

WCCH BREAKS GROUND ON NEW KEY FACILITY



Joe Heins, Executive Director of The Woodburn Christian Children's Home, along with the WCCH Board of Directors broke ground on the Strong and Courageous part one building campaign.

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home broke ground for the new facility on Thursday, September 9. Many Lives have been changed in the past. "This is a step forward in each life of the child at Woodburn Christian Children's Home" Joe Heins con-

tinues, "At the Woodburn Christian Children's Home, we do not raise victims but strong and courageous overcomers."

Part one of the expansion is the multi-purpose building. Hopefully, WCCH's 50th anniversary will be celebrated in

the new structure.

Every aspect of WCCH is closely looked at and thought out. The Strong and Courageous expansion is anchored in the scriptural calling to assist discouraged parents and help to raise children that can

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HONOR FLIGHT CANCELS OCTOBER FLIGHTS

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana (HFNEI) has canceled two fall flights planned for October 6 and October 27.

After lengthy review and thorough consideration, the Board of Directors of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana has made the difficult decision to cancel the Honor Flights scheduled for the remainder

of 2021 due to unforeseen logistical issues and continuing changing COVID protocols that preclude them from flying this fall. The Board of Directors did not see any opportunity to safely operate flights with the current (and predicted) continuing increases in infections, hospitalizations, etc.

Veterans and guardians who were originally scheduled

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PAYNE AMERICAN LEGION CELEBRATES 100 YEARS, 9/11



Joseph Kuhn - Payne's Rockstar - presented by Acting Mayor Austin Scheiner. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Residents from the Village of Payne had a packed-full day of events on Saturday, September 11. Jim Hooker and the American Legion worked hard to coordinate all of the different aspects of the scheduled events, from the car cruise in, parade, and the celebration.

The parade had marching bands from the four schools including Wayne Trace,

Antwerp, Paulding, and Hicksville, and parents gathered along the parade route, and the children too, to get candy. The Masonic Lodge was handing out flags as well!

The Master of ceremonies for the 4 pm celebration was Kenny Stabler who brought up Eric Durre, pastor St. Jacob's Church, for the invocation and the Benediction.

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WOODLAN STUDENT COUNCIL TO HOST HOMECOMING PARADE AND EVENTS

The Woodlan High School Student Council has been very busy preparing events for this year's Homecoming: "In Our Element". Woodlan High School's Homecoming is Friday, September 24th. Events for this year's homecoming include a Powder Puff game between the Juniors and Seniors,

parade in Woodburn, track parade at the stadium, introduction of the Homecoming Court and crowning of Queen and King, and the Warrior football team in action against the Jay County Patriots.

Schedule of events:
Wednesday, September 22nd: Powder Puff Game at the Woodlan High School Stadium, 8:00pm

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Kevin and Lydia Troyer welcomed Daphne Sarah Troyer on September 10, 2021. She weighed 5lbs 9oz and was 18 inches long. She has one sibling, Ahria Rose Troyer.

Grandparents are: Ken and Melissa Brock, Stryker, OH and Ele and Darlene Troyer, Hicksville, OH.

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Community Calendar

- Mons. & Weds.**
- Food Pantry - Antwerp United Methodist Church 9 a-Noon
- September 14**
- Grab Your Neighbor: Karaoke/open mic and kids trivia game.
 - Author Susan Paulus - Payne Branch Library at 1pm.
- September 15**
- Open mic w/Len Collier Band: Defiance Co. Coon Hunters Club 6-8:30pm
- September 16**
- Emanuel Lutheran Church Fall Event: New Haven, IN. 9:00am-7:00pm. Outside start at 8am.
- September 17**
- Emanuel Lutheran Church Fall Event: New Haven, IN. 9:00am-2:00pm. Outside start at 8am.
 - Coffee with Craig Riedel 9-11 Cabin Fever, Defiance

- September 18**
- Fall Retreat - 8:30 - 2p.m. @St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker, OH
 - Coffee with Craig Riedel 9-11 Cabin Fever, Defiance
 - Cecil Comm Church Food Distrov



OBITUARIES



PAULDING, OH:
Russell E. Parrish age 84 died Monday, September 6, 2021 at CHP Hospice, Defiance, OH.

He was born July 14, 1937 in Paulding, son of the late Walter and Elizabeth (AuFrance) Parrish. On June 30, 1962 he married Kathryn "Pauline" Monroe, who preceded him in death on February 19, 2018. He was retired in 1994 after 36 years of service from LaFarge Cement Company (the former General Portland Cement), Paulding. He was a member of the US Army Reserve, Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding, VFW Post #587, lifetime member of Eagles #2405, lifetime member of John Paulding Historical Society, lifetime member of Knights of Columbus, Paulding County Fair Board, and was a Paulding County Sheriff Reserve Deputy for over 50 years. He loved spending time with family and friends and was an avid supporter of his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed playing cards, gambling, a cold beer and fishing with his fishing buddies.

He will be greatly missed by his daughters, Patty Porter, and Karen (John) Burnett both of Paulding; granddaughters, Mikayla (Kevin) Scaggs, Melinda (Andrew) Keeling, Haley Porter, Elizabeth (Celia) Otero and Victoria Bradford; great grandchildren: Harmony, Ariana, and Maximus Bedinghaus, Brayden, Devan, Nova, Reilee, and Paxton Keeling; sisters-in-law, Mary Monroe, Alma Riggenbach and Wilma Ashcraft; and many nieces and nephews.

He is also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Richard Parrish.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Saturday, September 11 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. He will be laid to rest in Paulding Memorial Cemetery with military graveside rites accorded by VFW Post #587.

Visitation was Friday, September 10 at Den Herder Funeral Home from 2 - 7 PM with a rosary service at 6:30 PM. There was also visitation on Saturday from 10 AM until time of services.

Memorials may be made to the Paulding County Sheriffs DARE Unit, 500 E. Perry St., Paulding OH 45879 or Divine Mercy Catholic Parish/Masses, 315 N. Main St. Paulding OH 45879.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

PAYNE, OH:

Timothy Eugene Wirts, 57, of Payne passed away Thursday, September 2, 2021 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio.

PAYNE, OH:

Georgianna Jean Wilson, 76, of Payne passed away Sunday, September 5, 2021 at The Gardens of Paulding. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio.

ANTWERP, OH:

Dorothy Velma Schlegel, 92, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, September 5, 2021 at The Manor in Antwerp. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio.



PAULDING, OH:

Eugene S. "Gene" Wirts, age 82, passed away Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at Vancrest of Hicksville, OH.

Gene was born January 7, 1939 in Paulding County, OH, son of the late Glen and Evelyn (Diver) Wirts. On December 29, 1984, he married Carolyn Spangler, who survives. For 25 years, Gene worked at Parret

Packing/Top of Indiana Beef. He was also a truck driver for Strable Paving, where he retired in 1991. Gene was a member of the Paulding Eagles #2405. He loved Ohio State Football and NASCAR Racing, especially his favorite driver, Dale Earnhardt.

Gene is also survived by his children: Eugene S. Wirts, Tom (Polly) Wirts, Deona (Bill) Kniceley, Orville (Darlene) Bartley, Jeffery (Kim) Bartley, Bronson (Amber) Bartley; daughter in law, Jenny Wirts; brother, Jim (Thelma) Wirts; 22 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Barbara Jean Wirts and three children: Timothy E. Wirts, Allen Bartley, and Cheryl Roznovsky.

Funeral services were held 11:00 AM, Monday, September 13, 2021 at Den Herder Funeral Home with Reverend Terry Brock officiating. Burial was at Lehman Cemetery, Payne, OH.

Visitation was 2:00-8:00 PM Sunday, September 12, 2021 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There was also visitation on Monday from 10:00 AM until time of services.

Memorial contributions may be made in Gene's name to Den Herder Funeral Home, PO Box 27, Paulding, OH 45879.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

PUT ON YOUR RUNNING SHOES

By: Doris Applegate

Jehovah God is brilliant!

His ways so far above ours! He plans things far ahead of our thinking. When Israel was in Goshen, Egypt during the famine and the kind Pharaoh let them live there, they were very well fed, happy people and multiplied greatly. But when the a new Pharaoh came to power, he was much troubled that Israel would have become stronger and overtake his kingdom and so ordered all male babies to be killed. Thank God for the parents of Moses who loved Moses and disobeyed the King. He later would rescue the Israelites from terrible bondage and cruel slavery the wicked, jealous Pharaoh had put on them.

Egypt that had at one time saved Israel's life from famine was now a different place for them. Over 400 years under an evil ruler where God was testing His people. Yes, things can certainly change for God's people, can't they? One day we are high, happy and singing praise, the next day, "down in the dumps." This, because Egypt is not out of us. Egypt, a type of the world wants us to be "half-healed" in our Christian walk and God wants us to not love the world, nor things of the world or the love of God is not in us. (I John 2:15).

We need to check ourselves and see what and who we love. God soon learned where His children were while in the wilderness for sure, they grumbled, complained and disobeyed Him. Even with getting them out from Pharaoh with a great spoil of riches etc. and providing water, food and miracles of His love and care, they still were not thankful. We are told that they are examples for us who live now. They were overthrown and many died because of disobedience etc., they were God's children, just as we believers are God's children and so we must be diligent to keep our hearts and lives pleasing to God. Let those who run the Christian race, run to win. We must persevere and never quit.

A verse for you: Many

times we stumble and fall, many times lose our grip on the "ball of" darkness seems greater, much greater than light. Good things we'd hoped for seem lost from our sight. Just when the darkness has "trampled" us down, depression and sadness we wear as a crown, we hear in our spirit, a sound, faint but clear, "rise up, weary pilgrim, your Savior is near, I am always with you, I never will leave. Life is for winning, new strength I will give, So stand up, take courage, be strong now and live, Life is for winning for so live now and win"

Yes we are victorious as we stay close to Jesus, our coach. Amen

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
Given the hardships some Christians face on earth, wouldn't it be better for the Lord to just take them to His perfect heaven as soon as they trust Christ?*

From God's perspective there are situations when hard times are better than good times. He leaves Christians here in difficult situations to be a much needed witness through life and tongue (Acts 1:8). He calls them salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16).

I am glad some Christians were left here to tell me of Christ. They were needed tools and instruments through which He worked. The apostle Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philipianes 1:21). Though God allows Christians to go through difficulties here, He promises gain or rewards in heaven for the trouble we endured in faithfulness.

Paul indicated he would personally rather be in heaven, but for him to minister longer on earth was more important for others (Philipians 1:23-24).

Make the best of serving Christ for others in this brief moment called life, and you will have even more rewards in heaven. You will also be a great blessing to others and bring more glory to God.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

FIRST CHURCH ANNOUNCES CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSALS

First United Methodist Church, located at 113 W. Central Avenue in Van Wert, Ohio is excited to announce they will be presenting a children's Christmas musical this year, "The King and Me."

All Children from kindergarten up are welcome.

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, beginning September 22, 5:30 - 6:30

(Sunday rehearsals added in November)

No audition required for choir. Signup for auditions for speaking parts and solos will be available.

Performance: December 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Questions: Contact Chris Gordon, 614/530-3516 or capullins@hotmail.com

If you are looking for a home church or haven't been to worship for a while, the loving congregation of First United Methodist and Pastor Chris Farmer invite you to join them Sunday you are able. Weekly services are streamed live at vanwertfirst.net.

Scripture of the Week

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one for another. Love each other as brethren, be sympathetic, be courteous,

— I Peter 3:8

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS



Mr. & Mrs. Ronald W. Smith are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

Ron Smith and Diana Clark were married on September 22nd 1961 in Edgerton, Ohio, where they lived for more than 25 years before moving to Antwerp in the late 80's.

The couple have two children: Debra Smith, Ypsilanti, Michigan and Anthony

(Gina) Smith, Antwerp, Ohio. Three grandchildren Angelina (Nate) Gill, Kristina (Brendon) Bowlin, and Anthony Smith, all from Antwerp, and seven great grandchildren and another one on the way.

The couple are planning a family dinner in September and a trip to West Virginia and then to New York to visit family in October.

FIRST UM CHURCH ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR OF C&F MINISTRIES

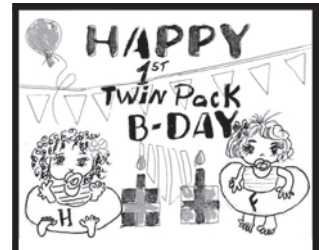
Tricia Stroup has joined the staff at First United Methodist Church as their new Director of Children and Family Ministries.

Tricia joins First UM Church from northern Colorado. Tricia has 20+ years of professional ministry experience in the field of Children, Youth and Family Ministries and writing curriculum resources for Group Publishing and Spark House. At First Church Tricia will be specializing in Children's Ministry and Young Family Ministry.

First United Methodist Church is located in downtown Van Wert at 113 West Central Ave. across from Fountain Park.

CLOSING STAGES

A group is being formed for anyone who has suffered spiritual abuse within the walls of the church. This group is about supporting those who have experienced abuse and want to recover, heal, and grow in Christ. We will be started in the fall sometime in September or October. If you are interested contact us at closingstages@live.com with availability or if you have any questions.



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RISKS AND PERILS OF THE "SHORT"

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker
I have always envied those long legged models on TV. I, unfortunately, have always been short. Being short has given me nicknames such as "Shorty, Half-Pint, and Little Bit." Being short was instrumental in me having to have a

2 containers of that special ice cream and one hit me in the head. The other one landed on the floor and I picked it up and just stuck it on the lowest shelf. But, it took a lot of work and expertise to get those containers down. Plus, my head hurt.

In the past I have climbed up shelves to get something only to have all of them fall to the floor. This winter, I was looking at boots. Of course all the ones in my size was on the highest rack. The boots were displayed all in a row. I stood as tall as I could to reach a pair of my size and wouldn't you know, the whole row of boots went to the floor. I hurriedly picked them up but could not get them lined up like they were before. I then decided to just lay them all flat, lay them downwards and then act like nothing happened.

In school I was never good at sports. I was too short to play basketball and not fast enough to run because of my short legs. I have trouble climbing on a stool at a restaurant or bar and then have trouble getting down.

Well being short isn't all bad. I could never be a model, but I could have been a horse jockey. Driving a big car also makes me look funny as people say they can't see me behind the wheel. There was a song written and sang by Randy Newman called "Short People." I have never liked that song and it is sure not my favorite.

Well, none of us are perfect. Some want to be shorter, skinnier, fatter, shorter, blonde, or have long legs like those runway models. You know we all have different features and as long as they work for us that is all that is important.

If you ever climb up shelves, get hit on the head with a frozen quart of ice cream or can't run the fastest with short legs, let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts

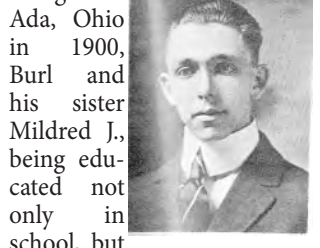
MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry
Burl Simpson Brown, I know, is not known to anyone living, but maybe he has relatives living in the county. I found him very interesting, I hope you will too.

Burl Simpson Brown was



born October 19, 1893 in a small town called Saltillo near Zanesville, Ohio. His parents were Erastus H. and Alta M. (Rambo) Brown. As a child living in



Ada, Ohio in 1900, Burl and his sister Mildred J., being educated not only in school, but also at home, as his father was also a school teacher. But Burl and his sister could not pull stunts in school!

Burl advanced in his studies and graduated from Bloomdale High School in 1909. He then went to Ada High School, where he graduated in 1910. Burl thought he could learn more, as he felt an extra year would benefit later in college work. Burl became a student at the Ohio Northern University, where he graduated in 1914. Burl later obtained a Masters of Arts Degree from Ohio State University, majoring in political science and school administration.

Burl was Grover Hill School's superintendent for the school year 1916 and 1917. He stayed with John Busick as a "boarder" during that timeframe. While at Grover Hill he directed the Zion Methodist Church Christmas Cantata and organized a community chorus.

As the world broke out into war, May 28, 1917, in Grover Hill, Burl registered for the draft. Single, short and slender build, with dark blue eyes and light hair, this young man ended up serving. May 25, 1918, found Burl at Camp Sherman, Ohio serving with 158th and 159th Depot Brigade. Burl received an honorable discharge December 12, 1918.

Burl found himself a gal, Linda E. Kobs, born June 26, 1897. The daughter of Herman W. and Anne (Lingelbach) Kobs. They married, June 11, 1919 in Erie, Ohio. In 1920 Burl and Linda lived in Delphos, Ohio on West Fifth Street. Burl was a school teacher and Linda a housewife. A daughter, Ruth Carolyn Brown was born, September 30, 1921 in Shelby, Ohio. Burl continued to be a school teacher and school administration work until 1926, when he became a minister of the gospel in the Methodist Church.

A son, Walter Paul Brown was born, July 13, 1927 in Essex Union, Ohio. In 1930 the Brown family lived in Clai-bourne, Ohio where Burl was a Methodist minister.

In 1940 the Brown family lived in Brookfield, Ohio, Burl was still in ministry. In 1942, Burl had to sign up for the draft. July 13, 1945, his son, Walter registered for the draft. He served in Korea 1952-1953.

Burl retired from the ministry in 1960 and settled in

Ada, Ohio. Burl and Linda lived at 307 South Johnson Street, Ada, Ohio, until Burl's health went bad. He passed away July 12, 1972 at Hillside Acres Nursing Home, Willard, Ohio. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ada, Ohio. Linda passed away, September 14, 1973 and was buried with Burl. Their daughter, Ruth, passed away February 23, 1957. Their son, Walter became a minister and passed away, June 9, 1994.

(Woodlan Homecoming week Continued from Page 1)

- Friday, September 24th:
- Parade on Main Street in Woodburn. Please come and line the sidewalks to celebrate the students at Woodlan High School. Parade begins at 4:45pm
 - Track parade at the stadium and introduction of homecoming court. 6:00pm
 - Crowning of queen and king. 6:15pm

PLAN AHEAD BEFORE JOINING THE "GREAT RESIGNATION"

It's been called the "Great Resignation" - the large number of Americans voluntarily leaving their jobs. If you plan to be part of it (ideally with another source of employment lined up), you'll need to make the financial moves necessary to keep making progress toward your long-term goals.

Here's some background: After a year in which the pandemic caused so many people to lose their jobs, the economy is opening back up, but the "quit rate" - the number of jobs people have voluntarily left - has been breaking records. Some economists say this high quit rate is because people are confident of getting better jobs, with higher pay and more flexibility to work at home, or because they are preparing to start their own business or join the gig economy.

If you're thinking of joining this temporary migration from the workforce, how can you help ensure that you'll be financially stable and can continue to make progress toward your long-term goals?

Your first move is to look clearly at your financial situation. As mentioned above, it's best to have new employment in hand before you quit your job. Alternatively, perhaps you have a spouse or life partner who earns enough to sustain the two of you, or you've built up an emergency fund that gives you a cushion.

However, if your short-term income is less than you previously earned or you need to go without a paycheck for a while, could you still pay your bills? If you are strapped for cash, you might be tempted to tap into your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. But this move will generally result in taxes and, if you are younger than 59 1/2, a 10 percent penalty as well. Because of this, and because your retirement accounts are designed to be a financial resource after you retire, think twice before dipping into these funds if you leave your current employer.

If your employer allows it, you can leave your money in the 401(k) so you'll still be accumulating resources for retirement. You also have the option to roll those funds into an individual retirement account (IRA) or a new em-

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uled for the October 6, 2021 Honor Flight from Fort Wayne will automatically be re-scheduled for the April 2022 Honor Flight.

Veterans and guardians who were originally scheduled for the October 27, 2021 Honor Flight from Fort Wayne will automatically be re-scheduled for the May 2022 Honor Flight.

HFNEI President Dennis Covert states "It is disheartening that we've had to delay our flights for two full years, however, the safety of our veterans has always been and will continue to be the number one priority for Honor Flight. Until the pandemic declines, it is simply not prudent for Honor Flight to risk the health and safety of those we seek to honor."

Please visit our website www.hfnei.org or Facebook for updates as they become available.

If you have questions, please call the Honor Flight number 260-633-0049.

Honor Flight NE Indiana,

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TAR SPOT CONFIRMED IN PAULDING COUNTY

This week Tar Spot was confirmed in a cornfield in Paulding County. Below is a picture of what to look for when scouting for Tar Spot. For more information on Tar Spot please see the links:

1. <https://crop-protection-network.s3.amazonaws.com/publications/tar-spot-file-name-2019-03-25-120313.pdf>
2. <https://agcrops.osu.edu/newsletter/corn-newsletter/22-2021/tar-spot-showing-early-year-note-diagnosis>
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ployer's retirement plan.

And if you plan to work for yourself as a freelancer, consultant or business owner, you'll still want to save toward retirement. Possible retirement plans for the self-employed include an "owner-only" 401(k), a SEP-IRA or a SIMPLE IRA, all of which may be relatively easy to establish and offer tax benefits. A financial advisor can help you find a retirement plan that's appropriate for your needs.

Here's something else to keep in mind - an emergency fund. As mentioned above, if you already have one, you'll have some breathing room if you're thinking of leaving your job and might have a temporary gap in income. But as the name suggests, an

emergency fund is there to help cover unexpected costs, such as a major home repair, without forcing you to take out a loan, or cash out part of your longer-term investments. So, if you are planning to tap your emergency fund, work to restock it as soon as possible.

If you're participating in the "Great Resignation," it means you're feeling positive about your future employment prospects, which is great. But you'll want to support that optimism with a strong financial foundation.

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ATTENTION: NRL22 HAS BEEN MOVED TO SEPTEMBER 25.
Registration and sight in starts at 8am. Match begins at 9am. This is open to the public.

OCTOBER 3 - Monthly IDPA Match. Registration opens at noon. Match begins at 1pm. This is open to the public.

OCTOBER 10 - Monthly Trap shoot. Begins at 1pm. This open to the public.

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ANTWERP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVES COMMUNITY FOR 150 YEARS



150 years ago a group of ministers from Defiance and Hicksville together with several Presbyterian residents of Antwerp met in the Antwerp Methodist Church and organized the Antwerp Presbyterian Church. Dedication was Nov 7th, 1875.

The first Presbyterian Church was located on West River Street. It was a brick structure and housed the congregation until 1901.

The Cornerstone for the new church that still exists today in downtown Antwerp was laid on July 18, 1901. Construction was finished in 1902. The piano was a gift

from W.F. Fleck and the pipe organ was a gift from Andrew Carnegie. The organ was dedicated on June 25, 1911. The marriage of Frank and Olive Armstrong was the first time the organ was played.

It is hard to believe it has been 150 years of ministering to the community. We are ready to be here for the next 150 years.

Come and celebrate at the church with us on September 25th. There will be free hot dogs and crafts from 11a-5p with a special service immediately following at 5:00. All are welcome to join us in the celebration.

LIFEWISE ACADEMY PAULDING EXEMPTED HOSTED A COMMUNITY KICKOFF ON AUGUST 21ST AT LAFOUNTAIN PARK.

On Aug. 21st LifeWise Academy hosted an event at LaFountain Park. Many members of the community attended. The evening was designed to introduce LifeWise Academy to the Paulding Community. The LaFountain Park was full of food, games, music and entertainment. A huge thank you to local groups and businesses that participated. The Antwerp Conservation Club provided fresh cut french fries, The Paulding Church of the Nazarene cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone, Branch Christian Fellowship made cotton candy, Williamson Insurance provided fresh popped popcorn and local bakers provided delicious baked goods for dessert. First Presbyterian Church painted kids' faces, while First Christian Church made crafts with the kids, Paulding Church of the Nazarene provided games for

the kids to play and The Paulding County Carnegie Library provided candy, while Illusionist Tim Mabis did tricks for the kids, and a local unicyclist made balloon creations. Two local teenagers Alexandria and Logan Hartman played contemporary worship music, Jeff Troyer and Kookie Kurt entertained the kids with a puppet show and The Gathering Place Worship Band played music for the crowd to enjoy. It was a fun evening on a beautiful night that would not have been possible without the help of Lora Lyons planning skills and connections. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this event happen!

LifeWise Academy is a Released Time Religious Instruction (RTRI) program which provides character focused, Bible-based education to public school students. Students are released from public school during the school day to attend classes, that are off school property, privately funded and parent permitted. LifeWise Academy serves students by offering practical Bible-based education for the betterment

of students' academic performance, character development, mental health and family and community involvement. LifeWise serves alongside educators by reinforcing and complementing their efforts to build strong students.

LifeWise Paulding Exempted is run by members of the Paulding community, with the support of many local churches. We are funded through the generous donations of community members, local organizations, and businesses. If you would like more information about LifeWise Academy visit www.lifewiseacademy.org. If you would be willing to volunteer or support LifeWise Paulding Exempted through prayer or financial support, please contact LifeWise Paulding Director Traci Koenig at 419-670-3159 or pauldinhoh@lifewiseacademy.com.

DEPARTMENT OF AGING INVITES OHIOANS TO HELP TAKE 10 MILLION STEPS TO PREVENT FALLS

September is Falls Prevention Awareness Month in Ohio. Approximately one in three Ohioans age 65 or older will fall this year, yet falls are not a normal part of aging and most falls can be prevented. The Ohio Department of Aging, through its STEADY U Ohio falls prevention initiative, is once again hosting the 10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls campaign to raise awareness and connect older Ohioans with information and resources to help them lower their risk.

"A single fall can dramatically affect not just the older adult who took the tumble, but also their family, friends, and communities," said Ursel J. McElroy, director of the department. "10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls engages everyone in Ohio to understand that we all have a role to play to help older adults remain safe and healthy."

The goal of 10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls is to get Ohioans of all ages to walk at least one mile during the month of September in the name of falls prevention. You can participate in one of four ways:

1. Walk a mile and share a picture. Walk at least one mile during September and post a picture of you walking to social media (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, or Instagram) with the hashtags #10MStepsOH and #PreventFalls.
2. Attend or host a walking event. 10 Million Steps walking events provide an opportunity for people to gather and walk a mile or more to raise awareness of older adult falls.
3. Join or organize a walking group. Gather one or more friends, family members, neighbors, or co-workers and walk together or individually on one or more occasion.
4. Participate in an online webinar. Beginning Sept. 13, the Ohio Department of Aging and their STEADY U Ohio partners will post a series of on-demand falls prevention webinars featuring experts discussing simple things you can do to reduce your risk of falling.

More information about participating is available at the 10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls webpage, www.aging.ohio.gov/10millionsteps. The website includes statewide lists of walking events and groups, guides for planning events or groups, webinar links and more. In 2019, Ohioans contributed more than 126 million steps to the statewide campaign.

STEADY U Ohio is a falls prevention initiative, led by the Ohio Department of Aging and supported by Ohio government and state business partners, to coordinate and strengthen falls prevention activities around the state. Find falls prevention tips and resources at www.steadyu.ohio.gov.

About ODA - The Ohio Department of Aging serves and advocates for the needs of Ohioans age 60 and older, as well as their families, caregivers and communities. Programs include home and community based long-term supports and services, as well as initiatives to promote health and wellness throughout the lifespan. Visit www.aging.ohio.gov.

ARCHERS SIXTH, RAIDERS SEVENTH AT BEARCAT INVITE

All three county cross country teams made the trip to Allen County on Saturday as Spencerville hosted the Bearcat Invitational.

In the girls red division portion of the meet, the Lady Archers of Antwerp led local squads with a sixth-place finish while Wayne Trace placed seventh as a team.

The Lady Raiders' Kiara Bahena was the first finisher for Paulding County, recording a time of 21:06.8 in crossing the line to take fifth place.

Faith Meraz placed 47th in 25:14.4 for the red, white and blue followed by Elizabeth Mohr (52nd, 26:06.7), Libby Meraz (57th, 26:41.4), Anna Meraz (58th, 27:13.5) and Brenna Thomas (65th, 29:05.0).

Kate Farr was the first Antwerp runner, placing 28th in 23:54.9, with Aerial Snyder taking 30th in 24:10.0. Emma Saul (39th, 24:34.8), Isabelle Graham (44th, 25:09.8), Emerson Litzenberg (49th, 25:40.7) and Makenna Smith (50th, 25:48.3).

The Panther boys ran in the black division race where the maroon and white posted a 12th place team finish.

Cully Thompson led the way for Paulding by taking 60th in 21:08.5 while Caleb Thompson finished 66th in 21:57.1. The rest of the Panther lineup included Eli Jones (74th, 22:28), Wesley Ludwig (94th, 24:19), Garret McClure (96th, 24:29), Jeremiah Koenig (97th, 24:37), Greyson Harder (99th, 25:07), Josh Lemieux (102nd, 25:32) and Alex Tresler (115th, 32:08).

The Lady Panthers had a pair of individuals take place with Claire Miller posting a 65th place finish in 25:18.3 and Cassie Weller finished 81st in 27:28.0.

In the varsity boys red division race, both Antwerp and Wayne Trace had four runners cross the finish line.

Avin Johnson paced the Archers, finishing 21st in 19:05.3, with Kamren Johnson taking 26th in 19:13.9. Alex Zijlstra (40th, 20:07.5) and Zach Lockhart (82nd, 22:35.5) were the other two blue and white runners.

Wayne Trace was led by Maddox Treece, who posted a time of 19:45.7 to finish in 34th place. Other Raider runners were Austin Lyons (68th, 21:50.9), Trent Thornell (94th, 24:46.0) and Noah Schisler (104th, 27:57.1).

Antwerp's junior high girls team took fifth place as Leigha Doster (14:17.5) and Gabriella Snyder (14:18.2) took 21st and 22nd place, respectively. Other blue and white runners were Emily Laker (49th, 15:08.8), Jennifer Lawhorn (60th, 15:35.9), Taylor Steibling (68th,



Mark VanDyke, General Manager at Nucor Building Systems, receiving the honorary groundbreaking shovel from Joe Heins.

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overcome the weight of worldly troubles. "This is more than a building, it is a ministry platform," stated Joe Heins.

This project has been developing for over five years and has come to include counseling, art, play, recreational therapies, physical fitness, education, tutoring programs, and life skills.

As downtrodden, young people come in, they will be encouraged. They will experience something different. Something better. They will experience a safe environment and know they are a part of something greater than themselves.

WCCH is extremely appreciative of current and future donors that make this possible. Nucor has provided the steel for the pre-engineered metal building, which started a landslide of donations. Klopfenstein Furniture and Flooring, Pranger Mechanical, Votaw Electric, and many

more. Vintage Archonics has provided the walk-through

The groundbreaking signifies the community coming together to help children who have been lacking the resources and environment to thrive.

In the five months since the announcement, 65% of the funding has been met. Over 50 churches, over 150 families, and over 100 businesses have stepped up to the challenge. Over \$900,000 has been pledged for this project. The Woodburn Christian Children's Home has always been privately funded, and this commitment continues in this Strong and Courageous expansion.

"Today we join our collective voices for hope for the hopeless," said Joe.

Dennis Armstrong had the prayer following Joe and then the groundbreaking took place.

Be sure to watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/3If-PRH00qWE>

15:54.9), Maclaren Ehrhart (90th, 17:07.5) and Emory Ehrhart (103rd, 17:45.4).

Ingrid Bautista was Wayne Trace's lone runner, posting a time of 17:58.4 to finish 106th overall.

Seth Rosswurm led the Raider junior high boys squad, recording a time of 12:49.2 in seizing 30th place overall. Riley

Manz (48th, 13:25.7), Colton Kimmel (58th, 13:42.7), Eli Treece (59th, 13:44.6), Cole Manz (126th, 15:33.5) and Connor Wannemacher (172nd, 18:25.6) rounded out the Raider runners.

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 See a Hicksville Eagles Auxiliary Officer OR text (419) 438-1052

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RAIDERS, HEAD COACH PICK UP FIRST WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports

Writer

Last Friday Wayne Trace managed to hit the win column with a convincing 50-6 shellacking of Hicksville. After dropping their first three nonconference match-ups the Raiders opened Green Meadows Conference competition with the lopsided win and the career first for Head Coach Matt Holden.

The Raiders opened up their scoring early in the first quarter when sophomore Nate Osborn intercepted a Hicksville pass and the Raiders began their scoring march from the Ace's 42-yard line. A six-play drive ended when quarterback Cooper Wenzlick teamed up with Dylan Hildebrand for an eight-yard TD strike to get the Raiders on the board. A Wenzlick extra point had the Raiders leading 7-0 midway through the first quarter.

On their next possession, the red, white, and blue began their second consecutive scoring drive at their own 44-yard line. The Raiders needed less than three minutes to widen their advantage when Wenzlick snuck through the Ace's defense for an 11-yard touchdown run. The quarter closed out with Wayne Trace on top 13-0.

Following a Hicksville punt the Raiders began their first drive in the second quarter needing just four plays to find pay dirt. This time Wenzlick connected with Tucker Antoine on a one-yard toss to widen the Raider's margin 20-0 with just over 10-minutes remaining in the first half. Hicksville would dent the scoreboard for their only

points of the contest when Aaron Klima hooked up with Jackson Bergman on a 31-yard pass play.

However, the Hicksville score did not slow the Raiders down as Wayne Trace responded with two additional touchdowns before the break. The first score came on the ground with Kyle Slade sneaking in from nine-yards out with just under three-minutes remaining in the first half and WT in control 27-6. Just prior to halftime Wenzlick thrilled the homecoming crowd with a 29-yard field goal and a commanding 30-6 halftime lead.

Wayne Trace managed one more score in the third frame when Jared Pierce delivered on a scoring run covering 12-yards of real estate. The Raiders would enter the fourth quarter on top 36-6.

In the final period Martin Alejo put together a solid 32-yard scoring run to spark the Raiders while Trenton Thomas, a freshman, got in the scoring book on a one-yard score to seal the deal for the victorious Raiders. Cole Morehead, a freshman, capped off the scoring with the extra-point following both fourth quarter touchdowns.

Wenzlick finished the night with 130 yards passing on 12-25 while adding 56 rushing yards on three carries. Slade finished with 52 yards on the ground on 11 totes. Leading receivers for the Raiders were Antoine with seven receptions covering 71 yards and Hildebrand with three grabs for 26 yards. For Hicksville Aaron Klima threw for 165 yards on 13-34 while Jackson Bergman totaled 115 yards on seven receptions.

SATURDAY, THE XC TEAMS TRAVELED TO THE

SPENCERVILLE INVITATIONAL.

The varsity girls ran first, and finished in the order of: Kate Farr, Aerial Snyder, Emma Saul, Isabelle Graham, Emerson Litzenberg, and Makenna Smith. They placed 6th out of 22 schools.

Next up were the varsity boys who were unable to score as a team, but finished in the order of: Avin Johnson, Kamren Johnson, Alex Zijlstra, and Zach Lockhart.

In JH boys action Grayson Kelso was the lone Archer and finished with a time of 21:32.

On the JH girls side, the Lady Archers had an outstanding day, as all seven ran season best times! They placed 5th as a team out of 30 schools, and finished in the order of: Leigha Doster, Gabriella Snyder, Emily Laker, Jennifer Lawhorn, Taylor Stabling, Clare Ehrhart, and Emory Ehrhart.

The Archers return to action Tuesday night at Home in a tri-meet with Woodlan and Edgerton.

PATRIOTS WIN ACAC TITLE

Carley Rodenbeck and Shelby Schane each shot a 99 to lead the Heritage Lady Patriots to the ACAC girls golf championship Saturday at the Celina Lynx Golf Course in Mercer County.

Heritage won the tournament with a team score of 418, good for a 16-stroke win over second place Bluffton's 434.

Southern Wells finished third with a 436 and Adams Central took fourth with a 468. South Adams was fifth at 480 followed by Jay County at 486 and Woodlan with a 495.

Erika Gerardot added a 107 for the Lady Patriots and Raelyn Mullins carded a 113 for Heritage. Shelby Comment completed the Patriot roster with a 114.

JIM RENACCI STATEMENT ON BIDEN'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE

Jim Renacci issued the following statement in response to Joe Biden's unconstitutional COVID mandate that forces businesses to target their own employees.

"The pandemic and shutdown have already killed so many jobs and businesses, now Joe Biden and his new proposed COVID mandate wants to finish off the rest.

"What Biden is trying to do is pit employers against their employees with the threat of government fines if they do not comply. This un-

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The First Responders of Payne are honored under the tent. Several EMS members had to leave on a run just a few minutes before the presentation. More pictures at westbendnews.net

constitutional mandate will not hold up in a court of law, but Biden has shown he is not worried about the lawfulness of his policies. He is more interested in inflicting as much pain as he can on businesses and people who believe in individual freedom and the right to make their own choices without the government interfering.

The hypocrisy of Biden and the Left is deafening. When it comes to vaccines and the freedom to make their own health decisions, they gladly support the government imposing their will and forcing everyone to comply without exceptions.

"Biden also stated: 'If these governors won't help, I will use my powers as president and get them out of the way.'

"We know that Mike DeWine does not have the courage or commitment to protect Ohioans and fight back against the Left's radical agenda. That is why we need new leadership in Columbus and it starts with electing a true conservative who will fight for the people."

DAUBER LEADS GOLDEN BEARS TO WIN

Drew Dauber took match medalist honors with a 39 and the Bryan Golden Bears cruised to a quadrangular boys golf victory over Fairview, Paulding and Tinora at Auglaize Golf Course Thursday night.

The Golden Bears shot a 168 to win the match with Fairview winning the fifth person tiebreaker to take second over Paulding as each squad shot a 177. Tinora finished fourth with a 187.

Nate Hess added a 40 for



Payne had a parade that will be remembered for years to come! More pictures at westbendnews.net

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The grand Marshals for the parade included Payne's Police, EMS, Fire, Payne Clinic Staff, Dr. Hogan, and Dr. Kuhn.

Payne's Rock Star citizen was presented by Acting Mayor Austin Scheiner, and was named as Dr. Kuhn, who will be retiring from Paulding

the Williams County squad and Noah Huard carded a 41 for the Golden Bears. Collin Shirkey (48), Gideon Mejia (50) and Braden Hall (58) completed the Bryan squad.

Fairview was paced by Nathaniel Adkins with a 40 and Kasien Kauffman chipped in a 44. Brenden Degryse (45), Samuel Clemens (48), Jake Karzynow (49) and Blake Zeedyk (59) rounded out the Apache players.

Logan Tope led the way for Paulding with a 43 and Kyle Dominique added a 44. Boston Pease and Ethan Foltz both shot a 45 followed by Isaac Reeb (58) and Aiden Miller (60).

Tinora's Aiden Rittenhouse recorded a 42 to lead the Rams with Carter Bernal shooting a 44 and B.J. Mor-

County Hospital in October.

Jason E Rue from Dupont Ohio gave his compelling recollection of 911 and the service of the veterans. He spoke on the creation of the American Legion and how the American Legion created the Veterans Affairs.

Be sure to watch the entire event at <https://youtu.be/JDP-kIsK10KE>

lock posted a 47. Grayson DeLarber, Theo Ripke and Korbin Casteel all had 54's for the green and white.

MCMICHAEL LEADS ARCHERS PAST WT

Gaige McMichael shot a 39 to take medalist honors and lead the Antwerp boys golf team to a 179-189 win over rival Wayne Trace in action at Pleasant Valley Golf Course outside of Payne Thursday evening.

Brylan Moreno added a 45 for the Archers with Ethan Lichty carding a 46 and Ross Lee posting a 49. Draven Baumert chipped in a 66 and Karsen Donat finished with a 71 for the blue and white.

Wayne Trace was paced by (Continued on Page 11)

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor Assisted Living, Antwerp Public Library, Genesis House, Antwerp G Mart

Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General **Cecil:** 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village

Charloe: Charloe Store

Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Defiance: Newman's Marathone Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid, Split Endz Salon

Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathone Main Stop, Marathon (East)

Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, Library **Hicksville:** Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center

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Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Paulding Kwik Mart, Library

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Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living **Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales **Harlan:** Marathone, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank

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APACHES BLANK PANTHERS



Fairview's D'Andre Hastings nearly intercepts the ball as Paulding's Brayden Sanders interrupts the play. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Neither team scored in the first quarter but visiting Fairview scored once each in the second, third and fourth quarters to pull away from host Paulding for a 21-0 high school football victory Friday night at Keyser Field.

The Apaches garnered their first win of the season with the victory, improving to 1-3 overall and 1-0 in the Green Meadows Conference. Paulding dropped its first GMC contest in nearly fifty seasons after returning to the league this year and fell to 0-4 overall.

Brady Karzynow got the Apaches on the scoreboard in the second stanza, plunging

three yards for a score. Keaton Singer added a four-yard touchdown run in the third quarter before a nine-yard scamper by Karzynow concluded the game's scoring.

Karzynow ended the night running for 160 yards on a dozen attempts while throwing 10 of 19 passes. Singer added 86 yards rushing for Fairview on 19 carries.

Dawson Lamb ran for 96 yards on 25 carries to top Paulding, which totaled 142 rushing yards as a team. Quarterback Jacob Fife was 8 of 20 passing for 96 yards for the Panthers with Brayden Sanders hauling in seven

catches for 77 yards.

Kobe Foor topped the Panther defense with eight tackles while Jack Woods and Lamb recorded six stops each.

Paulding returns to the gridiron on Friday with a road trip to Edgerton (2-2) as the Bulldogs come off a heart-breaking 32-30 loss to Cardinal Stritch. Fairview will host Antwerp (2-2), which came up just short in a 16-14 loss to Tinora.

WARRIORS PICK UP FIRST WIN

The Woodlan Warrior football team garnered its first victory of the season on Friday as the Warriors held off visiting Bluffton for a 32-19 victory in ACAC action.

The victory improves the Warriors to 1-1 in the ACAC and 1-3 overall while Bluffton drops to 1-3 in all games and 0-2 in the conference.

Woodlan scored in each of the four quarters, including a dozen-point second stanza that put the Warriors in front for good.

Anthony Cruz opened the game's scoring for the Tigers, scoring eight yards to put Bluffton on top 7-0 in the first quarter.

Warrior quarterback Jake Snyder then hooked up with Andy Stephenson on a 68-yard scoring strike that pulled Woodlan within 7-6 at the end of one period.

Alec Reiff hauled in an 11-yard pass from quarterback Lukas Hunt that extended the Bluffton lead to 13-6 but the Warriors would rally.

Snyder responded with touchdown runs of two yards and five yards as the Warriors took the lead for good at 18-13.

Woodlan widened the margin to 25-13 as Snyder connected with Joe Reidy on an 18-yard touchdown pass but Bluffton would cut into the deficit.

A four-yard plunge for a score sliced the Tiger deficit to 25-19 before Snyder and Reidy again connected for the Warriors to wrap up the game's scoring at 32-19.

Snyder had an outstanding contest, throwing for 401 yards and completing 29 of 35 passes for Woodlan. Reidy was his top target with nine catches for 170 yards while Stephenson added eight receptions for 108 yards in the contest.

Bluffton was led by Lukas Hunt with 70 yards rushing, including a pair of touchdowns in the contest.

Woodlan will visit Southern Wells (0-4, 0-1) in ACAC action on Friday while Bluffton is at Jay County (2-2, 1-1).

WARRIORS FALL IN CLASSIC MATCH TO LEO

In a battle of pair of East Allen County Schools volleyball rivals, it was visiting Leo who outlasted Woodlan for a back-and-forth, five-set victory in non-league action Tuesday evening.

The visiting Lions won the opening set 25-22 but the Warriors responded with a 27-25 victory in game two. Leo answered to take the third set 25-12 before Woodlan evened the match at two sets each with another 27-25 decision in the fourth set.

In the decisive fifth game, Leo held off the host Lady Warriors for a 15-11 victory.

Raegan Salzbrenner led the way for Woodlan with ten kills and Taylor Kneubuhler added nine slams. Lauren

Snyder chipped in five kills and Ashton Widenhoefer posted three for Woodlan.

Widenhoefer paced the Lady Warriors with six aces while Salzbrenner and Maddi Snyder each posted two aces. Snyder also added two blocks as well for Woodlan with Widenhoefer topping the squad with six digs. Myah Van Camp picked up five digs for the Warriors with Makenna Smith recording three. Salzbrenner and Snyder each posted two as well.

Van Camp led the way for the Lady Warriors with 14 assists and Avah Smith dished out ten.

PANTHERS FALL TO WILDCATS

Miller City made the trip to the 'Jungle' Thursday night in high school volleyball action where the Lady Wildcats picked up a three-set win over the host Panthers.

The blue and gold recorded a 25-15 win in the opening set and followed that up with a 25-19 win in game two. Miller City then closed out the match with a 25-19 victory in the third set.

Claire Schweller led the way for the maroon and white by dishing out 13 assists while adding five kills and Janae Pease picked up 13 digs with two kills and two aces.

Maci Kauser chipped in a dozen digs for the Lady Panthers with Katie Beckman recording six kills and eight assists. Carlea Kuckuck also aided the Paulding cause with three kills and two blocks.

Paulding's junior varsity also came up short, dropping sets to the Wildcats by scores of 25-22 and 25-18.

RAMS HOLD OFF ARCHERS FOR GMC WIN



It was a close match for the Rams and the Archers at Friday night's home game at Antwerp. The Archers managed to squeeze the ball out of Tinora's control in this play, to recover the fumble! More pictures at westbendnews.net

It was a battle until the end but visiting Tinora held on for a 16-14 win over Antwerp in the Green Meadows Conference football opener for both schools Friday night at Archer Field.

The Rams, who improve to 3-1 overall, scored first on a

safety in the opening stanza but Antwerp quickly responded.

Quarterback Carson Altimus plunged two-yards for an Archer touchdown that put the blue and white on top 7-2 at the end of one period.

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WAYNE TRACE HOMECOMING 2021



Wayne Trace held its Homecoming Night Festivities on Friday prior to the football game against Hicksville with Brayson Parrish being selected as King and Alexa Campbell selected as Queen for 2021.

Members of the Homecoming Court are (from, L-R) junior Lane Morehead, junior Avery Black, senior Cameron Sinn, senior Malia Wittwer, senior Joel Reinhart, senior Rachel Stoller, King Brayson Parrish, Queen Alexa Campbell, senior Trevor Sinn, senior Christina Graham, sophomore Brooks Laukhuf, sophomore Allison Schilt, freshman Cole Morehead and freshman Tori Young.

in the second stanza with a two-yard touchdown run that put the Rams on top 8-7 at the midway point of the contest.

Another Tinora safety extended the lead to 10-7 Rams at the end of three periods before the green and white widened the margin to 16-7 with an eight-yard run for a score.

Antwerp, though, would make things interesting with a 22-yard scoring strike from Altimus to Kaden Recker that got the Archers within 16-14.

However, the visiting Rams recovered the ensuing inside kick to seal the victory.

Tinora resumes league play on Friday as the Rams welcome in Wayne Trace, which recorded its first win of the season Friday night in a 35-6 victory over Hicksville.

Antwerp hits the road to Fairview as the Apaches are also 1-3 following a 21-0 win over Paulding Friday night.

BRADY CAMPBELL NAMED SMALL RUMINANT SPECIALIST AT OHIO STATE

The Ohio State University Department of Animal Sciences has hired Brady Campbell as an assistant professor to focus on small ruminant management.

Campbell begins his new position on September 15 in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

He will work with Ohio State Extension professionals to develop educational materials and programs for sheep and goat producers.

In addition, he will conduct applied research on small ruminant production and management and assist with youth livestock sheep and goat programs.

"Brady will fill an important role for our department and the state. Ohio is the largest sheep production state east of the Mississippi," said John Foltz, chair of the animal sciences department. "Lamb and goat production are on the rise in Ohio due to a variety of factors, including increased consumption in restaurants and increased ethnic populations in the state."

He continued, "As we educate undergraduate students who are increasingly from urban backgrounds, they can more easily work with small ruminants. They are safer for the students to handle than larger

species, such as cattle or horses."

Campbell is a Waterford, Ohio native and a 4th-generation sheep and swine producer. His family raises purebred Lincoln and Texel sheep, as well as crossbred sheep and commercial swine in southeastern Ohio's Washington County.

He completed three degrees within the Department of Animal Sciences at The Ohio State University including a 2015 bachelor's with a bioscience specialization, a 2017 master's, and a 2021 Ph.D. In addition, since 2016 he has served as the program coordinator of the Ohio State Sheep Team.

Campbell's previous research focused on alternative management strategies to improve the growth and health of pasture-reared lambs and to reduce the economic losses resulting from gastrointestinal parasitic infection. Moving forward he intends to continue investigating alternative forage-based small ruminant production systems.

"Ohio sheep and wool producers, along with those that raise related species, are excited about working with Dr. Campbell in his new role," said Roger High, executive director of the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association.

One way they may be working with him involves his ideas for implementing and adopting technologies new to small ruminant stakeholders, such as remote data collection devices, radio frequency identification, and ultrasound.

According to Campbell, these technologies can serve as an additional "farm hand" in either detecting the early onset of disease or identifying superior individuals within a flock or herd, thus reducing animal production losses with fewer labor inputs and improving system efficiency.

"Being an Ohio native and sheep producer myself, I am intimately familiar with the excitement and hardships of livestock production," Campbell said. "Now as a faculty member, it is my time to give back to the university that helped mold me into the person I am today, as

well as help others, both students and producers, become more efficient, productive, and sustainable in their production systems."

Learn more about Campbell and other new faculty members in Ohio State's CFAES here: <https://cfaesfacultyandstaff.osu.edu/news/get-know-our-new-cfaes-faculty>

ARCHERS SWEEP PAST BOMBERS

Host Antwerp picked up a non-league high school volleyball victory as the Lady Archers picked up a straight-set win over visiting Edon.

The blue and white recorded a 25-22 victory in the opening game before outlasting the Bombers for a 29-27 win in the second set. Antwerp then finished out the match with a 25-20 win in game three.

Jessica Thornell picked up 17 digs to lead the Archers while also adding a pair of assists. Astianna Coppes recorded 13 digs, 16 kills, four blocks, two assists and an ace and Grace Schuette finished with ten slams and two blocks.

Faith Nestleroad contributed five kills, four digs and an ace with Emma Townley totaling four digs and two aces.

Maddy Peters dished out 17 assists to go along with five digs and an ace and Lydia Brewer added 14 digs, 13 assists, two kills, two aces and a block. Jillian Treece ended the night with five digs, four kills and three aces and Katryna Fish aided the Archer cause with two digs, two blocks, one kill and one assist.

Maddie Smith also had a dig for Antwerp.

ARCHERS DROP GMC OPENER TO RAMS

Host Tinora cruised to a straight-set win over visiting Antwerp in the Green Meadows Conference high school volleyball opener for both schools Tuesday night.

The green and white rolled to a 25-10 win in the first set before coasting to a 25-15 victory in the second set. Tinora then sealed the night as the Rams posted a 25-19 decision

in the third set.

Lydia Brewer posted nine assists for Antwerp with four digs, one kill and one ace and Astianna Coppes added four digs, three kills and one ace. Emma Townley chipped in six digs and three aces for the blue and white while Maddie Smith contributed four digs, two kills and two aces.

Others aiding the Lady Archer cause were Jessica Thornell (twelve digs), Grace Schuette (three kills, one dig), Maddy Peters (four assists, one dig), Jillian Treece (four digs, two kills, one ace) and Katryna Fish (three kills, two digs).

BOYS GOLF RESULTS FROM 9/9/21

Archer defeated Wayne Trace Thursday night 179 to 189.

Medalist for the match was Gaige McMichael with a 39.

Also scoring were Braylen Moreno 46, Ethan Lichty 47, Ross Lee 49.

The golf team is now 8-3 on the season.

PATRIOTS WIN TRI-MATCH

Heritage hit the road to Timber Ridge Golf Course in Bluffton on Thursday evening where the Lady Patriots recorded a tri-match win over Norwell and Bluffton.

Heritage's Carley Rodenbeck took match medalist honors with a 43 and Shelby Schane added a 45 for the Lady Patriots. Erika Gerardot and Shelby Comment chipped in scores of 55 and 57, respectively, while Raelyn Mullins had a 59 and Alexis Bremer carded a 67.

Heritage won the match with a team score of 200, getting past second place Bluffton's 209 and third place Norwell's 228.

Lily King led the Lady Tigers with a 48 followed by Celia Frank (52), Alivia Smith (54), Ryleigh Johnson (55) and Kennedy Nash (58).

The Lady Knights were paced by Hayden Double with a 49 and Autumn Fisher carded a 58. Jessica Bynum (59), Emmy Heaston (62) and Nevada Lenwell (65) rounded out the Norwell players.

PANTHERS NIP PATRIOTS IN GIRLS GOLF

Cylie Pyle shot a 38 and Mia Berkenbeal added a 41 to lead the Snider Panthers to a 171-179 victory over Heritage in girls golf action recently.

Emilie Henry and Anica Hall each added a 46 for the Lady Panthers with Mei Matthias and Natalie Smith both shooting a 50.

Carley Rodenbeck led Heritage with a 38 while Shelby Comment posted a 44 and Shelby Schane carded a 45. Erika Gerardot chipped in a 52 for the Lady Patriots followed by Raelyn Mullins (53) and Grace Woenker (55).

ANTWERP GOLF

The Antwerp golf team had a home match Tuesday night with Miller City and Hilltop. The finals scores were:

MC 167
Antwerp 174
Hilltop 195

Medalist for the match was Gaige McMichael with a 37.

Also scoring in the match was Ethan Lichty 44, Braylen Moreno 46, and Ross Lee 47.



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LADY RAIDERS DROP PAIR

Wayne Trace made the trip to Lincolnview Tuesday afternoon in junior high volleyball action where the host Lady Lancers picked up straight set victories in both the seventh and eighth grade matches.

Lincolnview's seventh graders defeated the Raiders 25-10 in game one and match that same 25-10 margin in the second set.

Amber Stoller was a perfect seven of seven serving with a pair of aces, one block and one assist for Wayne Trace while Campbell Block also added a block. Lizzy Graham chipped in one kill as well for the red, white and blue as the Lady Raiders fall to 2-4 on the year.

In the eighth-grade match, the blue and gold defeated Wayne Trace by scores of 25-16 and 25-22.

Lexi Moore topped the Lady Raider effort with three blocks, two kills and one ace along with 11 of 12 serve reception and a perfect four of four serving. Addison Stoller was nine of nine serving with an ace and two assists while Torres Sinn recorded a pair of slams.

Caitlyn Mead, Caroline Winans and Careen Winans all had one kill as well for Wayne Trace, which falls to 3-3 overall.

WILDCATS WIN TRI-MATCH

Miller City captured a tri-match with Antwerp and Hilltop in golf action at Pond-A-River Golf Course outside of Woodburn Tuesday evening.

The Wildcats totaled a 167 to win the match with host Antwerp finishing second at 174. Hilltop was third, posting a team total of 195.

Antwerp's Gaige McMichael claimed medalist honors for the match with a 37, nipping Miller City's Will Otto who carded a 38.

Jude Otto added a 41 for

the Wildcats with Jesse Lambers and Caleb Niese both chipping in a 44. Thomas Weis and Andrew Weis each recorded a 45 for Miller City.

The Archers also got a 44 from Ethan Lichty along with a 46 each by Brayden Moreno and Karsen Donat. Ross Lee and Draven Baumert rounded out the Archer scorers with totals of 47 and 62, respectively.

Hilltop was paced by Jaime Chester, who shot a 44, and Dylan Siebenaler, who added a 48. Ella Calvin recorded a 51 for the Cadets with Amber Johnson shooting a 52.

PILOTS TAKE GMC QUAD MATCH

In a battle of a quartet of Green Meadows Conference boys golf teams, it was the Pilots of Ayersville who posted a victory over squads from Tinora, Paulding and Edgerton at Auglaize Golf Course.

Ayersville won the match with a team total of 173 to get past the second place Rams, who posted a 177. Paulding finished third with a 180 and Edgerton was fourth at 186.

Luke Schroeder led the Pilots with a 40 while Abe DeLano and Ethan Tressler both carded a 43. Luke DeLano and Tyson Schlachter added a 47 each for Ayersville while Logan Schroeder finished with a 53.

For the Rams, Carter Bernal totaled a 42 to lead the green and white with Sammy Sinn and Aiden Rittenhouse both shooting a 44. B.J. Morlock also had a 47 for Tinora followed by Korbin Casteel with a 54 and Theo Ripke shot a 58.

Boston Pease paced the maroon and white with a 41 and Kyle Dominique shot a 43. Isaac Reeb and Ethan Foltz both had a 48 for Paulding while Logan Tope posted a 49 and Aiden Miller finished with a 54.

Edgerton's Esten Kennerk

took medalist honors with a 38 followed by Kaden Kennerk (46), Nate Swank (48), Landon Perry (54), Braden Leppelmeier (55) and Caden Leppelmeier (60).

PANTHERS DROP GMC OPENER

In their Green Meadows Conference opener, the Paulding varsity volleyball team came up short at Fairview as the Apaches posted a 25-22, 25-17 and 26-24 victory.

Maci Kauser picked up 14 digs for the maroon and white with Claire Schweller dishing out ten assists while adding two kills and one block.

Carlea Kuckuck finished with five kills, four digs and two aces for Paulding and Janae Pease recorded four kills and a dozen digs.

Paulding's junior varsity squad was victorious, defeating the Apaches by scores of 25-20 and 25-20.

USDA EXPANDS ASSISTANCE TO COVER FEED TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR DROUGHT-IMPACTED RANCHERS

In response to the severe drought conditions in the West and Great Plains, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced today its plans to help cover the cost of transporting feed for livestock that rely on grazing. USDA is updating the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP) to immediately cover feed transportation costs for drought impacted ranchers. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will provide more details and tools to help ranchers get ready to apply at their local USDA Service Center later this month at fsa.usda.gov/elap.

"USDA is currently determining how our disaster assistance programs can best help alleviate the significant economic, physical and emotional strain agriculture producers are experiencing due to drought conditions," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "The duration and intensity of current drought conditions are merciless, and the impacts of this summer's drought will be felt by producers for months to come. Today's announcement is to provide relief as ranchers make fall and winter herd management decisions."

ELAP provides financial assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish for losses due to disease, certain adverse weather events or loss conditions as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

ELAP already covers the cost of hauling water during drought, and this change will expand the program beginning in 2021 to cover feed transportation costs where grazing and hay resources have been depleted. This includes places where:

- Drought intensity is D2 for eight consecutive weeks as indicated by the U.S. Drought Monitor;
- Drought intensity is D3 or greater; or
- USDA has determined a shortage of local or regional feed availability.

Cost share assistance will also be made available to cover eligible cost of treating

hay or feed to prevent the spread of invasive pests like fire ants.

Under the revised policy for feed transportation cost assistance, eligible ranchers will be reimbursed 60% of feed transportation costs above what would have been incurred in a normal year. Producers qualifying as underserved (socially disadvantaged, limited resource, beginning or military veteran) will be reimbursed for 90% of the feed transportation cost above what would have been incurred in a normal year.

A national cost formula, as established by USDA, will be used to determine reimbursement costs which will not include the first 25 miles and distances exceeding 1,000 transportation miles. The calculation will also exclude the normal cost to transport hay or feed if the producer normally purchases some feed. For 2021, the initial cost formula of \$6.60 per mile will be used (before the percentage is applied), but may be adjusted on a state or regional basis.

To be eligible for ELAP assistance, livestock must be intended for grazing and producers must have incurred feed transportation costs on or after Jan. 1, 2021. Although producers will self-certify losses and expenses to FSA, producers are encouraged to maintain good records and retain receipts and related documentation in the event these documents are requested for review by the local FSA County Committee. The deadline to file an application for payment for the 2021 program year is Jan. 31, 2022.

Additional USDA Drought Assistance

USDA has authorized other flexibilities to help producers impacted by drought. USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) extended deadlines for premium and administrative fee payments and deferred and waived the resulting interest accrual to help farmers and ranchers through widespread drought conditions in many parts of the nation. Additionally, RMA authorized emergency procedures to help streamline and accelerate the adjustment of losses and issuance of indemnity payments to crop insurance policyholders in impacted areas and updated policy to allow producers with crop insurance to hay, graze or chop cover crops at any time and still receive 100% of the prevented planting payment. This policy change supports use of cover crops, which improves soil health can help producers build resilience to drought.

Meanwhile, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial assistance to improve irrigation efficiency and water storage in soil, helping producers build resilience to drought. In response to drought this year, NRCS targeted \$41.8 million in Arizona, California, Colorado and Oregon through Conservation Incentive Contracts, a new option available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, focused on drought practices.

USDA offers a comprehensive portfolio of disaster assistance programs. On farmers.gov, the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet (PDF, 4.7 MB), and Farm Loan Discovery Tool

can help producers and landowners determine all program or loan options available for disaster recovery assistance.

SOYBEAN PESTS

Many pests and diseases are rearing their ugly head this year. Fall armyworm, aphids, soybean cyst nematode (SCN), sudden death syndrome (SDS), and white mold are common problems. Weather and management play a key role in the severity of these pests.

Fall armyworm blow in from the south, most likely on tropical storms. Each female moth lays 10-20 eggs up to 100 eggs which hatch in 5-7 days and live 7-21 days. Eggs have been observed on fence posts, lawns, hayfields, corn, soybeans, and vegetable crops. The eggs hatch and the hungry larvae or caterpillars tend to move in waves, consuming everything in sight, even sometimes their own kind. There are two natural predator wasps that help control fall armyworm. Other options include bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) which is a natural control, neem oil, and pyrethrin insecticides.

Aphids in soybeans are a problem especially during the reproductive stage (R5-R6) with an aphid threshold of 250 per soybean plant. Check 5 plants in 10 locations at least 100 feet from the end rows. Females give birth to live aphids which shed their skin several times. Aphids suck out the plant sap and transmit many diseases. They also produce a sugary honeydew which causes sooty mold (fungus) and is eaten by ants, wasps, and flies. Some spring females produce asexually (no male) and tend to stay on one plant. Other females will mate sexually and produce wings to find another plant to infect. Natural aphid predators include ladybugs, green and brown lacewings, hover flies, midges, big-eyed bugs, damsel bugs, soldier beetles, and parasitic wasp. If numerous predators are found, avoid applying insecticides which greatly reduce predator populations and natural pest control.

Several soil health farmers have avoided the cost of applying insecticides because they are achieving natural control. Marigolds, dill, catnip, and cilantro are known to repel aphids. Horticultural soaps and oils can be used along with pyrethroid insecticides. Sudden Death Syndrome (SDS) and soybean cyst nematode (SCN) damage are often linked together. SDS is a soil borne pathogen that invades the roots and lower stems of soybeans producing a toxin. SDS

can devastate soybean fields causing aborted flowers and yellow dying plants. Foliar symptoms include small to pale green leaves early on with small circular spots in the late vegetative stage to early reproductive soybean stage. The area between the leaf veins turn bright yellow then brown as the disease progresses. It is common on sandy soils, top of hills and knolls, but also on plants under stress such as poorly drained or compacted soils.

The USA annual SCN loss is estimated at \$1 billion dollars per year. SDS is carried by SCN which feed on the soybean roots. The SCN life cycle is 25-30 days with each adult laying up to 500 eggs. Severe soybean damage occurs when SCNs reach 10,000 nematodes per plant, becoming yellow and stunted. Common weed hosts are henbit, purple dead nettle, and mulleins. Farmers usually rotate to non-host crops like corn and wheat to reduce SCN numbers. Planting annual ryegrass or cereal rye as a cover crop has been shown to reduce SCN numbers up to 80% if the cover crop is planted early in the fall when soil temperatures are above 500F. SCN comes out of their cysts when soil temperatures are above 500F, and for a short period of time in the fall, they can not recognize a host plant from a non-host plant. If these grasses are planted early, the SCN are tricked into coming out of their protective cyst and do not survive the winter.

White mold or sclerotinia (fungus) is a common soybean disease. Corn or wheat are non-hosts to SCN. White mold likes wet humid conditions with low aeration and commonly occurs in high yielding soybeans. There are over 400 hosts to white mold including alfalfa, peas, sunflowers. Weed hosts include henbit, dandelion, curly dock, jimsonweed, field pennycress, and prickly lettuce. White mold germinates from sclerotinia which are black structures that look like small rat or mice droppings. The white fungus grows on or inside the stem turning to black sclerotinia which is often spread to other fields in combines since it is the size of a soybean seed. Symptoms include wilting plants with grayish green leaves turning tan to brown. Long crop rotations, increasing row spacing, and selecting soybeans with partial white mold resistance can help control white mold. Improving soil health helps reduce or prevent many soil pests and diseases.

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GERMANN JOINS THE TEAM OF VWCF

The Van Wert County Foundation is excited to announce Joel Germann as the newest addition to the team. Joel will take over for Amanda Miller, who is leaving The Foundation to pursue her entrepreneurial dreams. Joel will be the point person for engagement and outreach by managing the marketing for VWCF and Van Wert Forward while expanding existing and creating new relationships with donors, community nonprofits, and area residents.

Joel originally hails from Van Wert County, having graduated from Crestview High School in 2017. He is returning to Van Wert after receiving a Bachelor's of Science in Hospitality Management in December 2020 and a Master's

of Science in Human Environmental Sciences in May 2021 from the University of Alabama. Joel's professional experiences stretch from Hawaii to Georgia, having worked with Atlanta, Columbus, Honolulu, and Tuscaloosa companies. These experiences have expanded his perspective. He is excited to leverage his background to further strengthen ties in the Van Wert community and surrounding area on behalf of The Foundation. Outside of his professional engagement, Joel enjoys working outside, especially with the goat herd he has maintained since leaving for college.

"We are glad to see Joel return to our community after college and excited for him to join our team," said CEO Seth Baker. "Joel's role will allow us to build off of the momentum already created in the last few years. We look forward to infusing his knowledge of hospitality, events, and experiences into community placemaking as we enhance the downtown redevelopment master plan."

A meet & greet for Joel will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021, from 3:30 - 5 pm at the VWCF office at 138 E. Main St., Van Wert, OH 45891.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Charles J. Thompson, Cecil, OH; Attempt disrupt service, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all costs, Maintain general good behavior; Driving under suspension, Case dismissed at defendant's costs, Pay by 1/28/22;

Drug paraphernalia, Case dismissed per state; Possession of marijuana, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Driving under suspension, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay all fines and costs by

1/28/22; Loud exhaust, Count B dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Count C dismissed

Gerald Regep, La Grange, IL; OVI/under influence, Count A dismissed, Driving under non FRA suspension, Defendant appeared via Zoom w/Mr. Chapel, Pled no contest, found guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Complete within 6 months, ALS vacated immediately, Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Marked lanes, Count C dismissed

Jonathan J. Huffman, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared in court w/Mr. Chapel, Pled no contest, found guilty, May complete DIP in lieu of 3 jail days, Complete within 6 months, Fines and costs to be taken from bond; OVI/breath high, Count B dismissed; Marked lanes, Count C dismissed

Fredrick C. Johnson, Toledo, OH; Driving under suspension - Operator license forfeiture; Defendant appeared in court w/Mr. Schwab; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 2/25/22

Bianca D. Robinson, Detroit, MI; Endangering a child; Case dismissed; Costs to defendant; Physical control, Defendant appeared in court w/Mr. Fee, Pled guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Complete DIP within 6 months, ALS vacated immediately, Pay all fines and costs, Show proof of insurance by 9/15/21; No operator's license, Defendant appeared in court w/Mr. Fee, Pled guilty, Pay all fines

Robert D. Poppe, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No contact with victim or residence; Third party child exchange

Kenneth K. Madison, Detroit, MI; Endangering a child; Case dismissed; Costs to defendant, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; OVI/under the influence, Defendant appeared in court w/Mr. Fee, Pled guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 jail days, Complete DIP within 6 months, Proof of insurance provided, Pay all fines and costs; OVI/breath high, Count B dismissed; Driving under FRA suspension, Count C dismissed

Anthony Padilla, Fort Wayne, IN; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Christopher P. Adkins, Haviland, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Jeffery P. Phlipot, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Tamiya L. Fullwood, Indianapolis, IN; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jacob R. Leach, Defiance, OH; Driving under suspension, Count A dismissed; Left of center, Defendant pled

guilty, Pay all fines and costs by 11/30/21; Display plates, Count C dismissed

McKenzie E. Steele, Hicksville, OH; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

James M. Gasper, Independence, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Oscar H. Krietemeyer, Cloverdale, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Alyson Quinlan, Johnston, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (13) persons on Thursday, September 9, 2021

Matthew C. Wiswell (5/15/83), Paulding, OH; Breaking and entering, F5 (3 counts); Theft, F4; Theft, F5; Possession of methamphetamine, F5; Burglary, F2; Theft, M1 (2 counts)

Tricia L. Brown (3/18/77), Paulding, OH; Theft, F5

Shawn M. Dempsey (9/15/79), Paulding, OH; Breaking and entering, F5 (8 counts); Theft, F5 (6 counts); Receiving stolen property, F4; Aggravated possession of methamphetamine, F2; Burglary, F2; Theft, M1 (2 counts)

Shane M. Redman (1/12/93), Paulding, OH; Possession of heroin, F3; Possession of drug paraphernalia, M4; Possessing drug abuse instruments, M4; Resisting arrest, M2

Carynn M. Castillo (10/11/87), Fort Wayne, IN; Possession of drugs, F5

Charles W. Brown (3/26/89), Oakwood, OH; Felonious Assault, F2; Using weapons while intoxicated, M1; Receiving stolen property, F4; Complicity to burglary, F2; Theft, F5; Breaking and entering, F5 (2 counts); Theft, M1 (2 counts)

Cameron R. Allen (12/22/86), Fremont, OH; Possession of cocaine, F5

Thomas D. Spence III (2/18/90), Logansport, IN; Possession of drugs, F5

Sabrina M. Torres (7/5/93), Logansport, IN; Possession of methamphetamine, F5; Possession of drugs, F5

Richard L. Froelich

The West Bend News
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

(6/30/90), Cecil, OH; Aggravated arson, F2; Aggravated arson, F1; Insurance fraud, F3
Kasey L. Helms (4/7/86), Payne, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F5; Possession of cocaine, F5; OVI, M1

Michelle M. Roorks (9/12/86), Cecil, OH; Trafficking methamphetamine, F4; Trafficking methamphetamine, F3

LEGAL NOTICE

Robert M. Scott, Attorney

In the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County, Ohio, Case No. CI 21 091

Holly Manz, Brynley Manz, a minor, by and through her mother and natural guardian and next friend, Holly Manz and Brandon Manz

-vs-

Daniel Tiul Coc AKA Daniel Tiul and Eduardo Choc Botzoc and Progressive Specialty Insurance Company.

To the Defendants, **Daniel Tiul Coc AKA Daniel Tiul**, whose last known address was **1103 N. Franklin Street, Danville, IL 61832**, but whose present address is unknown to Plaintiffs and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained, and Defendant **Eduardo Choc Botzoc**, whose last known address was **1103 N. Franklin Street, Danville, IL 61832**, but whose present address is unknown to Plaintiffs and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained, will take notice that on June 16, 2021, Plaintiffs Holly Manz, Brynley Manz, a minor, by and through her mother and natural guardian and next friend, Holly Manz and Brandon Manz filed their Complaint in the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County, Ohio, where the same is now pending in Case No. CI 21 091, and thereby commenced a civil action against the above-named Defendants and others, for monetary judgment with interests and costs, alleged due for negligence and permanent personal injury.

The relief demanded is for judgment for compensatory and special damages based upon the evidence presented.

You are required to answer the Complaint within twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication of this notice.

In case of your failure to answer or otherwise respond as permitted by the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure within the time stated, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Holly Manz, Brynley Manz, a minor, by and through her mother and natural guardian and next friend, Holly Manz and Brandon Manz, Plaintiffs

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO -PROBATE DIVISION-

IN THE MATTER OF: Jacqueline S. Hyman, Administratrix of the Estate of Carroll Eugene Conley, deceased, Plaintiff V. April L. Hollingsworth, et al., Defendants,

Case No. 20191044.

To: Erica L. Emerick
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

Residence is unknown and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained, will take notice that on July 31, 2021 Jacqueline S. Hyman, Administratrix as aforesaid filed her Complaint against April L. Hollingsworth and others as Defendants in the Probate Court, Paulding County, Ohio in Case No. 20191044 in that division, demanding the sale of real property of said decedent, Carroll Eugene

Conley, deceased, situated in the Township of Auglaize, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio, and for directions of the Court respecting the rights of the parties in interest and for other proper legal and equitable relief.

You are required to answer the Complaint twenty-eight (28) days after the sixth consecutive publication hereof.

You are also required to serve a copy of your Answer upon Plaintiff's Attorney of record, David A. Hyman, Esq., 123 North Main Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879 and upon the other defendants.

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ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

mer. She was instructed by officers to get her financial information changed.

September 7: There was a motor vehicle accident in the Pop-N-Brew parking lot. The officer responded, investigated, and prepared a report.

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FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

In August, Wildlife Officer John Coffman, assigned to Fayette County, taught a hunter education course in Washington Court House. The local Masonic Lodge provided the location, snacks, and lunch for the students. Thirteen students made up the class of future conservationists. All students passed the course with excitement for the coming hunting season. Visit wildohio.gov to find a hunter education course near you.

State Wildlife Officer Maurice Irish, assigned to Delaware County, received a TIP call through 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437) in July. An anonymous source reported several individuals were fishing with a cast net in the Olentangy River. The individuals had unlawfully used the net to take several game fish, which they placed in a large cooler. Officer Irish contacted the individuals to conduct a compliance check. It was determined that the group was in possession of several undersized smallmouth bass, which they admitted taking with the cast net. One individual in the group did not have a valid fishing license. At the comple-

tion of the contact, the undersized smallmouth bass were seized, and the individuals were issued summonses to the Delaware Municipal Court. They paid \$320 in fines and court costs.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

State Wildlife Officers Nathan Robinson, assigned to Van Wert County, and Craig Barr, assigned to Allen County, recently helped lead a youth fishing event in Lima. The event featured a course where the children learned how to cast, bait a hook, and remove caught fish. The children were also shown how to tie several fishing knots and set up basic fishing rigs. Everyone enjoyed the experience, and many of the children caught their very first fish. The event provided a chance for children to get outdoors and find a passion for Ohio's natural resources. With their new skills, the next generation of anglers are well on their way to more fishing adventures!

In June, State Wildlife Investigators Kelsey Brockman and Brian Bury, assigned to the Lake Erie Unit, were on patrol in Lake Erie near the Ohio-Michigan line. They observed multiple charter boats heading toward Michigan waters after fishing in Ohio. Five charter boats were contacted, and four of the five were found to be in possession of multiple walleye under the 15-inch minimum size. In total, 15 short walleye were discovered between the four boats. The captains of each boat were cited for the violations in Oregon Municipal Court. Each charged individual paid \$25 per short walleye, plus court costs.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

On the opening day of the spring wild turkey hunting season, State Wildlife Officers Scott Traver, assigned to Stark County, and Nick Turner, assigned to Harrison County, set out to investigate a bait site for which they had received a tip. At a distance, the officers observed a hunter get dropped off at the blind. Shortly after sunrise, the officers contacted the hunter, who admitted to placing corn in the field prior to the hunting season. The officers then discovered the person's father was hunting nearby. The two officers and the hunter hiked over to a second blind, where more corn was spread amongst turkey decoys. Both hunters were issued summonses for hunting wild turkeys over bait. They paid more than \$500 in fines and their firearms were forfeited to the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, was contacted by a concerned citizen regarding a coyote hunter with dogs trespassing on private properties. With assistance from State Wildlife Investigator Brett Barnes, Officer Porter was able to locate the trespassing hunter, who was charged in Jefferson County Court. The hunter was ordered to pay \$300 in fines and court costs.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

In January 2021, State Wildlife Officer Chris Dodge, assigned to Hocking County, received a hunting without permission complaint from a landowner near Logan. Four individuals were observed wearing hunter orange, carry-

ing muzzleloaders, and hunting without permission on the landowner's property. Using information provided by the landowner, Officer Dodge located all four suspects, who admitted to tracking a deer and hunting without permission on the property. All four individuals were issued a summons for hunting without permission and pleaded guilty in the Hocking County Municipal Court. Each suspect paid a fine and court costs of \$275 for a combined total of \$1,100.

State Wildlife Officer Jeff Berry, assigned to Muskingum County, was on patrol at Tri-Valley Wildlife Area on the first day of mourning dove hunting season. As Officer Berry was approaching a parked vehicle, he heard three shots. He contacted three hunters, one of whom was picking up his empty shell casing in a grassy area along the road. Officer Berry checked the three hunter's licenses and checked all three guns for plugs. All three hunters had the proper licenses and harvest information program (HIP) certification numbers. He cautioned the individuals about shooting on or across a public roadway.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officers Matt Hunt, assigned to Greene County, and Jasmine Grossnickle, assigned to Miami County, responded to a call of an injured bald eagle near Bradford in Miami County. The eagle had been eating a road-killed raccoon along the side of the roadway when it was struck by a vehicle. The eagle traveled into a nearby ditch, where Miami County sheriff deputies were unable to retrieve the bird. The officers arrived on scene and quickly captured the injured bird. The eagle was transported to Glen Helen Raptor Center for medical assessment and rehabilitation.

While patrolling the Auglaize River, State Wildlife Officers Mark Schemmel, assigned to Auglaize County, and Matt Bourne, assigned to Clark County, observed an individual using a large dip net to catch fish from the river. The officers contacted the angler and inspected the bucket of fish that he was carrying. Upon inspection it was determined that the individual had caught and kept several different species of game fish with the dip net. The game fish were released unharmed back into the river, and the individual received a citation for catching and possessing game fish by means of netting. The individual was found guilty in the Auglaize County Municipal Court and was fined \$100 for the violation.

SQUIRREL GRAVY AND BISCUITS

By: Caroline Longardner
Doesn't that recipe make your mouth water? (Not mine either). Actually, a friend of mine from West Virginia has been saying he is hungry for this dish and I have been looking for a recipe for it and actually found a lot of similar ones and even a slow cooker recipe for "Slow Cooker Squirrel and Veggies." Also, Parboiled possum (with head) with sweet potatoes.

My dad used to like "ramps" because they tasted like wild garlic. They are a type of wild onion that grows

down south in the spring. They look like "Lily of the Valley." They also stink like the devil when they are being cooked, they stink on your clothes, the house stinks and people stink that eat them. However, they are very popular with the folks that love that taste. It cannot compare to anything that is made commercially. Try one, we will know that you did! There are "ramp festivals" down south each spring and it attracts thousands of ramp lovers. History says that the Cherokee Indians dug, and still dig, ramps, leaving the roots. Of course, most people pull up the whole plant and destroy it. A popular recipe is 'ramps and dandelion greens' with bacon grease, bacon bits, brown sugar & vinegar.

There are a lot of foods that I have found that I would not eat, could not feed to my family (they wouldn't eat it); and it is just too gross to even fix for loved ones. One of those dishes is: Chicken feet - not the meaty part, but the part above the claws. People do boil them and fry them with eggs, etc. Yuk! Animals brains are popular and supposed to be good for you, I am pretty sure I have never eaten any. I don't to anyways.

There are a lot of critters out there that people do eat that I would not want on my menu: "reptile egg salad", "calf brain casserole", "brains and scrambled eggs", "lungs" (these are prepared - cooked down and mashed thru a sieve and eaten); all kinds of wildlife are eaten that could have diseases: raccoons, rats and mice; reptiles and insects. All kinds of wildlife critters are eaten the world over. Bats are a great carriers of diseases and they were being sold for food. Even that bats in your yard at night are dangerous.

Many kinds of fish and ocean life that is caught and eaten could have diseases. What we buy in the stores is supposed to be cleared by the US Govt. to be safe to sell and eaten by the public. Everything else you catch is a "chance you have to take". Be careful.

USDA INVESTS \$464 MILLION IN RENEWABLE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack

announced that the Department is investing \$464 million to build or improve renewable energy infrastructure (PDF, 631 KB) and to help rural communities, agricultural producers and businesses lower energy costs in 48 states and Puerto Rico.

"USDA continues to prioritize climate-smart infrastructure to help rural America build back better, stronger and more equitably than ever before," Vilsack said. "We recognize that lowering energy costs for small businesses and agricultural producers helps to expand economic development and employment opportunities for people in America's rural towns and communities. The investments we are announcing today demonstrate how the Biden-Harris Administration has put rural communities at the heart of climate action and climate-smart solutions."

USDA is financing \$129 million of these investments through the Rural Energy for America Program. This program provides funding to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. These climate-smart investments will conserve and generate more than 379 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) in rural America, which equates to enough electricity to power 35,677 homes per year.

USDA is financing \$335 million of these investments through the Electric Loan Program. The loans will help build or improve 1,432 miles of line to strengthen reliability in rural areas. The loans include \$102 million for investments in smart grid technology, which uses digital communications to detect and react to local changes in electricity usage.

The department is announcing investments in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania,

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: WELLS FARGO BANK, Plaintiff, vs.

JULIA A. WAGONER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 20 040.

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

205 North Main Street, Grover Hill, Ohio Parcel Number: 26-07S-020-00

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

www.uslandrecords.com.

Said premises was appraised at Fifteen Thousand and No/100 (\$15,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the 23rd day of September, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

<https://pauldng.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov>.

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

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on the 7th day of October, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
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Yanfang, Marilyn Ramirez, Attorney for Plaintiff

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For example:

- In North Dakota, Red Trail Energy LLC will use a \$25 million loan to build a carbon-capture processing and storage facility at an ethanol manufacturing facility. The project will provide a 40 to 50 percent reduction in the carbon intensity score of ethanol the company produces. It also will enable the company to distribute ethanol to low-carbon fuel standard markets.

- Prairie State Solar, LLC will use a \$95 million loan to construct a 99 megawatt solar photovoltaic farm on 621 acres in Perry County, Ill., about 50 miles southeast of St. Louis. Prairie State has a 27-year power purchase agreement with the Wabash Valley Power Association Inc. to sell and deliver the electricity produced. Wabash is an electric generation and transmission cooperative headquartered in Indianapolis. It provides wholesale power to 23 distribution cooperatives in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri.

- Gulf Coast Solar LLC in Mississippi will use a \$500,000 grant to make energy efficiency improvements at three wastewater treatment facilities in Hancock County. Funds will help the company design, build and install fixed-tilt, ground-mount solar photovoltaic equipment through a contract with LightEdison. The equipment will help replace 103 percent of electricity at the North location, 57 percent of electricity at the South location and 107 percent of electricity at the West location.

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MINUTES FOR THE WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 16TH, 2021:

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Clerk-Treasurer Cummins as well as Councilmen Voirol, Martin, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. The meeting was led by Councilman Voirol. Mayor Kelsey, Superintendent Walls, and Chief Parker were not present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.
Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.
Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.
Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting

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minutes were presented from the August 2nd meeting. After discussion, Councilman Martin moved to accept the minutes from the August 2nd meeting as corrected, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. The clerk-treasurer explained that there is one home remaining that has not resolved their illegal sump pump connection. Fees are still accumulating to the owner of the property as described in the notice provided on April 1st which began to accrue on June 1st. The clerk-treasurer will prepare a sewer lien for all outstanding penalties that have accrued through July 31st regarding this subject unless a payment plan is established beforehand or payment in full has been received by city hall. All required liens will be filed no sooner than September 13th. The clerk-treasurer asked if council had any final recommendations for changes towards the city of Woodburn's Employee Benefits Policy. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to approve the proposed Employee Benefits Policy, 05-06-2021, as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor.

Councilman's Report: The mayor had suggested that the council confirm the renaming of the fire territory that the city of Woodburn has recently consolidated into with other local agencies. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to approve the change of the name of the fire territory from 'Woodburn - New Haven Fire Protection Territory' to 'East Central Fire and EMS Protection Territory', second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. This name change will presumably take place in the near future at the further direction of the fire territory. Councilman Martin asked about the function of the code enforcement officer position. Councilman Thompson announced that the Santa Toy Patrol will take place on December 10th.

Audience: A resident gave the council updates regarding the upcoming mural project. A resident inquired about next steps regarding work done on his street from a few years ago. The work done in front of his home was not done well by his assessment. After discussion, it was determined to go back to the original contractor and see what can be done to fix this issue. A resident explained plans to build another duplex. This would require a survey and the lot would need to be rezoned. After discussion, it was determined that the council would have no issues with the proposal once it is formally submitted by the Allen County Planning Department to the Woodburn Council for final determination.

Councilman Voirol moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Thompson all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

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

PARAPROFESSIONAL NEEDED: Paulding Elementary School is looking for an ESEA Qualified Paraprofessional, effective immediately. Please send cover letter and resume with 2 references to: Loni Porinchok, Special Ed Director, 405 N. Water St., Paulding, OH 45879 or by email to: Lporinchok@pauldingschools.org or by fax: 419-399-2404. 37

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MARK DOOLEY, FACHE, NAMED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF DUPONT HOSPITAL

Mark Dooley has been named the Chief Executive Officer of Lutheran Health Network's Dupont Hospital, effective Sept. 30, 2021. Dooley joins Lutheran Health Network from Putnam Community Medical Center in Palatka, Fla., where he is currently Chief Executive Officer.

A highly accomplished healthcare leader, Dooley brings more than two decades of leadership experience to Dupont Hospital. A native of Terre Haute, Ind., he has served as CEO of hospitals in Lafayette, Kokomo and Boonville, Ind., in addition to senior executive positions around the country.

In his past leadership roles, Dooley implemented initiatives that increased patient satisfaction and staff and physician engagement, as well as developed new services.

"Being from Indiana, this is a great opportunity to come back home," said Dooley. "Dupont Hospital has a strong reputation and it is exciting to have an opportunity to lead an organization that has tremendous potential to grow and serve the community to an even greater extent."

"Mark is an excellent choice to lead Dupont Hospital," said Scott Teffetteller, Chief Executive Officer, Lutheran Health Network. "Throughout his career, he has focused on building strong teams and relationships."

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Conner Davis with a 46 followed by Jared Varner and Tyler Davis each shooting a 47. Kaden Clark and Nyle Stoller both had a 49 for the Raiders and Kyle Sutton recorded a 52.
Kaden Tumblin also had a 52 for the red, white and blue and Tyson Gerber finished with a 54. Zach Wobler (56), Kyle Klinker (56) and Eli Martinez (59) completed the list of Raider players.

LADY RAIDERS ROLL PAST KNIGHTS

Wayne Trace and Crestview hooked up in a non-league girls golf match at Pleasant Valley Golf Course outside of Payne Thursday night with the host Lady Raiders recording a 210-258 victory over the Knights.

Pacing the Lady Raiders was junior Riley Daeger, who shot a 45, while Kristin Wannmacher carded a 49. Hannah Maenle added a 57 for Wayne Trace with Anna Miller and Rylee Miller both shooting a 59. Kristin McDonald also had a 66 for the Raiders.

Mattie Leppard led

Sudoku solution from page 9

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Crestview with a 61 while Elizabeth Gent and Ashley Motycka both shot a 63. Cameron Sinn also had a 71 for the Lady Knights.

WOODLAN JH CROSS COUNTRY

Woodlan Junior High ran against LutherRun last Wednesday. They had some really good times. 7th and 8th grades ran 2 miles instead of their normal 3K (1.86 miles) and 6th grade only ran 1 mile. In the 6th grade girls race Leanea Lothamer led with a time of 7:23 and took 2nd place. Following by Addie Carter in 3rd place and Hannah Kaleta in 6th place.

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—Ellen Williams
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NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF INVENTORY WITHOUT APPRAISAL

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

County, Ohio and James K. Weaner, Attorney for the Estate at 401 Wayne Ave, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

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TO: Joan M. Egly, Jason L. Mobley, John W. Mobley, Christy Wobler, Terry L. Mobley.

The hearing to approve the inventory Without Appraisal of the Estate of Diana Lyn Conley is scheduled for September 24, 2021. at 10:00 a.m.

You are hereby notified that the inventory of Diana Lyn Conley was filed with the Paulding County Probate Court located at 115 N. Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879 on April 23, 2021 under case No. 20201086.

This notice is given to all persons who would be entitled to inherit from the decedent's estate. Any objections to such appointment shall be submitted to the Probate Court of Paulding

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nity outreach position is helping implement financial programs and answering questions in Paulding County and around the area and how First Financial Bank fits in with Paulding County business.

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The 6th grade boys race Colt Graber won with a time of 6:36. Close behind was Eli Washler in 2nd place and Wade Richman in 3rd place. The 7th and 8th grade girls were led by Katy Niles in 1st place with a time of 12:45 (new school record). Following was Maddie Gentz in 5th place, Elena Baumert in 9th place, Grace Martini in 11th place, Findley Harnish in 15th place and Maddie Burket in 26th place.

The 7th and 8th grade boys were led by Collin Klepper in 4th place with a time of 13:17. Following was Nathan Culler in 6th place, Cooper McDaniel in 7th place, Caleb Palmer in 9th place and Kolten Conrad in 11th place. Great job by all the Junior High Runners!

VWCF ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Van Wert County Foundation serves as a philanthropic vehicle for individuals, corpora-

tions, and organizations by administering grants to charitable organizations. Together we create a well-resourced and thriving quality of life for our community.

The fall grant cycle is open for online application only via the Grants Manager. The Online Grants Manager compiles information and support materials for The Van Wert County Foundation's software system for managing online applications and grants. This recently established process allows grantees an easy way to see the status of a grant, check due dates, and submit electronic grant reports.

"We recommend that applicants carefully read the instructions and reference materials found on our website before registering and starting their application. If an applicant encounters issues or has questions, we ask that they contact our office at 419.238.1743," states Renee Thatcher, VWCF Grants Administrator.

Non-profit organizations can find the grant application and additional information here.

PLEASE NOTE DEADLINES: Letter of Intent submission is due October 15, 2021. Grant Application is due by November 1, 2021. ONLINE SUBMISSION ONLY.

NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES CAMPUS SAFETY GRANT FROM OHIO DEPT. OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Northwest State Community College was recently awarded a capital Campus Safety Grant in the amount of \$174,779 from the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE). The grant program "will help improve the overall physical security and safety of public campuses throughout Ohio," per the ODHE.

Jointly administered with

the Department of Public Safety, this is believed to be the first statewide program of its kind in Ohio history. Per the ODHE, "We appreciate Governor DeWine for proposing this new funding and the General Assembly for supporting the program in the latest capital bill."

A news release from Governor DeWine dated June 16, 2021 notes that the state awarded a total of \$10 million in grants to fund security enhancements at K-12 public schools and institutions of higher education in Ohio. The release continues, "The 2021 Campus Safety Grant Program, will award \$5 million to qualifying public colleges and universities for improvements to physical security on their campuses. The 2021 K-12 Safety Grant Program, administered by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC), will award an additional \$5 million to qualifying public K-12 schools for similar school safety expenses." Both grant programs were funded as part of Senate Bill 310 of the 133rd General Assembly.

Some of the security items available as a result of the grant include scanners, cameras, surveillance systems, IT support hardware and software (ransomware protection, firewalls, etc.), staff and police radios, medical cabinets, and emergency response equipment. All items purchased through the grant funding will support and enhance the College's existing security measures.

NSCC President Dr. Todd Hernandez said, "Northwest State is committed to the safety and well-being of our campus community. This grant enables us to enhance both the physical security and cybersecurity of our campus by extending the physical access and surveillance systems and implementing advanced information security technology. We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of the ODHE and the State of Ohio."

GOLDEN BEARS SWEEP PAST PANTHERS

After Bryan held on for a 26-21 open win in the opening set, the final two sets belonged to the purple and gold squad from Williams County.

The Lady Golden Bears recorded a 26-24 victory in the opening set and followed that up with wins by scores of 25-17 and 25-15 to seal the match.

Claire Schweller led the way for the Lady Panthers with 11 assists, four kills and a block while Katie Beckman chipped in nine assists and four slams. Maci Kauser also had 16 digs and an ace for the maroon and white with Carlea Kuckuck totaling ten kills and three digs.

LADY RAIDERS CRUISE PAST TIGERS

Wayne Trace's varsity volleyball team improved to 4-0 on the season with a straight-set win over visiting Holgate Tuesday night at the 'Palace.'

The Lady Raiders opened the match with a 25-14 win in game one before following that up with victories of 25-12 and 25-3 to end the evening.

Paige Alber and Gracie Shepherd recorded four aces and three aces, respectively, for Wayne Trace while Rachel Stoller topped a balanced Raider effort with 11 kills.

Gracie Shepherd chipped in nine slams while Sydnee Sinn finished with six and Christina Graham recorded five kills. Shepherd also added a pair of blocks with Sinn and Harper Myers getting one each. Paige Alber and Kacy Hornish dished out 15 assists each for Wayne Trace.

Macy Doster topped Wayne Trace with six digs while Hornish had five and Sinn posted four. Graham, Shepherd and Stoller all finished with three for the Lady Raiders.

The Lady Raider junior varsity team defeated the Lady Tigers 25-11 and 25-15.

Laura Thornell had a pair of aces for the red, white and blue while adding five kills. Larissa Whitman chipped in four kills and Allison Schilt posted three with Kara Stoller dishing out a dozen assists. Kaitlin Slade and Katie Anna Baumle picked up five digs and four digs, respectively.

In freshman volleyball action, Wayne Trace took on Lincolnview prior to the match with Holgate with the Lancers recording a 25-16, 25-15 win.



MATT'S MISHAPS

"Serving overseas as a small-town boy from America is intense, stressful and humorous! Enjoy a light-hearted story with me from our last 20 years overseas!" - Matt

GETTING BLOWN AWAY

Did you ever compete in an academic competition when growing up? I did Science Fairs, Academic Super Bowls and



Here I am enjoying a nice open podium with a cool short-sleeve shirt. Once I was walking to a podium when my shirt caught the edge of a door handle and put quite a rip down the side of the shirt. With no time to find a replacement shirt, I wore a suit coat over the top, and boy, did I sweat on that hot evening.

even Academic Decathlons. My mom (like many mothers out there) claims she should get a grade for all the work I did to complete school projects. One competition that didn't excite me, nor repel me, was public speaking. I did not have enough sense to be afraid. Over the years of living abroad, I have

thought how easy public speaking is, when you get to do it in your own language and culture.

Before moving abroad, we had an experienced overseas worker take us to a venue to learn from watching him speak at the event. He was a very tall man. While speaking, he took a bit of a step to the side and fell right off the platform. It was a good three to four feet up, but thankfully he was not hurt. I learned that lesson loud and clear: watch where you step when speaking.

Even when you communicate from is different in many places - the podium itself. In America today, it is the fashion for many to be "podium free" and to walk around while they speak. However, the podium is still king in many countries.

I remember speaking behind a podium and thinking I had a level of privacy behind the structure. My nose was running, so I thought I would casually get a tissue from my pocket without anyone noticing. I watched some of the people's eyes following my hand to get my tissue, and then noticed that the front of the podium was clear glass.

Everyone gets warmer as they speak, and I knew I'd be sweating when I spoke once in the summer in a hot building without AC. After being introduced, I walked to the podium, holding my notes loosely in my hand. Before I could place the notes down, all of a sudden, my notes went flying every which way. I didn't notice that they had placed a strong oscillating fan inside the podium itself to cool off the speaker. Sometimes speaking can literally blow you away.

Something similar ever happen to you? Contact me and let me hear your story!

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