, MCGARVEY COMBINE TO BLANK BEARCATS

SPENCERVILLE - Sam Woods and Blake McGarvey

combined to limit Spencerville to one hit and lead the Paulding Panthers to an 8-0 Northwest Conference baseball victory Monday at the home of the Bearcats. Woods struck out nine over five innings of work and McGarvey fanned four in the last two innings to lead the maroon and white to the win. Paulding scored one run in the first and two more in the second to jump in front 3-0. The Panthers then put the game away with a five-run sixth inning. Hunter Kauser scored twice and had a single for the maroon and white while Payton Beckman drove in a run and hit a pair of singles. Dayton Price recorded two singles and scored twice for Paulding. Sam Woods, Ethan Foltz, Deacon Sanders and Andrew Adams also had singles for the Panthers. Emerson Layman picked up a single for the lone Spencerville hit.

RAIDERS SWEEP APACHES

In a rare dual track meet Tuesday night, the Wayne Trace boys and girls teams swept past host Fairview outside of Sherwood. The Lady Raiders defeated the Apaches 88-45 while the Wayne Trace boys posted an 84-53 victory. Rachel Stoller claimed first place in three different events, winning the 100 dash (14.7), 200 dash (29.5) and 400 dash (1:04). Gracie Shepherd was a double winner, taking first in the high jump (4-6) and 300 hurdles (52.6). Other winners for the red, white and blue were Molli Shepherd (shot put, 30-1), Hannah Sanderson (pole vault, 7-6), Abby Moore (1600 run, 5:50), Sydnee Sinn (800 run, 2:34) and Elizabeth Mohr (3200 run, 15:29). Wayne Trace also won the 3200 relay (10:40) and 1600 relay (4:23.9). On the boys side, Brayson Parrish and Eli Moore each were double winners for the Raiders. Parrish captured the 110 hurdles (18.6) and 300 hurdles (46.6) while Eli Moore took first in the 100 dash (13.1) and 200 dash (24.9). The rest of the red, white and blue victors included Riley Stoller (discus, 117-0), Jacob Stouffer (shot put, 38-8), Jarrett Hornish (pole vault, 10-6), Ryan Wenninger (400 dash, 59.9) and Kyle Stoller (3200 run, 11:46). Wayne Trace won the 3200 relay with a time of 9:23 and the 1600 relay, finishing in 3:45.

BRUINS RALLY TO NIP WARRIORS

FORT WAYNE - Northrop scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh to rally for a 5-4 victory over visiting Woodlan in high school softball action Wednesday afternoon. Isabella Rose and Dekiya Pittman came around to score on a Woodlan error as the Lady Bruins came from behind for the win. Woodlan scored twice in the top of the second to get the early lead before adding another single run in the third, putting the Warriors on top 3-0. Northrop plated a single run in the bottom of the third to pull within 3-1 but the Warriors responded by scoring a run in the top of the fourth to make it 4-1. The Lady Bruins rallied with one run each in the bottom of the fourth and the fifth to slice the Warrior lead to 4-3 before the two-run seventh sealed the Northrop victory. Avah Smith led the six-hit Woodlan attack with a pair of singles while Samantha Koo, Brianna Roney, Alivia Ulmer and Adrienne Spieth added one hit apiece. Koo, Smith, Austin Gaff and Spieth all scored for the Lady Warriors while Olivia Wilson drove in two runs and Smith had one run batted in. Isabella Rose posted two singles and Ashley Smith had a double for Northrop. Raegan Torrez, Halie Nelson and Madison Beekley also had singles for the Lady Bruins. Alexa Huth got the win for Northrop, tossing 3-1/3 innings of relief allowing one hit and striking out seven. Gaff took the loss for Woodlan, pitching 2-1/3 frames surrendering two hits, two unearned runs and fanning one.

ARCHERS ROUT BULLDOGS IN GMC PLAY

The Archer baseball squad used an eight-run third in-

ning to break the game open as Antwerp routed Edgerton 15-1 Tuesday night in Green Meadows Conference league play. The Archers scored first, getting a run in the home half of the opening frame before Edgerton tied the game with a single run in the visitors portion of the second. Antwerp then opened the game up with a four-run second before adding eight more in the third to seize a 13-1 advantage. The blue and white wrapped up the scoring with two more runs in the bottom of the fourth. Austin Lichty struck out ten in tossing the complete-game five-inning victory. Lichty gave up two hits in the contest and the only Bulldog run. Chase Clark had a double and three singles while scoring three times and driving in three for Antwerp. Austin Lichty added three doubles and five runs batted in as well as scoring three times as well for the Archers. Hunter Sproles chipped in three singles and a double while also posting two runs scored and two runs batted in. Dylan Hines (home run, run scored, RBI), Parker Moore (single), Carson Altimus (two singles, run scored), Ethan Lichty (single, run, RBI) and Jason Geyer (double, three runs) completed the list of Archer contributors. Warren Nichols ripped a home run while scoring once and driving in one. Troy Wolfe had a double as well for the Bulldogs.

WOODLAN DEFEATS SOUTH SIDE BASEBALL



On Wednesday, April 14 Woodlan hosted South Side in Baseball. The Warriors had a great game against the Archers. Ethan Vardaman gets the out in left field as he catches the outfield hit. More pictures at westbendnews.net

RAIDERS, COUGARS WIN TRI-MEET

The Wayne Trace girls and Van Wert boys won tri-meets in junior high track action Tuesday night at the home of the Cougars. Wayne Trace took the junior high girls with 73 points while Van Wert was second at 50 and Paulding placed third with 27 points. Caroline Winans won the 200 dash with a time of 29.30 and the pole vault after a leap of 6-6 while Aubree Miller captured both the 800 run (3:00.10) and 1600 run (6:35.10). Lexi Moore took first in the 200 hurdles with a time of 36.50. Point scorers for the Lady Raiders included Bethany Miller (second, 100 and 200 dash), Lorie Sinn (third, 100 dash and fourth, 200 dash), Stella Laukhuf (fourth, 100 dash), Lori Young (third, 400 dash), Torree Sinn (fourth, 400 dash and second, long jump), Mackenzie Silance (third, 800 run), Whitney Boroff (second, 100 hurdles), Lexi Moore (second, high jump), Abby Elkins (fourth, 200 hurdles), Brooklyn Miller (third, shot put and discus) and Kathleen Stoller (second, shot put and discus). Wayne Trace's quartet of

Lorie Sinn, Caroline Winans, Bethany Miller and Tori Young also took first in the 400 relay (1:02.66) while the 800 relay squad of Delana Noggle, Stella Laukhuf, Morgan Elliott and Anna Meraz was first in 2:11.10. The Raider 1600 relay team of Aubree Miller, Torree Sinn, Tori Young and Addison Stoller finished second in 5:17.00. Paulding's Ameriona Stiltner won the shot put with a toss of 29-1 and Panther teammate Aleah Matty captured the discus with a throw of 65-4-3/4. Claire Miller (fourth, 800 and 1600 run; third, 100 hurdles), Brooke Kilgore (third, high jump and long jump), Hannah Griffiths (third, 200 hurdles) and Brooklyn King (fourth, shot put) were the remaining maroon and white placers. Paulding was second in both the 400 and 800 relays. Addy Hunt, Makayla Carr, Brooke Kilgore and Hannah Griffiths was second in the 400 relay with a time of 1:02.66 while Harmony Blake, Hope Peters, Laila Stiltner and Addy Hunt took second in the 800 relay (2:15.90). In the boys meet, the Cougars took first with 60 followed by Wayne Trace (46-

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PANTHERS CRUISE PAST ARCHERS



Paulding's Alyvia Bakle slides safely in to third as she stole the base against the Archers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Visiting Paulding scored three runs in the first and broke open the game with a five-run sixth to pull away for an 11-4 high school softball victory on Saturday.

The Panthers led 3-1 after one inning and extended that advantage to 6-1 midway through the fifth. In the sixth, the maroon and white sealed the win by scoring five times to extend the margin to 11-3 before settling on the 11-4 win.

Leigha Egnor pitched the Lady Panthers to the win, scattering seven hits and five walks while giving up four earned runs and striking out six in the complete-game effort. Lydia Krouse took the loss for Antwerp, giving up 16 hits and ten runs (nine earned) while fanning four in 5-1/3 innings on the mound.

1/2) and Paulding (44-1/2).

Panther victors included Peyton Manz (100 dash, 12.90), Austin Kinder (200 hurdles, 32.70) and Jack Woods (long jump, 15-6 and shot put, 38-9).

The maroon and white 400 relay team of Kinder, Peyton Manz, Nico Stahl and Jack Woods was first with a time of 54.78 seconds.

Cole Morehead was a double winner for Wayne Trace, capturing the 200 dash (26.50) and 400 dash (1:00.80) and Gage Ogle captured the pole vault with a leap of 8-0. Luke Stouffer won the discus with a throw of 123-10-1/2.

The remaining point scorers for Paulding were Alan Griffiths (tied for second, 100 dash and fourth, 200 dash), Nico Stahl (second, 400 dash), Peyton Manz (second, 1600 run and pole vault), Austin Kinder (second, 110 hurdles) and Brandon Schroeder (fourth, discus).

Aiden Lee (tied for second, 100 dash; third, 200 dash and fourth, high jump), Ogle (fourth, 100 dash and second, 200 dash), Prestyn Schnepf (second, 800 run and third, 1600 run), Tyler Sanderson (second, pole vault), Landon Blankenship (fourth, long jump), Luke Stouffer (second, shot put), Brock Grimes (third, shot put and discus) and Noah Parady (fourth, shot put).

Paulding's 800 relay squad of Johnny Lippi, Gavin Williams, Alan Griffiths and Luke Beckman was second as well.

LADY PANTHERS BLANK PH

Leigha Egnor scattered three hits and two walks in five innings of work to pitch the Paulding Lady Panthers to an 11-0 win over host Patrick Henry in high school softball action Tuesday night in Henry County.

Egnor also struck out six

Egnor also led the Panther offense with a single, double and triple while scoring twice and driving in three runs. Jalyynn Parrett added three hits and scored three times while Alivya Bakle chipped in two singles and a double. Morgan Iler recorded two doubles and a triple with four runs batted in as well for Paulding.

Gabbie Stallbaum aided the maroon and white cause with a single and triple and Kaeli Bustos had two singles. Jocelyn Parrett and Maci Kausner had hits as well for Paulding.

Samantha Rigsby topped Antwerp with a double, triple and home run as well as driving in three runs. Lauren Schuller, Meagan Pendergrast, Kennedy Trabel and Emerson Litzenberg also had hits for the Lady Archers.

Patriot hitters in the contest as the maroon and white cruised to the win.

The Paulding offense gave Egnor early run support, scoring twice in the first before adding four more in the second for a 6-0 advantage.

Paulding then wrapped up the contest with a three-run fourth before a two-run fifth set the final margin at 11-0.

Gabbie Stallbaum had another big game at the plate, getting four hits including a home run while driving in six runs.

Jalyynn Parrett also had three hits for the Lady Panthers, scoring three times and adding two runs batted in.

Egnor, Kaeli Bustos, Alivya Bakle, Morgan Iler, Jocelyn Parrett and Megan Harpel all picked up a single each for the maroon and white.

Egnor scored twice for Paulding with Bakle, Harpel, Jocelynn Parrett and Maci Kausner scoring one time each.

PANTHERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER PATRIOTS

Paulding limited host

Patrick Henry to two runs in the fifth inning while the Panther offense scored in four separate innings to record a 14-2 victory in high school baseball action Tuesday afternoon.

The maroon and white scored one in the first and added two more in the third and that would be all Paulding would need.

The Panthers then added four more in the fourth to stretch the lead to 7-0 before Patrick Henry plated two runs in the fifth to pull within 7-2.

Paulding, though, close the game out with an eight-run seventh to wrap up the 14-2 win.

Hunter Kausner paced the maroon and white with two singles and a double while scoring three times and driving in a pair of runs. Blake McGarvey added a pair of singles with three runs scored and two runs batted in as well.

Ethan Foltz chipped in a double while Payton Beckman, Evan Burtch and Andrew Adams had a single apiece.

Beckman, Foltz, Deacon Sanders, Reid Johans, Logan Tope and Deyton Price all scored one run with Adams touching the plate twice. Foltz, Sam Woods and Sanders also drove in runs for the Panthers.

Foltz recorded the win on the mound for Paulding, surrendering three hits, two earned runs and a walk while striking out three in five innings of work. Jacob Martinez tossed the final two frames, striking out two and giving up two hits.

WASSON TOSSES WIN FOR PATRIOTS

Heritage got a quality pitching effort from Dalton Wasson and Dalton White led the Patriot offense in a 6-1 win over Concordia Monday afternoon in high school baseball action.

Heritage opened a 3-0 lead with three runs in the second before the Patriots added another run in the fourth to make it 4-0.

After Heritage extended

the margin to 6-0 in the fifth, Concordia scored its only run in the seventh to set the final margin at 6-1.

Dalton White hit a single and a double while Jackson Bearman and Austin Buuck posted a single each. Dalton Wasson drove in three runs for the Patriots while Bearman, Barry Lomow and Morgan Andrews having one run batted in apiece.

Clay Gerardot and Bearman scored twice each for Heritage while Leroy Lepper and Dalton White plated the remaining runs.

Dalton Wasson pitched six innings, getting the win for the Patriots, striking out ten while giving up two hits and a walk.

ARCHERS HOLD ON FOR WIN OVER PANTHERS

In a non-league baseball battle on Monday, Antwerp held off a late Parkway rally to post a 6-5 victory over the Panthers in Paulding County.

Parkway struck first, plating a pair of runs in the first inning, but the blue and white answered with a single run in the second to trim the deficit to 2-1.

After the Archers tied the game at 2-2 in the fourth, the blue and white jumped in front with a two-run fifth that put Antwerp on top 4-2.

The black and gold sliced the deficit in half with a single run in the sixth before the Archers answered, scoring twice more in the sixth to put the advantage at 6-3.

Parkway scored twice in the top of the seventh to cut the lead to 6-5 but could not score again as the blue and white held on for the victory.

Dylan Hughes led Parkway with two singles and scored a run while Eddie Nichols had a solo home run for the Panthers.

Justan Felver, Adam Stephenson, Roman Lesinskie, Hunter Gibson and Aiden Anderson also had singles for the black and white.

Felver, Nichols, Lesinskie and Anderson also scored for Parkway while Nichols, Riley Samples, Felver and Stephenson added runs batted in.

ANTWERP FALLS TO EDGERTON IN SOFTBALL



The Lady Archers struggled against Edgerton in last Tuesday's game. The girls started fairly even but by the end Edgerton's offense overwhelmed Antwerp in a 5-17 loss for the home team. Shown here is Antwerp's Kennedy Trabel gets a base hit! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp was paced by Chase Clark and Dylan Hines with a single and a double each while Parker Moore posted a single and a home run.

Carson Altimus added a double for the Archers with Luke Krouse and Ethan Lichty getting a single each.

Clark, Hines, Krouse, Moore, Jordan Buerkle and Reid Lichty all scored runs for Antwerp. Clark, Austin Lichty, Hines, Krouse, Moore and Altimus each drove in a run.

Camden Fuller picked up the win, tossing one inning in relief while walking two. Jason Geyer posted the save, getting the final two outs including a strikeout.

LADY PATRIOTS ROUT PANTHERS

Heritage took the early

lead and never looked back in rolling to a 15-2 win over Snider in high school softball action Tuesday evening.

The Lady Patriots scored twice in the first and never looked back in cruising to the victory.

Snider did cut the deficit in half in the bottom of the first to pull within 2-1 but it was all Patriots after that.

Heritage scored once in the second, four times in the third and added six more in the fourth to extend the lead to 13-2. The Lady Patriots wrapped up the game with a two-run fifth inning.

Grace Guenther led the Heritage offense with three hits and scored four times while Shelby Schane, Claire Bickel and Myra Berning added two hits apiece.

Lydia Schultz, Caylen Schane and Layla Meyer all

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CONVOY OPERA HOUSE/CITY HALL/ FIREHOUSE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES



The Convoy Opera House /City Hall/Firehouse property at 111 South Main Street in downtown Convoy was given approval on September 18, 2020 by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board as qualified for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places of the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior. Based on the Board's recommendation, Barbara Powers, Department Head of Planning, Inventory and Registration Department of Ohio History Connection, has signed

the nomination recommending its listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination forms were sent to Washington DC for federal evaluation. In March, the Village of Convoy & the Village of Convoy Historical Society have been notified by the Ohio Senate General Assembly that the property at 111 South Main Street in Convoy has been accepted to the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior.

For more than two years,

Ruth Ann Densel, worked on research, documentation, photo preparation, application submission, etc. with Larry Webb seeking required technical info and doing photography. Barb Powers(Ohio History Connection) with her suggestions, comments, editing, additions and finalization of the documents, was most instrumental and the driving force to achieve acceptance to the National Register of Historic Places.

With this accreditation, the Historical Society will qualify to apply for Historical Grants on the State and Federal level, providing funding to help with completing Phase III of the restoration process, the Annex Building, continuing to build restrooms, dressing rooms and gathering rooms upstairs and downstairs for the Opera House and future restoration project to include a museum allowing

for local gatherings and many more opportunities for the community.

The Convoy Opera House /City Hall/ Firehouse was built circa 1901 and for many years used accordingly. The building is still basically in good condition and has historic significance in the community. The Opera House has been restored and has been used for several presentations already.

The lower level is still in use by the village for storage. At some point when the lower level is not needed by the village, the area could house museum articles, especially the larger items. The Village of Convoy Historical Society purchased the adjacent building to the south referred to as the "Annex" which will enable the original structure to be more user friendly. A chair lift is already operational in the Annex.

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(FFA Continued from Page 1) bers. Then students were recognized for Career Development Events awards and accomplishments this year. Our chapter also received various community members through the presentation of Blue and Gold awards as well as Honorary membership into the chapter. President Sydney Reineck gave her retiring address reminding us all to live in the moment. The banquet ended with the announcement of the Paulding FFA 2021-2022 Officers which are as follows: President Paige Jones, Vice President Kyle Mobley, Secretary Sydney Trahin, Treasurer Mason Schlatter, Assistant Treasurer Lathan Schneider, Reporter Carter Manz, Assistant Reporter Jaylyn McCloud, Sentinel Ally Jo Merriam, and Parliamentarian Jamy Hunt, Student Advisor Tyler Schlatter. The Paulding FFA would like to thank Rockford Catering and the Paulding High School Freshmen Class for serving the meal. It was a wonderful night and we look forward to what next year will bring.

(Continued from Page 11) authorized that a canal would join Lake Erie with the Wabash River in Indiana (213 miles). The survey was completed in 1828. In 1840 the canal was opened between Lafayette and the Ohio-Indiana State line.

Paulding Co. had it's own "Six Mile Reservoir", located East of Antwerp which was surveyed at the same time as the Wabash Canal in 1826. The actual work on this project did not start until in 1840 and was completed in 1843. It contained 3600 acres and when completed it flooded 14,000 acres more.

The construction of the banks of the reservoir was setting up oak planking on end and pushing clay against both sides to hold into place to form a wall. Water was mixed with the clay to form a type of cement-like mixture to prevent varmints and leakage from coming thru, Oxen were driven over the mixture to pack it down.

It was filled with water from the rivers and other sources. This became the source to control the level for the canal and was a good source of hunting, trapping and fishing for local sportsman. It was, however, abandoned in 1888 by law.

The average cost for the construction of this canal was \$7,177.00 per mile, including locks. Ore and wood was shipped to the furnace, logs for mfg. of buckets, barrels, staves and other bldg. materials. Even the cattails were cut and shipped by canal to be used for the mfg. of barrels and buckets. With the coming of the railroads in the 1850's the canals became more used each year and in the winter the canals were sometimes shut down because of the ice.

After the Miami Canal in Paulding Co. (was) opening only from Antwerp to Junction (abt. 18 miles), abt. all it was used for was to haul logs to the mills in Defiance, Ohio. "As the county became more settled, and farming began to move back away from the streams they were met by the back water of the reservoir which fed this canal. This back water was also the cause of much illness —ague and typhoid being the principle ones. It was also a breeding place for mosquitoes." Citizens had to go around it for traveling thru the county.

In the early eighties when

shipping by canal had all but ceased, the citizens of Antwerp and community looked out over this gloomy and impenetrable swamp that was no longer a source of revenue, they decided it was time to abandon the canal and reservoir and reclaim this flooded land for farming purposes". THE RESERVIOR MUST GO!"

"In 1886 a petition which stated the grievances of the reservoir and asked for the abandonment of the canal from the Indiana state line to the junction of the Miami and also the Six Mile Reservoir, was sent to Columbus to be consider by the H of Rep where it was passed".

"The bill was fought bitterly by a large delegation from Defiance, which still depended on the canal for rafting logs to its manufacturing plants in that city. In Mat 1887 the bill was defeated in the Senate by a vote of 26 to 8." SOMETHING MUST BE DONE."

"Several secret meetings were held in the back room of Frank Lamb's barber shop, and above the store of Oliver Applegate.

Under a black banner which on side had the words--- NO COMPROMISE—on the other side--THE RESERVOIR MUST GO--they were sworn to secrecy. They assumed the name of DYNAMITERS."

"In their first attempt, a Mr. Hardy was delegated or hired by Eli Munson to float a bucket filled with dynamite with along fuse attached into the feeder from the reservoir side."

"The damage caused by this explosion and also several others at different points were promptly repaired by men from Defiance."

"Through the influence of these same parties the State of Ohio placed watchmen or guards to protect its property. One of these was Worden Sperry (now living in Antwerp). For this guard duty he received \$1.50 per night. Incidentally he was also one of the dynamiters. Under cover of darkness he would open the gates leading from the reservoir into the canal and would permit the water to run out during the night."

"Finally on the night of April 25, 1887 a large force of men gathered (between 200-300 men) carrying large amts. of dynamite. All were masked and carrying guns, with a grim determination. NO COMPROMISE—THE RESERVOIR MUST GO. They traveled by foot, by horse and by wagon."

"A part of the delegation went to Junction under leadership of O.S. Applegate. People living long the canal were warned to vacate. Another delegation went to Tate's Landing, part way to Antwerp and Junction. Others went to the lock at the lower end of the reservoir and still others began digging through the reservoir bank in several places to within a few feet of the water. Large charges of dynamite were then place in the remaining bank."

"The other delegation having arrived at their scenes of operation, saturated the wooden locks with kerosene and placed 2 charges of dynamite of fifty pounds each in each end of the lock." "The hour of midnight was the signal. At the set time a mighty roar of the explosion of 100 pounds of dynamite echoed through the night from the direction of Junction. Hardly had it died down when another similar blast shook the earth at Tate's Landing where another lock was blown."

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