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STAN JORDAN, WEST BEND NEWS WRITER, LEAVES BEHIND HISTORIC LEGACY



Art by Gene Scarbrough, 2009
ANTWERP, OH

Stanley Woods Jordan, 96, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021 at Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay.

Stan was born in Antwerp on June 27, 1924, a son of the late Dollie (Woods) and William Jordan.

He never stood on the sidelines. From his high school days, playing for the undefeated 1938 Archer football team, serving his country in the U.S. Army, helping with community events like Antwerp Days, being a part of the Antwerp Fire Department and Masonic Lodge to his long service to the U.S. Postal Service, mowing the Antwerp Cemeteries and writing for the West Bend News, he was always caring for his community. Stan also had the distinctive honor of being Paulding County's oldest

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC ROLL OUT

January 15, 2021, Paulding, Ohio - Paulding County Hospital is pleased to announce their COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic roll out plan. Paulding County Hospital has been working closely with the state of Ohio and remains committed to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to the residents in the communities we proudly serve. In accordance with the state of Ohio guidelines, COVID-19 vaccinations will be made in a phased approach with eligible populations being added weekly. Currently, the supply of available vaccines remains limited.

All COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic days will be by appointment ONLY. Appointments can be made by calling the Paulding County Hospital COVID-19 Clinic at 419-399-1160, between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday prior to the Wednesday clinic day. Appointments are only scheduled for that week's clinic. Scheduling for the vaccination clinic will be suspended once all current vaccine supplies have been all-

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PAULDING COUNTY BECOMES CONTENDER FOR NEW BUSINESS IN 2020



Grounded is the planned Coffee House name by entrepreneurs Mitch and Ashley Maibach.

Dave Burtch of the Paulding County CoRP (Community Reviving Paulding) and CIC (Community Improvement Corp) invited the community back to the Masonic Lodge Building to introduce major changes to the Village of Paulding. CIC along with Paulding County Economic Development has been working furiously to fill empty buildings that are on the square of Paulding.

There was more than one

big announcement on this day. The obvious suspect was the Union Bank but more than that was announced.

Burtch started off the event on Thursday, January 14 by introducing the owners of the building to the left on East Perry is now going to house a business called "Grounded" It will be a coffee shop with custom made baked goods, according to new owners, Mitch and Ashley Maibach,

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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.

PARRETT BREAKS RECORD IN PANTHER WIN



Jalynn Parrett breaks the previous record for 3 pointers in a season with this shot in the first quarter! More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - Jalynn Parrett set a new school record for three pointers in a single season after hitting four of them in a 66-43 win over visiting Allen East Thursday night at the 'Jungle.'

Parrett led three Paulding players in double digits, scoring 18 points as Paulding improved to 12-4 overall and 3-1 in the Northwest Conference.

Leigha Egnor added 17 (Continued on Page 3)

Community Calendar

- January 20**
 - Inauguration Day
- January 24**
 - Cecil Community Church Infidel movie at 6pm
- January 20**
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm
- January 18**
 - Martin Luther King Jr Day
- January 27**
 - Cecil Community Church Concert & Refreshments movie at 6pm
 - West Ohio Food Bank Food Distribution 12-2pm
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm
- January 31**
 - Cecil Community Church Concert & Refreshments movie at 6pm

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OBITUARIES

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World War II veteran. Stan will be sadly missed by his son, Gale (Lisa Girlie Jordan) Jordan; sister, Grace (Raymond) Gross; 7 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren and his West Bend News family.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Pauline Powell to whom he was married Jan. 12, 1944 and siblings, Jim & Garner "Jack" Jordan & Ruby Meredith. His funeral service was 10:30 am on Monday, Jan. 18th at Antwerp United Methodist Church, 202 E River Street, with viewing, 9:30 to 10:15 am.

Viewing was also Sunday, Jan. 17th, 2 - 5 pm at the church. Due to state mandate, guests must wear nose and mouth covering masks at all times, maintain social distancing, and refrain from contact to keep everyone safe while participating in his viewing and funeral service.

Memorials are to the church or Antwerp Fire Department. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, with military honors. Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com



OAKWOOD, OH
Roger Jacob Spangler, 81 of Oakwood passed away at 4:15 a.m., Saturday, January 16, 2021 at The Meadows of Kalida. He was born January 20, 1939 in Oakwood to the late Oliver and Clara Bell (Shafer) Spangler. On March 25, 1961, he married Marie Dearth whom he shared a loving marriage of 58 years until her death in 2019. Roger has deeply missed Marie.

Roger is survived by three children: Rhonda (Gary) Church, Jeff Jacob (Melinda) Spangler and Mark (Laura) Spangler all of Oakwood; 10 grandchildren: Dr. Tyler (Catherine) Church, Dr. Tate Roger (Taylor) Church, Tara Church, Trent Church, Tanner (Matt) Adams, Tiffany Spangler, Alysha (Evan) Rookey, Luke Spangler, Grace Spangler and Clint Jacob Spangler; eight great-grandchildren: Lillian Church, Liam Jacob Church, Kyra Adams, Karisa Adams, Emerson Jacob Gamble, Jaxson Rookey, Colton Rookey Eva Marie Church and three more on

the way; a brother, James (Carolyn) Spangler of Paulding; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Roger was a 1957 graduate of Oakwood High School. He retired from Johns Manville in Defiance and was a member of Roselm Christian Church. He was also a former FFA and 4-H member.

Roger was known by his contagious smile, to know Roger was to know his smile. He was a hard working farmer his entire life and there was always an open door to anyone stopping by to visit him at his Riverside Stock Farm just south of Oakwood. He never knew a stranger. He loved being outside on the farm, in the fields or pastures, tending to his livestock in the barn or showing cattle. He instilled in his family his deep enjoyment of farming, livestock, showing and raising black angus cattle. Roger loved to stand by the grandchildren for pictures when they won a trophy. He was always there for his family. During the 1970's blizzard when the snow drifts were too deep for driving, Roger was at the factory in Defiance. When his shift was over, he set out on foot to walk the 15 miles to reach his family and the farm. His grandchildren knew they could call him at anytime and he would be there for them; especially at their 4-H shows, sporting events or any other activities to cheer them on. Roger leaves an amazing legacy, including his deep love for God, his wife, family, farm and black angus cattle. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Due to Covid-19, a private burial will take place at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of HEITMEYER FUNERAL HOME, Oakwood.

Condolences may be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com



PAULDING, OH
Anna C. Blanchard age 94 died Friday, January 15, 2021.

She was born May 8, 1926 in Paulding County, daughter of the late John and Ada (Buchman) Kwascigroh. On June 20, 1953 she married Alfred R. Blanchard, who preceded her in

death on July 27, 1988. She was a 1944 graduate of Oakwood High School, a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, a member of Sisters of the Skillet, and former president of the Catholic Ladies of Columbia. She was formerly employed by Paulding Exempted Village Schools in the cafeteria, and by the former Grizzly Manufacturing.

Anna is survived by her children, Alfred (Julie) of Bowling Green, OH, Dennis (Kim) of Willard, OH, and Jeannette (Martin) Goodman, of Lawton, OK; a sister Ruth Frankart, Leipsic; six grandchildren: Holly, Jessica, Aaron, Chelsea, Sean and Logan; and great grandchildren, Adrian, McKenzie, Maddie, Libby, Bennett, Peyton, Kennedy, Gavon, Landon and Jordan.

She is also preceded in death by brothers, Frank and John Kwascigroh.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10 AM Saturday, January 23 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding. She will be laid to rest in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be 5 - 7 PM Friday, January 22 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with a rosary at 7 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations made to Masses; Paulding County American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.com

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,

I was reading in Exodus 3:21-22 where the children of Israel were to borrow from the Egyptians and spoil them before they fled from Egypt. Can you explain that to me?

The word for "borrow" here is "shoal" in the Hebrew language and it means "to ask." There was no intention of them borrowing and paying back. The Egyptians knew they were giving a gift, not loaning.

The children of Israel had suffered greatly at the hand of the Egyptians, so God caused the Egyptians to suffer greatly through the plagues. Though wicked King Pharaoh would not soften his heart, the general public knew the Hebrews had the true God and they were eager to help them leave. (Exodus 12:36).

The whole event was prophesied 400 years earlier in Genesis 15:14.

This helped compensate for the great mistreatment they suffered and to provide materials for the future tabernacle.

It should be noted that someday God's children will inherit all things from the Father (Psalm 37:9).

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

THE LORD'S SUFFERING SERVANT

By: Doris Applegate

In the New Living Translation of the Bible we read: "My servant will prosper, he will be highly exalted." Many were amazed when they saw him. His face was so disfigured he seemed hardly human, from his appearance he scarcely looked like a man. Nothing beautiful or majestic to attract us to him. He was despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and deepest grief. We turned our backs on him...he was despised and we did not care. Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; and our sorrows that weighed

him down. He was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole and whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away, we have left God's paths to follow out own, yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all. He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he opened not his mouth.

Unjustly condemned, he was led away. No one cared that he died without descendants, or that his life was cut short in midstream. He was struck down for the rebellion of my people. He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone, but was buried like a criminal, he was put in a rich man's grave. But it was the Lord's good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering or sin, he will have many descendants. He will enjoy a long life and the Lord's good plan will prosper in his hands. When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied. And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins. I will give him the honors of a victorious soldier, because he exposed himself to death. He was counted among the rebels. He bore the sins of many and interceded for rebels.

As we see and understand what Jesus Christ did for us, we must realize the great LOVE behind his death. It was for us! Let's make sure that we honor him by surrendering our life and become a "child of God"! Pray this simple prayer from your heart ... "Lord Jesus, I need you forgiveness. Please make me one with you. Live your life in me and lead me in the way I should go!"

Amen!



KIDS' KORNER

Hi, Friends! I'm happy you're back!

In the last article I asked you to find, in Matthew 15, what kind of plants will be torn out by the roots. Did you find it?

Jesus was talking with the Pharisees. These men thought they were saved by obedience to the law that Moses had given. Jesus taught that salvation comes by faith, not by obedience to the law. The Pharisees, then, opposed Jesus and His teaching.

Jesus was contradicting what the Pharisees were teaching so much that the disciples came to Jesus with a caution: "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?" (Matthew 15:12) Jesus would be offensive to them because He pointed out that what they were teaching was wrong. Jesus was proclaim-

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

— 1 Corinthians 10:13

Paulding County Hospital
COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Individuals 80 years of age and older

Call January 18th-19th to schedule

First Dose: January 20th

Second Dose: February 19th

All COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic days will be by appointment ONLY. No walk-ins will be accepted.

Individuals 75 years of age and older and those with severe congenital or developmental disorders
(cerebral palsy, spina bifida, Down Syndrome, or Cystic Fibrosis)

Call January 25th-26th to schedule

First Dose: January 27th

Second Dose: February 26th

Appointments can be made by calling the clinic phone number between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday prior to the Wednesday clinic day. Appointments are only scheduled for that week's clinic.

Individuals 70 years of age and older

Call February 1st-2nd to schedule

First Dose: February 3rd

Second Dose: March 5th

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic 419-399-1160

Individuals 65 years of age and older

Call February 8th-9th to schedule

First Dose: February 10th

Second Dose: March 12th

***Future clinics will not be taking appointments and Paulding County Hospital COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic is not placing patients on waiting lists.**

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ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS ARE KEEPING WARM!



Shown here from the left are: Da'Lonnice Banks, Arlo Rohdy, Aydenn Good, Hadley Mohr, Mylann Good and Julia Goche-nour. In the back is Rowan Witkowski

The preschoolers at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool are learning about keeping warm and the sound the letter "a" makes with this cute project. For more information about our programs, call 419-399-KIDS!!

THE TRUTH

In response to the disciples and the Pharisees, Jesus said: "Every plant that My Father has not planted will be pulled out by the roots." (Matthew 15:13)

Since everything that God the Father does is good, Jesus must be referring to what is not good. What He

is saying is evil false teachings will be uprooted and the truth of the Gospel will prevail.

For the next time: In the Parable of the Sower, who went out to sow seeds? What happened?

See you next week!
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BENDING MY EAR

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

One of my New Years resolutions is to listen to others and acquire more common sense. I am not saying I'm dumb, but sometimes I tend to follow my own thoughts and lots of times it is because I haven't absorbed or paid at-



attention to what I was told.

First of all, I get lost very easy. Even if I ask directions and think I know the way, I wind up miles from where I go to places I frequent a lot, I will have my own set way to go. I will be fine if I stick to the way I know. However, if someone tells me a shorter way to go, it just doesn't work out. I know my own way, but thanks. This reminds me of a joke that we have all probably heard.

The joke concerns Moses and the promised land with someone asking "Why did Moses wander with the children of Israel in the desert for 40 years?" The answer is, "Because he did not stop and ask directions."

Then I wonder, "What if Mrs. Moses would have been the leader? Then again, maybe

she would have wandered 40 years too. So one of my New Years Resolutions is to find my own way to different places without getting lost and learn to follow directions. I really hate to tell this, but one time I got lost driving from the Paulding Progress to the Paulding post office. The girls could not believe it.

If anyone is like me, I do not stop and read directions on a new appliance or item I get. My friend, Denny, always reads the so called "manual" and can usually get something to work or put something together. One time, I tried putting together a hanging cat swing. I was so proud when I got it done, but something just did not look right. I put the cat in it and she hissed and jumped out just as the swing fell onto the floor. I think I must have put it together backwards.

I feel proud if I can hammer a nail, hang a picture, put batteries in right and set all the clocks when the time changes. I must say this, "I am learning."

I wrote a column once about playing BINGO. The next time I went, I purchased a smaller marker which was bright pink. I did not think much about it and tossed the marker in my purse. The next Saturday evening, we were on our way to see my grandson play basketball in Indiana. I was looking for a tube of lipstick and grabbed a tube which I thought I must have got for Christmas. It didn't look familiar so without reading, I looked in the car mirror and put the spongy soft pink

stuff on my lips. Oh my! My lips were burning so I finally looked at the label on my new tube and guess what? It was BINGO marker. That stuff did look pretty but it was more of an inky substance. However, the marker is just starting to come off.

One thing I do quite often is forget where I parked my car. Of course I have lost my car at Niswonger, and other big parking lots. One time I stood outside my car (what I thought was MY car) trying to unlock it. This looked like my car and I was positive it was. Pretty soon after trying for about 10 minutes, some people came over to help me. No one could open the door. I was almost in tears when a nice man asked me, "Are you positive you parked here." I adamantly answered, "Yes sir, I parked right here."

He told me to go around to the back of the car which was just like mine and look at the license plates and try and open the trunk. Well the trunk did not open either. Then as I was looking at the back and the trunk, I said, "Oh no! This isn't my car." By that time almost everyone had left but me and my Good Samaritans "I pressed on my trunk button on my key ring and up went the trunk on another white car just like mine. The friendly people and I was very happy to find my car.

Something similar happened to me not too long ago. There was a white car that looked like mine, except this one wasn't locked. I even got in, but as I looked around, that car had a Mountain Dew in it and a pack of cigarettes. I said, "Oh no. This is not my car." I hurriedly got out and began the search for my vehicle. Another lady tried helping me and I found it two rows over.

To look, to listen, to use common sense are some of my New Years Resolutions for 2021. However, if you see me running around. I may be lost or am having trouble finding my car. I may not always take directions or suggestions, but sure appreciate all the help I can get.

Did you make New Years Resolutions? Have you ever lost your car or got in the wrong one? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

say they have no idea what their health and long-term care costs will be in retirement, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. And some people don't worry much about these costs, which may be considerable, thinking that Medicare will pay for most of them.

While Medicare does cover many medical expenses, it also has its own costs. You probably won't pay a premium for Part A (inpatient/hospital coverage), since you likely had this cost deducted from your paycheck when you were working. But if you are hospitalized, you'll have to pay deductibles and co-insurance (the percentage of costs you pay after you've paid your deductible). Part B (doctor's visits) requires a premium, deducted from your Social Security checks, and you must pay an out-of-pocket deductible. After you meet this deductible for the year, you typically pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for most doctor's services. And when you enroll in Part D (prescription drug plan), you will likely also have to pay a monthly premium, an annual deductible and co-insurance or copays.

To help pay for the Medicare deductible, coinsurance and copayments, you may want to get supplemental insurance, known as Medigap. Premiums for Medigap vary, depending on the plan you choose.

As an alternative to original Medicare, you could select Medicare Advantage (sometimes called Part C). Medicare Advantage plans are offered by private companies approved by Medicare, but the benefits and costs vary by plan. These plans generally will incorporate Medicare Parts A and B and will provide additional medical coverage, such as prescription drugs.

When you incorporate all the above, the annual out-of-pocket costs for traditional medical expenses likely will be about \$4,500 to \$6,500 per year, per person - not insignificant, but certainly a number that can be addressed by careful planning.

But there's one more expense to keep in mind: long-term care. The average cost of a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth. And Medicare typically pays few of these expenses.

Clearly, between regular medical costs associated with Medicare or those not covered by it, and costs resulting from the possible need for long-term care, your health care bills can mount. To meet these costs, you need to plan ahead - and take action.

For example, it's essential that you incorporate health care expenses into your overall financial strategy. You can also work with a financial professional to run some "what-if" analyses to see if your strategy would be derailed by a potential long-term care stay. And the professional you work with may be able to suggest specific protection vehicles that can help you meet the costs of long-term care.

The best time to prepare for your health care costs during retirement is well before you retire. So, if you haven't already started, now is the time to do so. When it

comes to paying for health care, the fewer surprises, the better.

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

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

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Brian Young President and CEO of Union Bank is excited to announce the changes with remodeling the old Masonic building and turning it in a new bank.

They were in Fort Wayne and decided to come back to start something in Paulding! It was fantastic to see these young people starting something new!

The Union Bank CEO, Brian Young, began to talk about his history with the bank. The Union Bank Paulding branch opened in 2020 at the Business Innovation Center. The time has now come to expand in the village. Tim Copsey from the Paulding County Economic Development worked with Brian to find a great location on the square and that just happened to be the old Masonic building on the corner of Main and Perry Streets. Brian stated they were excited to take on a project like this - taking an old building and bringing it up to a modern standard while keeping its vintage esthetics.

Tim Copsey spoke about developing a new plan to sell commercial real estate. He has been working with six realtors that would work with him to keep Paulding County commercial property easily available on this new site. In the 12 months that Tim has been in the position of Economic Development Director they have sold 17 of these listings. This success has been phenomenal and Dave Burch praised his efforts for this.

Tim has all kinds of programs setup for anyone that would like to start a new business and he can provide help.

Burch closed the meeting with a question and answer session to try and bring new

ideas for bringing business into the county.

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markers for the maroon and white with Janae Pease chipping in 14.

Paulding led 11-6 at the end of one quarter before the Mustangs trimmed the deficit to 24-23 at the intermission.

The Lady Panthers, though, expanded the margin in the third quarter by scoring 16 points compared to Allen East's ten to push the advantage to 40-33 at the end of three periods.

Sadie Estle posted eight points for Paulding followed by Maggie Manz (five), Makayla Suffel (two) and Carlea Kuckuck (two).

Allen East was led by Savana Brooks with a dozen points while Soraya Jackson added 11 and Kennedy Truex recorded ten.

ARCHERS FALL IN REGULAR SEASON FINALE

ANTWERP - In their regular season finale, the Antwerp Lady Archers fell to the Crestview Knights Thursday night at the home of the Archers.

Caroline Rohrs had nine points for the blue and white with Faith Clem adding two and Kali Blake chipping in one.

Antwerp closes the regular season with a record of 5-5.

The Archer seventh graders also fell to the Knights with Lydia Johnson topping the Archers in scoring.

NOTICE:

The following dates are for

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Commission's 2021 Board Meetings

January 25

February 22

March 29

April 26

May 24

June 28

July 26

August 30

September 27

October 25

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PRE-RETIREES: PLAN NOW FOR HEALTH CARE COSTS

If you're close to retirement, you'll have several financial issues to consider. But you'll want to pay attention to one of the most important of these issues: health care costs. How can you prepare yourself for these expenses? First, get an early start on estimating health care costs. More than two-thirds of those planning to retire in the next 10 years

Antwerp Conservation Club

Event Schedule

February 11th - Monthly Meeting 7pm.

- Annual scholarship forms are now available. They will be sent to the area schools guidance offices as well as our website.
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Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

DIVINE MERCY SERVANT HEART AND AR 100 POINTS



Lauren Kipfer - Mrs. Gideon's 3rd Grade Class

Lauren is a great student, always doing her best work in every subject. She displays her servant's heart often. When she notices a peer struggling she quietly helps them, often without me ever noticing she has done so. The student she helped is often the one who lets me know it was Lauren who helped them. She is always willing to lend a hand whenever asked by anyone, whether it is a fellow student or a staff member. She is a great addition to our school community, and I am so happy she is a student in my classroom!



Kaleb Kirchenbauer - Mrs. Gideon's 4th Grade Class

Kaleb is a great example of having a servant's heart. He is quiet, respectful, hard working, and persevering even when something is difficult for him. In addition, he is a great sport. He is always the first to step forward to switch teams when kickball or dodgeball teams are uneven in skill or number. He is a great athlete, and with that level of skill often comes a competitive nature that can

make it difficult not to stay on a team that seems sure to win, but Kaleb doesn't give it a second thought. He often switches sides before I even suggest it to the student group. Because of this, everyone in the game has so much more fun playing. Thank you Kaleb, for being such a generous soul in all aspects of your life.



Congratulations to **Jenna Kipfer** for becoming an AR 100 point club reader! Jenna is a fifth grader in Mrs. Bradbury's room. Keep up the great reading Jenna!

ANTWERP JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2ND 9WKS 2020/21

**Denotes 4.0 Gold Card 4.0-3.75 (with no grade less than a B-)*

EIGHTH GRADE: *Alison Carnes, *Elle Clem, Derek Hines, Lydia Johnson, Jonah Keys, Aiden Lichty, Teeghun Marlin, *Braylen Moreno, *Madisyn Peters, *Brynn Reinhart, *Caroline Rohrs, *Eden Shuherk, *Gracelyn Stoller, *Jessica Thornell, Kayden Winslow

SEVENTH GRADE: *Kalli Billman, Krystal Bradbury, *Nikolas Brandenburg, Marcelo Cruz, *Leigha Doster, Sara Farr, Amelia Graham, Dylan Hahn, Andrew Johnson, Griffin Kosch, Hayden Lengacher, Estee Lichty, Camryn McAlexander, *Zaine McMichael, *Harlee Moore, *Hampton Rogge, Landon Orozco, Tyler Talacios, Corbin Sargent, Taylor Shull, Taylor Stiebling, *Raelynne Zuber

SIXTH GRADE: *Briley Bagley, Roman DeLong, Payleigh Dickess, Maddox Friend, Blake Gribler, Josie Hahn, Lexy Hicks, *Aiden Hook, *Eliana Hormann, Emery Jones, *Isabella Krenkle, Ethan Marlin, Emily Laker, *Tyler Overman, *Nathan Sanders, *Gabriella Snyder, Keira Spyker

Blue Card 3.749-3.5 (with no grade less than a C+)

EIGHTH GRADE: Noah Bradbury, Draven Baumert, Maylynn Carnahan, Drew Eaken, Owen Franks, Emmaleigh Helton, Dayne Sholl, Tavin Sholl, Magdaline Trabel, Austin Zuber

SEVENTH GRADE: Brianna Dzib, Emory Ehrhart, Ty Jackson, Caleb Lockhart, Miley Jewell, Dominic Laker, Colten Sargent, Braxton Schilt, Lauren Walters

SIXTH GRADE: Tatum Boyer, Ava Coney, Reese Durbin, Maclaren Ehrhart, Kole Elston, Keegan Gray Wyckoff, Jennifer Lawhorn, Alyssa Lawson, Weston Rhonehouse, Michael Rohrs, Madison Schmidt, Lucas Spoles, Melita Warford

Honor Roll 3.49-3.0 (with no grade less than a C)

EIGHTH GRADE: Colton Bashore, Shelby Bowley, Faith Clem, Karsen Donnat, Miles Doster, Nayelly Esparza-Reyes, Isabella Jackson, Caydence Lawson, Skyler Octaviano, Bryce Sholl

SEVENTH GRADE: Carter Bashore, Ashton Blankenbeckler, Andonia Christakopoulos, Corbin Eaton, Raeloy Franklin, Ella Hughes, Zaybriel King-Bauer, Brendon Osborn, Camron Pettijohn, Ethan Porter, Ethan Thomas-VanKirk

SIXTH GRADE: Aliyah Brown-Kiessling, Hailey Clem, Maddilan Doster, Jonnothan Coker, Cheyenne Maynard, Danica Lehman, Lincoln Lucas, Madison McCoy, Holly Richey, Allison Spoles

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THE NEED FOR POWER

The need for power is one of the most pursued after virtues in the world. We learned to appreciate power when we were just children. Our toys plugged into the wall or were powered by batteries. If the battery died, we had to find a new one to replace it or play with a toy that was "not as fun" because it did not take batteries or plug in. As we grew up and became adults, our appreciation turned from toys to tools, but the interest for power remained. Now we want cordless drills with

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER



Back Row: Anabelle Saylor, Kyler Johnson, Sarah Antoine. Middle Row: Charlotte Hook, Alaina Reinhart, Conner Fidler, Brayden Pettijohn, Braxton Smith, Kaylyn Bennett. Front Row: Madison Wiesehan, Carter Taylor, Hadley Bissell, Madison Muir, Soren Conley. Not pictured: Lyric Smith, Jocelyn Laker, and Edwin White

ANTWERP MANOR HAPPENINGS

battery power; power kitchen tools that plug in, and many other modern, convenient appliances. We want plenty of horse power under the hoods of our cars and trucks! We have a multitude of power plants in our GREAT NATION that are powered by coal or nuclear or hydro. Now in our recent days solar and wind power are becoming more and more popular. Just think about the millions of man hours of labor that go into the creation of all this power that we need to run our homes / businesses and factories in this Country, that we live in. If we see the value of power in all these natural things that will one day be destroyed, or left behind when we die, do we understand the need for a virtuous power that will effect us forever after this life is over? I write this article based on my experiences with God, and that His Word (the Bible) is indeed the power of truth and light that powerfully extinguishes darkness and lies! If today's church would seek after God's truth like it seeks after all the above mentioned man made helps of power, it would be a lively church; like God's Word declares He is looking for. I want to first of all encourage all readers of this article, that when you read the Bible, think about the fact that the wisdom you gain from the scriptures is the Power of God to enhance and improve your life, until you have "Life More Abundantly". Second, I would like to point out the value of regular church attendance. In the Old Testament book of Nehemiah 13:11 the people stopped going to God's house. In this Great Nation that we live in, church attendance rose, drastically, after 9-1-1 happened approximately 20 years ago. Unfortunately, all of those new attendants are no longer going to church any place today. I thank God for the freedom he has given us to assemble in our church. As one of my pastor's helpers, I wish to invite all who read this article, to visit Gospel Light Tabernacle in Hicksville, Ohio: - Our ministers teach and preach from God's Word (the Bible). We do as Jesus (God's son in a physical body) taught his disciples to do, love/encourage each other and help each other.

Welcome to Antwerp Manor Assisted Living. We are an Assisted Living Residence located at 204 Archer Drive. We are welcoming new residents in 2021. Pictured above are Annette Beck and Bill Hablawetz. Annette and Bill are both avid Bingo players and another new twist has been added to this popular activity. The board between these two is called a Progressive Bingo Board and it is posted in the hallway. Each day a new number is posted. The participating residents each have their own Bingo card so if the posted number is on their card they mark that number off. Eventually by the end of the month one (or maybe more) will have a winning Bingo on their card. This is not in place of their regular Bingo game it is an added hallway activity and a chance to earn another Bingo Buck!



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Also Pictured is Betty Shellenbarger standing beside our COVID vaccination schedule. The residents and staff were fortunate to receive their first dose on January 4th

and their second dose will be given on the 25th. The residents have patiently waited on their vaccine and were thrilled when the delivery arrived! We are all praying for a happy healthier 2021.

If you are in need of Assisted Living or know someone who is, please do not hesitate to give Jennifer Ramsier a call at 419-258-1500 Ext #5. Jennifer will be more than happy to assist you in taking this step to AL.

or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and, to petition the government for a redress of grievances." May we, not allow our freedom to assemble to go unappreciated, lest we lose it! Amen.

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ME, ME, ME

By: Stan Jordan

I was thinking, if I am going to write my life history, I had better get started, because I am over the hill and started down the other side.

I was born June 27th, 1924 up on Wentworth Road here in Antwerp. There were three of us boys and I was the youngest. I remember quite a bit about that area, but we moved down on East Canal St. about 1929.

I started to school in the fall of 1930. My first grade teacher was Lucile Carr Stiver. The Depression came along about that time and I can remember that alright.

About the middle of the 1930's things started to be better. We three boys spent a lot of time fishing, playing ball or in the park playing.

The city ball diamond was at the east end of Stone Street and lots of boys played there. We had all the kid diseases and that included "the itch", yes everyone had that.

The world rolled along and I was soon in high school. I played football, basketball and baseball. I soon had my letter "A" for sports along about the end of 1939. We lost our father, Jim was called into the army with the Ohio National Guard. Brother Jack quit school and worked at the Pennsylvania Railroad shops and kept the family together: Mom, my two sisters (Grace born in 1932 and Ruby born in 1934) and I.

On December 7th, 1941, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and we were at war whether we wanted it or not. Now that war changed the world, the times and everyone's lifestyle. I don't mean it was bad, it was certainly different. Everyone done their

part in one way or another.

Life went on and I enjoyed my junior and senior year at Antwerp High School and we graduated in May of 1942. As soon as I was 18 I worked at Bowers in Fort Wayne Defense Plant. Everybody worked somewhere. Then in November of 1942 I enlisted in the army.

I spent the biggest part of the year here in the states and then a few months over in Europe. Then the war in Europe ended May 8th, 1945 and we were rushed around and sent home to the states to be ready to invade Japan on November 1st of that year, but Japan surrendered after we dropped the 'A' bomb, thank goodness.

In November of that year I ended up in Camp Shelby, Mississippi and I was discharged there around November 26, 1945. Pauline and I were married in January of 1944, so I was very glad to get home.

I started the post office July 1st, 1946. We lived in some of Taylor Long's new apartments at that time. After two years as a window clerk, I started in the Railway Mail Service for a few months, mostly from Fort Wayne to St. Louis and from Delphos to Akron. I worked for the RMS until January of 1949 and then I received my appointment as Rural Carrier on R1 out of Antwerp.

Pauline and I moved in 1948 to the corner of Archer Drive and North Main St. She worked for Carl Langham at his Chrysler dealership. Along about then, Gale was born, December 31, 1950. Around that same time the Weatherhead Plant was built, so was the roller rink and pretty soon the bowling alley...Antwerp was growing!

A couple of new churches, some lodges and the midway organizations were all moving along. The firemen held a big day and parade for years and Pauline and I would help out.

We went on vacation a couple of times out through the west and visited the National Parks...

EDITOR'S NOTE: We know Stan's story definitely didn't end here, unfortunately, he was never able to finish writing it down. He spoke of many fishing trips to Florida, years spent on his mail route and times helping emcee events. Stan loved his lunches at "the round table" (as he always called it) at the Oasis with his friends and he enjoyed getting visitors here at The West Bend News and could sit and chat for hours. We love you Stan. You will be missed!

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PROTECTING LUNGS FROM VENTILATOR-INDUCED INJURY

An unfortunate truth about the use of mechanical ventilation to save the lives of patients in respiratory distress is that the pressure used to inflate the lungs is likely to cause further lung damage.

In a new study, scientists identified a molecule that is produced by immune cells during mechanical ventilation to try to decrease inflammation, but isn't able to completely prevent ventilator-induced injury to the lungs.

The team is working on exploiting that natural process in pursuit of a therapy that could lower the chances for lung damage in patients on ventilators. Delivering high levels of the helpful molecule with a nanoparticle was effective at fending off ventilator-related lung damage in mice on mechanical ventilation.

"Our data suggest that the lungs know they're not supposed to be overinflated in this way, and the immune system does its best to try to fix it, but unfortunately it's not enough," said Dr. Joshua A. Englert, assistant professor of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and co-lead author of the study. "How can we exploit this response and take what nature has done and augment that? That led to the therapeutic aims in this study."

The work builds upon findings from the lab of co-lead author Samir Ghadiali, professor and chair of biomedical engineering at Ohio State, who for years has studied how the physical force generated during mechanical ventilation activates inflammatory signaling and causes lung injury.

Efforts in other labs to engineer ventilation systems that could reduce harm to the lungs haven't panned out, Ghadiali said.

"We haven't found ways to ventilate patients in a clinical setting that completely eliminates the injurious mechanical forces," he said. "The alternative is to use a drug that reduces the injury and inflammation caused by me-

chanical stresses." Though a therapy for humans is years away, the progress comes at a time when more patients than ever before are requiring mechanical ventilation: Cases of acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) have skyrocketed because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. ARDS is one of the most frequent causes of respiratory failure that leads to putting patients on a ventilator.

"Before COVID, there were several hundred thousand cases of ARDS in the United States each year, most of which required mechanical ventilation. But in the past year there have been 21 million COVID-19 patients at risk," said Englert, a physician who treats ICU patients.

The immune response to ventilation and the inflammation that comes with it can add to fluid build-up and low oxygen levels in the lungs of patients already so sick that they require life support.

The molecule that lessens inflammation in response to mechanical ventilation is called microRNA-146a (miR-146a). MicroRNAs are small segments of RNA that inhibit genes' protein-building functions - in this case, turning off the production of proteins that promote inflammation.

The researchers found that immune cells in the lungs called alveolar macrophages - whose job is to protect the lungs from infection - activate miR-146a when they're exposed to pressure that mimics mechanical ventilation. This action makes miR-146a part of the innate, or immediate, immune response launched by the body to begin its fight against what it is perceiving as an infection - the mechanical ventilation.

"This means an innate regulator of the immune system is activated by mechanical stress. That makes me think it's there for a reason," Ghadiali said. That reason, he said, is to help calm the inflammatory nature of the very immune response that is producing the microRNA.

The research team confirmed the moderate increase of miR-146a levels in alveolar macrophages in a series of tests on cells from donor lungs that were exposed to

mechanical pressure and in mice on miniature ventilators. The lungs of genetically modified mice that lacked the microRNA were more heavily damaged by ventilation than lungs in normal mice - pointing to miR-146a's protective role in lungs during mechanical breathing assistance. Finally, the researchers examined cells from lung fluid of ICU patients on ventilators and found miR-146a levels in their immune cells were increased as well.

The problem: The expression of miR-146a under normal circumstances isn't high enough to stop lung damage from prolonged ventilation.

The intended therapy would be introducing much higher levels of miR-146a directly to the lungs to ward off inflammation that can lead to injury. When overexpression of miR-146a was prompted in cells that were then exposed to mechanical stress, inflammation was reduced.

To test the treatment in mice on ventilators, the team delivered nanoparticles containing miR-146a directly to mouse lungs - which resulted in a 10,000-fold increase in the molecule that reduced inflammation and kept oxygen levels normal. In the lungs of ventilated mice that received "placebo" nanoparticles, the increase in miR-146a was modest and offered little protection.

From here, the team is testing the effects of manipulating miR-146a levels in other cell types - these functions can differ dramatically, depending on each cell type's job.

"In my mind, the next step is demonstrating how to use this technology as a precision tool to target the cells that need it the most," Ghadiali said.

The collaborative work by researchers in engineering, pulmonary medicine and drug delivery was conducted at Ohio State's Davis Heart and Lung Research Institute (DHLRI), where Englert and Ghadiali have labs and teamed with Ohio State graduate students and co-first authors Christopher Bobba from the MD/PhD training program and Qinqin Fei from the College of Pharmacy to lead the studies.

SOME JORDANESE

By: Stan Jordan

- He is not the sharpest knife in the drawer
• He is two french fries short of a happy meal
• She is wound a little too tight
• News to her is in both ears and out the mouth
• That ain't worth a plated nickel
• She is some kind of typo
• He had up a full head of steam
• It was up hill both ways
• His car had seen better days
• His feet didn't match
• She wanted to be a big frog in a little pond, but she was a little frog in a big pond
• You can't be optimistic with mistyoptic
• Speed on big boy, Hell ain't full
• Cheer up son, life is never fair
• She laid down the law
• Tell it like it is
• It was not the apple in the tree, but the pair on the ground
• On down the road
• The key is in the mailbox, come on in
• I'm a fixin'
• You win a few, you lose a few
• Slim is dead and gone
• I will do it tomorrow
• Not by a jug full

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

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- tal, Paulding Kwik Mart
Payne: Blueberry Pancake House, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza
Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Scott: Scott Post Office
Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video

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Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank
Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
New Haven: New Haven Tan McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS
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LADY RAIDERS REMAIN PERFECT IN GMC WITH WIN OVER ANTWERP



Wayne Trace Junior Christina Graham is picks up two points in this shot to the basket against the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - In another low-scoring contest featuring Wayne Trace, the Raiders handled cross-county rival and GMC foe Antwerp 35-22 last Thursday at the Palace.

The defensive minded Raiders didn't allow the Archers to score more than seven-points in any quarter and held a 12-5 advantage after the initial quarter of play. The seven-point margin grew to double-digits at the midway point when Wayne Trace led 22-11 at the break. Wayne Trace entered the final eight minutes of play holding a 31-18 lead.

The victorious Raiders placed six in the scorebook with Rachel Stoller leading

the way with 12 points. Also scoring for the red, white, and blue was Katrina Stoller with seven points to go with a team high nine rebounds. Gracie Shepherd chipped in six followed by Christina Graham and Sydnee Sinn each with four and Abby Moore adding two. With the win the Raiders improve to 9-4 overall and 3-0 in Green Meadows Conference action.

For the Archers, who fall to 4-7 overall and 1-2 in the league, Hayleigh Jewell was the top scorer with ten followed by Kennadi Recker with six and four steals, Lydia Brewer adding five and Grace Schuette rounding out the Archer scoring with one.

Wayne Trace connected on 13-41 from the floor



Antwerp's Grace Schuette, junior, attempts to score from the outside ring as she is left open by the Raider guards. More pictures at westbendnews.net

for 32 percent and made 7-8 from the free throw line. The Archers managed 7-28 for 25 percent from the field. At the charity stripe the Archers connected on 6-14. The

Raiders won the battle of the boards by ten 32-22 and in the turnover department Antwerp committed 24 miscues to 20 for the Raiders.

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2020/21

GRADE 6

ALL A'S: Max Daeger, Kayleigh Dunham, Jayla Griffith, Mariah Klopfenstein, Megan Manz, Monico Moreno, Vivienne Myers, Estie Pease, Lucy Porter, Lailah Smith, Audrey Stoller, Darcy Taylor

ALL A'S AND B'S: Destiny Aldred, London Ametewee, Zavid Bleeke, Olivia Breier, Isabella Burtch, Ha-

dassa Cantu, Landon Dasher, Madalyn Dierksheide, Silas Foltz, Quinlyn Gonzales, Landon Grinnell, Colton Roehrig, Kendra Schroeder, Makayla Spears, Trenton Tressler, Brooklynn Verfaille, Nevaeh Yantiss

GRADE 7

ALL A'S: Lucy Breier, Ashton Griffith, Hunter Harwell, Addison Hunt, Clayton Manz, Trenton Manz, Aleah Matty, Thad Schneider, Sheyenne Shepherd, Laila Stiltner

ALL A'S AND B'S: Adriaena Biliti, Izaac Coutts, Jay Eckhart, Mallory Fisher, Olivia Franklin, Matthew Geiger, Gerald Hartzell, Wade Huelsmeyer, Colten Hunt, Brooklyn King, Layla Kremer, Jackson Laker, Isabelle Lamb, Lillian Lamond, Jared Manz, Emma McCray, Addison Pease, Mara Phlipot, Abigail Panches, Blake Rhonehouse, Raleigh Sanders, Xander Schwab, Jack Schweller, Addison Shull, Skyliie Tressler

GRADE 8

All A's: Lucas Beckman, Elizabeth Dotterer, Kaitlyn Goings, Grace Goyings, Jocelynn Hawk, Emily Keezer, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Sam Logan, Peyton Manz, Claire Miller, Emma Porter, Ashley Rickels, Cully Thompson, Ethan Warner

All A's and B's: Kiara Adams, Josiah Akom, Hannah Arnold, Matthew Bail, Brooklynn Bakle, Brianna Bermejo, Aameah Carr, Gavin Coil, David Dulaney, Hayden Elston, Carter Evans, Aeylah Hitzeman, Kane Jones, Austen Kinder, Allen Levandoski, Marley Parrett, Hopeful Rose, Brooklyn Schlatter, Brandon Schroeder, Dominic Stahl, Ameriona Stiltner, Maxwell Stork, Jack Woods

WT WRESTLING SENIOR NIGHT

On January 12, 2021 the Wayne Trace Athletic Department honored the senior members of the 2020-2021 wrestling team along with their parents.

This is the last year these young me will wrestle at Wayne Trace and recognition was given and deserved for their dedication and perseverance.



Jacob Graham: Jacob is the son of Bill and Ruth Graham. This is Jacob's 4th year of wrestling and he played foot-

ball for 2 years. Jacob's future plans are to attend college and study to become a biomedical engineer.



Seth Meggison: Seth's parents are Brian and Jamie Gerschut. Seth has participated in cross country 1 year,

track 1 year and this is his 4th year of wrestling. After graduation, Seth plans to join the carpenters' union.



Eli Moore: Eli is the son of Shandonn and the late Bill Moore. He has participated in wrestling all 4 years of high school and this spring will

make his 4th year of track. Eli plans to join the workforce after he graduates high school.



Gabe Sutton: Gabe's parents are Sara and Nathan Sutton. Gabe has participated in both wrestling and football all 4 years of high school. Gabe plans to join the Marine

Corps after he graduates this spring. Best wishes to the athletes and the very best in all their future endeavors.

ARCHERS GET PAST ACES

ANTWERP - Antwerp's eighth grade girls basketball team improved to 5-4 on the season with a 33-17 win over Hicksville Tuesday night at the home of the Archers.

Jessica Thornell led the

way for the blue and white with 15 points while Caroline Rohrs, Faith Clem and Madisyn Peters all bucketed four markers. Lydia Johnson, Grace Stoller and Maylynn Carnahan each chipped in a basket each as well for Antwerp.

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RAIDERS DOWN NO. 1 ARCHERS AT THE BUZZER



Wayne Trace's Brooks Laukhuf #20 gets inside for a tough shot against Antwerp. Find more pictures at www.premium-light-images.com

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

ANTWERP - In a classic match-up featuring county rivals as well as conference foes, Wayne Trace took down the mighty Antwerp Archers as the buzzer sounded 46-45. When these two squads hit the hardwood, anything can be expected and they never disappoint when it comes to leaving it all on the court. Last Friday was no exception with the Archers entering the contest undefeated at 9-0 and ranked number one in D

IV. The Archers, who swept through the regular season a year ago undefeated was riding a 38- game winning streak -- however, the resume' the Archers had accumulated did not intimidate the Raiders.

Antwerp led 43-39 with 3:50 remaining when Austin Lichty drained a long three-pointer but the Raiders would answer. Back-to-back buckets, one each from Kyle Stoller and Trevor Sinn, knotted the score at 43 apiece. At the 1:24 mark the Archers

forced a Raider turnover when Landon Brewer picked off a Raider pass and quickly spotted Owen Sheedy for a break-away layup and the Archers were back on top 45-43.

Wayne Trace managed to work the ball the final minute and with just seconds remaining Trevor Sinn dialed in a long three, several feet behind the three-point line, that hit nothing but net as the buzzer sounded. For the Raiders the celebration started and for the Archers the streak had ended.

The kind of ending was to be expected because the ending of the three previous quarters closed out in dramatic fashion as well. To close out the first quarter, Archer Landon Brewer connected on his third three-pointer of the quarter as the horn sounded giving the Archers a 14-5 lead.

The second quarter came to a close when Raider Kyle Stoller connected on a short runner and was fouled in the process. The traditional three-point play as time expired had the Raiders trailing 22-19 at intermission.

In the third frame and the Archers trailing 33-32 Antwerp's Gaige McMichael picked the pocket of Raider's guard Brooks Laukhuf and quickly passed to Owen Sheedy who hit a layup just as the buzzer sounded to give the Archers a 34-33 lead heading into the final eight minutes.

For the winning Raiders who improve to 9-3 on the season and 2-1 in GMC play, Laukhuf led the team in scoring with 10 followed by Trevor Sinn with eight. A trio of Raiders scored seven points each including Trevor Speice, Cameron Sinn and Kyle Stoller. Cameron Graham added four and Grayson McClure chipped in three.

For the Archers who fall to 9-1 and 1-1 in league play, Brewer scored 12 to lead the blue and white with Jagger Landers chipping in 10. Austin Lichty and Owen Sheedy each added eight points apiece with Gaige McMichael finishing with five and two for Hunter Sproles.

LANCERS SLIP PAST ARCHERS

VAN WERT - Host Lincolnview jumped in front in the first half and then held off an Antwerp second half rally as the Lancers posted a 45-38 victory over the Archers in non-league girls basketball Tuesday night.

Lincolnview opened a 14-9 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before the blue and gold widened the margin in the second quarter to 29-16 at the intermission.

The Lady Lancers took a 39-27 advantage after three periods before holding on for the win over the Archers.

Kendall Bollenbacher led the way for Lincolnview with 13 points and Zabria King chipped in a dozen markers.

Carsyn Looser and Annie Renner each bucketed six points for the Lancers while Sami Sellers and Annie Mendenhall posted four markers apiece.

Antwerp was led by Grace Schuette with 11 points and Hayleigh Jewell chipped in nine markers.

Other scorers for the Lady Archers were Kennadi Recker (six), Lydia Brewer (five), Aewyn McMichael (five) and

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION STUDENTS



The third grade Grover Hill Elementary Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students used creative thinking to combine three ideas into one toy set. Jay Gabrio, Katelynn Hurd, Brenna Beining and Carter Noffsinger

made the first Bubble Track Candy Castle ever! The students drew the design, wrote a slogan, and filmed an advertisement. Then they made their track and castle. The fifth grade GATE students, Jensen Beining and Ashlyn

Manz, created the car to help the third grade. They combined all their ideas to make a fabulous product. Gate teacher is Mrs. Angela Klopfenstein.

Laura Miller (two).

PARRETT PACES PANTHERS PAST PILOTS

DEFIANCE - In a Monday night road game, the Paulding Lady Panthers doubled up host Ayersville in a 70-35 victory over the Pilots.

Jaylynn Parrett topped the Lady Panthers with 27 points as Paulding improved to 10-4 on the season with the victory.

Leigha Egnor added 15 markers for the maroon and white with Sadie Estle buck-eting a dozen markers.

Janae Pease (six), Alivya Bakle (four), Makayla Suffel (two), Claire Schweller (two) and Maggie Manz (two) also scored for the maroon and white.

Ally Schindler paced Ayersville with 13 markers followed by Kaylee Dockery (seven), Maci Froelich (five), Zarriya Young (four), Kiersten Manon (four) and Kacey Okuley (two).

Paulding opened a 24-12 lead at the end of eight minutes of action and never looked back. The Lady Panthers expanded the lead to 43-18 at the intermission before taking a 57-26 lead into the final period.

MOLITOR WINS PATRICK HENRY INVITE

HAMLER - Hannah Molitor of Antwerp captured the all-around championship in the Patrick Henry Gymnastic Invitational Saturday in Henry County.

Molitor won individual titles in the vault, bars and beam to capture the overall title. The Archer standout won the vault with a score of 8.8 while capturing the bars with an 8.9. She also took the beam title with a score of 9.35.

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD SENIOR LEADERS LEAD BY EXAMPLE IN GETTING COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

A group of Ohio National Guard senior leaders received their initial COVID-19 vaccinations Saturday, Jan. 9 at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in southeast Columbus. Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general, was one of the first in line

to get his dose of the Moderna vaccine provided by the U.S. Department of Defense and administered by Airmen from the 121st Medical Group.

The U.S. Department of Defense is allocating doses of the vaccine to the Ohio National Guard as part of a pilot program for Soldiers and Airmen who are currently performing full-time National Guard duty under Title 10 and Title 32 of the U.S. Code, in Federal Emergency Management Agency-Mission Assignment status, while supporting the state's COVID-19 pandemic response operations.

Guard senior leaders got vaccinated early to encourage the organization's Soldiers and Airmen to take the vaccine when it becomes available, to help protect themselves, their families, and their communities.

"This is a matter of readiness for us. When we call you, I need you to be ready," Harris said. "This is a matter of protecting the force. Protect yourself, protect your family, but, most importantly, live

your Air Force and Army values and be ready. It's our responsibility."

Maj. Gen. James Camp, Ohio assistant adjutant general for Air, and Chief Master Sgt. Heidi Bunker, Ohio Air National Guard state command chief master sergeant, also received their vaccinations.

"If we can't get more people vaccinated, sooner rather than later, we're going to be dealing with the COVID-19 environment for quite a while," Camp said. "The longer we have to mitigate COVID-19 and conduct operational missions at the same time, it's going to hamper readiness."

While getting the vaccine is voluntary, Guard members will continue to follow all public health standards issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Ohio Department of Health.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Stephanie Beougher, public information officer, at 614-506-3490 or stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil.



Antwerp's Hunter Sproles elevates for a score for the Archers last week in the cross county rivalry game with Wayne Trace. The visiting Raiders used a smothering defense and a 3 pointer at the buzzer to give the Archers their only loss of the season. Find more pictures at www.premium-light-images.com

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GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY DECEMBER SOM



Grover Hill Elementary Students of the month are: Front L-R Emerblee Sinn, Kendyl Hurd, Briella Gudakunst, Cyntia Pineda, Tyler Baksa, Mia Kamphaus, Griffin Miller and Beckett Jay. Back L-R Avah Farris, Tylar Herman, Brooke Stoller, Addyson LaBounty, Londyn Greear, Noah Schlatter and Kaelyn Vejar. Absent Kyndra Grimes

NEARLY 80,000 POUNDS OF PRODUCE GROWN FOR FOOD PANTRIES STATE-WIDE

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Master Gardener Volunteers from across Ohio grew nearly 80,000 pounds of produce in 2020 statewide and donated it all to 101 food pantries in cities and towns across the state. The Master Gardener Volunteer program is a U.S.- and Canada-wide effort that in Ohio is run by Ohio State University Extension, which is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

The produce grown included fruits, vegetables, and herbs and was equivalent to 65,200 meals, according to Pam Bennett, state master gardener volunteer program director and horticulture educator with OSU Extension. Although Master Gardener Volunteers have grown and donated food through this program for 20 years, growers ramped up their production efforts to help deal with the growing issue of food insecurity issues faced by indi-

viduals and families in 2020 statewide, said Mike Hogan, an OSU Extension educator who facilitates the program in Franklin County.

That's significant, considering the rising unemployment and other financial hardships people have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has caused food banks to have increased demand for food but receive fewer food donations from grocery stores, according to research from Zoë Plakias, a CFAES assistant professor of agricultural, environmental, and development economics.

Although grocery stores donate their excess products to food banks, if stores have difficulty keeping their shelves stocked, there can be less available for donation, she said.

In July, nearly 20% of households surveyed nationally said they had children in the home who were not eating enough sometime or often in the past week because they could not afford food. A separate national survey showed that 9.7% of those who responded said they couldn't afford to buy enough food in the past week.

Due to food insecurity issues, which were worsened by the pandemic, Franklin County Master Gardener Volunteers ramped up production of fresh fruits and vegetables in 29 garden projects throughout Franklin County, including at CFAES' Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory on Ohio State's Columbus campus, Hogan said.

"In Franklin County alone, Master Gardener Volunteers produced and donated 29,862 pounds of produce for food-insecure families," he said. "This amounts to nearly 15 tons of food and was an 8,437-pound increase from food produced for donations in 2019.

"This food was donated to 23 food pantries in Franklin County and to individual families and youth in several neighborhoods."

Ohio's Master Gardener Volunteer program has more than 3,500 Master Gardener Volunteers in 62 counties statewide who take 50 hours of horticultural training through OSU Extension and in return agree to give 50 hours of service to their county Extension program. Volunteers can be recertified each year with an additional 10 hours of continuing education and a minimum of 20 hours of service, Bennett said.

Some of the service they provide includes staffing phone helplines, speaking at public events, taking photos, giving tours, propagating plants, maintaining gardens, and more, all depending on their interests.

The program has four primary initiatives:

Backyard gardening and local foods includes working with community gardens.

Integrated pest management includes teaching people best gardening practices and strategies to reduce the use of pesticides.

Invasive species includes encouraging people to identify, report, and be on the lookout for spotted lanternfly, Asian longhorned beetle, and other invasive species.

Environmental horticulture focuses on stormwater management, how to create rain gardens, and best management practices for backyard gardening.

The produce production for the food donations in 2020 started in March with the early spring crops, while other crops were planted in May after Master Gardener Volun-

teers received an exemption for this work since it occurred during the statewide stay-at-home orders, Bennett said.

"We were granted exemptions because food security fell under the governor's guidelines as essential work," she said. "A few counties still had gardening plots in late December, with cool-season crops such as carrots, lettuce, and other greens.

"All produce grown was given to local food banks and soup kitchens in the county it was produced in immediately after it was harvested," Bennett said. "Additionally, some of the produce was given directly to families and youth who live in neighborhoods around the community gardens."

The food donation program began during the 2008 recession, Hogan said.

"As a result of the strained economy during that time and the growth of the local food movement, the need for donations grew," he said. "The need significantly increased this year due to the pandemic."

400TH ANNIVERSARY OF LANDING OF MAYFLOWER PILGRIMS

By: Caroline Longardner "THE PILGRIMS FIRST WINTER" 1621 — Part 2

Our history books tell us that the "Mayflower Pilgrims" came into the Plymouth harbor on December 9, 1620 and because of the Sabbath (SIC) Day, they remained there until Monday morning, December 11, 1620. At that time those men which included Winslow, Bradford, Standish and Carver stepped ashore onto PLYMOUTH ROCK. (The date is December 21, 1620 on our present calendars).

A "Common House" was built on the shore about 20 ft. square. The Pilgrims thought this was a nice area for a village because of the nice brook, and the tall hill (for a possible fort). Another advantage was cleared ground that had been previously cultivated in nearby areas. These areas were recently overgrown with dry corn stalks. It was obvious that an Indian village had been vacated there previously. The shoreline had obvious evidence of burial grounds in some places. Human skeletal bones were found scattered throughout the area indicating unburied remains.

On January 21, 1621 the Pilgrims came ashore and held the first religious service at the "Common House".

There was so much illness and death with this group of Pilgrims, that some of them never made it off the boat at all. In January and February the dead were buried at night so the Indians would not see where they were burying their dead. Many of the group stayed in the Common House. They lived off the grain that they had found in the mounds along the shore (which was actually Indian property). Some of the Pilgrims who had any conscious over taking the grains, promised to each other and to themselves that they would make it up to "whoever" if they ever found out who it belonged to.

On March 16, 1621 the Pilgrims were holding a

meeting at the Common House. The Indian would have come right into the "Common House" had he not been stopped by the sentries. He knew the English language and the history of the region where the Pilgrims had obviously put themselves in to stay for a while at least. "Welcome", he said to the astonished settlers, "I am Samoset". He was an Abanaki, from Pemiquid Point in Maine. He had sailed with English captains along the Newfoundland coast, and had learned their language.

Samoset told the Pilgrims that there one had been an Indian village at Plymouth called PATUXET. In 1617, a great plague had swept the village and all the inhabitants had died. Samoset was eager to talk with the Pilgrims and he talked well into the night. Then he left and returned with other Indians with furs of deer hides and beaver skins. The English were very interested in the beaver skins as this was a popular commodity in Europe and a way they could make money.

Samoset left and reappeared with a new Indian friend "Tisquantum" or SQUANTO. He, too, spoke English. The Indians said that Squanto was the last of the Patuxet tribe which had lived on the site of Plymouth. His strange story of his capture and some think what was a recrossing the Atlan-

tic with Capt. John Smith in 1614 when Sir Ferdinando Gorges (his captor) sent Smith to America, was also strange but could have been true. He had been captured twice and was then returned to his Patuxet home on the Massachusetts shore. He realized that all of his people had perished in what was a great plague. He learned that he was the last and only surviving member of the Patuxet tribe, he went to Massasoit at Sowams. Massasoit took him in. - Continued.

Ref: American Hist.; The Pilgrims&Plymouth Colony by Wm Bradford

PATRIOTS FALL IN ACAC OPENER

MONROE - Heritage hit the road for the ACAC tournament on Tuesday and the Patriots came up short in a 43-35 loss to host Adams Central.

Sophomore Luke Saylor scored a dozen markers for the Patriots to lead the way while junior Kiel Eldridge added 11 points. Leroy Lopper chipped in six markers for Heritage with Dalton Wasson and Nyles Knapke recording three points apiece.

Eldridge hauled down nine rebounds with Saylor recording eight boards and Deontae Cobbins grabbed six.

Saylor also added three assists and two steals while Wasson dished out a pair of assists as well.

NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

PAULDING COUNTY

PY 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Paulding County intends to apply to the Ohio Department Services Agency (ODSA) for funding under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. CDBG & HOME are federally funded programs administered by ODSA, Office of Community Development (OCD). The ODSA also administers the state funded Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF). The County may be eligible for Program Year 2021 CDBG funding, providing the County meets applicable program requirements. The programs available to Paulding County are outlined in the State of Ohio Consolidated Plan and will be presented at the Public Hearing.

This first of two public hearings will be held on **Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Paulding County Commissioner's Chambers located at 115 North Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the programs available and program requirements. A broad range of activities can be funded through the programs, including: allocation planning, economic development, downtown revitalization, water and sewer facilities, flood and drainage facilities, streets and sidewalks, senior centers, parks, and demolition of unsafe structures. Projects must be designed to primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons, aid in the prevention of slum or blight, or meet an urgent need in the community.

Below is the anticipated PY2021 funding amounts, pending all application funding requirements are met:

PROGRAM	FUNDS
*Community Development Block Grant Program	
-Allocation Planning	\$15,000
-Neighborhood Revitalization Grant	\$750,000
-Community Development Critical Infrastructure	\$500,000
*Economic Development Program	
- Loan Program	\$500,000 max/project
- Public Infrastructure Grants	\$500,000
- Revolving Loan Fund	\$500,000 max
- Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program (RPIG)	\$750,000/\$100,000 min.
*Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP)	\$1,150,000
- with Paulding County, Defiance County, the City of Defiance through Maumee Valley South CHIP Consortium	
*Homeless & Supportive Housing Programs	
- Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP)	\$4,000,000 statewide
- Homeless Assistance Grant Program	\$100,000
- Housing Assistance Grant Program	\$500,000
*Targets of Opportunity Program	\$200,000 per project
*Target of Opportunity Downtown Revitalization Program	
up to 3 buildings	\$250,000
*New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Program	\$50,000
*General Program Income	\$200,000

The primary focus of this First Public Hearing is to give an overview of the above-listed programs. The second public hearing will be held at a future announced date prior to the submittal by the County of specific grant applications. Citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting on **Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** to provide input on the County program.

If a participant will need auxiliary aids (interpreter, Braille or taped material, listening device, other) due to a disability, please contact Maumee Valley Planning Organization prior to **January 27, 2021** at 419-784-3882 in order to ensure that your needs will be accommodated. The Paulding County Commissioners Office is not handicapped accessible.



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PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT CARING AND SHARING



Sixth-grade students from Paulding Middle School volunteered at the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, located in Paulding, Ohio, on Saturday, January 9th. Shown in the picture from left to right are: Kendra Schroeder; Owen Tressler; Ethan Goebel; Landon Grinnell; and Mrs. Pam Moore.

COVID-19 UPDATE: PHASE 1B TIMELINE

PHASE 1B TIMELINE

Governor DeWine reemphasized the vaccine distribution timeline for Phase 1B of Ohio's vaccination program which is set to begin next week with those ages 80 and older.

Wednesday, January 13, the Ohio Department of Health received information from the federal government for the upcoming week. This information, including which providers will receive vaccines and how many, will be communicated to local health departments this evening. Each county health department, in partnership with their local emergency management agency and vaccine providers, will communicate vaccine distribution plans with the media and the public on Wednesday and Thursday. The process to vaccinate those in each county will vary depending on the provider. Some are expected to hold walk-up clinics, others may take appointments, etc.

On Thursday, January 14, the Ohio Department of Health launched a tool on coronavirus.ohio.gov to assist citizens looking for a provider that has been allotted vaccines. The tool will be searchable by zip code or county,

but it will not be updated in real-time. It is critical that those eligible to receive a vaccine consult local sources to determine up-to-date vaccine availability.

Hospitals that are vaccinating their frontline healthcare workers as part of Phase 1A must complete these vaccinations by Sunday, January 17.

Week of January 18: Vaccine providers will begin receiving their first allotment of vaccines for those ages 80 and older. Vaccines will be delivered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Each provider will begin administering vaccines the day after they receive their shipment. All vaccines must be distributed within seven days.

Week of January 25: Vaccinations are anticipated to begin for those ages 75 and up following the same process outlined above. Vaccinations will also be available to those with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders. Additional information on how these individuals can choose to receive their vaccines is forthcoming.

Week of February 1: Vaccinations are anticipated to begin for those ages 70 and up following the same process outlined above.

Week of February 8: Vaccinations are anticipated to

begin for those ages 65 and up following the same process outlined above.

Vaccine providers are not expected to vaccinate everyone in each age group in one week. As new age groups are authorized to receive vaccinations, previous age groups will continue receiving the vaccine.

Senior citizens with questions on the vaccination process are urged to contact the Area Agencies on Aging at www.aging.ohio.gov or by calling 1-866-243-5678.

NURSING HOME VACCINATIONS

To date, 85 percent of Ohio's nursing homes have been visited by a vaccine provider as part of Phase 1A. Vaccine providers anecdotally tell the Ohio Department of Health that the number of residents and staff accepting the vaccine is increasing.

In Ohio's two nursing homes operated by the Ohio Department of Veteran Services, 92 percent of veterans have accepted the vaccine. Regarding staff, 60 percent have opted to receive the vaccine in the Sandusky home and 42 percent have chosen to be vaccinated in the Georgetown home.

BROADBAND EXPANSION INVESTMENT

Lt. Governor Husted announced that Southern Ohio Communication Services, Inc., in collaboration with JobsOhio, Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE) and Pike County Economic & Community Development, plans to invest \$3.8 million to provide high-speed Internet service over 64 miles to 1,300 residential and business customers in southern Ohio. Southern Ohio Communications Service received a \$50,000 JobsOhio Inclusion Grant toward building and engineering costs. Learn more about the announcement here.

INDUSTRY SECTOR PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

Lt. Governor Husted also announced that 12 partnerships have been awarded for a total of \$2.5 million for the Industry Sector Partnership Award Grant Program. The selected partnerships are located in various regions across Ohio and focus on multiple in-demand industry sectors, including healthcare, information technology, manufacturing, construction and transportation.

"These awards will jumpstart and expand workforce partnerships across Ohio that are helping more individuals earn the skills needed to successfully find employment," Lt. Governor Husted said. "This is real-world skill development where educators and businesses work together to help people gain the skills they need to get hired for jobs that pay well and have a future. Enhancing meaningful partnerships between the business and education community is key to growing Ohio's workforce and filling in-demand jobs at a time when many people are looking for opportunities, but not sure where to start."

Learn more about the Industry Sector Partnership Grant by visiting Workforce.Ohio.gov/ISP

CURRENT CASE DATA (As of January 13, 2020)

In total, there are 792,938 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 reported in Ohio and 9,802 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 41,863 people have been hospitalized throughout the pandemic, including 6,237 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

THE WEST BEND NEWS

Sudoku Puzzle

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

LADY RAIDERS WIN LOW SCORING AFFAIR OVER LCC

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

LIMA - In a girls' basketball game played last Monday at Lima the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders and Lima Central Catholic combined for a total of 38 points with the Raiders coming out on top in the low scoring affair 25-13.

The Raiders led after one quarter of play 6-2 and scored nearly half their point total in the second quarter when the Raiders tossed in 12 markers while LCC managed just three points. Wayne Trace led at intermission 18-5.

The second half did not fare much better offensively for either team with the Raiders scoring just three points in the third frame while holding their opponent scoreless to take a 21-5 lead into the fourth stanza. However, Central Catholic took the fourth quarter, outscoring the red, white, and blue 8-4. With the

win the Raiders improve their overall season mark to 8-4 while LCC falls to 5-8.

Leading the Raiders in scoring was junior Sydnee Sinn with nine points followed by Katrina Stoller with eight. Rounding out the scoring for the winning Raiders was Gracie Shepherd and Rachel Stoller each with three points apiece and Abby Moore with two. Shepherd grabbed seven rebounds to lead the Raiders on the boards.

LCC was paced by the five points from Kennedy Parker followed by Erin Mulcahy and Mary Kelly Mulcahy each with three and Olivia Stolly adding two.

In shooting the Raiders were 11-33 for 33 percent and made 1-2 free throws. LCC connected on just 4 of 36 from the field for 11 percent while hitting 4-7 from the line. The Raiders won the battle of the boards 37-25 but the Raiders turned the ball over on 16 occasions to 11 miscues for LCC.

Wayne Trace Raiders

Oak Harbor - Varsity on January 16, 2021

Box Score

Box score table for Wayne Trace Raiders vs OAHA.

Wayne Trace Raiders

Defiance - Varsity on January 15, 2021

Box score table for Wayne Trace Raiders vs DESE.

Wayne Trace Raiders

Edgerton - Varsity on January 15, 2021

Box Score

Box score table for Wayne Trace Raiders vs EDGE.

PUBLIC NOTICE HOSPITAL BOARD APPLICATIONS

Applications will be accepted at the Paulding County Commissioner's office, 115 North Williams Street, Courthouse, Paulding, Ohio until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2021 for a six-year term as Paulding County Hospital Trustee expiring March 1, 2027. Please pick up an application at the Commissioners' Office for this position between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Previous applicants must reapply.

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PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (11) persons on Thursday, January 14, 2021
Nathan J. Brown (10/26/1987), Stryker, OH; Theft, F-5
Derek C. Youtsey (12/04/1997), Fort Wayne, IN; Possession of drugs, F-5; Improper handling of firearms in a motor vehicle, F-4
John C. Saco (01/02/1945), Paulding, OH; Gross sexual imposition, F-2 (two counts)
Ja La Lashea Waughfield (03/29/1998), Indianapolis, IN; Possession of criminal tools, F-5; Receiving stolen property, F-5
Larry J. Copsy (03/11/1971), Antwerp, OH; Non support of dependents, F-4
Jason E. Grunden (02/12/1980), Van Wert, OH; Non support of dependents, F-4
Ronald Blankenbeckler (08/17/1979), Defiance, OH; Non support of dependents, F-5 (two counts)
Logan C. Perl (12/25/1993), Oakwood, OH; Breaking & entering, F-5
Tyler Fleming (02/13/1983), Mark Center, OH; Illegal conveyance of weapons, drugs or other prohibited items onto grounds of detention facility or institution, F-3
Jessy May (03/12/1995), Defiance, OH; Theft, F-4; Theft, F-5 (two counts)
Erick M. Seekings (08/28/1982), Grover Hill, OH; Identity fraud, F-5

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition
Clae E. Clemens, Cecil, OH; Improper handling of firearms; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Firearms shall be forfeited to the arresting agency
Shon D. Cantu, Defiance, OH; OVI/under the influence; Guilty; Defendant may attend DIP in lieu of 3 jail days; Must complete by 4/30/21; Pay or collect by 12/17/21; Must complete 20 hrs of community service under direction of probation
Shon D. Cantu, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Case dismissed at state's request
Dean W. Palmer Jr., Cecil, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 1/29/21
Dean W. Palmer Jr., Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 1/29/21
Pedro Pastelin, Indianapolis, IN; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 2/26/21
Clae E. Clemens, Cecil, OH; Unsafe vehicle; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 1/29/21
Landyn Reyes, Antwerp, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
James B. Sessions, Birmingham, AL; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
John W. Saco, Paulding, OH; Gross sexual imposition; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over

John W. Saco, Paulding, OH; Gross sexual imposition; Case shall be bound over
Seth Robert J. Twigg, Holland, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Seth Robert J. Twigg, Holland, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Camile D. Cox, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/under the influence; Guilty; Defendant may attend DIP program in lieu of 3 jail days, coordinate with probation department; Proof of insurance provided; Pay or collect 7/30/21
Camile D. Cox, Fort Wayne, IN; Marked lanes; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 7/30/21
Camile D. Cox, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 7/30/21
Jacklyn I. Sturgill, Melrose, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Kevin R. Cramer, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant
Jeffrey A. Jodway, Fort Wayne, IN; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by defendant
Timothy J. Hendricks, Tontogany, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed by state; Costs paid by defendant
Kendall E. Bellamy, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of drugs; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by defendant
Teresa S. Bard, Butler, IN; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state; Costs paid by the defendant
Jennifer L. Thomas, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by the defendant
Zachary N. Martinez, Melrose, OH; FRA suspension; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs by 12/17/21 or case will be sent to collections; Warrant and warrant blocked recalled
Zachary N. Martinez, Melrose, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/17/21
Logan McKeever, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Hassan M. Nasser, Dearborn, MI; Driver license <6months; Case dismissed at state's request
Nicoe D. McClure, Grover Hill, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
William F. Kauffman, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Brittany R. Peeler, Detroit, MI; Possession of marijuana; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by defendant
Malaysia L. Hamilton, Fort Wayne, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

laize Twp S-21
BLUE CREEK TWP
1/11/21 Miller Ian & Miller Kim to Varner Jason R Varner Noemi; 11495 Rd 24 Haviland Oh 45851; 0.926 acres; Pt E1/2Sw1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-26 Easement Ref V 581 P 2050
1/13/21 Lay Angela R to Lay Angela R Trustee; Rd 24; 77 acres; N1/2 Nw1/4 Blue Creek Twp Sec 36
BROWN TWP
1/13/21 Starr Delena to Starr Delena; 24211 Sr 613 Oakwood Oh 45873; 1 acre; Pt Sw1/4 Sw1/4 Brown Twp S-25
1/13/21 Beara Investments LLC to McClure Codey J; 400 Main St; 0.2 acres; Lot 100 O.p. Oakwood Vill
HARRISON TWP
1/14/21 Elliott Larry L Elliott Lucille M to Elliott Larry Lee; 11756 Sr 49 Antwerp Oh 45813; 1 acre; Sw Cor N 1/2 Nw 1/4 S-11 9110X396 Harrison Ant Dst
JACKSON TWP
1/14/21 Schlegel Vaughn K Trustee to Sweinhagen Chaz J; 15896 Rd 108 Paulding Oh 45879; 3 acres; Pt Ne1/4Ne1/4 Lot 1 Jackson Twp Wt Dist S-28
LATTY TWP
1/13/21 Lay Angela R to Lay Angela R Trustee; Rd 12; 40 acres; E1/2 E1/2 Sw1/4 Latty Twp S-32
1/13/21 Lay Angela R to Lay Angela R Trustee; Rd 24; 78.326 acres; Pte1/2Ne1/4 S-33 Latty Tp
1/13/21 Lay Angela R to Lay Angela R Trustee; 15840 Rd 24; 1.174 acres; Pte1/2Ne1/4 S-33 Latty Tp
1/13/21 Lay Angela R to Lay Angela R Trustee; Rd 12; 38.989 acres; Pt Sw1/4 Sw1/4 Latty Twp S-33 Easement Ref V 581 P 1985
1/14/21 Schriver Ronald L Schriver Katherine P to Schriver Ronald L; Second St; 0.2 acres; Lot 8 O P Latty Vill
1/14/21 Schriver Ronald L Schriver Katherine P to Schriver Ronald L; Second St; 0.0669 acres; Lot 9 O P Latty Vill
1/14/21 Schriver Ronald L Schriver Katherine P to Schriver Ronald L; Second St; 0.0669 acres; Lot 10 O P Latty Vill
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1/14/21 Schriver Ronald L Schriver Katherine P to Schriver Ronald L; Second St; 0.0669 acres; Lot 14 O P Latty Vill
1/14/21 Schriver Ronald L Schriver Katherine P to Schriver Ronald L; Second St; 0.0669 acres; Lot 15 O P Latty Vill

Officer Brian Motsinger and State Wildlife Investigator Justus Nethero were close by and were called in to assist. They helped keep the horses off the road and away from vehicles as well as corral them back to their pen. Although catching horses is not something wildlife officers are tasked with on a daily basis, they are always ready to assist in matters involving public safety.
Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two
In November 2020, State Wildlife Officer Levi Farley, assigned to Paulding County, was on patrol when he noticed a deer carcass discarded along the road. Officer Farley contacted the landowner to see if he knew where the carcass may have originated. The landowner mentioned he would like litter charges pursued on the person who dumped the deer carcass on his property. The evidence led Officer Farley to contact several nearby hunters. One of the hunters had recently harvested a deer, and Officer Farley questioned the hunter about the location of its remains. The hunter admitted to dumping the deer carcass on property without permission. One summons was issued for disposing of litter on private property. The suspect paid \$270 in court costs and fines.

State Wildlife Officer Michele Butler, assigned to Erie County, was patrolling Reshaven Wildlife Area on the opening day of the 2020 dove season when she saw two hunters sit down at the edge of one of the dove fields. Shortly after, one of the hunters shot a dove, which then fell into the woods behind him. The hunters continued to dove hunt without attempting to recover the bird. Officer Butler contacted the hunters after they had packed up their belongings and moved to a different location. Officer Butler explained to the hunter that it was wasteful and unethical to fail to search for harvested game. The hunter was issued a citation for wanton waste and paid \$250 in fines and court costs.
Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three
State Wildlife Officer Eric Moore, assigned to Medina County, received a call regarding an unusual creature under an individual's porch. Officer Moore responded and the homeowner said that he thought someone had put a large rock in his yard, only to later witness it move under his porch. The homeowner thought it was a snapping turtle, but it was unlike any snapping turtle he had ever seen. Officer Moore looked under the porch and could see what appeared to be a very large

LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDDERS

Sealed Bids for Property for sale "**Description for 0.450 Acre**" by the Board of County Commissioners, Paulding County, Ohio (herein called the "OWNER") will be received by the Owner at the Paulding County Commissioner's Office (115 N. Williams St., #B-1, Paulding, OH 45879) until Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM (local time). Any Bids received later than the above time will be returned unopened. All Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

Property for Sale Description: Description for 0.450 Acre

Situated: In the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Town 2 North, Range 2 East, Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio, being part of tract and all of Lot 86 of Dix's Addition as described in Official Record Volume 272, Page 135 and part of the former Penn Central Railroad described in Official Record Volume 519, Page 2068 and being more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of said Section 12, being a 3/4" pipe found;
Thence along the east line of said southwest quarter, N. 01°17'26"E., a distance of 39.60 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 86 of Dix's Addition, being the **Principal Point of Beginning**;
Thence along the south line of said Lot 86, N.89°03'34"W., a distance of 99.99 feet to a mag nail found at the southwest corner of said Lot 86, passing 5/8" iron pin found at 9.83 feet;
Thence along the west line of said Lot 86 and the east line of Elm Street, N.01°17'26"E., a distance of 159.71 feet to a mag nail set;
Thence on va new division line, S.89°05'34"E., a distance of 122.41 feet to a mag nail set in the centerline of said Penn Central Railroad, passing 5/8" iron pin set at 15.00 feet and 107.41 feet;
Thence along said centerline, S.01°01'26"W., a distance of 159.78 feet to a mag nail set in the north line of Wayne Street;
Thence on said north line, N.89°03'34"W., a distance of 23.17 feet to the Principal Point of Beginning;

Containing 0.450 acre, more or less, and being subject to all legal highways, rights-of-way, easements, restrictions, covenants, and/or conditions of record.

The above description and bearing system is based on a survey prepared by Michael L. Howbert, Registered Professional Surveyor No. 7959, in December of 2020.

Opening of the bids will take place in the office of the Paulding County Commissioners immediately following the time specified for receiving bids. Said bids shall be in writing on a form to be furnished by the County Commissioners, and shall be accompanied with either a deposit of money, certified or cashier's check in an amount equal to ten percent of the bid amount, as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will complete the sale transaction. **Minimum Bid will start at \$ 125,000.00.**

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio.

Heather Barnhouse, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Paulding County, Ohio

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP
1/12/21 Tuohy Dennis R to Nationstar Mortgage LLC; 19412 Rd 198 Defiance Oh 43512; 0.5165 acres; Lot 14 Auglaize Hills Dev Auglaize Twp S-19
1/13/21 Mann Larry Mann Judy C to Proxmire Jeffrey J Proxmire Barbara J; 15735 Rd 191 Defiance Oh 43512; 5.549 acres; M Pt E1/2 Ne1/4 Aug-

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One
While on patrol during the white-tailed deer gun-hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Chad Grote noticed two loose horses running away from their owners in Union County near the Marion County line. State Wildlife

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR


PROBATE COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
Judge Michael A. Wehrkamp
Estate of Diana Lyn Conley, Deceased
Case No. 20201086

decendent had the decedent died testate. A n y objections to such appointment shall be submitted to the Probate Court of Paulding County, Ohio and James K. Weaner, Attorney for the Estate at 401 Wayne Ave, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

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PROBATE COURT, OH PAULDING COUNTY, OH

TO: Joan M. Egly
You are hereby notified that Diana Lyn Conley died intestate on March 12, 2020. The estate was filed with the Paulding County Probate Court located at 115 N. Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879 on September 21, 2020 under case No. 20201086. Jennifer L. Thomas has made application to serve as Administrator for the estate.

This notice is given to all persons who would be entitled to serve as Administrator of the estate and/or to inherit from the

Dated: 12/11/2020

Judge Michael A. Wehrkamp

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

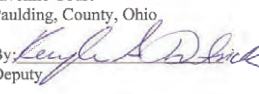
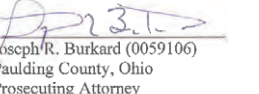
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO - Juvenile Division-
Case No. 20203007

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JUVENILE COURT, OH PAULDING COUNTY, OH

IN THE MATTER OF: GERSON GABARRETE-PORTILLO ALLEGED ABUSED CHILD
To: Edis Oralia-Portillo, mother of Gerson Gabarrete-Portillo (D.O.B.03/07/2015)

Please be advised that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel, and if you are unable to retain legal counsel due to indigency, you have the right to have legal counsel appointed to you. If you are indigent and would like to have legal counsel appointed, please contact Kayla Deitrick, Deputy Clerk, at 419-399-8255.

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Laguna Verde, Santa Barbara, Honduras
Please take notice that an Amended Complaint for Temporary Custody of **Gerson Gabarrete-Portillo** an alleged abused child has been filed in the above-captioned matter. You may attend the Adjudatory hearing scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Said hearing will be held at the Paulding County Juvenile Court located at 115 N. Williams

Kayla Deitrick, Clerk
Juvenile Court
Paulding, County, Ohio
By: 
Deputy
Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R. Burkard (0059106)
Paulding County, Ohio
Prosecuting Attorney
120 South Walnut Street
Paulding, Ohio 45879
419-399-8270

turtle burrowed into leaves. After several minutes, Officer Moore removed a 100-pound sulcata tortoise, an African species common in the pet trade. After a few phone calls, a rescue organization agreed to house the tortoise. Thankfully, the animal's owner was located the next day and was extremely happy to be reunited with her pet. The tortoise had only been loose one day yet managed to travel almost a mile from its home.

State Wildlife Officer Eric Moore, assigned to Medina County, was on patrol at Spencer Lake Wildlife Area during the pheasant hunting season. Officer Moore located a large hunting party trespassing on private property. Once the hunters saw Officer Moore, they immediately turned around and headed back toward the wildlife area.

The hunters walked past four signs within view that marked the wildlife area boundary. While he was speaking to the first group of hunters, Officer Moore observed two more people who were also hunting without permission. They were all charged with hunting without written permission of the landowner and paid \$796 in fines and court costs. The hunters were advised to check wildohio.gov for free maps of wildlife areas to avoid future violations.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

In November 2020, State Wildlife Officer Cole Tilton, assigned to Scioto County, was working with State Wildlife Officer Darin Abbott, assigned to Lawrence County. The two officers were responding to spotlighting complaints in Scioto County. The officers observed a slow-moving vehicle shine a light out of the driver side window into a field. After making a traffic stop, the officers found a loaded rifle with a flashlight attached.

The driver was issued a summons for jacklighting and for hunting with the aid of a motor vehicle, and the rifle was confiscated.

ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On January 14 the police received a report of solicitors going door to door. The officer located the solicitors and explained that they need permit in the village to go door to door sell things

On January 14 an officer located a low hanging wire on Buffalo Street. The officer stood by until a village employee could remove the wire.

On January 13 a resident reported that she got a credit card in mail from the unemployment agency. She stated she never received or applied for unemployment. The case was investigated and determined it was a scam to try and obtain her personal information.

On January 12 Antwerp Police assisted OHSP at 24/49. Drugs were located in the vehicle and determined the vehicle was stolen.

On January 10 a resident reported a large piece of wood laying in the road close to the center of town near traffic light. An officer responded and removed the wood.

On January 8 a resident reported that she was being harassed by her ex-boyfriend. The ex-boyfriend was contacted and told to stop.

On January 8 a resident contacted the police department and requested security check be performed on his elderly father's home.

On January 1 a water main break occurred on Erie and Stone. The water main was located and the village administrator was contacted.

ON January 1 there was a power outage in Antwerp and the traffic light was not working. The officer stood by until the village could provide a generator.

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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UNDERSTANDING SOIL HEALTH TERMS

By: James J. Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Services

Soil health can be hard to understand if you do not know the "lingo" or terminology. Talking to a doctor, sometimes you need a dictionary to know what they are saying. Here's a short primer on soil health terms. "Soil health" is defined by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) as the continued capacity of soil to function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals, and humans. Soils contains living organisms that perform functions for humans but these organisms need food, shelter, and certain environmental conditions to thrive.

"Soil ecosystem functions" include processes like nutrient cycling, clean water (filtering, buffering, availability), soil physical stability, and soil habitat (where organisms live). Ecosystem services are grouped into four categories: provisioning (food production and water), regulating (climate and disease control), supporting (nutrient cycles, crop pollination) and cultural (spiritual and recreational benefits). Many soils are degrading rapidly especially when compared to their virgin state, before they were cultivated.

Soil texture and soil structure terms are often confused. Soil texture is the amount of soil sand, silt and clay. Soil structure is the arrangement of soil into peds or aggregates (soil crumbs). Soils with good soil structure typically have more macroaggregates and macropores while soils with poor soil structure like compacted soils have more micro-aggregates and micropores. "Macro" here means large and "Micro" means small. Compacted soils have a higher bulk density which means they are denser; not allowing air, water, and roots to move easily through the soil profile. Healthy soils tend to be "aerobic" meaning adequate oxygen while "anaerobic" soils have low oxygen. Most compacted soils are anaerobic

and saturated or full of water which allows disease causing organisms to thrive.

Soils contain many beneficial organisms. Bacteria are a large group of single-celled microorganisms that lack chlorophyll (not plants). Bacteria are active in the soil for decomposing organic matter but also cause many diseases. Bacteria live in higher numbers in disturbed (conventionally tilled) soils. Fungi contain a rigid cell wall and thrive with little soil disturbance. Mycorrhizae fungi have hyphae (spider web like) networks that attach to 80-90% of most plant species and enhance plant uptake of water and nutrients. Mycorrhizae means "fungus root" and is a symbiotic (mutually beneficial) relationship between fungus and plant roots. Glomalin is a glycoprotein (sugar protein) produced by mycorrhizal fungus. Glomalin and root polysaccharides (sugars) bind soil particles together to form macroaggregates to promote good aggregate stability and good soil structure for higher crop yields.

Healthy soils are high in organic matter. Organic means it came from living matter and contains carbon while inorganic means molecules that lack carbon. "Organic" also means food or farming methods that do not use chemical fertilizers, pesticides, or other artificial agents. Many soil health farmers are moving towards adapting "organic" farming practices. Soil organic matter (SOM) has two major groups, the humus or long-term decomposed stable organic matter and the active organic matter which is easily decomposed and unstable. Generally, it's the active organic matter which is lacking in our degraded soils. Tillage destroys the active soil carbon or organic matter. Tillage is like blowing air on a fire, the extra oxygen increases microbial decomposition and causes soils to lose carbon. Active carbon is a food source for microbes but also promotes good soil structure. Active carbon comes from live roots which exude polysaccharides (sugars) and microbial wastes (microbial poop).

Cover crops are grown to protect and enrich the soil. Cover crops enhance biological life, nutrient cycling, increase SOM, improve water infiltration and storage, improve soil structure, and protect soils from eroding. Cover crops include brassicas, legumes, clovers, vetches, and grasses. Brassicas include radish, kale, rape, turnips, mustards, and cabbage. "Daikon" radishes have white long tubers. Rape seed is a wild cousin to canola and has more roots and less grain. Legumes are peas (winter peas, Canadian field pea, cowpea). Legumes fix their own nitrogen with the help of Rhizobium bacteria. Technically clovers and vetches are not "legumes" but they also make their own nitrogen and are often all lumped together. Cereal or winter rye is a common grass cover crop with a wide leaf and rapid tall spring growth. Annual rye has shorter, narrow leaves, 50% more roots, but is harder to manage. Other grasses include oats, sorghum species, millets, and wheat. Buckwheat, sunflower, and flax are other cover crops. Cover crops improve soils health and make our soils sustainable for future generations.

Sudoku solution from page 9

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4	8	9	2	3	7	5	1	6
9	3	6	7	2	8	1	4	5
2	9	4	6	9	1	7	3	8
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RAIDERS SWEEP ARCHERS

HAVILAND - In a battle of Paulding County rivals, Wayne Trace captured a pair of junior high girls basketball victories over Antwerp at the 'Pit' last week.

The Lady Raider eighth graders improved to 9-5 on the year with a 31-24 win over the Archers.

Harper Myers had 11 points for Wayne Trace with Tori Young adding six and Tianna Sinn bucketing five. Caroline Rohrs topped Antwerp with 14 points and Jessica Thornell chipped in eight for Antwerp. Maylynn Carnahan also had a basket for the Lady Archers, who fall to 4-4.

Caren Winans scored ten points and Lexi Moore added four markers as the Wayne Trace seventh graders posted a two-quarter victory over Antwerp.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION TO VACATE STREET:
 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 7:00 a.m. to consider the petition to vacate an extension of Buffalo Street that runs east and west parallel to East Canal Street between lots located at 406 Erie Street and 502 Erie Street in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio. Details can be found on the Village's website: villageofantwerp.com or by calling the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371. The public hearing will be held at the VFW Post, 105 Railroad Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

LEGAL NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS:
 The Village of Antwerp by its Village Administrator will receive sealed bid proposals for the Fire Department's new fire gear, specifically, fourteen (14) self-contained breathing apparatus harnesses (no cylinder/no facepiece), fourteen (14) facepieces (must be fit tested), and twenty-eight (28) carbon-wrapped cylinders (45 minutes - 4500 psi), plus all warranties, service and warranty support, delivery, regulatory approvals, and required components as outlined in the specifications and bid documents, until February 9, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. at the Village Fiscal Officer's office, 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.
 Copies of the Invitation to Bid, specifications, proposal and contract forms are available at the Village Fiscal Officer's office, 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.
 The proposals must be made on the forms provided in the Invitation to Bid, or a copy thereof.
 Bids must be received in a sealed envelope marked "SCBA Fire Gear" and must contain the full name and address of the Bidder. Each proposal must be signed by the full name and business address of each person or company interested in the same.
 The Village Administrator reserves the right to accept any or all bids and to waive any informalities, irregularities, and technical defects of a minor nature.
 Sara Keeran, Village Administrator

Real Estate Taxes Are Due
Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Mobile Home Tax are Due
Monday, March 1, 2021

Failure To Receive Tax Bill Will Not Avoid Penalty or Interest Charges.
 Due to the Covid19 pandemic, tax collection will be somewhat different for the first half collection this year. Our goal is to make collections as seamless and smooth as possible; and safe for you, the land owner as well as the staff in the Treasurer's Office. **There is a new drop box along the sidewalk on the East side of the courthouse; we strongly encourage you to use this drop box.**
 If you would like to bring your payment into the office, there will be restrictions that will be necessary to follow:
 A. Your temperature will be checked at the door by the Security Deputy Sheriff
 B. We are "strongly recommending" that you wear some type of facial covering
 C. Please respect the Social Distancing, maintaining 6' between customers
 D. No more than 2 people will be allowed in the office at one time
 E. Please refrain from bringing children into the office
 F. If you need to visit another office while in the courthouse make sure you call ahead to set up an appointment
 G. **OUR OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 4:00 PM**, to clean & sanitize (notice the time please)
 You still have the option of mailing your payment. We accept check and/or money order. If you require a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If this is not included, we will not mail you a receipt.
 I would also like to share a new option for you to pay your taxes online. I have partnered with Point & Pay, an online payment system, this option does include fees to the landowner, but if you are interested please visit pauldingcountytreasurer.com for more information, go to the direct website at https://client.pointandpay.net/web/PauldingCountyTreasurer, or go directly to the web site at https://client.pointandpay.net/web/PauldingCountyTreasurer
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LEGAL NOTICE
 Attention James Caulfield, your wife, Brenda, is trying to reach you in regard to filing for Divorce. Please contact her as soon as possible.
 - Brenda Caulfield

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
VILLAGE OF ANTWERP
GENERAL WATER PLAN
 The Village of Antwerp, Ohio, intends to contract for professional engineering and grant writing/administration services in connection with the following project:
Evaluate the Village's Water System for future improvements. The General Plan will identify and recommend improvements necessary for the future operation of the existing water system.
 The project is located at 109 Water Plant Drive on the southern edge of the Village of Antwerp.
 Firms should demonstrate knowledge and experience with rehabilitation and/or new construction of water treatment and distribution of ground water plant operations and obtaining grant funding and administration of projects with multiple funding sources.
 Firms interested in being considered for a contract to provide the required services should reply with a statement of qualifications no later than Friday, February 5, 2021. Statements received after this date will not be considered.
 Statements of qualifications should include information regarding the firm's history; education and experience of owners and key technical personnel, the technical expertise of the firm's current staff; the firm's experience in designing similar projects; availability of staff; the firm's equipment and facilities; and any previous work performed for the Village of Antwerp.
 Statements of qualifications should be transmitted to:
 Ms. Sara Keeran
 Village Administrator
 Village of Antwerp
 503 W. River Street
 Antwerp, Ohio 45813
 Responding firms will be evaluated and ranked in order of their qualifications. Following this evaluation, the Village of Antwerp will enter into contract negotiations with the most highly qualified firm.

PAULDING VFW DONATES TO PAULDING FFA MEAL PROGRAM

FFA (Food For All) Donation



Pictured L-R: Superintendent Ken Amtstutz, Dan Wilder, Roger Henry, Jaylyn Parrett-FFA Student, Staci Miller-Ag Ed Teacher, Clair Schweller-FFA Student.

By: Mason Schlatter, Assistant Reporter

The Paulding FFA in conjunction with the Children's Hunger Alliance is creating an evening food program for students in the district who may face food insecurity. The Paulding FFA is going to call the program "Food for All." The Paulding VFW made a donation to help purchase

bags and other supplies for the program to get the meal program off the ground. The program is slated to start in February and continue through the end of the school year. The goal is to provide additional support for our students who may be facing challenges especially during the pandemic. Students will be given 5 days worth of

shelf stable meals and drinks that align with food dietary guidelines. The FFA chapter members will prepare bags for students to pick up at the end of the school day once a week. The Paulding FFA would like to give a shout out to the Paulding VFW for their donation to this worthwhile program. We appreciate your support of our school district.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE HOLDS ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Paulding County Economic Development Board held their scheduled bi-monthly lunch meeting January 12, 2021 in the Paulding Area Foundation conference room. The agenda for the meeting included approving meeting dates and voting in officers for 2021. Officers that were elected include: Larry Manz, President; Dennis Recker, Vice President; Sarah Noggle, Secretary and Jim States, Treasurer. Meeting dates were set for the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the months of March, May, July, and September with a banquet date of November 9.

Next on the agenda was the nomination of a new board member representing the Antwerp/Payne/Paulding County Community Improvement Corporation. Don Oberlin was submitted as the representative from their membership. The PCED board interviewed Don in an earlier meeting and the board voted to accept the recommendation. Don will join the named elected officers as well as George Carter, Greg White, Bud Koenig, Mike Kauser and Jeff Mumma on the board. There is one open board seat remaining. Upcoming interviews are scheduled to fill this final seat for 2021.

Discussion went around the room as board members shared the details of the actions taking place for the committees or groups they represent. PCED Director Tim Cosey joined discussion with each presentation what he is working on to support those board members and their projects and summarized a few additional projects. The meeting wrapped up with committee presentations and the development and scheduling of the first meeting with the new Strategic Planning ad-hoc committee.

The meeting was adjourned. The next full board meeting will be held in the same conference room March 9 at 11am.

PAULDING COUNTY ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR START OF PHASE 1B OF COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

COVID-19 vaccines continue to be a scarce resource across Paulding County, and it will take time to provide vaccines to everyone who wants to receive them.

"While we know that many people in our community are eager to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, we must be patient while demand for the vaccine remains higher than the available supply," said Bill Edwards, of the Paulding County Health Department. "As vaccine supply increases, we will be able to vaccinate more of those in Phase 1B, and eventually, all Ohioans who choose to be vaccinated."

When a new age group becomes eligible, vaccinations may not be complete for the previous age group. It may take a long time to provide vaccines to everyone who wants them, given the limited doses that are currently available.

"Moving into Phase 1B will provide an opportunity to protect our most vulnerable and to help keep kids in school," said Edwards. "We

are committed to administering every dose provided to Paulding County, both now, when supply is limited, and later when more doses are available."

Paulding County has no control over vaccine shipment quantities and delivery dates. The county has and will continue to be committed to getting vaccines out as quickly as possible. There is no stockpiling of doses.

Both public and private K-12 schools are working with the Paulding County Health Department to develop their vaccination plans. Each school district may take different approaches, based on their specific needs. Schools will be releasing details directly to their eligible staff.

COVID-19 vaccines were widely tested to make sure they meet safety standards. Possible vaccine reactions include fever, fatigue, and muscle aches. Severe reactions are rare and are reported for investigation. While the vaccine is a great tool to prevent the spread of COVID-19, everyone must continue to wear masks, maintain social distance and follow all public health guidance to obtain the best protection.

"Even after you have been vaccinated, you should continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing. The vaccine will protect you from getting ill from COVID-19; however, not enough is known about whether or not you can still carry the virus and spread it to others," said Edwards.

The mission of the Paulding County Health Department is to prevent disease, promote healthy lifestyles and protect the health of everyone in Paulding County. We welcome all patients, including uninsured or underinsured clients, regardless of their ability to pay, and we accept most third-party insurance. For more information, visit www.pauldingcountyhealth.com

ONE KILLED, ONE SERIOUSLY INJURED AFTER VEHICLE STRIKES TREE

Amanda Township - On January 16, 2021, at approximately 4:16 P.M., troopers with the Lima Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol responded to a report of a vehicle that had struck a tree.

A 2010 Pontiac G-6, operated by Layla N. Yoakam, age 17, of Wapakoneta, was trav-

eling west on Fort Amanda Rd. when her vehicle went off the right side of the roadway and struck a fence, a pole, and then a tree before overturning.

Ms. Yoakam was transported to St. Rita's Mercy Health by Spencerville EMS where she was pronounced dead. Katelyn Rose, age 16, of Wapakoneta, was a passenger in the vehicle and was transported by Spencerville EMS to St. Rita's Mercy Health for serious injuries. She was later transported to St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo where she is listed in critical condition. Seatbelt usage for both occupants are unknown at this time and drugs and alcohol are not suspected to be a factor in the crash.

Assisting troopers on scene was the Allen County Sheriff's Office, Spencerville Fire and EMS and Delpha Towing. The crash remains under investigation.

UPCOMING FARM BILL MEETINGS

Both the Paulding County Extension Office and the Statewide Extension Office will be hosting a series of online Farm Bill Meetings. Our Paulding County meeting will include information from the local FSA Office with specific county information and updates. The statewide series will have much of the same information without our local contacts. See the statewide flyer listed here: 2021 ARC-PLC Flyer Statewide

For the local Paulding County meeting, it will be held via ZOOM on Friday, January 29 from 7:30 AM until 8:30 AM during the monthly Paulding County Virtual Coffee Shop. The registration is located at go.osu.edu/pauldingFB21. Registration is required. I will be recording this session and placing it on the Paulding County Extension YouTube Channel.

A few reminders and questions I have received in the office:

1. With the 2018 Farm Bill participants now have the election to choose programs yearly. The deadline for signing up for the calendar year 2021 program is March 15. (This now aligns with the crop insurance deadline.)
2. The opportunity to update the PLC yield on your base acres was only available last year. This is not an option for 2021. This additionally usually required the signature of the landowner and this is not the case for the program elections of PLC, ARC-CO, or ARC-IC in 2021. FSA in Paulding County will be mailing contracts to those producers who elected to sign a 5-year contract. These will need to be signed and returned.
3. In the calendar year 2020, one was signing up for both the 2019 and 2020 program by March 15, 2020. This decision for 2021 will be made by March 15, 2021, and is more difficult to predict payment potential. The marketing year doesn't start until after September 1, 2021, for corn and soybeans. Also, the PLC and ARC-CO programs are based upon base acres on the farm not what the producer is planting. ARC-IC is based upon what the producer is planting.
4. Due to the prevent plant season and delay of the 2018 Farm Bill, many producers

WAYNE TRACE ART WINNERS



Congratulations go out to Wayne Trace's largest group of Scholastic Art award winners! Honorable Mentions were received by seniors Jacob Stouffer and Della Stokes and by sophomore Mallory Moore. Silver Keys were received by junior Haylee Finfrock and 8th grader Luke Stouffer. A big congrats to our first Gold Key award winner--senior Ali Denny, whose

artwork, 23 Lives, will now advance to the national judging in New York City! Jacob, Della, Mallory, Haylee, Luke, and Ali's work will be exhibited as part of the Scholastic Art Show at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art from February through April, with a virtual awards ceremony kicking things off on Sunday, February 14.

KENADIE DAEGER SIGNS WITH UNOH GOLF PROGRAM



Pictured are (front L-R) mother Michelle Daeger, senior Kenadie Daeger and father/Wayne Trace girls golf coach Jeremy Daeger. In the back row are UNOH Golf Coach Dawn West and sophomore Riley Daeger, Kenadie's younger sister.

Wayne Trace senior golfer Kenadie Daeger, daughter of Jeremy and Michelle Daeger, recently signed a letter of intent to further her academic and athletic career at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima where she will be playing for head coach Dawn West.

Daeger enjoyed a tremen-

dous career at Wayne Trace, where she was a four-year letter winner and was a four-time Green Meadows Conference all-league first team recipient. She was also Player of the Year in the GMC, a four-time district qualifier, a state qualifier and holds the school record for nine holes and 18 holes.

had the opportunity in 2020 to elect program choices of ARC-CO, PLC, and ARC-IC for the 2019 and 2020 crop year. With the heavy number of preventing plant acres in NW Ohio in 2019, many farms elected ARC-IC. This program may or may not be attractive for the 2021 calendar year (election producers are making currently) based on different scenarios.

5. Remember payments are made for the following year for the current program year (i.e. - in September 2021, producers will receive payments for the 2020 election choices)
6. If a producer does not make an election by March 15, the decision will stay the same as the prior-year as long as a contract is signed and approved. Again ARC-IC may not be your best option.
7. These programs are another form of risk management on the farm. I recommend that producers are not using this as a guaranteed payment and looking at it as a gift if payment is received. With our current high prices, I would not necessarily bank on a payment.
8. If a producer is looking at the Supplemental Cover-

age Option (SCO) - Crop Insurance. The only Farm Bill program that will allow you to purchase this type of insurance is electing the PLC program option.

Locally from the Paulding County FSA Office.

1. The FSA Office is still closed to the public but there are many options for getting paperwork for the Farm Bill or other programs turned in.
2. The office is in a bit of a transition as director Phil Lautenschlager has taken the director position in Hardin County. Left in the office full time is Kaye Brofford (kaye.brofford@usda.gov) and Neil Beining (neil.beining@usda.gov) and part-time is Kasey Mills (kasey.mills@usda.gov).
3. If the producer does not initiate a call to the FSA to make Farm Bill changes the program will stay with what was elected in 2020.
4. Please do not wait until the last minute (March 15 to sign up for the Farm Bill programs).
5. The phone number for the FSA office is (419)399-3841, choose option 2 for FSA Office.

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