

BISSELL - JONES



Mark and Laura Bissell of Antwerp are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Katlyn Bissell, to Taylor Jones, son of Don and Kathy Jones of Antwerp.

The bride-elect is a 2013 graduate of Antwerp High School and she received a bachelor's degree in 2017 from Bowling Green State University. She continued her educa-

tion at Trine University to earn her Doctorate in Physical Therapy. She is employed at Solivita of Park View and Community Memorial Hospital as a Physical Therapist.

Her fiancé is a 2013 graduate of Antwerp High School. He is employed at Nucor Vulcraft.

The couple will exchange vows on June 12th at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish in Antwerp.

HOLE IN ONE = FREE CAR



Golfers taking part in Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County's golf outing on June 5 will have the chance to win a new car. If a golfer gets a hole-in-one during the event, they will win a car courtesy of Stykemain

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LADY RAIDERS RUN RULE LCC TO CAPTURE DISTRICT TITLE

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

ELIDA - Lima Central Catholic looked poised to stop the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders tournament run when Mary

Kate Dee blasted a three-run homer in the second inning. Adding another run in the third, the Thunderbirds were setting tight with a 4-1 advantage. However, the Raiders took over the rest of the way to post a 14-4 win and more importantly a D-IV District title. The Raiders used their half

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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.

DATE NOTICE

West Bend Printing & Publishing Will be closed on Memorial Day. The next newspaper will be dated June 2.

PANTHERS RALLY FOR SECTIONAL TITLE

It didn't look good for the Paulding Panthers Friday night at Evergreen as the maroon and white trailed 5-2 entering the seventh inning of the Division III sectional championship baseball game.

But Paulding had the Vikings right where they wanted them. The maroon and white scored three times to tie the game at 5-5 in the seventh and then added three more in the eighth for an 8-5 victory over Evergreen to clinch a berth in the district tournament this week.

In the seventh, Deyton Price and Hunter Kauser drew back-to-back walks to start the inning before an Ethan Foltz single scored Price. Blake McGarvey singled to load the bases and Payton Beckman followed with a single to plate Kauser, getting the Panthers within 5-4. Sam Woods followed with a single to score Foltz and tie the contest at 5-5.

With one out in the eighth, Kauser and Foltz earned consecutive walks before McGarvey hit into a fielder's choice for the second out. However, the throw to first was unable

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Community Calendar

May 25

- JPHS Meeting 6:30p with Jerett Godeke on Reservoir
- Open Mic @ Defiance Coon Hunters Club - 6-8:30p

May 29

- Woodburn Lions Club Donuts 7 am Chop Shop Parking Lot
- ACC Air Soft match - 11 am

May 30

- Campfire cookout - Cecil Comm Church 6p

June 1

- Open Mic @ Defiance Coon Hunters Club - 6-8:30p

June 3 4 5

- Payne Garage Sales

June 4 5 6

- Huber - Dance Dolls Annual Recital (June 4 @ 7pm, June 5 @ 4 pm & 7 pm, June 6 @ 2pm)

June 5

- Antwerp RIBFEST by ACDC
- ACC Ladies intro to firearms 9-3p. Pre-register

June 6

- Cecil Comm Church Prayer Meeting 6pm

June 8

- Antwerp Grab Your Neighbor 5-7:30p
- Open Mic @ Defiance Coon Hunters Club - 6-8:30p

June 10

- Monroeville Concert in the Park - ice cream by Heritage Lions

June 11

- Van Wert Chamber Luau at the Wassenberg Art Center

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ARCHIE GRIFFIN SPORTSMAN AWARD PRESENTED



8th grade teachers at Paulding Middle School recently presented the Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award to Carter Evans and Grace Goyings. This is given to one male and one female student athlete who demonstrates high levels of integrity and leadership on and off the field.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
In John 6:48-49 Jesus says, "I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness (which was bread from heaven), and are dead." I don't understand.

The answer is found in verse 32. "Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my father giveth you the true (spiritual) bread from heaven." Indeed the manna

Moses experienced was a miracle from God to keep His children from physically starving to death, which was physical death. That was also a sign that God would provide the true or spiritual bread from heaven which could save us from eternal death in the lake of fire.

That spiritual bread was and is Jesus Christ Who alone can give us eternal life. Though it is provided for everyone (verse 51), it is only effective for those who by faith

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER AT CARING AND SHARING FOOD PANTRY



Recently, a group of Paulding Middle School seventh grade students and a seventh grade staff member volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry located

in Paulding, Ohio. Shown in the picture from left are Brooklyn King, Hannah Griffiths, Ms. Abby Nussbaum (7th Grade ELA Teacher), and Alan Griffiths.

believe on Him (verses 29, 35, 36, 40, and 47). That is how we eat or partake of Him. Psalm 34:8 - "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that TRUSTETH in Him." Have you?

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

ices: a casual service currently at 8:30 a.m. and a traditional worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. This summer from May 30 - September 5th, there will be ONE BLENDED SERVICE ONLY at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Chris Farmer, the staff and the congregation of First Church warmly welcome you.

OHIO FOLLOWS CDC'S GUIDANCE AND UPDATES HEALTH ORDERS

Ohio has updated its health orders to reflect CDC's new guidance that people who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks in most situations. People who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks and maintain distance from others. A person is considered fully vaccinated two full weeks after receiving the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine or two weeks after receiving the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines.

Ohio's orders continue to require everyone to wear masks in a health-care setting, when they are traveling on public transportation including airplanes, and when they are in a business or other location that chooses to require masks.

Gov. DeWine announced that most pandemic health orders will end June 2. The timeline will allow any Ohioan who has not yet received a COVID-19 vaccine to obtain one to protect themselves and others before the lifting of coronavirus mitigation protocols.

Measures being removed will include facial covering protocols, social distancing guidelines, and capacity restrictions for indoor and outdoor events.

Many of these behaviors, when no longer mandated, will remain best practices for preventing the spread of disease.

Changes to Ohio's health orders will not apply to jails, prison facilities, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or adult day services centers for elderly adults.

Adolescents ages 12-15 are now eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine for COVID-19. This allows younger people to be protected from COVID-19 and further prevents the spread of this disease in our community.

Anyone under age 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present to be vaccinated.



FIRST UM CHURCH ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION AND NEW ADMINISTRATOR

April Ellerbrock has held the position of administrator at First United Methodist Church Preschool in Van Wert for six years. Four years prior to being administrator, April was on staff as a preschool aide. After 11 years of dedicated service to the community, she has decided to officially step away from the position. The FUM Preschool Board and First Church wish to thank April for her leadership, guidance, and loyal service. April and her husband, Brian have been married for 23 years and have 2 sons - Dillon and Dalton. We wish April the best in her upcoming endeavors.

First United Methodist Church is pleased to announce Marilyn Agler as the new Preschool Administrator. Marilyn brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the pre-school. She was formerly the director of Calvary Preschool in Van Wert. Marilyn has been working alongside April to familiarize herself with the Preschool and their families. April is very pleased to turn this new adventure over to Marilyn and is excited to see what Marilyn and her staff have planned for the 2021-22 school year.

First United Methodist Pre-school is currently the only Christian based preschool in the area. To register your child for the 2021-22 school year, contact the main church office at 419-238-0631

First United Methodist Church is located at 113 W Central Avenue, across from Fountain Park in downtown Van Wert. First Church offers two distinctive worship ser-

Scripture of the Week

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. —Romans 12:10

PCBW RADIO SHOW GUESTS



This weeks guests on the PCBW radio show will be Abby Hornish and Clint Manz of the Union Bank. The Union Bank has just opened a branch in Paulding County and will be refurbishing the

old Masonic Temple for their new Paulding offices. Tune in and listen to some history of Union Bank and what they have to offer Paulding County.

JORDAN SNYDER NAMED TO SNHU PRESIDENT'S LIST

Jordan Snyder of Paulding has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2021 President's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

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I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

I have always been one to like strange news or something different going on in this world. I guess I just want to know.

This big old world is full of different types of people in various locations of the globe. We eat different kinds of food,



wear different kinds of clothing, live in all types of dwellings, pursue various occupations and with todays technology, we get news from all corners of the world. Like I said I am always on the outlook for the sensational stories.

One that I recently read about took place in San Francisco. Too raise money for the cities animal shelter, bids were taken for a lucky dog to be Mayor of the Day.

An unknown female Chihuahua, Frida won her first political office after her owner bid \$5,000 for the honor.

The 4- legged politician, barked as she greeted her supporters and spent her special day touring Bay Area land-

marks and receiving a commendation from the Board of Supervisors. Her honor was shown around city hall and presented with a retirement package that included a doggy bed, gift basket and play products.

"We applaud Mayor Frida's ability to rise above her humble start as a single mom in an animal shelter to Mayor for the Day," said Miriam Saez, acting director of the Animal Care and Control department. (plus the money raised was appreciated)

Another headline making the news was an Indian airliner that crashed into a stray buffalo during take-off from the western city of Surat. Although no one was injured, the plane a Boeing 737, suffered major damage and the airline, SpiceJet, was forced to ground.

It was reported that the buffalo, which was killed in the accident on Thursday evening, was "essentially invisible" against a dark background. Passengers on the Delhi-bound aircraft were transferred on to another plane.

"Stray animals are a growing menace in some airports," SpiceJet said in a statement.

"This incident has affected our regular operations and SpiceJet flights from Surat will be suspended after this incident." Poorly maintained fences at some Indian airports mean animals can stray onto runways. Can you imagine an airplane hitting a buffalo?

There may be some "tall tales and tails" being told about New York, or the Big Apple, and one of them is that 8 million rats live in New York City. But according to research done by a Columbia

University statistician, the rat population is only approximately 2 million. There has been an urban lore for over a century that there are as many rats in New York as there are residents.

Most New Yorkers who see them skittering about the subway tracks or hear them rustling through trash piles will agree. Animals are poor research subjects and the initial plan was to capture a random supply of rats, mark them and releasing them back into the population and then capturing another sampling. However, the city's health department was not impressed with that idea so the researchers used complaints about rat sightings which the city track and publishes online. (what a job that would be)

What do you think of these headlines? Would you like for your dog to be Mayor for the Day? Aren't you happy that "the buffalo no longer roams" in Paulding? Don't you hope the rats stay in New York? Let me know and I will give you a Penny for Your Thoughts

529 PLAN: MORE VERSATILE THAN EVER

If you have children or grandchildren, you may already be somewhat familiar with the 529 plan, a popular education savings vehicle. But you may not have kept up with some recent changes in the plan's capabilities and in the educational environment in which the plan might be used.

Let's start with the learning environment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, colleges and universities switched to online classes, or at least to a hybrid of in-person and online. And even before the pandemic, many schools offered remote classes, though obviously not to the same extent. But after COVID-19 subsides, it's likely that the online component will remain an important part of higher education. What does this "new world" mean for you, when you're saving for college? Will a 529 plan still be relevant?

In a word, yes. First of all, a 529 plan can offer tax advantages. Earnings in a 529 plan are federally tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. And if you invest in your own state's 529 plan, your contributions may be tax deductible. (Withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes as well as a 10% penalty.) Because tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, you'll want to consult with your tax advisor before investing.

Online learning costs are eligible for a 529 plan's tax benefits just as much as those incurred from in-person classes. Tuition, textbooks, supplies, computers and services - all of these should qualify, assuming the school meets certain criteria. Also, students enrolled half-time or more don't have to live in a dorm for room and board expenses to be covered by a 529 plan - they can live in off-campus housing. However, these room-and-board costs typically must equal the cost of living on campus. Some schools identify a specific cost for "commuters" or "at-home students," so you will need to contact the college directly to

determine qualified room-and-board costs.

Now, let's take a quick look at what some changes in the rules governing 529 plans over the past few years might mean for you. Eligible expenses from your 529 plan include the following:

- K-12 expenses - Parents can withdraw up to \$10,000 per student, per year, from their 529 plan to pay for tuition expenses at elementary and secondary schools. So, if you intend to send your children to a private school, this use of a 529 plan might interest you.
- Apprenticeships - 529 plans can be used to pay for fees, textbooks, equipment and other supplies connected to apprenticeship programs registered with the Department of Labor. These programs, typically offered at a community college, combine classroom instruction with on-the-job training.
- Student loans - Families can withdraw funds from a 529 plan to repay the principal and interest for qualified education loans, including federal and most private student loans. There's a lifetime limit of \$10,000 for student loan repayments per each 529 plan beneficiary and another \$10,000 for each of the beneficiary's siblings.

All of these newer uses of 529 plans may contain additional guidelines and exceptions, and state tax treatment varies, so you'll want to consult with your tax advisor before taking money from your account. But it's valuable for you to know the different ways you can put a 529 plan to work.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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POISON HEMLOCK AND WILD PARSNIP ARE BOLT-ING AND BLOOMING

By: Joe Boggs

Additional note from Sarah Noggle, Extension Educator in Paulding County. In 2020, Poison hemlock has been found in Paulding County. The densest populations have been located along the railroad beds, overgrown areas along woods, and also old fence rows. Help beautify Paulding County by controlling the weeds along the edges of your property but use caution if you find Poison Hemlock.

Poison hemlock (Conium maculatum) is one of the deadliest plants in North America. Wild parsnip (Pastinaca sativa) sap can produce severe, painful skin blistering. Both are commonly found growing together in Ohio and both are beginning to "bolt" and bloom meaning the clock is quickly winding down for controlling these non-native nasties.

These non-native weeds are members of the carrot family, Apiaceae. The old name for the family was Umbelliferae which refers to the umbel flowers. The flowers are a key family feature with short flower stalks rising from a common point like the ribs on an umbrella. Queen Anne's lace (a.k.a. wild carrot) (Daucus carota) is often used as the poster child for carrot family flowers. This non-native blooms much later in the season. Poison hemlock produces



Joe Boggs, QSU Extension©

white flowers on stalks that create a more rounded look. Wild parsnip has intense yellow flowers with the stalks producing a more flat-topped appearance.

Poison hemlock has a biennial life cycle. The first year is spent in the "vegetative stage" as a low-growing basal rosette. Plants "bolt" during the second year "reproductive stage" to produce erect multi-branched stems topped with umbrella-like flowers. Plants are bolting with some already producing flowers in southern Ohio.

Wild parsnip is also reported to have a biennial life cycle. However, it may occasionally behave as monocarpic perennial spending more than a year in the vegetative stage before flowering once and then dying. Like poison hemlock, wild parsnip plants are also bolting and beginning to flower in southern Ohio.

Mature poison hemlock plants can tower as much as 6 - 10 ft. tall. Mature wild parsnip plants are shorter in stature but still impressive at up to 4 - 5 ft. tall. Both are prolific seed producers with seeds remaining viable for 4 - 6 years for poison hemlock and around 4 years for wild parsnip.

Why Worry? Poison hemlock plants contain highly toxic piperidine alkaloid compounds, including coniine and gamma-coniceine, which cause respiratory failure and death in mammals. The roots are more toxic than the leaves and stems; however, all parts of the plant including the seeds

should be considered dangerous.

The toxins must be ingested or enter through the eyes or nasal passages to induce poisoning; they do not cause skin rashes or blistering. Regardless, this plant should not be handled because sap on the skin can be rubbed into the eyes or accidentally ingested while handling food.

Wild parsnip sap contains psoralen which presents a completely different mode of action compared to the piperidine alkaloids in poison hemlock sap. Psoralen is a naturally occurring phytochemical grouped in a family of organic compounds known as linear furanocoumarins. Psoralen acts as a photosensitizing compound by inhibiting

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JUNE 5- Ladies Introduction to Firearms. 9am-3pm. The day will consist of a classroom session that will last about 2 1/2 hrs and then live re on the ranges. Instruction will be on pistol, ri e and shotgun. This is open to ladies 18 and up at no cost. Open to the public and at no cost. Pre-registering suggested by emailing to garyamabis@gmail.com

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NORTHWEST STATE RECOGNIZES "MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD" WINNERS



(L to R: Dan Yahraus, Terry Henricks, Roy Norman)

The Northwest State Community College Foundation recently hosted its 11th annual Green Carpet Event, in a partially in-person, partially virtual format. All proceeds raised from the event will go directly to student scholarships. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2021 "Making a Difference Awards," which were created by the NSCC Foundation as a way to recognize and celebrate individuals, businesses and organizations in the six-county area committed to improving their communities. This year's recipients were Terry Henricks Ford and Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Farm Bureau Fulton, Henry, Williams & Defiance Counties, and Dan Yahraus (Bryan Chamber).

"The Green Carpet Event and the Making a Difference Awards celebrate hard work, community support and giving," said Robbin Wilcox, NSCC Director of Development. "We work year-round to raise awareness and needed funds for student scholarships, and this event

is a critical piece of those efforts. Within a month's time, we have hosted the Scholarship Awards Night, our spring Commencement, and now the Green Carpet Event. We are blessed to work in a community where people want to help make a difference for others," Wilcox continued.

A special recap program of the NSCC Green Carpet Event is now available on the Northwest State YouTube channel (YouTube.com/user/NorthwestStateCC), and will also be aired regionally on TV26. For details on how to access TV26, please visit <https://www.wnho.tv/how-to-watch/>.

Northwest State and the NSCC Foundation thank our generous sponsors for their contributions to the Green Carpet Event:

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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY



May is Mental Health Aware Month. Students at Payne Elementary and Grover Hill Elementary celebrated all week long! Each day, students participated in events to promote mental wellness and gain understanding about the importance of this topic. Staff at Wayne Trace want all of their students to live their best lives and reach their highest potential. However, this cannot happen if kids don't develop the skills needed to foster mental and emotional health. At Payne Elementary, principal, Mr. Paul Jones, shaved his head to represent the sacrifices we've all made throughout the coronavirus pandemic. Students loved witnessing teacher's aid, Melissa Moore, help Mr. Jones shave

away the negativity! At Grover Hill, principal, Mark Lange bought his baby goats to school to send that message that, "Mental Health is the G.O.A.T. (greatest of all time). Students loved having an opportunity to interact, play and feed them! Please continue to talk and support students as they overcome challenges today and everyday!"

DIANNE COOPER - BOBCAT COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENT

The Dianne Cooper - Bobcat Community Award scholarship is given to an Oakwood Elementary student and Paulding High School graduate residing in the Oakwood boundaries. The recipient is also an excellent role model in the classroom. This year's recipient of the Dianne Cooper scholarship is Hailey Hartzell, the daughter of Sanda and (late) Michael Hartzell. Hailey has been playing golf on the Paulding boy's golf team since sixth grade, is a member of the National Honors Society and section leader in the PHS marching band. Hailey also enjoys volunteering with the Hugh O'Brian leadership committee and likes spending time with friends and family. She plans to attend Ohio Northern University to major in Pre-Med. Good luck in your future endeavors Hailey!

NSCC COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY RECOGNIZES 190 GRADUATES

Northwest State Community College celebrated the 2021 graduating class at its spring Commencement Ceremony this past weekend, with an open-air celebration on the Archbold Campus. The ceremony recognized 190 graduates who completed an Associate degree or certificate program with the College during fall, spring or summer term, comprising a total of 202 awards (168 associate degrees and 34 short-term certificates). Five students graduated with associate degrees via College Credit Plus, before they officially graduate from high school. Lana Snider, NSCC Vice President of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs, noted that 81% of the graduating class lives in the six county service area of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Van Wert and Williams counties. Snider also noted the students earning

W. P. WOODS AWARD PRESENTATION



At the Lions Club District 25B Cabinet Meeting on May 22nd at the New Haven, IN Community Center, New Haven Lions Club 1st Vice President Terri Hargrove received the W. P. Woods Award. This is the highest State award presented to a Lions Club member. DG Roger Cash and PDG Don Cooper are presenting the award to Lion Terri Hargrove.

various honor society awards - 24 graduates are Phi Theta Kappa, 20 graduates are Alpha Delta Nu (nursing), and one graduate is Kappa Beta Delta (business).

Dr. Todd Hernandez, NSCC President, applauded the graduates, noting: "I commend you for your dedication and persistence that have led to this remarkable achievement. You balanced work, family, and other obligations in order to complete your education." Hernandez then invited Lucia Myers and Sam Raby to the podium to accept their President's Outstanding Student Awards.

John Wilson delivered the keynote address to the audience. Wilson graduated from The Ohio State University with an Agriculture Education degree, has proudly served in the Ohio National Guard, rising to First Lieutenant, and is also a former Director of Student Services with Northwest Technical College (now Northwest State Community College), having

served in some capacity with the College since its inception. "As you walk across this stage to get your diploma, horizons unlimited await you. What are you going to do with it?" Wilson said. Wilson concluded his speech with words of hope and comfort for the graduates.

Lucia Myers was selected to be the Student Speaker of Commencement. Myers is a former high school dropout, but knew education would help her serve as a good role model for her children. After earning her GED through the Aspire program, she began attending Northwest State. Myers noted, "I always loved helping people, but I couldn't help anyone if I couldn't help myself first. Northwest State Community College helped me refine my skills and talent to develop myself into a good role model and to start my academic journey. It is my foundation." Following Myers' emotional speech, applause filled the giant tent where Commencement was housed.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

John Baker was farmer and manufacturer of tile and closely associated with the production of cut lumber from his sawmills, he was well known and respected throughout the Latty Township Community.

John was born in the Shenandoah Valley region in Virginia, on a farm, September 10, 1841.

The son of Adam and Delilah (Vance) Baker. John received his education from common schools of

the neighborhood and his thought of work and getting ahead from working the farm ground. Responding to the call to arms and fighting for what he believed right, John enlisted in 1861, to serve with Company K., 12th Virginia Regiment, Confederate States of America. At the Battle of Winchester, not known which Battle of Winchester, because Winchester had changed hands numerous times, John was captured and taken prisoner. John was sent to Camp Chase, Ohio. Over 25,000 prisoners were held at the facility at one time. Over 2260

died and are buried in the Cemetery on the grounds. Early in the war, it was custom to allow Southern officers to take a Pledge of honesty which permitted them to walk the streets of Columbus, spend the nights in hotels and eat at some of the fine restaurants within the city, then return back to Camp Chase.

I was not able to come up with information to know if John was an officer. John was shipped to Johnsons Island two and a half miles offshore from Sandusky. Average number of prisoners confined at one time were 2000 - 2500. I am guessing, that John was there after or mid 1863, because after Gettysburg, prisoners would be kept for twelve to eighteen months. John was



held as a prisoner of war until 1864, at that time, John took the oath of allegiance to the United States and was released. In 1866, John married Amanda Krall, the daughter of Jacob and Mary Krall of Columbus, Ohio. Their marriage produced seven children. By 1870 John and his wife moved to Shallow Ford, Dekalb County, Georgia, where he was an engineer at a steam mill. Gaining this trade helped him later in life.

By 1880, John, his wife and three children moved to Jefferson, Franklin County, Ohio, he worked as a day laborer. In 1887, John and his family moved to Latty Township. He first settled and installed a sawmill within a few rods of the corner, one mile north of the present site of Grover Hill in section 24 of Latty Township. He kept the

saw mill running until around 1890. John Cut the lumber for the Methodist Episcopal Church, located one half mile north of Latty Center. The saw mill covered about one acre of land. John discontinued the saw mill and started making tile and brick. John also ran a cane mill and gristmill at the same location.

John's mother, Delilah, passed away December 17, 1895 in Orange County, Virginia. It is unclear when his father passed away, his parents were divorced.

John continued to be a producer of tile and brick, producing a daily output of 8,000 tile and 6,000 brick. He had four full time men and two 20 x 100 buildings. John discontinued this operation in 1911 and dismantled the following year. His wife, Amanda, passed away in 1914. John remarried a lady named Ella C. (Hakes), between the years 1915 and 1920. Ella passed away in 1926, followed by John, who passed away October 27, 1927 in Latty. John and his two wives are all buried in Mount Zion Cemetery, Grover Hill. John was affiliated with the Democratic Party, a member of the Lutheran Church. His success had been largely achieved by thrift, energy and wisdom in the management of his affairs.

Until Next Time!

OHIO'S WILD TURKEY HARVEST RESULTS THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 16

Ohio's wild turkey hunters have harvested 13,361 birds through Sunday, May 16, 2021. Ohio has two zones for 2021 spring wild turkey hunting: the south zone and the northeast zone. The total harvest represents 23 days of hunting in the south zone and 16 days in the northeast zone, and includes the 1,473 wild turkeys taken during the 2021 youth season.

Hunters harvested 16,013 wild turkeys over the same time period during the 2020 spring hunting season.

Hunting in the south zone is open until Sunday, May 23, and the northeast zone (Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Trumbull counties) is open until Sunday, May 30. Find complete details in the 2020-2021 Hunting and Trapping Regulation Booklet.

The top 10 counties for wild turkey harvest during the 2021 season: Columbiana (423), Meigs (418), Belmont (415), Monroe (391), Jefferson (380), Tuscarawas (379), Washington (367), Guernsey

(357), Muskingum (355), and Gallia (335).

Editor's Note: A county list of all wild turkeys checked by hunters through Sunday, May 16, 2021 is shown below. Results from the south zone include 23 days of hunting, 16 days in the northeast zone, and includes the youth hunting season. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest numbers for 2021, and the 2020 numbers through the corresponding season length are in parentheses. Harvest numbers below are raw data and subject to change.

Adams: 333 (383); Allen: 54 (75); Ashland: 138 (151); Ashtabula 325 (335); Athens: 301 (349); Auglaize: 24 (49); Belmont: 415 (478); Brown: 323 (391); Butler: 159 (217); Carroll: 268 (332); Champaign: 50 (97); Clark: 11 (16); Clermont: 230 (330); Clinton: 48 (83); Columbiana: 423 (357); Coshocton: 308 (395); Crawford: 40 (46); Cuyahoga 5 (5); Darke: 44 (61); **Defiance: 145 (223)**; Delaware: 76 (118); Erie: 43 (39); Fairfield: 75 (103); Fayette: 7 (16); Franklin: 15 (18); Fulton: 92 (110); Gallia: 335 (362); Geauga 134 (160); Greene: 15 (20); Guernsey: 357 (464); Hamilton: 77 (132); Hancock: 24 (41); Hardin: 72 (90); Harrison: 328 (414); Henry: 45 (53); Highland: 295 (383); Hocking: 202 (249); Holmes: 157 (216); Huron: 81 (105); Jackson: 273 (325); Jefferson: 380 (372); Knox: 248 (280); Lake 49 (56); Lawrence: 172 (215); Licking: 254 (288); Logan: 78 (106); Lorain: 96 (127); Lucas: 45 (45); Madison: 5 (8); Mahoning: 165 (174); Marion: 27 (46); Medina: 88 (104); Meigs: 418 (464); Mercer: 10 (27); Miami: 18 (26); Monroe: 391 (477); Montgomery: 22 (26); Morgan: 250 (286); Morrow: 95 (131); Muskingum: 355 (439); Noble: 320 (363); Ottawa: 1 (1); **Paulding: 66 (68)**; Perry: 229 (250); Pickaway: 12 (31); Pike: 171 (166); Portage: 163 (229); Preble: 75 (111); Putnam: 35 (57); Richland: 186 (194); Ross: 237 (304); Sandusky: 23 (21); Scioto: 225 (256); Seneca: 111 (100); Shelby: 39 (38); Stark: 222 (241); Summit: 55 (67); Trumbull 243 (297); Tuscarawas: 379 (483); Union: 31 (43); **Van Wert: 9 (19)**; Vinton: 222 (260); Warren: 66 (101); Washington: 367 (427); Wayne: 99 (113); **Williams: 169 (176)**; Wood: 23 (28); Wyandot: 70 (81).

K-9 DUKE CELEBRATES WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY



By: Joe Shouse

HAVILAND - It was a day of celebration for one of the more popular staff members at Wayne Trace Junior Senior High School last week. The staff member has only been a part of the school system this school year but has made such a positive impression on students and staff alike. K-9 Officer Duke, a golden retriever, is celebrating his second birthday on May 29. Duke's Handler is Deputy William (Bill) Lyons who serves as the school's Resource Officer. Like all Raider students, Mrs. Valerie DeVelvis's, cross-categorical class has grown to love their four-legged friend. After Duke visited their classroom at the beginning of the school year, it was the students desire to have a birthday party near the end of May prior to school letting out for the summer.

Last Thursday, DeVelvis's class invited Duke and Officer Lyons to their classroom to celebrate Duke's second birthday.

Duke, decked out in a party hat, bow tie, and bandana, entered the classroom to a group of enthusiastic students who were ready to party.

Duke received several gifts and even enjoyed a small bite of birthday cake. He entertained the students by playing with many of his dog toy

presents while devouring some special dog treats. When the party ended the students commented how they appreciate Duke and the [positive impact he has brought to Wayne Trace.

PAULDING COUNTY AUXILIARY AND BARGAIN BIN MAKES A DONATION TO PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL

Paulding County Hospital is pleased to announce that with funds donated from the Auxiliary and Bargain Bin, we were able to purchase décor for our newly renovated Med/Surg Department. Some of the artwork pieces purchased for the newly renovated area will assist with buffering sound throughout the unit. This will assist in patients having quieter rooms for their stay, which promotes better healing outcomes.

Paulding County Hospital plans to purchase additional pieces for the Med/Surg Department in the future with donated funds. Thank you to all of the Auxiliary and Bargain Bin volunteers for your continued support to Paulding County and to Paulding County Hospital. We greatly appreciate all you do!

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

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Defiance: Newman's Marathons Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathons, Rite Aid, Split Endz Salon
Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Valero Gas, Marathon
Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, Library
Hicksville: Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway
Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store
Ney: Marathon
Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General
Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of

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
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Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
New Haven: New Haven Tan McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS
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CADETS SHUT DOWN ANTWERP



Caption: Antwerp Archers Softball ends their season as the runner-up team in the Bryan District Championship. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The season came to a close for the Antwerp Lady Archers on Friday night as Hilltop blanked the blue and white 11-0 in the Division IV district championship at Bryan. Kodi Brenner limited Antwerp to one hit in the contest with four strikeouts in pitching the Cadets to the win. Brenner also walked five Archers in the contest.

Kearstyn Pierce had the lone single for the blue and white. Emerson Litzenberg took the loss for Antwerp, allowing eight hits and a pair of walks while striking out three. Alex Horton led the way for the Lady Cadets with a triple and a home run while Hannah Riley added a pair of singles.

Leanna Baker also had a double for Hilltop with Brenner, Sara Barnum and Layman each picking up a single. Hilltop advances to play Mohawk in the regional semifinals at Defiance on Wednesday. Wayne Trace squares off with New Riegel in the other game at Defiance that day.

scene by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, The Continental Police Department, Continental Fire and EMS, The Putnam County Coroner's Office, and 419 Towing and Recovery. The crash remains under investigation

ROGERS ANNOUNCES BANKS AND GALLAGHER AS NEW SUBCOMMITTEE RANKING MEMBERS

U.S. Representative Mike Rogers (R-AL), the Ranking Member on the House Armed Services Committee, announced two new Armed Services Subcommittee Ranking Members. Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN) will serve as the Ranking Member for the Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems and Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) will serve as the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

"I am pleased to announce that Representatives Jim Banks (R-IN) and Mike Gallagher (R-WI) will be taking on new and important roles on the House Armed Services Committee," Ranking Member Mike Rogers said. "Rep. Banks will serve as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems and Rep. Gallagher will serve as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. I am pleased to have two combat veterans in these roles. I have the utmost confidence that Representatives Banks and Gallagher will continue to be outstanding leaders as we work to strengthen our national defense and modernize our military to combat our rising adversaries."

"I thank Ranking Member Mike Rogers for the opportunity to lead Republican efforts on the Subcommittee on Military Personnel and was grateful to work on ensuring those serving and their families are well taken care of," Banks said. "I am now honored to be asked to lead the Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems and look forward to advancing U.S. efforts on artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, emerging technologies, and other key technology issues to modernize the Department of Defense and equip the military for the future of warfare."

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. There is nothing more important than ensuring our service members have the resources they need to keep us safe, particularly in light of the growing threat posed by the Chinese Communist Party" Gallagher said. "As I take on this new role, I will be guided by the words of Marine Corps Doctrinal Publication 1 Warfighting, which reminds us the military has two basic functions: '...waging war and preparing for war. Any military activities that do not contribute to the conduct of a present war are justifiable only if they contribute to preparedness for a possible future one.' I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure the Department is laser-focused on performing these functions and training our service members to be warriors - not wokesters."

LADY INDIANS, SCHANG TOO MUCH FOR ANTWERP



Antwerp's Samantha Rigsby scores in the third inning after a bunt by Emerson Litzenberg, allowed her to get home. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Visiting Wauseon scored in five of seven innings as the Lady Indians posted a 9-3 win over host Antwerp Monday in non-league softball action.

Wauseon scored once in the first before adding two more each in the second and third to seize a 5-0 advantage.

After the Lady Archers plated two runs in the bottom of the fourth, the Lady Indians scored twice in the fifth and sixth to expand the lead to 9-2. Antwerp then wrapped up the scoring with a single run in the bottom of the sixth.

Macee Schang picked up the win for the Indians, fanning 19 Archer hitters while giving up only one hit, three walks and three runs (one earned).

Payton Albright had a single and a home run with two

runs scored and two runs batted in for the Lady Indians. Alexis Haury added three doubles and a single while scoring once and posting two RBIs. Chelsie Raabe chipped in two doubles with two runs scored and a run batted in while Jettie Burget finished with a single and a double.

Brianna Hays, Macee Schang and Olivia Gigax all had one hit for Wauseon.

Samantha Rigsby had the lone single for the Lady Archers.

Lydia Krouse suffered the loss for Antwerp, allowing five hits and five earned runs with one strikeout. Emerson Litzenberg tossed four frames, surrendering six hits, four earned runs and one walk while fanning one.

RAIDERS SHUT OUT PIRATES IN SECTIONAL OPENER



Wayne Trace's Cooper Wenzlick slides into home plate, scoring for the Raiders as the catcher misses the throw from third. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By Joe Shouse Sports Writer HAVILAND - Opening sectional play last Tuesday, the Wayne Trace Raiders hosted Continental and came up with a win to advance the Raiders in tournament action. The fourth seed Raiders scored early and defeated the 14th seed Pirates 4-0.

The red, white, and blue scored three runs in the opening frame and then tacked on an additional run in the fifth inning to wrap up all the scoring. The Raiders stayed in control throughout the contest while the Pirates never

put up a serious threat. In the initial inning the Raiders got on the board following a Tucker Antoine walk. The freshman attempted a second base steal and, in the attempt, to throw him out the ball made its way to the outfield on a throwing error. Antoine alertly made his way to third base with freshman Cooper Wenzlick making his first appearance at the plate. Wenzlick responded with a single to score Antoine. With Wenzlick on first Kyle Slade managed a single that advanced Wenzlick to the third. Again, a throwing error

by the Pirates turned costly as Wenzlick scored and Slade advanced to second base. With the Raiders in front 2-0 Cale Winans slapped a single to score Slade to give the Raiders a 3-0 margin after one inning.

Continental recorded five errors in the contest with one of those errors giving the Raiders its final score. With Wenzlick occupying second base, an attempt to steal third turned successful on a throwing error to third allowing Wenzlick to cross home plate.

"It's good to get a win in your first tournament game. It seemed like everything we hit was right to them. But we had excellent pitching and defensively we picked up three double plays," said Head Coach Ryne Jerome.

Allen Minck got the win, pitching a complete game. The junior struck out seven while allowing just one walk and one hit to get the shutout win.

"Allen (Minck) did a super job for us tonight. He threw just 68 pitches and was highly efficient on the mound," commented Coach Jerome.

The Raiders continue the tournament trail with another home game against fifth seed Ottoville.

ONE KILLED IN ROLLOVER CRASH

Monroe Township - On May 17, 2021 at 4:00 PM, Cindel Fenter was southbound on County Road 22 driving a 1999 GMC Suburban. Ms. Fenter drove off the right side of the roadway, came back on to the roadway and drove off the left side of the roadway. The vehicle then struck a ditch and overturned. Ms. Fenter was not wearing her safety belt. She was ejected from the vehicle and suffered fatal injuries. Two children age three and one were passengers in the vehicle. Ms. Fenter, age 31, from Defiance, Ohio was pronounced dead at the scene and transported to Love-Heitmeyer Funeral Home by the funeral home. The Suburban sustained severe damage and was towed from the scene by 419 Towing and Recovery.

Both children were transported by Continental EMS to Mercy Health Putnam County Medical Center in Glandorf, Ohio. Both children were secured in child safety seats and suffered only minor injuries. The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on the

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REP. BANKS REINTRODUCES BILL TO PROHIBIT TSP INVESTMENT IN CHINESE COMPANIES

Congressman Jim Banks (IN-03) reintroduced the Prohibiting TSP Investment in China Act to prevent federal retirements accounts from investing in companies tied to Russia and China. U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL), today introduced companion legislation based on Rep. Banks' bill.

The Prohibiting TSP In-

vestment in China Act would prohibit Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) funds from being invested in any entity based in China. Such investments would funnel capital to companies that commonly skirt U.S. sanction laws and flout U.S. financial-reporting requirements. The TSP is the predominant government retirement fund and is utilized by 6,000,000 military members and federal civilian employees.

Said Rep. Banks: "All across America, retirees' sav-

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ARCHERS MOVE ON TO DISTRICTS



Antwerp's Carson's Altimus safely slides into second against the Bombers in the fifth inning. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - A three-run fifth sealed a 6-1 win for the Antwerp baseball team Thursday night as the Archers got past Edon for a Division IV sectional championship.

The Archers scored one in the first to take the early lead but Edon answered with its lone run in the top of the second to tie the game at 1-1.

Antwerp, though, responded with a single run in the third and again in the fourth before adding three in the fifth to wrap up the 6-1 victory.

Austin Lichty had a single and a double to lead the blue and white offense while also scoring twice. Luke Krouse added a single and three runs batted in for the Archers while

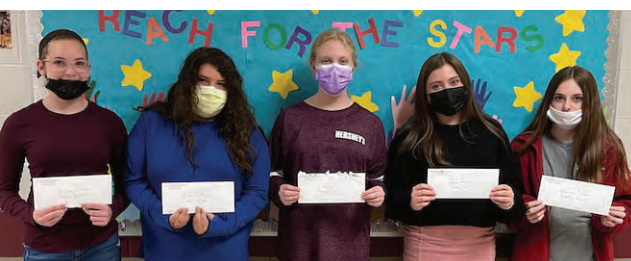
Parker Moore and Ethan Lichty also drove in runs.

Chase Clark, Moore, Hunter Sproles, Carson Altimus and Ethan Lichty chipped in singles for the blue and white. Altimus, Sproles, Clark and Moore scored the other runs for Antwerp.

Cole Vasquez had a solo home run for Edon for the Bombers only hit of the contest.

Luke Krouse tossed the first six innings for Antwerp, striking out a dozen and giving up one hit, one run and three walks. Vasquez took the loss for the Bombers, allowing eight hits, six runs (four earned) and two walks with one strikeout.

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Pictured are the Paulding Middle School Students of the Month for May. From left

are Kiara Adams, Emiliano Turner, Kaitlynn Breedlove, Jacob Harris, and RJ Wirts.

ings are being funneled to companies that are actively undermining our security and putting those taxpayers' children and grandchildren at risk. I'd like to thank Senator Tuberville for introducing my companion bill in the Senate to end U.S. government employee and service member funding of our chief adversary's rise."

Said Sen. Tuberville: "We've seen it time and again - Chinese companies don't play by the rules, committing intellectual property theft and disregarding basic regulatory standards at the expense of investors. Not a single taxpayer

dollar should be invested with these entities that have a clear history of corruption. Such investments put the investors, and our country, at risk. It is time to take a serious, united, and bipartisan approach to disentangle American financial investment with China and send the message that American capital will not support Chinese aggression."

RAIDERS TOPS NO. 1 SEED NORTH BALTIMORE IN DISTRICT SEMIFINALS

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

ELIDA - Wayne Trace jumped out to a 5-0 lead and



ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS RELEASE BUTTERFLIES

Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers recently experienced the life cycle of a butterfly in their classroom. They arrived as tiny caterpillars, formed a chrysalis and emerged as beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies. The preschoolers took advantage of a beautiful spring day to release them to the wild. Look carefully and you can see one perched on the orange slice in the picture! Shown here are Hadley Mohr, Celeste Hollar and Julia Gochenour. Call 419-399-5437 for more information on our summer and fall programs!

then had to hang on for a huge Division IV district semifinal softball game win. The Raiders, seeded third had its hands full with the number one seed Tigers from North Baltimore but when the dust settled it was the Raiders outlasting their tournament foe 9-7.

The third inning turned out to be monumental for the red, white, and blue who was nursing a 2-0 margin over the Tigers. With the Raiders occupying two bases, Macy Doster stepped to the plate and blasted a homer to lift the Paulding County crew to a 5-0 lead.

Wayne Trace added another run in the sixth frame when Kaitlin Slade slapped a single that allowed Emma Crosby to cross the plate. Holding a 6-0 advantage, the one-seed Tigers would respond. A five-run inning had the Tigers within striking distance - trailing by a single run 6-5.

In the sixth frame Wayne Trace would answer with a couple of additional runs. Tiffany Sinn led off with a walk followed by a Crosby single to put runners on first and second. Slade was "clutch" at the plate, hitting a double,

scoring both Sinn and Crosby to lift the Raiders lead to 8-5. Before the inning closed out Ava Zartman entered the contest to run for Slade. With Zartman on base Katie Ann Baumle got an all-important single that scored Zartman to move the Raiders in control at 9-5.

The Tigers didn't go down without fight. Scoring two runs in the seventh but would get no closer. Tiffany Sinn got the win for the Raiders. Sinn struck out eight, walked three while allowing eight hits and five earned runs.

Leading hitters for the winners was Slade with two singles, a double and three RBIs; Doster added three RBIs; and Carlee Mead had a solid performance at the plate with two doubles. Sinn added a single, triple and scored a run with Crosby adding a single while scoring twice.

ROBERT DEITRICK NAMED TO TRINE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Robert Deitrick of Paulding, a Trine University student, earned Dean's List recognition for the Spring 2021 term.

Deitrick is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

To earn Dean's List honors, Trine University students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.500-3.749.

BIG FIFTH LIFTS PILOTS OVER ANTWERP

Host Ayersville scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning as the Pilots pulled away from Antwerp for a 7-2 victory over the Archers in Green Meadows Conference baseball action Thursday evening.

It was Antwerp who struck first, scoring once in the top of the second, before the Pilots tied the game with one run in the home half of the fourth.

After the Archers went back on top 2-1 in the fifth, it was Ayersville who seized control of the contest in the home half of the frame. The Pilots plated six runs in the bottom of the inning to post a 7-2 lead and Ayersville made that stand up for the victory.

Austin Lichty, Luke Krouse and Hunter Sproles all had singles for the Archers. Parker Moore and Camden Fuller scored the Antwerp runs with Sproles posting a run batted in.

Blake Hauenstein and Blake Eiden topped Ayersville with two singles apiece while Abe Delano, Zac Moss, Tyler Winzler and Brayden Amoroso finished with one hit each.

Eiden, Caden Craft, Hauenstein, Abe Delano, Winzler, Luke Delano and Amoroso all scored for the Pilots. Luke Delano, Winzler, Moss and Weston McGuire each drove in a run for Ayersville.

Craft struck out four and walked two in posting the win for Ayersville, allowing three hits and one earned run in the complete game effort.

Austin Lichty took the loss for Antwerp, giving up seven hits, seven unearned runs and one walk while striking out eight.

Luke Krouse tossed the final frame, giving up one hit and striking out one.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Oakwood Elementary April Student of the Month are: Front Row: Chase Bowers, Kennedy Manz, Wyatt Leatherman, Iridessa Reyes. Middle Row: Sage Stork, Balan Miller, Baylor Kilgore. Back Row: Janae Parrett, Kyra Jackman, Addy Gribble, Konner Clemens, Max Burns.

APRIL PAULDING PRIDE CARD WINNERS



Each month at Paulding Middle School students get recognized with Paulding Pride Cards for going above and beyond what is normally expected from middle school students. Shown in the picture are the Paulding Middle School Pride Card winners for the month of April.

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of the third inning to collect four runs to take a lead they would not relinquish. With 10 unanswered runs the red, white, and blue went up 14-4 to garner the 10-run-rule contest and will now move on to Regional play.

With the Raider win, the Thunderbirds close out their season at 14-11 while the 16-11 Raiders will play at Defiance on Wednesday, May 26 when they will be greeted by No.2 state ranked New Riegel. Game time is set for 2:00 p.m.

The Raiders were solid at the plate with 16 hits including four extra base knocks. In the third inning Kaitlin Slade picked the Raiders up offensively when they were trailing 4-1. Slade belted a three-run homer to even the score at four a piece. In the fifth inning Wayne Trace came up big again when Logan Bland slashed a home run to lead the Raiders to a three-run inning. In the contest Slade collected three hits and drove in five runs to lead the Raiders offensive attack.

Pitching for the red, white, and blue was reliable Tiffany Sinn, who picked up the win but was impressive at the plate with three hits including a double. Tatum Tigner also polished off three hits while driving in three runs.

After a difficult first couple of innings on the mound for Sinn, the senior settled down to close out the contest in solid fashion. In the final three frames Sinn allowed just two hits after giving up four runs and five hits in the first three innings.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Kayla Mikenzie Luginbill welcomed her baby girl, Quinley Piper Luginbill, on May 22, 2021. Quinley weighed 5lbs 15.3 oz and was 18.25 inches.

Grandparents are: Mike Luginbill, Melanie Perry, Jay Perry, Brenda Scharman and Charlie Scharman.

Great grandparents are: Gwen Perry, Edie Perry, Marvin Luginbill, Patricia Stachler and Barb Scharman.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021



Advertisement for West Bend Printing featuring a woman's face and a van. Text: "Don't Drive NAKED. DRESS UP Your Vehicle with Vinyl Graphics from West Bend Printing!"

PAULDING FFA STUDENTS HELP WITH RIGHT TO READ WEEK



Pictured here is Paulding Elementary 1st grader Briggs Stoller reading to Paulding FFA member Mason Schlatter his book Pigs donated to every 1st graders at Paulding Elementary through a grant from Paulding Area Foundation.

By: Carter Manz, Reporter & Jaylyn McCloud, Assistant Reporter, Paulding FFA

The during second week of May, the Paulding FFA helped Paulding Elementary with their Right to Read Week, their theme was "Superheroes." The Food Science Ag class members read a book called Pigs to the first graders and every student got to keep a pig book donated by a grant from Paulding Area Foundation.

The FFA members also did a short presentation about pigs and played a game of pass the pig with the first graders. Since it was right to read week

a high schooler paired up with a first grader and the first graders read the high school students. Then with the 4th and 5th graders, the Ag business class went down and read Crosby the farm dog a newly released book by the Peterson farm brothers. Then the FFA members helped the elementary students understand that farmers are truly our everyday heroes by providing us with our food.

The students wrote letters and drew pictures that were sent to local farmers to thank them and wish them a safe planting season. The chapter was also able to encourage student reading by donating a

copy of Crosby the farm dog to the Paulding and Oakwood Elementary libraries as well as the Paulding Public Library. A few of our members went to Oakwood Elementary and read Crosby the farm dog to preschool, first, second, and third grades.

The FFA members were also able to help the Paulding elementary students with their color run. Members threw colored powder on the elementary students as they completed an obstacle course. The Paulding FFA enjoys helping the younger students as well as teaching students about the importance of agriculture in our county.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Joseph A. Malfait, Woodburn, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Sean C. Peterson, Chesterland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Alicia F. Larson, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Submit an evaluation; No unlawful contact with victim; Risk assessment; Courses for courts; Mental health evaluation; Complete such counseling

Dominique S. Brown, Fort Wayne, IN; Vandalism; Criminal trespassing; Both cases dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived

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

Mitchell W. Lindsey, Washington Court House, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kyle J. Arn, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nicole Hicks, Oakwood, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 5/28/21; Must provide proof of insurance

David C. Miss, Thurmont, MD; Left of center, Guilty; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Cases were waived by defendant ; Distracted driving, Case dismissed, Defendant completed course

Norfolk Southern, Fort Wayne, IN; Obstructing Railroad Crossing (15 counts); 10 counts dismissed; 5 counts, Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 6/11/21

Jeremy B. Leiter, Melrose, OH; Breaking & Entering, Possession of drugs, Trafficking, Fictitious registration; Preliminary waived; Defendant had been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Vantrese Jones, Indianapolis, IN; Weapon under disability, Handling firearm; Preliminary waived; Defendant had been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Joshua L. Newsome, Oakwood, OH; Drugs in detention facility, Vandalism, Escape; Preliminary waived; Defendant had been indicted by the Paulding County

WAYNE TRACE DISTRICT ART SHOW



Wayne Trace Local Schools recently held its annual District Art Show with over 500 pieces on exhibit. They would like to thank all of those who came out to enjoy the outstanding work done by our talented young artists! They would also like to recognize the award winners for each of the buildings. Best in Show for the elementary level was Grover Hill 6th grader Campbell Volk. Best in Show for the junior/senior high school was junior Haylee Finfrock. Payne Elementary Merit Award winners included: Norah Mawer, Dodger Boyd, Wade Stoller, Beckett Taylor, Lon-

dyn Dargenson, Nuria Valdez, Megan Parker, Mailey Stoller, Elly Tempel, Audrey Reuilla, Lilly Holbrook, Reece Morehead, Destiny Endicott, and Keagen Sharp. Grover Hill Merit Award winners included: Aubrie Longstreth, Amber Stoller, Cole Manz, Damara Stephey-Baldazo, Kenzie Ogle, Aubrie Stoller, Faith Jacobs, Madison Silence, Olivia Stoller, Braylyn Baker, Shawna Stoller, Grayson Labouny, Chandler Sinn, Addilyn Noffsinger, Aleayah Stoller, Tyler Baska. The Junior/Senior High Merit Award winners included seniors Katrina Stoller, Carter

Baksa, Owen Manz, Brendon Bidlack, Chloe Parker, Kenadie Daeger, Hannah Sanderson and Tiffany Sinn; juniors Eli Spinner, Theri Coyne, Jackson Newman, and Jacob Howell; sophomores Alyssa Greathouse, Riley Daeger, Astrid Martinez-Sandoval, Mallory Moore, Cole Fisher, Jacob Banks, and Anna Wells; freshmen Caitlyn Thomas, Olivia Meraz, and Emily Thrasher; and 8th graders Isabella Knowles, Gage Ogle, and Tyler Sanderson. Congratulations to all who placed and exhibited in this year's District Art Show!

Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Shawn M. Dempsey, Paulding, OH; Breaking & Entering; Preliminary waived; Defendant had been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Danielle A. Haley, Sherwood, OH; Possession of drugs; Preliminary waived; Defendant had been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Kurtis M. Graber, Hicksville, OH; OVI/breath high, Case dismissed at state's request; OVI/under influence, Guilty, Defendant may complete DIP in lieu of 3 jail days, to be completed by 9/24/21, ALS vacated immediately, Pay all fines and costs today, New driving privileges granted, Proof of financial responsibility provided

Austin E. Kincaid, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Henry Porter Jr, Columbus, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dustin W. Cole, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case was dismissed, without prejudice; Costs waived

Darcy M. Burkley, Edon, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed

Don C. Lofton, Adrian, MI; Failure to control; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs today; ALS vacated immediately

David J. Bendele, Fort Jennings, OH; OVI/under influence, Pled no contest, found guilty, ALS vacated immediately, Report to jail 6/30/21, Work release granted after 3 days hard time, 30 hours community service, Defendant placed on standard probation; DUS, Case dismissed at state's request; Failure to control, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay all fines and costs by 8/27/21

Raliza V. Pashova, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Rachael D. Hollinger, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest,

found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Heidi J. Treesh, Bryan, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 2/25/22

Tony Schindler, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cory R. Schindler, Sherwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Teresa Finch, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jason H. Warnecke, Columbus Grove, OH; Seat

belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cassandra N. Cloud, Van Wert, OH; No operator's license, Guilty; Failure to control, Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 8/27/21

Brent A. Bohner, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gannon T. Prowant, Continental, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Benjamin Ceballos, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Makeesha D. McLaughlin,

LEGAL NOTICE

2021 PAULDING COUNTY ASPHALT PAVING PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding, Ohio, at its office in the Court House, 115 N. Williams Street, Rm. B-1, Paulding, Ohio, 45879 until **11:15 A.M., D.S.T. on June 9, 2021.**

PROPOSAL:

Cold Constructed Asphalt Paving of various roads in Paulding County, Ohio.

The owner intends and requires that the project be completed no later than **October 31, 2021.**

Engineer's Estimate = \$1,933,923.70

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sealed bids shall be in writing and in accordance with specifications furnished by Paulding County and on file in the Offices of the Paulding County Engineer and Commissioners.

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

PROPOSAL: "2021 Paulding County Asphalt Paving Project"

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

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

Heather Barnhouse
Clerk Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE: VILLAGE OF ANTWERP APPLICATION FOR APPEAL FOR ZONING VIOLATION

THURSDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M.

The Village of Antwerp's Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on an application for an appeal for a zoning violation in a B-1, Downtown Business and R-1 Residential District. Permitted uses do not allow for storage of semi-trailers. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall

Information on the appeal can be obtained from the Village Administrator located at 503 W. River or by calling the office at 419-258-2371.

LEGAL NOTICE

2021 PAULDING COUNTY COLD MIX PAVING PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding, Ohio, at its office in the Court House, 115 N. Williams Street, Rm. B-1, Paulding, Ohio, 45879 until **11:00 A.M., D.S.T. on June 9, 2021.**

PROPOSAL:

Cold Constructed Asphalt Paving of various roads in Paulding County, Ohio. The owner intends and requires that the project be completed no later than **September 17, 2021. Engineer's Estimate = \$716,205**

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

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

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

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

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

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

All materials shall conform to the 2016 revision of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications.

Sealed bids shall be in writing and in accordance with specifications furnished by Paulding County and on file in the Offices of the Paulding County Engineer and Commissioners.

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

PROPOSAL: "2021 Paulding County Cold Mix Paving Project"

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

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

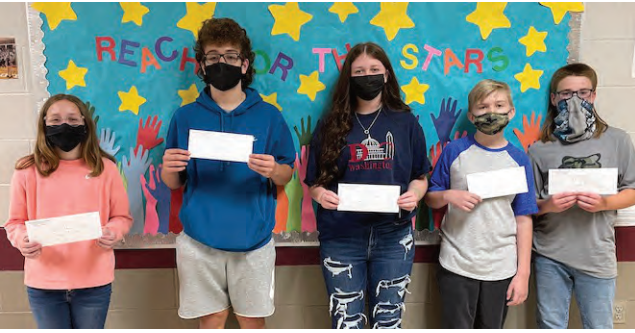
Heather Barnhouse
Clerk, Board of Commissioners

STUDENTS HONORED FOR ALL A'S FOR 3 YEARS



Emma Porter, Luke Beckman and Grace Goyings were honored at Paulding Middle School for their academic achievements of earning all "A's" throughout 3 years of middle school

PAULDING MS APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Shown in the picture are Paulding Middle School's April Students of the Month. From left are: Hannah Griffiths, Esperanza Kline, Izzy Lamb, Grace Goyings, and Makenna Dunham.

Muncie, IN; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Trae Simm, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brian O. Rippetoe, Cloverdale, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Larry D. Davis, Continental, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joseph W. Burkley, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jerick L. Van Dyke, Louisville, IL; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gage L. Smith, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lance M. Mills, Zionsville, IN; Distracted driving; Dismissed; Defendant completed course

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP
5/18/21 Dunbar Henry Colin to Dunbar Henry Colin Trustee; 15667 Rd 191 Defi-

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT RETURNS TO THE NISWONGER



Van Wert Live is pleased to announce the return of live family entertainment to the Niswonger Performing Arts Center. Buckets N' Boards, presented by Jeffery-Mohr Family Dentistry will make their 2021 Ohio Premier on Sunday, September 26 at 3:00 PM. Affordable ticket prices are made possible by Presenting Sponsor Jeffery-Mohr Family Dentistry and 2021 Annual Sponsor Central Insurance Companies, First Federal of Van Wert, and Statewide Ford - Lincoln.

Buckets N Boards Comedy Percussion Show, a Disney Cruise Line Feature Performance, is a spectacularly imaginative work brought to life by two prolific performers. Matt Levingston and Gareth Sever, two masterful musicians, and comedians, bring a joyous charm to this full stage production. The show was born from their shared passion for music and rhythm, but it truly comes to life through the nonstop hilarious interplay between these two characters and their audience. The intricate beats and stunning synchronicity are awesome to behold. The sheer variety of instruments and

found objects they are able to manipulate is awe-inspiring. The comedy, centered on the improvisational interactions with the crowd, is the driving force of the show.

Buckets N Boards has performed 10 critically acclaimed summer seasons in Branson, MO, performed with the Kansas City Symphony, and are currently one of the most requested headline acts on Disney Cruise Lines. From their imaginative songs, beautiful harmonies, dazzling tap dancing, crisp beatboxing, body percussion, and bucket drumming, to a fresh and unique brand of clean comedy, Buckets N Boards has crafted an original theatrical experience the entire family will enjoy.

The Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation presenting VWLive events is powered by the Van Wert County Foundation. The VWLive HQ and Box Office is within the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, 10700 SR 118 S, Van Wert. The Box Office is open by phone at 419-238-6722 or in-person from Noon - 4P, Monday through Thursday, and Noon - 6P on Friday.

The West Bend News

Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

Computer Science.

Brooke Weidenhamer, of Paulding, received the following: Bachelor of Science in Middle Childhood Education. Weidenhamer graduated from the University with the academic designation of cum laude.

RAIDERS TAKE SECTIONAL TITLE OVER OTTOVILLE

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

It wasn't easy as fourth seed Wayne Trace and fifth (Continued on Back)

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

CDBG-CV Grover Hill Lions Club Community Center

The Paulding County Commissioners are seeking statements of qualifications from interested firms to enter into a contract for schematic designs, architecture, engineering, and surveying services in connection with a Lions Club Community Center located in Grover Hill, Ohio. All firms interested should reply with a statement of qualifications no later than 4:00pm on Friday, June 4, 2021. Statements received after this deadline will not be considered. Information regarding the project and the criteria for the qualifications is available online at the Commissioners website: www.pauldingcountycommissioners.com (Under the Bid Tab)

Send your submissions to: **Maumee Valley Planning Organization**

Attn: Christina Deehr 1300 E. Second St., Suite 200 Defiance, Ohio 43512 planner2@mvpvo.org. Inquiries regarding the project may be directed to Christina Deehr, Program Manager, at (419) 784-3882.

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: AGFIRST FARM CREDIT BANK, Plaintiff, vs. JOSHUA T. CLEMENTZ, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 20 077.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

451 Lewis Street, Latty, Ohio Parcel Number: 29-03S-016-00

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office located in the Courthouse or at:

www.uslandrecorders.com.

Said premises was appraised at Thirty-six Thousand and No/100 (\$36,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the 17th day of June, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

<https://paulding.sheriffssaleauction.ohio.gov>.

Registration and deposits must be completed at least one week before the date of sale.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on the First day of July, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.

Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand and No/100 (\$5,000.00) will be due at the time of the sale. Balance of the purchase price shall be paid before the deed is recorded.

The successful bidder will have Thirty (30) days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the successful bidder has Thirty (30) days to file a written motion requesting the sale be set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed Ninety (90) days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.

Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
Marilyn Ramirez, Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION

IN THE Probate COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Michael Wehrkamp, Judge Case No. 20215002 IN THE MATTER OF: ATTICUS LELYND SCHAFFER

To: KAITLIN E. SCHAFFER, 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 28TH day of JUNE, 2021, at 3:00 o'clock PM.

It is alleged in the petition, pursuant to R.C. 3107.07, that the consent of KAITLIN E. SCHAFFER 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 home of the petitioner.

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

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

ON NOVEMBER, 2018

"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."

RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY:

You have the right to be represented by an attorney of your choice. If you are unable to afford an attorney, you must request an attorney when you receive this Notice and complete an affidavit of indigency form at the Court to determine if you qualify for an appointed counsel. You may contact the Paulding County Probate Court for more information at (419) 399-8256

By: Sally J. Wommersley, Probate Judge
Deputy Clerk

ance Oh 43512; 5.549 acres; Pt Ne1/4 Auglaize Twp S-21

BROWN TWP

5/19/21 Mead Christine C Trustee to Mead Christine C Trustee; S Third; 34.096 acres; Pt Lot 17 Ptn1/2nw1/4 Outlots S-35 Oakwood Vill

BENTON TWP

5/17/21 Head Andrew M Head Racheal R to Farris Ernest Jr Farris Linda; Rd 39; 1.868 acres; Pt Nw1/4 Se1/4 & Pt Sw1/4 Ne1/4 Benton Twp

CARRYALL TWP

5/17/21 Vail Marilyn J Le to Vail Marilyn J Le; Rd 204, 0.574 acres, Pt Se1/4 Se1/4 Lot 1 Brierwood Home Sites Carryall Twp Sec 14; 5765 Rd 204 Antwerp Oh 45813, 8.34 Acres, Pt Se1/4 Se1/4 Carryall Twp Sec 14

CRANE TWP

5/18/21 Lucas Jo L Trustee Etal to Lucas Michael P Trustee; 9907 Rd 192 Cecil Oh 45821, 0.88 cres, Ne 1/4 Se 1/4 Crane Twp Sec 4; Rd 192, 1.101 acres, Pt Ne1/4 Se1/4 Crane Twp Sec 4

JACKSON TWP

5/20/21 Taylor Stewart M to Taylor Stewart M Kremer Andrea; 13356 Nancy St, 0.2583 acres, Lot 124 None-man Em Acres Allot#3 Paulding Village; Nancy St, 0.2538 Acres, Lot 123 Noneman Em Acres Allot#3 Paulding Village

5/19/21 Heck Norman E Le Et Al to Gross Cathy S Etal; 13887 Rita St Paulding Oh 45879; 0.3444 acres; Lot 57 & Lot 58 E25ft Noneman Em Acres Allot#3 Paulding Village

PAULDING TWP

5/20/21 Gerken Robby L Gerken Kathryn R to Bowman

& Bowman Holdings Llc; 408 W Jackson St, 0.2015 acres, Lot 18 Dix 1st Add Paulding Vill; 215 N Dix St, 0.2015 Acres, Lot 5 Dix 1st Add Paulding Vill

5/17/21 Wolfle Peggy I Life Estate & Wolfle William H to Devford Properties LLC; 202 S Coupland St; 0.2015 Acres; Lot 1 Hake Add Paulding Vill

UF ANNOUNCES 2020 - 2021 GRADUATES

University of Findlay graduates were recognized for earning degrees for the academic year 2020 - 2021. Nearly 900 graduates earned doctoral, master's, bachelor's or associate degrees for the academic year 2020 - 2021.

Local students include:

Lauren Hill, of Paulding, received the following: Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Hill graduated from the University with the academic designation of magna cum laude.

Ethan Linder, of Paulding, received the following: Bachelor of Science in Health Science.

Seth Saylor, of Payne, received the following: Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Finance. Saylor graduated from the University with the academic designation of cum laude.

Brady Stabler, of Payne, received the following: Bachelor of Science in Health Science. Stabler graduated from the University with the academic designation of summa cum laude.

Cameron Strahley, of Paulding, received the following: Bachelor of Science in



ANTWERP POLICE

leave the gas station hit the cement barrier when pulling away, causing damage to the passenger side of her vehicle. It also showed her exit the vehicle, walk to the passenger side and examined the damage. She then went back and drove away. A private property accident took place at the station and no citations were issued. The case is being sent to the prosecutor for review of possible charges.

On May 4 a resident reported that her 19 year old boyfriend was intoxicated and was attempting to drive. The officer responded to the residence and spoke to both individuals. The 19 year old male was charged with underage consumption.

On May 7 an officer observed a little girl appearing to urinate in a bucket outside in the yard. The officer saw an adult male standing on the porch not paying attention to what the child was doing. The officer approached the residence and explained to resident that it is probably not a good idea to let his eight year old daughter use the front yard, near the road, as a bathroom.

On May 10 a resident reported that she had parked her vehicle between two vehicles at the G-Mart Gas Station while she got a coffee. After she left she realized that one of the vehicles parked next to hers at the station had caused damage to the side of her vehicle. The officer went to the G-Mart station and looked at the camera footage. The footage showed the complainant did not park between two cars but instead parked at a gas pump. As she went to

On May 10 an attorney representing his client contacted the police department and stated that he had been told that the police department had turned over a firearm that belonged to his client that had been convicted of a felony sex offense. he was told that the gun had been turned over to the clients spouse who was also a convicted felon. He questioned how and why this occurred, to turn a gun over to a convicted felon. The case facts were investigated and found the gun was in the evidence room of the Police Department. The attorney was informed that his client was obviously lying.

On May 13 the police department was contacted in reference to a camper that was sitting near the park. The complainant suspected that people were living in the camper and was dumping their feces over the side of the hill near the river. An officer responded and spoke to the people living in the trailer. The officer explained several violations including the camper itself was a violation. The suspects complied and the camper was removed along with the suspects.

On May 13 a child's double stroller was found sitting at
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FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

In May, State Wildlife Officer Adam Smith, assigned to Logan County, received a call from a Champaign County resident about a fawn white-tailed deer in a road ditch standing in the rain. While the resident waited for Officer Smith, he used an umbrella to keep the fawn from moving toward the road and to keep it dry. Officer Smith and the resident then moved the fawn to a nearby fencerow and away from the road. Officer Smith searched the road but could not find evidence of a road-killed deer, so it is suspected the fawn ventured near the road while the mother was resting nearby. Fawns are born without scent to avoid predators. Because of this, their mother leaves them unattended for most of the day to prevent detection. In most cases, a deer fawn is better left alone, however, this fawn was moved to prevent a vehicle collision on the busy road.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In early spring, State Wildlife Officer Nathan Kaufmann, assigned to Richland County, received a call about an injured Canada goose in a parking lot that was unable to move. The caller advised the goose had been in the same spot for at least a day. Officer Kaufmann responded and located the goose. After observing it for a few minutes, he determined the goose was immobile. Officer Kaufmann captured the goose and transported it to a local wildlife rehabilitator for care. The rehabilitator examined the bird and later advised it was able to stand. The goose was monitored for the rest of the day and then released back into the wild.

On opening day of the 2020 white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Nathan West, assigned to Wyandot County, received a call from the Turn in a Poacher hotline. The caller had photographed multiple hunters removing an antlered deer on the caller's property without permission. Officer West responded to the reported location to view the photos of the hunters and of the vehicle, which was then located at a nearby residence. Three suspects from the photos were identified and the antlered deer was seized as evidence. All three were charged for hunting without permission and found guilty in Upper Sandusky Municipal Court. A total of \$675 was paid in fines and court costs, and \$645 in restitution was ordered and paid for the antlered deer taken without permission. Anyone who witnesses illegal wildlife activity can phone 1-800-POACHER (1-800-752-2437).

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

A recent call in the spring provided a bit of levity for State Wildlife Officer Supervisor Scott Denamen. A caller had information about a truck with a white-tailed buck deer in the bed. The caller had recorded the vehicle's license plate and had photos. The scenario seemed unlikely considering it was early spring and nearly all bucks had shed their antlers. Officer Denamen located the driver and asked

about the deer in the truck bed. The driver explained that it was a brand-new tailgate wrap he had just applied, and the buck was part of the artwork. The caller was indeed right, however the case is closed.

In March 2021, State Wildlife Officer Ryan Pawlus, assigned to Lake County, received a report of individuals snagging steelhead trout at Mill Creek along Hogback Ridge Metropark. By the time Officer Pawlus arrived on scene, the individuals had left. However, the caller reported the group was frequenting the area and noticed they used a bright green bucket to carry fish out. The following morning, with assistance from State Wildlife Officer Matthew Madgar, assigned to Cuyahoga County, and Zach Hillman, assigned at-large, Officer Pawlus returned to Hogback Ridge to monitor Mill Creek. By mid-morning, a group of three individuals arrived, matching the description provided in the report. Officers Pawlus and Hillman observed all three individuals fishing. One individual was observed legally catching a steelhead before subsequently snagging an additional three fish and placing all four onto a stringer. The group was then observed placing the four fish into a bright green bucket before departing Mill Creek. The officers contacted the group. The individual observed taking the trout was issued summonses for illegal methods of take, and taking more than the legal daily limit of steelhead. The daily limit in March for Lake Erie steelhead is two. The three trout that were snagged were confiscated and forfeited to the Ohio Division of Wildlife. After appearing in court, he was ordered to pay \$295 in fines, restitution, and court costs.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

In April 2021, State Wildlife Officer Cole Tilton, assigned to Scioto County, was patrolling the Greenup Dam on the Ohio River. This area had produced many complaints about anglers taking more than the daily limit of fish. Officer Tilton observed an individual take a 5-gallon bucket full of fish to his vehicle and then return to the river with an empty bucket to continue fishing. After the angler caught several more fish, Officer Tilton contacted the individual. The angler had a valid fishing license and four hybrid-striped bass in his vehicle, plus more in the bucket. The daily limit of hybrid-striped bass longer than 15 inches is four. Officer Tilton issued a citation for having more fish than the legal daily limit. The angler pleaded guilty in Portsmouth Municipal Court and paid \$200 in restitution.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

In November 2020, State Wildlife Officer Houston Wireman, assigned to Adams County, was traveling along U.S. Route 32 when he observed a small dog on the road. Officer Wireman stopped along the highway and quickly picked up the dog. It was a walker coon hound puppy with no collar or tags to identify its owner. The puppy rode proudly along with Officer Wireman as he stopped at nearby residences to locate the owner. Finally, with direction from a resident, Officer

Wireman and the puppy pulled into a nearby farm.

Upon leaving his truck, Officer Wireman could hear an adult female coonhound frantically howling. Officer Wireman contacted the farm owner and reunited the puppy with its mother.

The puppy's owner and the coonhound were happy to see the puppy and thanked Officer Wireman for returning it safely.

During the opening day of the spring wild turkey hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Houston Wireman, assigned to Adams County, and Matt Roberts, assigned to Clinton County, were patrolling private property in Adams County. They were contacted by a concerned landowner who did not allow turkey hunting, but suspected a neighbor was trespassing. The officers soon found the suspected trespassing neighbor on the landowner's property. The man was also hunting without a valid hunting license and wild turkey permit. He was charged with

hunting without permission, hunting without a license, and hunting without a turkey permit. The trespasser paid \$496 in fines and court costs.

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP 5/17/21

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

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Administrator Sara Keeran, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, EMS Coordinator-Clerk Ashley McDougall and Police Chief George Clemens. Visitors: Bill Boylan, Tim Copey, and two representatives from Wessler Engineering - Ryan Brauen and Eric Davis.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held April 19, 2021, were reviewed.

- Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to accept the minutes from the April 19, 2021, regular council meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Minutes from the special council meeting held May 3, 2021, were reviewed.

- Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by West, to accept the minutes from the May 3, 2021, special council meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The April disbursements were reviewed. Discussion on expenses.

- Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Rister, to accept the April reconciliation report. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Visitors Representatives of Wessler Engineering were in attendance at the request of council to give overview of their firm's ex-

PUBLIC NOTICE: VILLAGE OF PAULDING FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

The Village of Paulding, Ohio is seeking a Financial Director to oversee the Village's financial and accounting practices. The Director would supervise the Utilities Office and become familiar with and supervise the payroll and utilities billing operations. The Director would also oversee the Village's Income Tax program. Other duties and job expectations are described in a current Financial Director's Job Description, which is available at the Paulding Utilities Office.

Those interested in applying should submit a resume, references and a salary history to the Village Administrator's office or by calling (419) 399-4011 and an application will be sent to you. Village residency is not a requirement for this position.

The Village of Paulding is an equal opportunity employer.

Help Wanted

Rehab Office Assistant

Opening: Performs and provides departmental support services such as preparing correspondence, receiving visitors and patients, and scheduling appointments.
Opening: Part Time - 2 days a week - first shift hours

Fitness Center Attendant

Opening: Responsible for supervising and monitoring usage of Fitness Center. Performs new member orientation and instruction on equipment for members.
Opening: Part Time - 2-3 days a week

Respiratory Therapist

Opening: Full Time- 12 hour days, 2nd shift hours
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Registered Nurse

Opening: Med-Surg Department - Full Opening (every third weekend) 7P - 7A
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Emergency Department Assistant

Registering patients for the Emergency Department, Outpatient testing (on the weekend), admissions to the hospital, and assists the ED nursing staff as needed.
Opening: Part Time - 2nd shift hours (every other weekend)

Paulding County Hospital is an Equal Opportunity Employer



MULTIPLE POSITIONS OPEN

ABC U.S. currently has several openings within Maintenance, Packaging, Manufacturing, Tool Room, Warehouse, and Heat Treat (located in Pioneer, OH).

ABC is looking for self-directed individuals who work well with others, like challenges and are interested in being part of a dynamic organizational culture. Positions offer competitive wages, a full benefit package, including 401(k), weekly performance-based incentive pay (PPR), boot reimbursement, employee referral, new hire incentive earned at 6 months and 1 year, weekly attendance incentive, three pay increases within the first year of employment, 1 week of vacation earned at 90 days, and opportunity for future growth.

Applications can be filled out at altenlohbrinck.appone.com

HEAT TREAT OPERATOR - (Located in Pioneer, Ohio) **Starting wage is \$15.75 - \$16.50 (including shift premium) with the ability to make up to \$19.65 an hour including Production and Attendance Incentive.** The shift available is (Monday-Friday 6am-2pm) and (Friday-Sunday 6am-6pm). This person will be responsible for loading and maintaining loads of product and for filling out required paperwork. This person may also perform job responsibilities of staging, loading, and moving materials for a continuous operation. This position requires continuous bending/twisting at the waist, continual lifting, standing up to 8-12 hours a day.

MAINTENANCE POSITION - (Located in Pioneer, Ohio) **Ability to make up to \$32.96 (including shift premium) an hour including Production and Attendance Incentive.** The shift available is Friday-Sunday 6pm-6am. This position requires 2 years of technical training plus 2 years of related work experience or equivalent. The desired applicant should have the following qualifications in mechanical: The ability to use machine tools (drills, grinders, and welders), perform work on motors, belts, and chains, the ability to trouble shoot situations, occasionally make replacement parts. The applicant should also have the following qualifications in electrical: The ability to replace fuses and set circuits breakers on high and low-tension circuits, diagnose electrical trouble, read blueprints, pneumatics and electrical schematics. The applicant must also be able to work from simple wiring diagrams. The hourly rate is dependent on experience and qualifications. Applicant **MUST** be willing to attend additional schooling, paid for by the Company, but is considered a requirement for the position.

PACKAGING/ PACKAGING MACHINE OPERATORS - **Starting wage is \$12.75-\$13.50 (including shift premium) with the ability to make up to \$15.85 an hour including Production and Attendance Incentive.** We have openings on second shift (Monday - Thursday 4pm-2am) and our weekend shift (Friday- Sunday 6am-6pm), within our packaging department. General labor jobs packing product into smaller size quantities. Environment calls for high level of teamwork, standing all day for 10-12 hours, multitasking skills, visual inspection of parts, reading a tape measure, good attitude, and good attendance.

MACHINE OPERATORS - **Starting wage is \$15.00-\$16.50 (including shift premium) with the ability to make up to \$21.00 an hour including Production and Attendance Incentive.** We have openings on our first shift (Mon-Thurs 6am-4pm), weekend shifts (Friday-Sunday 6am-6pm), (Friday-Sunday 6pm-6am) and second shift (Monday-Thursday 4pm-2am), within our manufacturing department. The desired applicants should have the following qualifications: Good mathematical skills, the ability to read standard micrometers and calipers, and produce to a high-quality standard. Previous machinery experience in set up and troubleshooting within a manufacturing type environment is preferred, along with a solid work history.

WAREHOUSE OPERATIONS - **Starting wage is \$12.75 (including shift premium) \$1,000 Bonus (minimum 400 hours must be worked)** We have openings on our second shift (Monday-Friday 6pm-2am), within our warehouse department. General labor jobs picking/packing product into appropriate size shipping boxes. Environment calls for high level of teamwork, standing all day for 10-12 hours, multitasking skills, using a hand scanner, verify labels, verify orders, good attitude and good attendance.

SUMMER HELP - **Starting wage is \$12.75-\$13.50 (including shift premium)** We currently have openings in multiple departments if you are interested in working for the summer or part time. We have openings on first shift (Monday-Thursday 6am-4pm) on second shift (Monday -Thursday 4pm-2am) and our weekend shift (Friday- Sunday 6am-6pm). ABC offers the opportunity to continue working part time even after returning to school.

MAINTENANCE POSITION - **Ability to make up to \$32.96 (including shift premium) an hour including Production and Attendance Incentive.** The shift available is Friday-Sunday 6pm-6am. This position requires 2 years of technical training plus 2 years of related work experience or equivalent. The desired applicant should have the following qualifications in mechanical: The ability to use machine tools (drills, grinders, and welders), perform work on motors, belts, and chains, the ability to trouble shoot situations, occasionally make replacement parts. The applicant should also have the following qualifications in electrical: The ability to replace fuses and set circuits breakers on high and low-tension circuits, diagnose electrical trouble, read blueprints, pneumatics, and electrical schematics. The applicant must also be able to work from simple wiring diagrams. The hourly rate is dependent on experience and qualifications. Applicant **MUST** be willing to attend additional schooling, paid for by the Company, but is considered a requirement for the position.

TOOLMAKER - **The ability to make up to \$30.37 (including shift premium) an hour including Production and Attendance Incentive.** The shift available is Friday-Sunday 6pm-6am. This person must have completed a formal Apprenticeship program plus 2 years' experience or 6-8 years' experience as a toolmaker using basic tool room equipment and familiar with some CNC equipment. Wire EDM experience a plus. The applicant must have the ability to work from drawings, sketches, and verbal instructions. The applicant must have proficient computer skills (proficient with CAD/CAM & MS Office Software).

TOOL ROOM ATTENDANT - **Starting wage is \$16.50 (including shift premium) with the ability to make up to \$21.84 an hour including Production and Attendance Incentive.** The shift available are Friday-Sunday 6pm-6am. This person will be responsible for managing the distribution and preparation of tool room inventory, maintain stock levels, quality inspection of dimensional accuracy of purchased tooling, processing of packing slips to product received and maintaining the cleanliness of the tool room. Previous experience with ERP/PCD software is a plus, must be self-motivated and able to work with little supervision. The following abilities are critical to the position: being able to stand all day, organized and detail oriented, able to read/interpret part and assembly drawings, use micrometers/gages, and Microsoft Office (Outlook, Excel, and word).

Applications can be filled out at altenlohbrinck.appone.com

experience and qualifications and assistance they can provide to the village for its general water plan.

Police Chief Clemens provided a written report showing 123 calls for service for the month of April with 17 offenses.

EMS Report
EMS Coordinator-Clerk Ashley McDougall provided a written report showing 145 outstanding runs. EMS had 18 runs in April. Collections in April were \$6,716.50. A total of \$2,850.00 will be transferred to vehicle replacement fund for April and May.

Fiscal Officer's Report
First reading of ordinance no. 2021-09: an ordinance amending section 8 on tapping fees for waterlines in ordinance no. 2016-27 entitled an ordinance amending ordinance no. 2014-21 authorizing the change of water rates for the Village of Antwerp, county of Paulding, Ohio

This ordinance increases the tapping fees when a boring is required to cover the increased cost to the village in this situation.

Rita Tax collection for the month of April, paid in May, was \$54,904.50, down \$1,297.44 from last year at this same time.

Administrator's Report
Planning Commission meeting on rezoning of S. Erie street on Thursday, May 27th at 5:30 p.m.:

Planning Commission will meet on May 27, 2021, 5:30 p.m., at town hall on requests from council to amend the official zoning map (4 lots on S. Erie Street/Water Plant Drive) and to amend the zoning ordinance (changes to the B-2 Gateway Commercial District language).

Income survey postcards have been mailed to Antwerp residents:

According to MVPO, 400 surveys/postcards were mailed out to random village residents and in order to have a qualified survey, 350 will need returned. The village has 6 months to complete the survey from start to finish. Second mailings are usually required and often door to door follow up may be required. MVPO provided a flyer that was placed on the village's website, at the post office, library and village offices.

The total returned surveys need to reveal that the village is at 51% below median household income for the village to be able to qualify for zero interest loans and grants.

The income survey, if it shows 51% low to moderate income, would be good for 5 years and would allow the village to apply for formula CDBG Grant funding and numerous other water, sewer, street type/infrastructure programs at a lower and/or zero interest rate. It is imperative that residents participate in the income survey to allow the village access to more infrastructure funding.

Antwerp CIC met and approved listing its optioned property with NAI Harmon Group of Toledo:

The Antwerp CIC met on May 10, 2021, and was presented a proposal by NAI

Harmon Group, commercial real estate brokers and developers. The administrator shared with council a list of their strategic clients. The Antwerp CIC felt that this was the best opportunity to promote the approximately 63 acres by the interchange. Harmon Group will promote and market this property and will work closely with the Paulding County Economic Development Office along with the CIC and the village in determining the proper mix of development for this site. A master plan document will also be developed by Feller Finch Engineers, which will include property boundaries, available utilities and capacities, what utility improvements might be needed, topographic information so potential buyers/developers will know if the property can be shovel ready. It is anticipated a Phase 1 environmental impact study will also be needed. The master plan will be presented to village officials for comments.

The CIC intends to proceed with the construction of water/sewer/storm and roadway on the recently acquired Stumph property as an access into the optioned property. The PCED office is assisting in looking for financial assistance in these infrastructure improvements also. The administrator feels that this is an important development for the village and the community should be kept up-to-date on what the village and CIC is trying to do to attract development into the village.

Recommended zoning changes for the optioned property:

In discussion with the commercial real estate brokers, it was recommended that the property optioned by the CIC approach the village to request that the property under option, currently zoned A-1 to allow it to be farmed, be rezoned for mixed use so any potential buyer would not have to wait 90 to 120 days while the property is rezoned. As B-2 Gateway Commercial District does not, at this time, allow crop cultivation as a permitted use, the village council should look at amending the zoning ordinance to add crop cultivation as a permitted use in a B-2 zoning district. The administrator has been in contact with the auditor's office to research if the village added crop cultivation to B-2 zoning as permitted use whether that would affect the property's CAUV property tax rates. The administrator has been informed by the auditor's office that this change in the permitted use language will not affect the current agricultural use valuation of the property if it continues to be farmed. The administrator is waiting on parcel numbers for the property, and the next steps would be to present resolutions to amend the official zoning map and the zoning ordinance. The mixed use type definition for this property would allow for housing and commercial development whether it be senior housing, villas, hotel, restaurant, retail, etc. as well as allowing the property to continue to be farmed until a sale.

Erie Street extended vacation:

An application for street vacation will probably be presented to council after the survey work has been completed. Jeff Cook intends to purchase 3 lots on Stone Street located directly behind the former H & H Cleaner building. Between Lots 14 & 5 is the Erie Street Extended right-of-way. The administrator provided a GIS photo to council that shows the lots and the road right-of-way between the two lots. This

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FOR SALE in Leinard Mobile Home Park: 2 bdrm/2 full bath, 16 X 66 Commodore with 2X6 construction, steel roof, new sky lights, porch and shed. The mobile home has a large kitchen with separate laundry room with new vinyl and carpet throughout. \$17,500.00. We are a no dog park and a background check is required. Call Mary at 419-506-0459. tf

HELP WANTED: Full time light mechanical employee wanted. Must be able to do oil changes, brake work, tire repair, vehicle clean up and custodial duties. Call 419-258-2727 and ask for Russell. 21-22

FORT DEFIANCE Antiques - 402 Clinton St. Downtown Defiance, OH. Hours M-Sat 10-5. Phone 419-782-6003 tf

again is an extended street that will never be developed and is not used by the village. Cook will be the owner of the lots and the vacation of the small amount of land will go to him. Abutting the property to the north is the railroad and they have given permission to vacate the property if it is granted. The railroad will not receive any of the vacated road as they simply touch the lot.

Railroad Street to become one way and angle parking needed:

Due to lack of parking in the downtown business district and improvements being undertaken by several business owners, parking has become a real issue. The proposal is to replace parallel parking on Railroad Street between Main Street and Cleveland Street with angle parking. This would create 17 parking spaces. With the addition of angle parking, traffic on Railroad Street would need to be reduced to a one way street from Cleveland to Main Street to allow grain trucks to be able to access SR 49. Discussion has been had with the elevator who has agreed that one way traffic would work for them.

Jeff Cook intends to construct 4 apartments on the second floor of the former Hometown Pantry building and has requested that the Village help in creating new parking spaces. He will improve the downstairs commercial areas and hopes to have these rented and bring new business into the downtown. It is estimated that he will invest \$358,000.00 and create 9 full time and 4 part-time employment opportunities. He is in the process of applying for a CRA abatement to help in offsetting the cost of these improvements. It is estimated that the cost of improvements to remove old sidewalks, replace sidewalks and pave and stripe will cost approximately \$50,000.00. At the time the sidewalks are removed, Mr. Cook will pay to run new waterline from the Cleveland Street water main to his buildings. This will result in abandoning a waterline that is currently located under the VFW building, which is not a good thing should it need repaired. The new parking spaces will be used by other businesses in town and is not solely for the pantry building.

Re-inspection of home at 107 E. River: The home at 107 E. River was re-inspected on April 30, 2021, by housing inspector Bruce Essex who was accompanied by council member Mike Rohrs. Bruce noted tremendous progress both inside and outside the home. Carpet has been ordered and invoices have been shown for products that haven't yet arrived. Bruce is recommending a final inspection date of May 31, 2021.

Al Franklin property: The administrator met with Al Franklin and he prefers that the village buy the property discussed at prior meetings, rather than him granting an easement to the village. The property has been appraised at \$3,100.00. Al Franklin said this property is encumbered by a mortgage, so he will contact the mortgage company about clearing title to this portion being purchased by the village.

Committee Reports
Public Safety Committee met to discuss regulations on food trucks. The committee recommends that the village develop and implement regulations on food truck operations in the village corporation limits.

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by Rohrs, to authorize the committee to proceed in proposing regulations for food trucks in the village corporation limits. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Public safety committee members will have a public meeting on June 1st 4:00 pm

FOR SALE: 2 plots/vaults @ Highland Cemetery in Fort Wayne. REDUCED: \$3.5K for all. Well below todays' prices,. Call 260-632-4454. 20-23p

WANTED: Old toys, postcards, jewelry, coins, railroad items, watches, military collectibles, antiques, pens, stamps, comics, magazines, records. Paulding, bu the jail. (419) 399-3353. 20-25

DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS IS MONDAYS AT 12 NOON!!!

HICKSVILLE COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALES: Friday and Saturday, June 4th & 5th. Vendor sales in the Hicksville park beside Rotary Pavillion. Maps available at Shell, Red Angel and Marathon after 6pm, Jun 3rd 21-22

BUSINESS YARD SIGNS - Call 419-258-2000

at Town Hall with Solicitor Farr in attendance to discuss the details for the preparation of a proposed ordinance with regulations. Also on the agenda will be village sidewalks.

New Bbusiness
Farmers well backflow preventor is failing. With the village only bringing in about \$400.00 in 2020 and costs of approximately \$2,300.00 to repair or \$4,800.00 to replace this preventor, Keeran asked council how they want to proceed with farmers well. Discussion on repairing/replacing preventor versus shutting this well off. Council recommended that Keeran contact the two farmers that use for repairs and see if they are willing to pay for this well before a decision is made by council.

Personnel Committee scheduled meeting for June 1st 6:30 am at Town Hall to discuss administrator job requirements and personnel salary.

Utility Committee requested that Solicitor Farr research next steps to select qualified engineering firm for water general plan design services. Utility Committee will then meet to discuss next steps on selecting qualified engineering firm for this purpose.

Old Business
Keeran will contact Maumee Valley Planning Organization to determine status of income survey process for the Village of Antwerp.

Mayor's Report
Mayor's court brought in a total of \$3,370.00 in the month of April 2021 with \$2,609.00 going to the village, \$732.50 going to the state, and \$28.50 going to the indigent driver's fund.

• Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by West, to adjourn the meeting. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

MINUTES FOR THE WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING 5/3/21

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Councilmembers Voirol, Martin, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker was not present. Kaleb Dienelt with Reliance was also present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.
Superintendent's Report: The superintendent wanted to inform the council that there are approximately 20 residents who are still in violation of their sump pump connections to the sanitary sewer. Those residents have until June 1st to correct this issue without the accrual of fees. He also wanted to discuss a proposal from a business customer regarding a potential discount on sewer costs. After discussion, it was determined that the sewer rates are based on a variety of factors that should not be modified based on this request at this time.

Mayor's Report: The mayor confirmed with council that BF Goodrich is in the process of setting up a water meter. API will resume work on Hickory Street as weather allows.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the April 19th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to accept the minutes from the April 19th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. The clerk-

treasurer presented 1st quarter financial information for the council's consideration. This included expenditure and revenue guidelines as well as fund balances for the utility and tax funds.

Councilman's Report: Councilman Martin asked if letters can be sent to properties that are not mowing their properties. The clerk-treasurer will reach out to the owners of these properties. Councilman Thompson had another property that needed to be addressed with a letter. She also explained that the fundraiser for the clothing bank was a success. Councilman Watts explained that a resident on Rupp and College will cut a new driveway in on that property.

Audience: Kaleb explained that approximately \$35,000 would be needed to install fiber and conduit along Hickory Street. \$20,000 would be required to install the conduit and the remaining \$15,000 would be needed for the fiber installation. After discussion, it was determined to proceed with the installation of the conduit along Hickory Street and wait to install the fiber until a future established date.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

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

GAFF'S BIG NIGHT LIFTS WARRIORS PAST KNIGHTS

WOODBURN - Austin Gaff had two home runs and drove in five runs and picked up the win on the mound as the Woodlan Warriors defeated Norwell 7-4 in non-league softball action Wednesday night.

Gaff scattered eight hits and two walks while striking out nine to pick up the win for Woodlan. At the plate, the Warrior sophomore ripped a pair of home runs, scored twice and drove in five runs to lead the way for Woodlan. Gaff hit a three-run home run in the home half of the third before ripping a two-run shot in the bottom of the fifth.

Norwell scored once in the top of the third to go on top 1-0 before Gaff's three run homer gave the Warriors a 3-1 advantage in the bottom of the frame.

The Lady Knights scored once in the top of the fifth before Gaff's two run blast and Abby Horn's two-run single gave Woodlan a 7-2 lead.

Norwell then scored two runs in the top of the sixth to wrap up the scoring.

Mya Jones had a single and

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

a double for Woodlan and Abby Horn put up two singles. Alivia Ulmer singled and scored twice with Briana Roney and Avah Smith chipped in a single each.

The Lady Knights were led by Jordan Markley with a single and a triple while Hannah Troyer, Allyson Burtron, Raygan Williams, Colleen Caylor, Sydney Scherrer and Delaney Connett recorded a single each.

Sami Lemler suffered the loss for Norwell, pitching 4-1/3 innings, giving up seven hits, five runs (four earned) and two walks with two strikeouts.

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SUB & GRUB RIBBON CUTTING IN ANTWERP



Front row: Sue Fowler, Tiffany, Ayla and Jimmie Praul, Tom VanVlerah. Back row: Angel Steiner, Tonya Walker, Reta Ptak, Tawnya English, Shelly Walker, Lora Lyons.

The Antwerp chamber would like to welcome Antwerp Sub and Grub to the Antwerp business commu-

nity. The business is located at the corner of old 24 and 49, previously the Subway sandwich shop. The business is

owned by Jimmie and Tiffany Praul. Welcome to Antwerp!!!!

COME ENJOY "A TASTE OF ANTWERP" IN JUNE!

Grab Your Neighbor & head downtown Antwerp for "A Taste of Antwerp" on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 from 5-6:30 p.m. The local eateries are planning specials for this evening, as well as home-based businesses. They will be set up in the downtown area. Several church groups will have their food specialties available.

And don't forget about the 3/50 project! Have you been saving your receipts? Turning them in to the collection cans at various Chamber businesses around town? Spend \$150 in a minimum of three different business in the month of June, turn those receipts in and be instantly entered into a drawing for \$50 in Chamber Bucks, and these Chamber Bucks can be spent

at any Antwerp Chamber business.

So, as we usher in this late spring season, Grab Your Neighbor & Explore Your Downtown on June 8th!

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the park. A resident didn't find anyone around and contacted the police department.

On May 14 a corrections officer with the Paulding County Jail contacted the police department in reference to an inmate who was charge with gross sexual imposition. The officer requested information for contact when the inmate was released.

On May 14 a resident contacted the Antwerp Police Department in reference to child custody.

On May 15 a vehicle struck a stop sign at Mervin and Main Sts. The officer responded and prepared a re-

port, notifying the village administrator. The driver was cited for failure to control.

On May 17 a vehicle was stopped at Riverside Veteran's Memorial Park for speed violation and for not having a driver's license.

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!

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seed Ottoville battled through seven innings of play to see who would win the 2021 D-IV baseball sectional. Going down to the last inning and last out it would be an Ottoville error that would allow the Raiders to squeak past the Big Green 3-2 in come-back fashion.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh and the Raiders tied with Ottoville, Cooper Wenzlick singled followed by a Kyle Slade single to put runners on the corners. Cale Winans stepped to the plate and answered with a hard-hit grounder to the shortstop who bobbled the ball for an error which allowed Wenzlick to cross the plate for the winning run.

Wenzlick not only was credited for the winning run, he was also the winning pitcher allowing two runs, four hits and striking out eight. Wenzlick and Carter Baska each connected on a couple of base hits to lead the Raider offense at the plate.

With the sectional win the Raiders improve their season mark at 17-7 and will play their District semi-final con-

test at Patrick Henry where the fourth seed Raiders will go up against top seed and state ranked (No. 16) Kalida on Wednesday, May 26 at 2:00 p.m. The following game set for 4:30 will pit No. 2 seed Miller City against No. 3 seed Leipsic.

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to be handled by Evergreen which allowed Kauser to score for a 6-5 Paulding lead.

Woods followed with a single that eluded the Viking left fielder as McGarvey and Beckman came around to score to expand the Paulding lead to 8-5 entering the home half of the inning. McGarvey then shut the door on Evergreen, posting a pair of strikeouts in the bottom of the inning before getting a ground out to clinch the Panthers' berth in the district tournament.

Woods, Beckman and McGarvey all had two hits for the maroon and white while Foltz and Andrew Adams added one hit each. Kauser scored twice for Paulding with Foltz, McGarvey, Beckman, Adams, Logan Tope and Price scoring once each. Foltz, Beckman and Woods each had a run batted in for the Panthers.

McGarvey picked up the win in relief for Paulding, throwing the final three frames striking out three and walking one. Woods tossed the first five innings, allowing three hits, five runs (one earned) and five walks with seven strikeouts.

Paulding advances to take on Otsego at Defiance High School on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Fairview will tangle with Archbold in the early game of the day.

PAULDING TUNES BREWS AND BBQ



On Friday, May 21, Paulding Hosted the Tunes, Brews, and BBQ event at the Herb Monroe Park and Main Street for a fun event. People gathered for good eats from all over including Eric's Ice

Cream, Antwerp Conservation Club, and much more! The band, Brother Believe Me, started towards evening and people had a great time after not being able to do this for a year!



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