

80/20 FOUNDATION TRUST GRANTS \$194,300 TO EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS IN SUPPORT OF CAREER CENTER



East Allen County Schools received a \$194,300 check from 80/20 Foundation Trust representatives. These grant dollars will support the East Allen Career Center in purchasing state-of-the-art equipment to prepare students to contribute to Indiana's 21st century workforce.

John Wood, board chair for the 80/20 Foundation Trust said, "We're happy to provide this funding to purchase new equipment that will be necessary for the success of the East Allen Career Center." The 80/20 Foundation Trust was born from the legacy of Don Wood, 80/20

Inc. co-founder, and aims to fill the pipeline for skilled workers in the manufacturing industry, as well as to foster leadership, sales, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Funding for the 80/20 Foundation Trust come directly from the Don Wood Estate, and plans are underway to update the foundation name to further clarify that distinction.

"Tim Wiegand, executive director of the East Allen Career Center said, "We thank the 80/20 Foundation Trust for their generous contribution to our Precision Machining program. This partner-

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PAULDING POLICE NEED YOUR HELP AFTER VEHICLE BREAK-INS

The Paulding Police reported numerous break-ins in vehicles around the north side of Paulding residences. The two main areas were Countryside Estates and Emerald Acres. As of this time some video cameras have been examined and it appears to be a white male approximately 5'11"-6' tall, possibly driving a SUV. Anybody with video footage with this person or vehicle in the early morning hours of January 18th, please contact the Police Department at 419-399-3311.



PCHD - COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

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

We're beginning to vaccinate people of Phase 1B this week. Anyone who is eligible may be vaccinated in Paulding County.

For vaccines being administered by the Paulding County Health Department,

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The deadline for the West Bend News is Fridays at 5pm for the following issue.

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Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.



PPEC BUDGETS \$4 MILLION IN POWER RELIABILITY INVESTMENTS FOR 2021, WITH NO RATE INCREASE

This year, Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative is planning \$4 million in investments focused on system improvements that will directly increase the co-op's service reliability and maintain existing facilities — all without an electric rate increase for residential or commercial members. The co-op understands it has been a tough year for members and works hard to control costs and optimize service.

Primary components of the 2021 work plan include:

A budgeted 31 miles of line rebuilds across Ohio and Indiana, as well as sectionalizing to reduce outage minutes. Keeping your lights on is a priority!

PPEC will be installing (PPEC Continued on Page 2)

PATROL ARRESTS, CHARGES INDIANA MAN WITH HIS SIXTH FELONY OVI



PAULDING - Troopers from the Van Wert Post arrested and charged a 48-year-old Indiana man with operating a vehicle under the influence, making it his 24th OVI arrest and sixth felony OVI charge in his lifetime.

The driver, Tony Martin Hanson, was pulled over on Monday afternoon, January 18, 2021, after motorists called 911 to report his unsafe driving. Hanson was observed by the Chief of the Paulding Police Department as he entered the village, where he struck a curb as he pulled into the Dairy Queen parking lot. Troopers responded immediately to assist officers from the Paulding Police Department with the traffic stop.

During the incident, officers and troopers determined Hanson was highly intoxicated. (Continued on Page 3)

Community Calendar

January 27

- PCH COVID shot - Call Jan 26 for 75 year old +
- Cecil Community Church Concert & Refreshments movie at 6pm
- West Ohio Food Bank Food Distribution 12-2pm
- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

January 29

- Hicksville KofC Fish Fry - drive-thru only 4:30pm

January 31

- Cecil Community Church Concert & Refreshments movie at 6pm

February 3

- PCH COVID shot - Call Feb 1 & 2 for 70 year old +
- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

February 5

- Paulding KofC Fish Fry - 4-7pm

February 9

- Paulding Co. Democratic Party meeting @ Paulding Eagles, 7pm

February 10

- PCH COVID shot - Call Feb 8 & 9 for 65 year old +

February 12

- Paulding KofC Fish Fry - 4-7pm

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OBITUARIES



children, Doug (Andrea), Gregg, Steve (Rhonda), Brad (Krista) Boylan, & Wendy (Avnastacio) Zavala; 11 great grandchildren, & 3 great great grandchildren.

Ruth Ann was also preceded in death by her husband, W. Lavon, to whom she was married May 13, 1951, and her infant sister, Marilyn Whitman.

Her service is at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp on Monday, 2 pm, with viewing one hour prior.

Due to state mandate, guests must wear nose and mouth covering masks at all times, maintain social distancing, and refrain from contact to keep everyone safe while participating in her viewing and funeral service.

She will be laid to rest at Six Corners Cemetery.

Memorials are to Antwerp Friends of the Library.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S IN RURAL COMMUNITIES CAN BE CHALLENGING

Before Melissa Dever can talk with people about Alzheimer's support services, she knows there are a couple of questions she has to answer.

"One of the first questions people want to know when you interact with them is 'who are you? Where are you from? Who are you related to? All of that matters,'" said Dever, an Alzheimer's Association program director who works with rural communities in Ohio.

"I drive a tractor, I am out in the hayfield, I do all the things that they do to let them know I am relatable. We do a lot of 'front-porch sitting' because you are not just going to walk into someone's home and get down to business," she said.

According to the Rural Health Information Hub, 2.3 million Ohioans live in rural areas, such as Ottawa County, and more entities are focusing on the impact of Alzheimer's and dementia in rural Ohio.

On January 27, the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will hold a community forum in Ottawa County to understand the needs and how best to provide a higher level of Alzheimer's education and support services.

In rural communities it's quite interesting because as a physician you have to put your big pants on because basically you're it," said Dr. Douglas Woo, one of the few neurologists in Athens County. "It's a lot harder to get to specialists. It's harder for people to carve out time from work and people have to wait until the end of the month just to see me and I am just down the street."

Dr. Jeffrey Wing, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology at The Ohio State University, said previous research studies indicated that Alzheimer's is more prevalent in urban areas - areas where dementia specialists are more likely based.

But based on new research, he is starting to think that researchers don't know the full extent of the disease in rural communities.

For example, U.S. News & World Report found that Jackson County Ohio is one of the top counties in the nation with the highest Alzheimer's death rates. It ranked 25th. And a study co-authored by Dr. Wing found that within Ohio's Appalachian country, the number and proportion of people who have Alzheimer's dementia is 2-3 percent higher compared to rural non-Appalachian counties. "I think right now the idea that there may be geographic variation is important for everybody to be thinking about," Wing said.

Dever sees the issues firsthand: Lower number of specialists, few adult day care centers, families lacking insurance, lack of knowledge about the disease.

The problem of too few specialists exists throughout Ohio. According to the Alzheimer's Association 2020 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report, in 2019 there were 163 geriatricians in Ohio. By 2050, the state will need 537 geriatricians to serve 10 percent of those 65 or older, which is a 229 percent increase.

To dramatically increase the accurate and timely diagnosis of people with Alzheimer's and other dementia, and to significantly increase the number of people who receive affordable, high-quality care and support, the Alzheimer's Association is pairing dementia experts with physician practices to raise their level of knowledge. Through Project Echo®, physicians can present cases and get coaching from a multidisciplinary clinical team from around the country.

Dr. Woo said his specialty is multiple sclerosis, but because of the lack of dementia specialists in Athens, "you basically have to learn a lot on the fly because you may be outside of your comfort zone." He said about 10-20 percent of this new patients have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or dementia.

Dever said for those without insurance it is even harder to get dementia care. "We may get a call from a son or daughter who is concerned about mom or dad....sometimes we hear they haven't

been to the doctor in 20-30 years or since they had their last child. Some of them have not had routine care so we are just helping them get established somewhere with a primary care physician to get the ball rolling."

MaryJo Moorhead, who leads the Alzheimer's caregivers support group in Cambridge, Ohio, population 10,300, said she used to take flyers to grocery stores trying to get people to participate. A former caregiver herself, she knows the stress of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's in a smaller community. "In Appalachia we are a hard sell. This is a culture where people don't ask for help, don't like to say there is a weakness there," she said.

She said she tries to keep at least three regulars in her support group. "I am fighting this disease however I can. If I can advocate, if I can be an educator, I am willing to do it," Moorhead said.

To register for the Ottawa County Community Forum and find out about other Forums, call 800.272.3900.

About Alzheimer's Association®

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and upgrading with new sectionalizing equipment for improved reliability, system durability, and to reduce outage time.

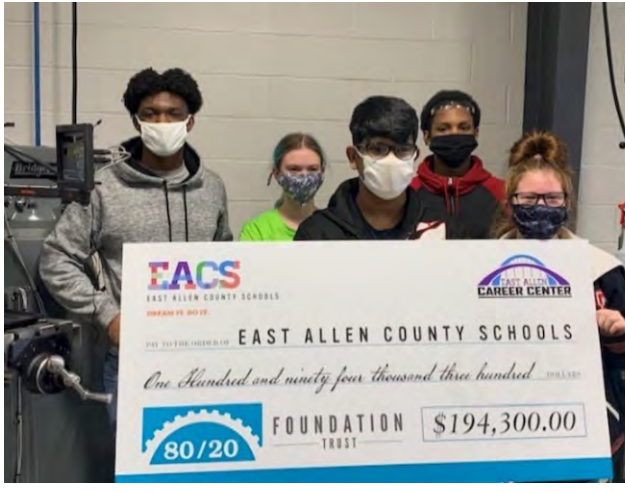
Testing 4,435 utility poles in Brown and Jackson Townships in Paulding County, Ohio, and Monroe Township in Putnam County, Ohio. Poles are tested on a rotating cycle for sturdiness and reliability; any that fail the test will be replaced.

Right-of-way maintenance and tree trimming in parts of Indiana's Allen County and in Ohio's Putnam and Van Wert counties. Trees and branches falling into power lines are a

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

Philippians 4:8



(Continued from Page 1) ship is further evidence of the collaborative relationships being forged throughout Northeast Indiana and the East Allen Career Center is proud to be a part of the energy building in our region." Superintendent Hissong said,

primary cause of power outages and blinking lights, so keeping them in check helps reduce reliability issues.

"Our engineering staff does an impressive job of planning for the future growth and the power reliability needs of our members," says PPEC Operations Manager Tim Bowley, who replaced long-time employee Ted Slusser after his retirement earlier this month. "Our crews' track record shows they are dedicated to restoring power safety and efficiently."

President and CEO George Carter elaborated, highlighting rate stability and co-op membership perks, which customers of investor-owned utilities don't see.

"Our members can rest assured that we are working to replace aging facilities, increase efficiency, and improve our service reliability — all without raising rates and also returning \$2.2 million in capital credits last month to members," Carter said. "That's the not-for-profit cooperative difference."

For updates throughout the year, follow PPEC on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or YouTube. You can also stay informed if you sign up for our monthly email newsletter here.

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All A's: Brenna B., Griffin

"This will change the lives of kids. We're so honored and excited for the support of the 80/20 Foundation Trust!"

To learn more about the East Allen Career Center go to car.eacs.k12.in.us or call Mr. Wiegand at 260-446-0260 ext. 3101.

M., Carter N., and Kolson S.

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All B's: Elexah B, Piper D., Remington L., and Zoey S.

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All A's: Corbin S. and Olivia S.

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All B's: EhvaJean E., Camden K. and Jeriyah O.

Miss Cavinder

All A's: Easton J., Kinlee M., Brayden S., Brooke S., and Abigail T.

A/B: Jonah S., Olivia T., and Abbie W.

5TH GRADE Mrs. Schlatter

All A's: Jensen B., Marcus K., Addyson L., Miracle O., Brooke T.

A/B: Brenan M., Luke M., Kenzie O., Aries R., Alivia T., and Karsyn T.

All B's: Nevada O.

Miss Sinn

All A's: Ashlyn M., Braxton S., Aubrie S., and Jeremy V.

A/B: Xylem K., Avery N., and Tatum S.

All B's: Keriona B., Chyenne B., and Faith J.

6TH GRADE Mrs. Beining

All A's: Stefany L-C., Noah S., Amber S., and Zachary S.

A/B: Isabel G., Miley J., Caleb M., and Hayden W.

Mrs. Davis

All A's: Cole M. and Campbell V.

A/B: Alex D., Madison G., and Kaelyn V.

All B's: Corbin V

Antwerp Conservation Club Event Schedule

February 11th - Monthly Meeting 7pm.

- Annual scholarship forms are now available. They will be sent to the area schools guidance offices as well as our website.
- Annual memberships Now available for 2021! Join for the first time or renew your membership now! Annual memberships run from Jan 1 - Dec 31.

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KIDS' KORNER

Hi, again! Welcome back! I hope you're being careful and staying well.

A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly point. That is, objects that are familiar are used to represent something about God's Kingdom.

In Matthew 13 Jesus tells a parable about a farmer who went out to sow seed, a situation that would be very familiar to his listeners. Some of the seeds fell onto rocky places. Some fell into thorns. Some started to grow, but didn't have soil that was good enough for them to put down roots, and so they died.

Other seeds fell onto good soil where they grew strong and produced an abundance of good crops.

In the parable, Jesus is the farmer who goes out to sow seeds. The seeds represent His Gospel, His saving word. The soil represents those who reject the Gospel and those who receive it. Some seeds fall on the poor soil of some human hearts and are rejected. Some start to spring up in a person's heart, but there is not enough desire in that heart to help it grow.

But some seeds fall onto welcoming hearts, where they grow and produce an abundance of faith and good works that glorify God. Some people hear God's Word and reject it. Some hear it and quickly embrace it but don't let it grow in them. And, some hear it and welcome it and nurture it so that it grows ever stronger in them and even spreads to others. May we ever welcome, embrace, and rejoice in that Word that it grows in us and we grow ever closer to Jesus by it.

Now, for next week: In Genesis 2, how was the ground watered?

See you next week!
Pastor Tim
mhrtim1995@gmail.com

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
Why are Christians not required to keep the Old Testament ceremonial laws, sacrifices, feast days, ceremonies, etc.?

These were part of the old covenant which served as pictures, shadows and types of the coming Great High Priest, Jesus Christ. When He fulfilled all these pictures by His perfect life, substitutionary and complete atoning of death, and victorious resurrection; there was no longer a need for the pictures.

Once I married my wonderful wife over 59 years ago, there was no need to hug and kiss her pictures.

Note Colossians 2:14-17 - Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holy-day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

Also study carefully Hebrews chapters 8-10 and you will understand why the old covenant was replaced with the New Covenant. The old covenant could not save us, but what and Who is pictured in the New Covenant could.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

By: Doris Applegate

What shall we say about the things happening in our world today? We sit astonished at all of the fraud, lies, betrayal, hate and corruption going on everyday. We, who are able to remember the "good times" are aghast at how quickly our country has fallen into lawlessness and evil. We look back on people who honored the flag with its stars and stripes because it reminded us of the bravery and conflict that so many endured to keep our land FREE! What we didn't realize was the evil minds inside our republic who were plotting to overthrow it and how long they had been at it! Ignorance of these things in NOT bliss!

We let down our guard, we were "asleep" and "dozed" off into our own little world thinking life would always be ok. After all, we lived in the "good ole" USA didn't we? Now that we are "shocked" by the "cold glass of water" thrown on our "sleepy" heads and see how close we are to losing our republic, we are AWAKE, at least the few who care and know how dire the situation is! As we find ourselves in such times as these, those who know and understand what God's Holy Word says, will realize that such times were predicted.

In 2 Timothy 3:1-5, we read this: "This know also, that in the 'last days' perilous times will come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boaster, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truth breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those who are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away!"

If you do not believe we

are in the "last days" before the Lord Jesus Christ returns, then perhaps that "glass of cold water" missed your sleepy head and landed on the bed sheets. Wake up church! We are the only ones who can help others to "see the light." Don't hide your light and your testimony of what the Lord has done in your life. "The righteous are BOLD as a lion" (Proverbs 28:1). Where is your ROAR? Get filled up with the Holy Spirit and you will have a ROAR.

We have neglected the Holy Spirit so long that now we are depleted of the only strength to overcome the evil days we are in. We need to rise up, put on our beautiful garments and go forth doing the will of God! "Even so come, Lord Jesus!"

Amen

VAN WERT FIRST UM ANNOUNCES NEW CASUAL WORSHIP LEADER

First United Methodist Church of Van Wert is pleased to announce Jeremy Laukhuf will be its new Praise & Worship Leader. As the Praise & Worship Leader, Jeremy will lead in music and worship at the Casual/Contemporary service, currently meeting at 8:30 Sunday mornings.

Jeremy and his family moved to Van Wert in 2019. He currently serves as Field Director for LifeWise Academy, where he works to help communities nationwide legally teach the Bible during public school hours.

Prior to that, Jeremy served as a Public Affairs Bandsman in the United States Air Force, holding many leadership positions and traveling the world as a musical ambassador for the military.

He holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Jazz Performance from The Ohio State University as well as a Master of Arts in Ministry from Luther Rice College and Seminary. Additionally, Jeremy is a certified Project Manager. Further, he has served as worship leader, team bassist, and Bible study leader in numerous churches. Jeremy and his wife, Cristi have five children: Brooklynn, Cayden, Madalynn, Vivian, and Lillian.

Chris Farmer is the Lead Pastor and Paul Hoverman is Director of First Impressions and Worship Arts. First United Methodist Church is located in the heart of downtown Van Wert at 113 W. Central Avenue and is currently offering two in person Sunday worship services: a Casual/Contemporary at 8:30am and a Traditional service at 10:00am. All services can be watched on-line at vanwert-first.net.

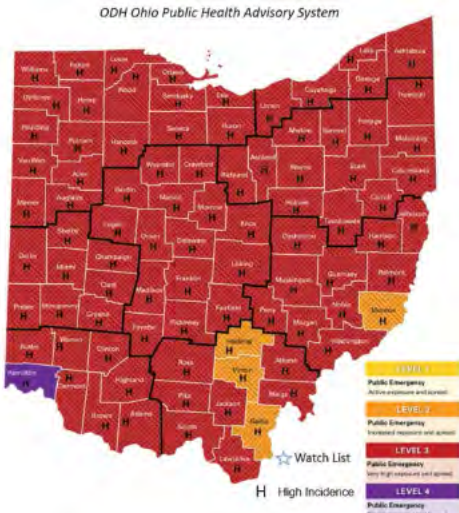
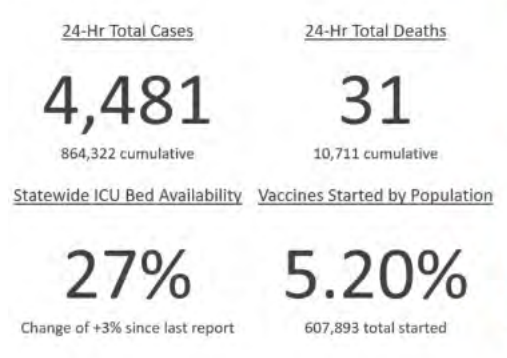
VOLUNTEER CENTER SUPPORTS VACCINATION CLINIC

The Volunteer Center is partnering with the Allen County Board of Health to provide volunteers for the ongoing COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at the Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Avenue.

Volunteers are being used to help escort seniors requiring wheelchair assistance from curbside to inside Expo IV to receive their shot.

The clinic is open by appointment only to those currently eligible as determined by the Indiana Department of Health. Visit ourshot.in-

Key Indicators



(Continued from Page 1) telephone calls are being used for registration and wait lists at (419) 399-3921

Paulding County Health Department has been receiving COVID-19 vaccine doses weekly and only schedules appointments based on the number of doses we receive.

For more information on phases of vaccine distribution go to www.coronavirus.ohio.gov

This website will be up-

dated regularly with vaccine information.

There have been many changes and new information available to how vaccines are being distributed. Paulding County Health Department will continue to inform the public as quickly and efficiently as possible. We are grateful for our community's understanding and patience as we work together to fight COVID-19.

January 25 - Update:
Paulding County
Cases: 1453
Hospitalizations: 119
Deaths: 21
Presumed Recovered: 1277

January 25, 2021
COVID-19 Questions?
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Bill Edwards, PCHD

.gov or call 2-1-1 daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to make an appointment. No walk-ins will be accepted. It was recently announced that people 70 or older are eligible.

Volunteer Executive Director Ani Etter states "This is such a critical endeavor for our community and we are happy to support the efforts of the Allen County Department of Health to control the spread of COVID-19."

People who are interested in volunteering may sign up through the Volunteer Center website at www.volunteerfortwayne.org and click on "I Want To Volunteer" to complete a profile and have access to this and many more volunteer opportunities within the community.

Jeffrey Metzger, a volunteer who has assisted multiple times with his wife at the clinic shared "We have both enjoyed greeting people arriving for their vaccines. The process has a great setup and runs smoothly. Many people mentioned how well organized it is on their way out the door. We enjoy volunteering and this is certainly an opportunity we will continue to participate in."

Volunteer Center is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to connect volunteers with local agencies and provide solutions to community needs through the power of volunteerism.

LATTA STATEMENT ON KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) issued the following statement regarding President Biden's executive order to revoke the Presidential permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline:

"We must stop playing politics with America's energy future. The House of Representatives has repeatedly approved legislation to build the Keystone XL Pipeline because boosting our economy, creating jobs, and ensuring safety and reliability is common sense. Withdrawing the Presidential permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline will cost thousands of American manufacturing and construction jobs and will jeopardize energy security for the country at a time when Ameri-

cans need stability more than ever."

SPECIAL MEETING COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP 12/30/20

The special meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Jan Reeb. Council persons present: Kenneth Reinhart, Rudie Reeb, Dean Rister, Mike Rohrs, and Keith West.

Also in attendance: Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty and Administrator Sara Keeran. Media present: none. Visitors present: none.

Fiscal Officer's Report
Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2020-19B: an ordinance authorizing the fiscal officer of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio to amend appropriations and declaring it an emergency

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by Rohrs, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2020-19B. 5 Yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

• Motion made by West, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2020-19B. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

• Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2020-20. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

• Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2020-20. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

• Motion made by West, seconded by Rohrs, to adjourn the meeting. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THANK-YOU PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP.....for all of your programs designed and implemented to 'Make America Great Again' and keep 'America First'.....to exposing the scum in our Federal Government (Washington, DC) that has for decades put the interests of those who are supposed to be serving us to selfishly serving their own personal interests. They are all in it for their own personal power and wealth rather than making good on promises that would have helped make our Country greater than it has ever been before.

I will always speak positively of and defend your unselfish efforts to promote capitalism, free enterprise, free speech, the right to keep and bear arms, religious freedom, less government, and volunteerism, while at the same time exposing corruption and wastefulness.

To help me remind others of your accomplishments, I will recap some of the things that occurred during (and because of) your presidency that I applaud and have certainly made a long lasting, very positive impact on the people of our Country including me:

- 1) Appointed three conservative Supreme Court Justices, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Barret, each possessing outstanding judicial accomplishments and service.
- 2) Completed an additional 500 miles of border wall on our Nation's southern border
- 3) Signed the biggest tax cuts and reforms in the history of our Country
- 4) Continued to bring home troops from foreign soil.
- 5) First President in recent history to not get us into another endless war
- 6) Engineered and spear headed 'Operation Warp Speed' resulting in the creation of a safe China virus vaccine in record time
- 7) Brought back to America tens of thousands of jobs resulting in the lowest unemployment rates for Blacks, Hispanics and Asians in the Country's history
- 8) Lowered youth, women and veterans unemployment rates to the lowest in decades
- 9) Reduced the number of people by 3.9 million on food stamps from an all-time high in 2016 (last year of the Obama administration)
- 10) Oversaw the increase in the average household income to the highest ever recorded
- 11) Oversaw the creation of more than 400,000 manufacturing jobs and the manufacturing jobs growing at a faster rate in more than three decades
- 12) Negotiated with NATO members to pay their fair share of the NATO budget
- 13) Brokered four Arab country peace agreements with Israel and moved our embassy to Jerusalem, something that the last several presidents said they were going to do, but never followed through on their promises
- 14) Signed a prison reform act that ended minority discrimination by the court system.
- 15) Signed into law, 'Right to Try' legislation allowing gravely ill patients the opportunity to bypass the FDA (Federal Drug Administration) for experimental treatments.
- 16) Signed executive orders instructing HHS (Health and Human Services) to take steps to lower costs on prescription medication, including insulin & epinephrin (antihistamines)...earning you recognition for doing more than any other President to lower drug costs
- 17) Withdrew America from the Iran nuclear deal made during the Obama Presidency with the Supreme

Ruler of Iran that continues to promote 'death to America' and the complete and total annihilation of Israel


- 18) Withdrew from the Paris Climate Accord, a very damaging agreement to our American economy, penalizing into submission American businesses involved in the oil and coal industries, including fracking..... driving up the cost of these fuels for the American consumer while allowing China and India to continue spewing out pollution into the air unabated and without consequence. I sure did like our low gas prices at the pump!!!
- 19) Worked to promote school choice, giving students and families options in K-12 education
- 20) Standing as thee most pro-life president in our Nation's history working tirelessly to prevent tax payer dollars from flowing to Planned Parenthood, the Nation's largest abortion provider
- 21) Pressured the Mexican government to take a more aggressive approach to slowing the flow of migrants north to America overwhelming the state and local governments along our southern border
- 22) You were thee most transparent president ever... under investigation for and harassed by the Democrats, the media, tech giants and 'RINOs' (Republican In Name Only) from before your election through this very day (remember the phony Russian hoax that cost this Country millions of dollars and sowed so many seeds of discord only to conclude that there was no collusion on your part, but rather by Hillary Clinton instead?). And what about the lack of reporting on the Hunter Biden 'pay to play' scandal that involved our new President Joe, referred to in Hunter's emails as the 'BIG GUY'?
- 23) It is my opinion and the opinion of millions of other Americans, that the 'swamp dwellers' are so afraid of being discovered or found out what their own selfish motives are (especially as it pertains to their own personal interests in China) that they were compelled to impeach you, not once, but twice, for uncovering all of the filth, scum, and excrement that here to for has called Washington, DC its home!

Thank-you President Trump, for doing an outstanding job while you served America as its President. Millions upon millions of its citizenry appreciate you and will certainly, like me defend your record of accomplishments that occurred during your four years of service.... and we will most certainly vote for you the next time you run for President!!!

With appreciation and sincere gratitude,
 James M. Hooker, Mesa, Arizona /Payne, OH

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ACTIVITIES IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Bryce Steiner

I was at the Paulding County Economic Development press conference on Thursday about the Union Bank and the new coffee Shop "Grounded" announcement. While I was there Dave Burtch opened up the floor for business/economic ideas in Paulding County. One young man from Youth For Christ asked one of the top things he hears from young people just happen to be the lack of entertainment or places to hang out.

The question made me think as Burch reminisced about the "good old days" when there were bowling alleys, sock hops and theaters open in Paulding. It's true, the small towns were happening places decades ago.

So, why did Paulding lose the entertaining places that families and young people once were able to go and have fun right in the community. Expand that out a little and you see that the entire county went through that. Now think about the entire nation - that happened everywhere. It wasn't a bad decision fifty years ago in Paulding County that made these small entertainment businesses evacuate.

Looking back in history there appears to be a correlation between the minimum wage and small town shrinkage. In the early part of the 20th century a majority of people lived and worked and their same town. The advent of the automobile began the change of people being able to commute from small town to metro areas if they chose. Small towns still thrived during this time as young people could get jobs in the small towns and as they gained experience and productivity, their pay would increase or it gave an opportunity to seek more advantageous work.

The minimum wage standard was put into place to help ensure that workers could get a wage to raise a family on. Those days are quite different now as the buying power has faded, and I believe due to the minimum wage. The problem is that some work is more valuable then others and to force something like that in a locale that does not have a large number of people, businesses can no longer pay the required amount, and they shutdown - hence the entertainment leaving small town america.

The next \$1400 per person stimulus bill that everyone feels they need so badly, includes a piggy-back stipulation that more than doubles the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$15. Some argue that this is a long time coming.

What happens if the minimum wage goes to \$15 per hour? Will everyone suddenly be able to have all their dreams come true and pay off their debts, buy homes, and more? Imagine what you could do with \$15/hr?

The increased pay sounds great! Who wouldn't want more money? Let's take a deeper look into this and see if it is as simple as that.

Money is nothing more than a labeled value of a person's labor. Some have been pushing something called "equity" lately - that all should end up the same no matter where they started or the choices that were made. The

US Founders had a different vision for us - life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This is based on equal opportunity. The difference is if "Joe" and "Bill" are both hired to pick apples in an orchard. Joe picks 25 bushels in a day and Bill picks 10 apples in a day - should they both be paid what their labor earned or should they be paid equal? Pay them both \$100 for a day's labor or pay Joe \$250 and Bill \$100? One gives the opportunity for advancement and better earnings based upon commitment and productivity. The other is considered more "equitable" but doesn't reward anyone for their hard work.

If the minimum wage goes to \$15 there will be consequences.

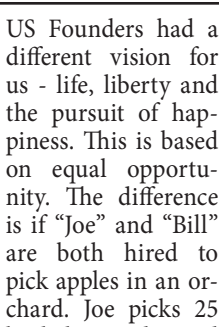
1. Joe and Bill might end up getting paid the same because the owner can't afford to pay both what they actually deserve based upon their production. That would harm Joe and "reward" Bill even though there was a much greater production out of Joe.
2. The business owner decides not keep Bill because it costs more to pay than what the owner is able to make off the apples that he picked.
3. The owner might just have to double his prices to cover the extra cost to increase both of Joe and Bill's pay to meet minimum and pay Bill for the 2.5x extra productivity.
4. The owner might shutter the business because it's no longer profitable and people can't pay double amount for the apple than it cost. Both Joe and Bill are now out of a job and so is the owner that made the job possible.
5. The business may decide to stay in business by importing apples from China since they don't have fair trade or the same rules on minimum wage.
6. The owner may decide that he will just forgo the legal workers and turn to automation - or maybe pay others under the table.
7. No one will want to start a business that has to hire people.

There really are lots of things that will happen to our community workers - and none are good options. Losing valuable workers is very important, would anything else happen? Unfortunately, yes. The most obvious is that pretty much every price of product made in this country will need to double. That means that your purchasing power is halved. It's like playing monopoly and you change the rules to have Go changed to \$400 per round but then Boardwalk now cost \$800 to buy.

That's bad, but anything else? Do you have savings, 401K, HSA? The money you have saved up could also be halved because of inflation.

Couldn't they just increase minimum wage more? Sure, with more inflation. Government mandates on money do not succeed because money is based upon actual productivity.

In 2007 Zimbabwe had a financial crisis that sent their currency out of control by trying to mandate pricing and wages through equitability. It didn't turn out well. The country had a crisis they were trying to outsmart economics,



Be intentional!

"However, Zimbabwe's peak month of inflation is estimated at 79.6 billion percent month-on-month, 89.7 sextillion percent year-on-year in mid-November 2008". By 2009 they had to stop printing money. It was worthless. People who had \$200,000 saved for retirement, in one year had enough to buy a chicken sandwich. We also know that price controls have not worked in California's housing crisis, either. Though, with nearly a million people leaving California in 2020, and the rate seems to be increasing for 2021, maybe it won't be a problem.

Would that happen here? I sure hope not, but the more money that is printed without a GDP to back it, the possibility is there.

What is the solution? The government would be better off letting workers and employers negotiate their own wages and backing off.

Areas around the nation are drastically different. The ground in NW Ohio is much more productive than in the Las Vegas. There is no such thing as equitability. You cannot make people equal unless you bring everyone down. But you can have equal opportunity. Those with ambition, great ideas, persistence, and just being able to show up on time, will do much better than those who don't. It works and has worked great for many years.

After the minimum wage of \$15 passed in the House of Representatives, the author, rep. Tlaib from Michigan, said they would immediately start writing the bill for \$20/hr minimum wage. I'm wondering why they just didn't go for \$20 to begin with? The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) recently concluded that a \$15 federal minimum wage could result in up to 3.7 million people becoming unemployed.

If financial problems can be solved by minimum wage regulations, why not just make it \$100 per hour. If that's good, then a \$1,000,000 per hour must be great! What we have here is people trying to make rules who have, for the most part, never owned, or operated a business. And unlike the Federal government, responsible business must actually have a balance sheet.

There can be a solution to this problem of not having local business or entertainment in our communities and that is to let the local communities decide for themselves what needs done and get rid of the federal minimum wage altogether. This will bring economic opportunities and competition back for the betterment of communities, employers and workers. It will allow young people to get a chance to earn something more valuable than money - experience., while still making money. If this minimum wage regulation goes through it will just put the nail in the coffin for our young people, their entrepreneurship and small town America as a whole.



SEE YA!

In Memoriam of Stan Jordan

By: Bryce Steiner

It was in 2005, just a few weeks after the West Bend News opened, that I met for the first time Stan Jordan. He had retired from the US Postal Service a couple decades earlier and now was mowing the cemetery for the village of Antwerp. He was a friend of Steve and Sue Knapp, co-founders of the West Bend News, and they brought Stan in to meet me because they thought he might be a good person to write in the paper.

I don't want to say that Stan was an immediate hit, because he wasn't with me. My thoughts were that he was an old nice guy, and I was busy trying to figure out how to start a new company. He was just turning 81 when we opened in June. However, it didn't take long for Stan and his wife, Pauline, to grow on me.

As far as I know he never learned to type and so Sue would take his hand written notes and turn them into something printable. That process was carried over by the current office manager, Crystal Rider, after Sue and Steve retired.

No one would know more than the guys who kept Stan entertained for morning coffee at the Country Times Market (now G-Mart) of his exploits and his ideas for his next story! Rollie Clem gave him a mug that he used for several years "Old Guys Rule". Oley McMichael would, unfortunately, give Stan another joke that, more than likely, I couldn't reprint. And while they were there they would solve most of the world's problems, while creating about twice as many resolved.

Over the past few months people have been stopping in to check on Stan as the articles hadn't been ran regularly. Crystal or I would tell them he was working on trying to get better. He really did want to come back in. Even at Christmas time he called me from his new iPhone that we had him get so we could com-

municate if he was at home. Imagine a 96-year old who figured out how to FaceTime! He dreaded the idea of going into a care facility because he knew that with the governor's orders people wouldn't be able to see him.

Between September and December we talked many times. He wanted to make sure that his truck was taken care of—he thought it might need a couple quarts of oil.

Stan could remember more than most of us ever would. Stan was born in June of 1924, and he grew up in one of the most difficult times of American History - The Great Depression. He would remind us regularly how they had absolutely nothing saying, "We were as poor as church mice". They would go down to the river to catch fish for their dinner.

Stan would tell us stories of his youth - so many that it would fill multiple books. I wish we would have recorded every day he was there! He would be sitting in his 1970's, 4-wheeled, ugly blue/green chair, intensely focused at writing another part of history for people to read, and all of a sudden he would break out in a song or poem! Stan could recite poetry that he learned 85 years ago - no kidding! He might mess up a couple words, but he would end up getting it perfect. At first I thought he was making it up, because some were just incredible, some not politically correct for today. I would go and search the text on the internet and would find they were actually old songs or poems! He could even recite lines from plays that he was in. He was looking forward to playing his own part in the Reservoir War play that Jane Nice wrote and to be used for the Paulding County Bicentennial reservoir marker celebration. Unfortunately, COVID turned most of 2020's plans upside down.

Thinking of the Paulding County Bicentennial, Stan utterly refused to go to the celebration that took place in February. He didn't want to be a bother as his last few years had been a struggle with a cane or walker. We ended up convincing him to go and he was personally honored by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine with a standing ovation as Paulding County's oldest living World War II Veteran.

If you kept up on Stan's writings in the West Bend News, you would know that Stan answered the call of duty when he was 18 in 1942. His Antwerp High School foot-

ball team had come off of an undefeated and unscored upon season in 1938 (team picture now in the Antwerp School) but now the world had changed drastically. He had to leave his sweetheart who he started going out with in the 7th grade, Pauline Powell, and he headed to the European front. He and his brothers, Jack and Jim, all went over to fight the tyranny taking place globally. Stan was a tank gunner in the Army. They got to Europe and found the American tanks were very much under-built compared to the German Panzer. He said they had 12" of solid steel on the front. The American tank ammunition would just bounce off. All of the American tanks that survived had to have modifications made to go back out against the Germans!

Stan was very fond of World War II. He could tell stories of how bad the food was in the mess halls, but then come back and say how much he loved the spam!

After the war, Stan came back and was hired on for the Postal Service and started sorting mail on the steam engines that ran through from St. Louis and New York. He would go one day and be back the next. After getting married to Pauline, he needed to stay back and there was an opening for a local mail carrier. Stan took the Antwerp Route and learned where everyone lived and also had a four mile area in Indiana that was part of the Antwerp delivery.

An adventurer lived in Stan - everyday his writings were the places of mountains or fighting battles on the frontier. Flying high over Germany with the Red Baron or maybe a road trip with his son, Gale, when he was a senior in high school!

Stan retired as a rural letter carrier and had a place in Florida that he and Pauline would go to. They loved Florida! He told all kinds of fishing stories with his sister, Gracie, and brother-in-law, Ray. He and his buddies would go out early and come back when the sun got hot. It was the life! I would love to tell his friends down there, but I assume that he probably out lived them.

Nature was something Stan adored. He had been a member of the Antwerp Conservation Club and thought it was a great club. He would write about eagles, bob cats, beavers, and everything else. Chad McKeever would be in regularly to show Stan old maps, pictures, animals and much more and Stan ate up every bit of it. Stan told Pastor Rick to be sure and let him know about his latest catfish catches so he could get it in the paper. Stan believed fully in the West Bend News motto - Good News for Good Communities. He made that happen!

When Stan arrived at 9 am he was ready to write, which usually involved stories or politics he heard at the restaurant. People would generally start coming in around then and want Stan to look at an old black and white picture and see if he could identify the location. He would look at it for a little bit and start talking about how the location changed with the owners, or how it burnt down and was rebuilt into something new. An hour later he would let people know he was done

by saying, "See ya", or "you come back now." He would leave around 11 for lunch at the Oasis and come back around 1 to start researching the questions people would have. Around 3 pm he would take off for the day to head home for a quick snooze before going to supper. In the evening it was all "Wheel" and Jeopardy, and then get in a baseball game. He was very sad several weeks ago when I told him that Alex Trebek died.

Stan had two "jobs" at the shop - Lord knows you better not do them when he wasn't there! He would run the shredder. He loved running the shredder. I think he only burned up two of them and was on this third! His other job was to report the gas prices at the Pop N Brew on the other side of the street! "That was the old High Speed gas station" and he would put out a notice in the paper for anyone who had pictures of something he was working on. That gas station location was one of the places of which he always wanted old pictures. People responded to Stan all the time! They would bring something in, and he would tell them if that was the location for which he had been looking. Other times he would argue and say, "NOPE! That's not around here!"

If you read any of his later posts you would have read about his 1996 Dodge Truck with the American Eagle covering the back window. He had Jarrison Steiner put that on because he loved Eagles! He was so proud of that, and everyone knew it! He would compare it to "Old Blue" - an old grain truck that was owned by the farmer across the road from him - Kenny Hahn.

Stan was always the gentleman. He made sure he looked trim and nice no matter what! Every three weeks he had his hair appointment scheduled with his granddaughter, Jessi. He would let me know when I needed to shave. Now you know why I look the way I do! I haven't had Stan reminding me lately! Stan's son Gale had three kids Mark, Jessi, and Eric, and Stan loved his grandkids very much and would mention them all the time! He made sure they were all taken care of. Stan was always generous!

Whenever we would go somewhere, and Stan loved to go anywhere, we most likely took his truck or my van. He couldn't get in and out of cars. A year and a half ago I called Stan up on Labor Day and asked if he wanted to go the festival at Oakwood. Boy, was he excited! We got there just when the parade was starting and had people volunteering to let him sit in their golf cart so he could get closer. He loved it! I pulled out the drone to record the video so we could post it, and he would tell people all about the "boss's little aeroplane". He got the royal treatment at Oakwood that day - and every day he went out!

One thing that Stan loved more than anything was food! Angel Steiner or Crystal would make baked goods, banana cream pie, eggs and bacon or anything else! Stan was not afraid of food! One person that Stan always mentioned on food was Lorsi and her pies. He could never get enough! Speaking of food, he liked going to Uncle Fudd's

PAULDING AGRICULTURE PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT FROM COOPER FOUNDATION

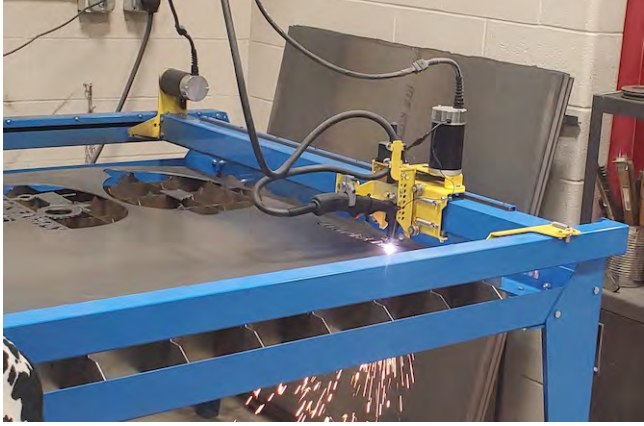


Pictured here from left to right is Mrs. Staci Miller, Ag Education teacher, Diane Cooper representing Cooper Farms and Paulding Ag students Hunter Kauser and Nolan Johanns presenting Coopers with a custom sign that was using the Plasmacam technology.

By: Staci Miller, Ag Education Teacher

The Paulding Agriculture program recently received a grant from the Cooper Foundation for the purchase of a Plasmacam. The Plasmacam is an ideal piece of equipment for vocational agriculture students to learn the techniques

use for students of all learning abilities. The Plasmacam allows students to design and cut precise metal shapes in a flash. The Plasmacam design software lets students scale an image to any size and create intricate projects. The students have been very busy learning the software and cre-



The Plasmacam machine that is running using technology to take students designs and cut them out in metal.

of operating and programming a CNC machine. This new technology enhances the overall learning experience for students by incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics STEM into our Agriculture Education program. This piece of equipment helps our students to be ready for the workforce or prepare them for their futures in agriculture or precision machining as well as many other fields that use CNC programming and design.

The Plasmacam is easy to

ating various projects from simple images to very intricate signs. This machine is truly a fundamental investment for our school and community to help prepare our students to be contributing members of society with much needed workforce skills. The students are looking forward to creating and designing many more creations with this new piece of technology. The Paulding Agriculture Education program would like to thank the Cooper Foundation for their donation to our program and school district.

in Melrose too! They would have their music and he and Steve would go there before it burned down several years ago.

When Donald Trump was elected in 2016 Stan was very upset and his writings showed that. I would get phone calls telling me not to print Stan's opinions on Donald Trump. When the politics became dangerous, Stan was not afraid to weigh in the current topic whether it was drug use, George Floyd, or anything else. Of course, I might have had to spend days on the phone or email explaining free speech, but so be it. Oley McMichael would come in and get Stan riled up about Trump, and it would get Stan's heart rate up! We figured this was a good way for Stan to get exercise! One thing that this taught me was that no matter your political opinions are - you can always communicate even when you disagree! Most of the time if Stan disagreed with you it was relatively easy to change his mind if you brought in a piece of warm apple pie with whip cream!

Stan started writing his first book, "Billy Metzger Journal" in 2010 and it was published in 2014. It takes his

adventurous mind through the west after the Civil War. It was a great project. Stan would have several weeks of articles written ahead of time or planned. He would start to complain that he had nothing to write about and get depressed, but soon we talked about something and he would say, "Yeah, I might be able to get something out of that."

He loved going places, as stated before. This past summer Antwerp Police Chief George Clemens took Stan on a field trip around town. Stan described the history of places all over and they even went to one of the canal viaducts that are still in this county. Both George and Stan and a fantastic time!

I had an opportunity that most people never had, and that was to spend nearly every day for 15+ years with Stanley Woods Jordan. God Bless you!

It was all of his consistent readers that really inspired Stan to come in everyday. Thank you to all of you! So much more could be written but I want to close with this: Stan loved life and life loved Stan!

See Ya soon Stan!
Love, Bryce

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.

There are two basic services the agency provides:

- 1 – EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
- 2 – CLAIMS ASSISTANCE – Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

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February 2021 Newsletter



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE	MRS. STOKES—ELEMENTARY	MR. LICHTY—HS/MS	ATHLETIC CALENDAR
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The second semester of the 2020-2021 school year is in full swing with many cold and snowy days before us, I would like to remind parents to have students dress warm when waiting for the bus or in preparation for the trip to school. Student drivers should be reminded that road conditions change throughout the day and caution should always be used when driving in the winter. The decision to delay or cancel school is always difficult, but the determining factor will always be the safety of our students. Appreciation goes out to our bus drivers for their difficult job of safely transporting our students to and from school each day. A reminder that delays and closings are sent out by Instant Alert and also on various television and radio stations.

A great way to beat the winter blahs is to view on your computer, our winter sporting events that take place in the Main Event gym. The events are viewable on your computer by going to YouTube.com and typing Antwerp Athletics in the search bar. A specially designed camera has been positioned in the main gym to provide this service. Radio station 102.7 FM will also live-stream and provide broadcasters for all Antwerp home varsity boys' and girls' basketball games. Visit www.my1027.org to view the games.

Looking down the road, our musical department plans to present a musical program (entitled, "Mary Poppins, Jr.") this spring that includes students in grades four through eight. Our high school age students will perform a spring musical entitled, "Guys and Dolls." We will keep you informed as to how you will be able to view and enjoy the musical talents of our students. Another major event coming this spring is the Arts Festival. The festival is currently scheduled to take place Saturday, April 17.

The annual organizational meeting for the Antwerp Local School board of education was held Thursday, January 7. Sara Schuette was re-elected President with Jayme Landers re-elected as Vice President. Returning for service on the board this year are Anita Bok, Robert Herber, and Dennis Recker. Monthly meetings in 2021 will take place the third Thursday of each month. The next regular meeting is Thursday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the board of education conference room.

Governor DeWine's recent announcement of changes to the quarantine methodology for K-12 schools has led to discussions between our local health department and school personnel with respect to application of the methodology at Antwerp Local. The revised plan is that *Middle and High School students*, (if wearing their mask properly in hallways, classrooms, and on the school bus) can be in close proximity to one another and not be quarantined if a student or staff member in close contact, tests positive for COVID-19. As for the lunch room, Middle and High School students will not be required to be quarantined due to close contact if they refrain from speaking/interacting with their fellow classmates seated on the other side of the dividers. If interaction does occur, we may have a quarantine situation.

The COVID-19 Protocols have not changed for students participating in athletic events.

Currently, there are no changes to the Protocols for *Elementary School* children with the exception of specific circumstances on the school bus. Video surveillance will be utilized to determine if quarantining is necessary.

Go Archers!
Dr. Martin A. Miller
Antwerp Local Schools Superintendent

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE SECOND QUARTER—Each homeroom in the elementary has designated their Student of the Quarter for outstanding accomplishment in areas of citizenship, academic performance, and demonstrating the Archer Way. Those selected for the second quarter include: Carter Taylor-KA, Hadley Bissell-KB, Lyric Smith-KC, Madison Muir-KD, Braxton Smith-1A, Madison Wiesehan-1B, Soren Conley-1C, Jocelyn Laker-2A, Brayden Pettijohn-2B, Edwin White-2C, Kaylyn Bennett-3A, Conner Fidler-3B, Tyler Johnson-3C, Charlotte Hook-4A, Alaina Reinhart-4B, Sarah Antoine-5A, and Anabelle Saylor-5B.

SPELLING BEE—The Paulding County Spelling Bee will be held February 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Antwerp Auditoria. Our elementary winner was Braxton Peters, who will represent us that evening. Good luck Braxton!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022—Antwerp Elementary will soon begin scheduling appointments for 2021-2022 Kindergarten screening and registration. This will be held Wednesday, April 7 and Thursday, April 8 here at Antwerp Elementary. Students must be five years old before September 30, 2021. Please call the elementary office starting March 1 at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200, to schedule your appointment.

OUTSIDE RECESS—As the temperature continues to fluctuate, please be sure students are coming to school with coats, hats, and gloves for the outdoor recess. Thank you!
~ Mrs. Tracey Stokes
Elementary Principal

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE
This month in classroom guidance, Mrs. Lichty focused on various topics throughout grades K-5. Kindergarteners listened to the book *What if a Stranger Approaches You?* Then the students and Mrs. Lichty discussed what a stranger is and how to stay safe.

In first grade, students focused on kindness. Apples were used to demonstrate what a person feels inside when he or she is not treated with kindness. Students pretended the apples were people. Kind phrases were said to one apple, and unkind phrases were said to another apple. When the apples were cut open, the apple that was spoken to with unkind words was rotten inside. The other apple was fresh and white inside. A discussion then took place on how even though a person may look fine and act fine on the outside, he or she may be hurting on the inside.

Second and third grade learned about self-esteem and how it's important to love and accept yourself. They listened to the book, *Carla's Sandwich*, and then they made their own "self-esteem sandwich" book, noting their unique qualities.

To celebrate the new year, students in grades four and five listened to the book *One Word for Kids* by Jon Gordon. Then each of them had to come up with one word to help them reflect upon how they can improve as students and individuals this year.

As always, Mrs. Lichty is available to assist any child with individual needs. Please contact her at 419-258-5421, ext. 2204.

SCHOOL SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS
One of our more recent efforts to enhance school safety involved the installation of vape detectors in our Middle and High School student restrooms. The devices resemble a smoke or carbon monoxide detector but are designed with advanced sensors that detect the chemical signature of vaping aerosol. When detected, the device immediately sends an email or text alert to school officials. The devices were funded through a grant from the Tri-County ADAMHS Board.

With second semester in progress, it's time to share a couple of reminders. We will once again be requiring struggling students to attend Summer School this year. High school students that fail at least a semester of a class (or classes) and Middle School students that fail a class for the year will be enrolled in Summer School. We plan to meet in-person at the school this summer. Parents can check their child's academic marks on ProgressBook. If you need help with your access information, please call Mrs. Lucas in the MS/HS office.

TESTING—At this point in time, the Ohio Department of Education still has Spring Testing scheduled. We plan to test on the following dates: April 14-15, April 21-22, and April 28-29. Students in grades 3-11 should avoid morning appointments on these days.

SPORTS—Archer athletics are in full swing, with many COVID-19 restrictions in place. You can catch most of the High School basketball action online. All home varsity basketball games are streamed on the My Sports 102.7 website. Junior varsity and freshman contests are streamed on the Antwerp Athletics YouTube channel.

SPELLING BEE—We will host the Paulding County Spelling Bee in our Auditoria on February 8 at 7:00. Attendance will be limited to family members only, but we want to wish good luck to 5th grader, Braxton Peters, and 8th grader, Allie Carnes as they represent our school in the bee.

ARTS—The ongoing pandemic has hit our visual and performing arts programs especially hard. We are thankful that the Marching Band and Pep Band have been able to perform at games. We are planning on having a Spring Musical and the Arts Festival this year and we are looking forward to seeing our talented students in action.
~ Mr. Travis Lichty
Middle School/High School Principal

HS/MS GUIDANCE
Applications for Vantage for the 2021-2022 school year should be completed by March 1. Visit <http://www.vantagecareercenter.com/> and click on future students for more information.

Vantage Career Center will host a Virtual Open House and Q&A session for all students and their parents on February 22. Visit www.vantagecareercenter.com for more information.

Scheduling for the 2021-2022 school will begin this month. Please talk with your child about making the best course choices. All scheduling information will be available on the website. Please contact Mrs. Hammer with scheduling questions.

The ACT will be given to all juniors on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Students will be given more information on the ACT during the month of February.

Here's What's Cooking !
MENU Feb 1-5
Mon, 2/01—Grilled Chicken on Bun, Peas, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Tues, 2/02—Cheeseburger on Bun, Diced Potatoes, Peaches, Milk
Wed, 2/03—Hot Pockets, Corn, Peaches, Milk
Thurs, 2/04—Walking Taco, Sweet Potato Fries, Pineapple, Milk
Fri, 2/05—Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk
Please remember that our menus are subject to change without notice at any time. Our full menu is available in all of our school offices and online.

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL
Jan 25 6:00 Home w/Botkins
Jan 29 6:00 Home w/Hicksville
Jan 30 6:00 @ Montpelier
Feb 5 6:00 @ Tinora
Feb 6 6:00 Home w/Edon
Feb 8 6:00 @ Woodlan
Feb 12 6:00 Home w/Holgate
Feb 13 6:00 Home w/Fairview
Feb 18 6:00 @ Hilltop

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL
Jan 28 6:00 @ Hicksville
Jan 30 2:00 @ Montpelier
Feb 1 6:00 @ North Central
Feb 2 6:00 Home w/Leipscic
Feb 4 6:00 Home w/Tinora
Feb 9 7:00 Home w/Hilltop-No JV
Feb 11 6:00 @ Holgate

FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL
Feb 2 4:30 @ Montpelier
Feb 4 4:45 Home w/Tinora
Feb 8 6:00 @ Woodlan
Feb 11 5:00 Home w/Holgate
Feb 13 TBA GMC #1 @Tinora
Feb 15 TBA GMC Semi-Final @Tinora
Feb 20 TBA GMC Finals @Tinora

FRESHMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL
Jan 25 5:00 Home w/Woodlan

JR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL
Jan 28 5:00 @ Ayersville
Feb 2 5:00 @ Continental
Feb 4 5:00 @ Hicksville
Feb 6 TBA GMC @ Holgate
Feb 8 TBA GMC @ Holgate
Feb 9 5:30 7th Tourn. @ Hicksville
Feb 11 TBA 7th Tourn. @ Hicksville
Feb 13 TBA GMC @ Holgate

VARSITY WRESTLING
Jan 30 9:30 GMC @ Fairview
Feb 2 6:00 County Tri @ Paulding
Feb 5 3:00 GMC @ Fairview
Feb 6 10:00 @ Ada
JR HIGH WRESTLING
Feb 2 6:00 County Tri @ Paulding
Feb 6 10:00 GMC @ Fairview

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 8 County Spelling Bee—7:00
Feb 15 Presidents Day—NO SCHOOL
Feb 22 Vantage Virtual Open House
Feb 23 ACT—Juniors
Mar 1 Vantage Applications Due for 21-22
Mar 12 End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 29-Apr 1 Spring Book Fair
Apr 2-5 Easter/Spring Break

EARLY CHILD SCREENINGS
Antwerp Local Schools will offer Free Early Child Screenings on March 2 and March 11 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. On March 18 screening will be available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and there will be no Preschool that day. The screenings are available for Antwerp district children from birth to 5 years and are by appointment only. Call 419-258-5421, ext. 2103, to schedule your appointment.

SPRING BOOK FAIR
The spring Book Fair will be March 29 through April 1 this year. Elementary students will be allowed to shop at the Book Fair at their Library time during the school day. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, parents and grandparents will not be allowed to come in to shop. Thank you for your understanding. We are able to receive many new books for our library by hosting the Book Fair.

SHEETS LEADS PILOTS PAST ARCHERS



Antwerp's Aewyn McMichael drives in, attempting a shot for the Archers against Ayersville. McMichael is fouled and sent to the line where she scores for the home team. Altogether Aewyn posted eight points for the home team! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - In Green Meadows Conference girls basketball action Thursday night, it was the visiting Ayersville Lady Pilots who took a five-point lead after one quarter and went on to post a 53-42 victory over host Antwerp.

The Lady Pilots led 12-7 at the end of one period but Antwerp did cut into the deficit in the second stanza, picking up 15 points compared to Ayersville's 14 in closing the gap to 26-22 at the intermis-

sion. However, the third quarter belonged to Ayersville with the Pilots bucketing 16 points and limiting Antwerp to five in expanding the margin to 42-27 entering the final stanza.

Nora Sheets led the way for Ayersville with 13 points with Ally Schindler and Kaylee Dockery both recording 11 markers while Taylor Craft posted ten.

Maci Froelich and Kacee Okuley both scored four

LATE FREE-THROWS LIFTS DJ OVER PAULDING



Senior Blake McGarvey runs into the key to deliver a beautiful layup basket for the Panthers against Jefferson. More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - Ian Wannemacher hit a pair of free throws late in the fourth quarter and visiting Delphos Jefferson made them stand

points as well for Ayersville.

Antwerp was paced by Astianna Coppes with 15 points and Aewyn McMichael chipped in eight for the Lady Archers.

Grace Schuette, Lydia Brewer and Hayleigh Jewell all had five markers for Antwerp with Molly Reinhart chipped in three points. Ali Reinhart also had a free throw to finish with one point for the blue and white.

up in a 47-45 win over Paulding in Northwest Conference boys basketball action Friday night at the 'Jungle.'

It was the maroon and white that jumped to a 17-10 lead at the end of one quarter and the Panthers still held a 28-22 halftime advantage.

Paulding continue to lead into the fourth quarter, posting a 33-29 margin at the end of three periods. However, the Wildcats rallied with an 18-point final stanza while limiting the Panthers to a dozen in rallying for the 47-45 victory.

Colin Bailey paced Del-

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NH CROWNS TWO WRESTLING CHAMPIONS AT NE8



Saturdays NE8 Conference that was held at Huntington North had two New Haven champions #145- Elijah Chacon

& # 295 Jon Loudon . New Haven placed 6th out of 8 teams at conference.

RAIDERS FALL IN TITLE GAME

EDGERTON - In the championship game of the Edgerton seventh grade tournament, it was the host Bulldogs who held off Wayne Trace for a 27-22 victory Thursday night in Williams County.

Careen Winans led the way for the Lady Raiders with 11 markers while Caroline Winans added six and Torree Sinn chipped in four.

The red, white and blue finished the season with an overall record of 17-1 while capturing the Green Meadows Conference championship with an undefeated 7-0 record.

Members of the squad included Stella Laukhuf, Addison Stoller, Caroline Winans, Careen Winans, Delana



Elijah Chacon at 145.

Noggle, Aubree Miller, Torree Sinn, Caitlyn Mead, Lexie Moore, Ryan Jay and Mylie Wittwer. Coaches of the squad were Tyler Iwinski and Kelly Davis.

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<p>Individuals 70 years of age and older</p>	<p>Call February 1st-2nd to schedule</p> <p>First Dose: February 3rd</p> <p>Second Dose: March 5th</p>
<p>Individuals 65 years of age and older</p>	<p>Call February 8th-9th to schedule</p> <p>First Dose: February 10th</p> <p>Second Dose: March 22th</p>

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

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic 419-399-1160

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RAIDERS WIN KEY CONFERENCE TILT OVER EDGERTON



Wayne Trace Junior Trevor Sinn takes a shot from the 3-point area only to be fouled on the shot! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - The Wayne Trace Raiders defended their home turf at the Palace last Friday as they squeezed past the Edgerton Bulldogs 50-41. The GMC win keeps the Raiders (11-3, 3-1) on top of the league along with Antwerp (11-1, 2-1) with both teams sporting just one loss. The rest of the conference teams each have at least two losses at this point of the season.

The Raiders held a slim one-point lead over the Bulldogs, 10-9, after the initial eight-minutes of play but managed to widen their lead to start the second quarter. The one-point lead quickly swelled to nine at 18-9 when Cameron Sinn dialed in from behind the arc. The Raiders eventually stretched their lead to double-digits following a three-pointer from Grayson McClure and a two-point goal from freshman Kyle Stoller. Wayne Trace found themselves on top 23-11. Just prior to the end of the first half McClure made good on another "triple" to send the red, white, and blue to the locker room in control 27-14. After holding a slim one-point lead after the first quarter of play the Raiders owned the second frame by outscoring the Bulldogs 17-5.

In the second half Edgerton came out of the gate inspired and ready to challenge the Raiders. A 14-6 Bulldog run had the visitors securing the momentum and trailing by just five at 33-28. The Raiders would regain their composure, scoring the final four points of the third quarter to enter the final eight-minutes of play on top 37-28. However, the Bulldogs did not go away.

Near the midway point of the quarter Edgerton's Corey Everetts drained a two-pointer to pull the visitors within four--45-41. But for the Bulldogs, Everetts basket would be Edgerton's final points of the contest. The Raiders would hold the Bulldogs scoreless while scoring the final five points of the contest.

The Raiders were led in scoring by the freshman duo of Kyle Stoller and Brooks

Laukhuf. Stoller finished with 15 points along with six rebounds and three steals. Laukhuf bucketed 12 points for the winners. Trevor Sinn chipped in seven with team mate Grayson McClure adding six points and four boards. Trevor Speice added five points, seven rebounds and three assists while Cameron Sinn added five points to round out the Raider's scoring.

Edgerton was led in scoring by Noah Landel with 14 points along with eight rebounds. Everetts finished with eight points, five assists and seven boards with Craig Blue chipping in seven.

RAMS TAKE GMC TOURNEY TITLE

HAVILAND - A late second quarter run propelled the Tinora Rams to the 2021 Green Meadows Conference Eighth Grade Girls Basketball Tournament Champi-

onship with a 31-17 win over Wayne Trace Monday night at the 'Palace.'

The two squads were tied at 8-8 after one quarter and Tinora held a slim 12-10 lead with two minutes left in the first half.

However, the green and white scored six straight points to close the half and open the margin to 18-10 at the break. After each team scored three points in the third quarter to put Tinora on top 21-13, the green and white sealed the title with a ten-point fourth quarter and post the 31-17 victory.

Nova Okuley led the way for Tinora with 13 points while Julia Durfey added seven and Kenzi Nagel posted six. Amelia Coy (three) and Aaliyah Domoroff (two) completed the Tinora scoring.

Kathlyn Stoller and Tianna Sinn each bucketed six points for Wayne Trace with Harper Myers posting three and Anna Meraz bucketing two.

Wayne Trace's eighth grade team finishes with a record of 12-6 while capturing a Green Meadows Conference regular season championship after finishing league play at 7-0. Members of the squad include Harper Myers, Tori Young, Allison Noggle, Anna Meraz, Tianna Sinn, Kathlyn Stoller, Brooke Miller and Cailyn Scarberry. Kelly Davis and Tyler Iwinski are the squad's coaches.

KNIGHTS CRUISE PAST WARRIORS

WOODBURN - The Norwell Lady Knights jumped in front early and never looked back in rolling to a 73-48 win over Woodlan Monday night in non-league girls basketball action.

Norwell took a 13-3 advantage after one quarter and the Knights expanded the margin to 30-17 at the intermission. The visiting Lady Knights then grabbed a 50-33 lead entering the final stanza.

Maiah Shelton topped Norwell with 30 points and Kaylee Fuelling chipped in 25 markers for the Lady Knights. Grace Bradtmueller and Kennedy Fuelling each scored five markers for Norwell followed by Skyla Tomasek (four), Mackenzie Toliver (three) and Emily Todd (one).

Dakota Krohn paced Woodlan with 17 points and Avah Smith also reached double digits with 15.

Other scorers for the Lady Warriors were Addie Goheen (four), Rachel Emehiser (three), Lydia Dyer (three), Ella Smith (two), Alicia McMahan (two) and Hannah Dietel (two).

Woodlan will host Concordia in a non-league battle on Tuesday before the Warriors travel to Prairie Heights on Thursday.

YAHRAUS LIFTS LOCOS PAST PANTHERS

PAULDING - Tylor Yahraus scored 27 points and hit a three-pointer at the buzzer in overtime to lift the Montpelier Locomotives past Paulding 56-53 Saturday night in a non-league boys basketball contest at the 'Jungle.'

The Locomotives led 11-9 at the end of one period and pushed the margin to 21-16 at the intermission.

After Montpelier widened the advantage to 34-28 entering the fourth quarter, the host Panthers put up 20 points in the fourth period to rally and tie the game at 48-48 at the end of regula-

WOODLAN OUTSCORES PRAIRIE HEIGHTS TO TAKE WIN



Woodlan's Alex Miller had a fantastic game against the Panthers when he scored 17 points against the Panthers on Tuesday, January 19. Miller scores a 3 point basket in this picture in the first quarter. The Warriors started strong with scoring leader Joe Reidy posting 21 points. The boys continued from the beginning on top and didn't let up to win the game 63-49. More pictures at westbendnews.net

tion. Tied at 53-53 in the extra session, Yahraus then gave Montpelier the win with a three-pointer at the overtime buzzer.

Garrett Walz added 17 markers for Montpelier, which improves to 7-5 on the season.

Blake Altaffer contributed eight points for the Williams County squad while

Jamison Grime and David Bowman posted two markers apiece.

Paulding was paced by Blake McGarvey with 18 points and Payton Beckman chipped in 17 markers for the Panthers.

Hunter Kauser, Boston Pease and Nick Manz all scored five markers for the maroon and white and Zach Gorrell posted three.

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PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL SOM ANNOUNCED



Paulding High School January House Students of the Month are from left to right: Lynelle Schneider - House Palmarium, Grady Vogel - House Excellentia, Jacob Lipps - House VVV, and Ronnie Goodwin - House Stupendum.

PANTHERS RALLY FROM EARLY DEFICIT TO BEAT VVV

PAULDING - After trailing by two points at the end of one period, the Paulding Lady Panthers rallied for a 59-46 win over visiting Van Wert Tuesday night at the 'Jungle.'

The visiting Cougars took a 13-11 lead at the end of one quarter but the maroon and white would answer in the second stanza.

Paulding responded with 13 second quarter points and limited Van Wert to six as the Lady Panthers grabbed a 24-19 halftime advantage.

In the third period, the maroon and white picked up 16 more points compared to

a dozen for the Cougars as Paulding expanded the margin to 40-31 at the end of three periods.

The Lady Panthers then put the game away in the final eight minutes of action, outscoring the Cougars to seal the 59-46 victory.

Leigha Egnor topped Paulding with 23 points while Sadie Estle added 13 and Janae Pease recorded ten markers.

Jalynn Parrett and Claire Schweller wrapped up the Panther scoring with eight and five points, respectively. Paulding improves to 11-4 on the season with the win.

Sofia Houg paced Van Wert with 23 points while Allison Schaufelberger finished with 11 points. Jaylyn Rickard

finished with six markers for the Cougars followed by Kyra Welch (four) and Kayla Krites (two).

RAIDERS CAPTURE WRAP UP UNDEFEATED TITLES

HAVILAND - Wayne Trace's eighth and seventh grade basketball teams both captured the regular season title in the Green Meadows Conference after wins over Ayersville Tuesday.

The Lady Raider seventh graders wrapped up a 15-0 regular season with a 21-17 win over the Pilots.

Addison Stoller topped the red, white and blue with eight points while Caren Winans added five and Lexi Moore chipped in four.

Ariel Brown topped the Pilots with eight points followed by Kendra Waldron with five and Kali Sprow posted four.

Wayne Trace's eighth grade also defeated the Pilots, recording a 32-14 victory.

Tianna Sinn topped the red, white and blue with ten markers and Allison Noggle added seven. Harper Myers, Anna Meraz and Kathleen Stoller all had five points for Wayne Trace as well.

Harmony Gerken paced Ayersville with seven points and Anna Alvarado finished with three. Kelsey Clark and Ariel Brown each recorded two for the Lady Pilots.

Both the Raider seventh and eighth grade squads ended the year with perfect records of 7-0 in Green Meadows Conference play.

JETS SQUEAK BY PATRIOTS

MONROE - Host Adams Central outscored visiting Heritage in each of the first

three quarters and then held on in the final period as the Flying Jets posted a 58-52 victory over the Patriots in the opening round of the ACAC tourney Tuesday night.

Adams Central took an 11-8 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before the Flying Jets outscored Heritage 15-11 in the second stanza, taking a 26-19 advantage at the intermission.

The hosts then won the third quarter as well, picking up 17 points compared a dozen for Heritage as Adams Central expanded the margin to 43-31 at the end of three periods.

In the final quarter, the Lady Patriots posted 21 points but the rally came up short as Adams Central held on for a 58-52 victory.

Ella Bickel topped Heritage with 22 points and seven rebounds while Claire Bickel and Kendall Zelt both posted 15 markers.

Claire Bickel, Shelby Schane and Lydia Schultz all grabbed three boards for Heritage with Zelt and Schane both dishing out four assists. Claire Bickel also had three assists for the Lady Patriots.

Ella Bickel, Abby Zelt and Raelyn Mullins each posted two steals as well for Heritage.

RAIDERS USE LONG BALL TO BOUNCE PAST FORT JENNINGS

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - After an emotional win on Friday night when the Raiders eked out a one-point buzzer-beating win over No. 1 ranked Antwerp, the Wayne Trace Raiders were back in action the following night. With little turn-around time the Raiders responded with a hard-fought win over Fort Jennings 69-63.

Playing at the Palace, the Raiders enjoyed some torrid shooting from three-point land. Wayne Trace connected on 14-27 for a sizzling 52 percent behind the arc. While the Raiders seemed to be dialed in from long range, the red, white, and blue managed just 3-12 inside the arc.

The Raiders led 12-11 after the first quarter of play and then became an offensive machine during the middle two quarters scoring a total of 49 points. With the offen-

98TH ANNUAL SCHOLASTIC ART COMPETITION



Pictured here are (back row l-r) Silver Key winner 8th grader Luke Stouffer, Honorable Mention recipient senior Della Miesle Stokes, Honorable Mention recipient senior Jacob Stouffer, (front row l-r) Gold Key winner senior Alena Denny, Silver Key winner junior Haylee Finfrock, and honorable mention recipient sophomore Mallory Moore.

Fourteen Wayne Trace students submitted artwork for this year's 98th annual Scholastic Art competition, and six of our students received recognition for their outstanding work. Their prints, paintings, drawing, graphic design, and digital art will be on display at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art from February 14 through April 10. Senior Alenda Denny's printmaking piece, 23 Lives, received Gold Key recognition and will be moving on to



national judging which will take place in March.

sive surge the Raiders entered the final period with a comfortable 20-point margin 61-41. However, the Musketeers never quit and whittled away at the Raider's advantage, outscoring their opponent 22-8 before falling by six 69-63. With the win the Raiders improve their overall record to 10-3 while Fort Jennings falls to 3-6.

The Raiders produced balanced scoring with three in double digits led by Trevor Sinn and Grayson McClure each with 15. Brooks Laukhuf added 14 for the winners. Also hitting the scoring column was Cameron Graham with nine, Cam Sinn chipping in seven, Trevor Speice with six and Garrett Williamson adding three.

Leading the Musketeers attack was Ryan Horstman with 21 to lead all scorers followed by 19 points from Zach Schulte and Jon Grote adding 14. Nick Trentman finished with six and Cody Horstman added three to complete Fort

Jennings scoring. Fort Jennings won the battle of the boards 25-21 while in the turnover department the Musketeers totaled 16 miscues to just 12 for the Raiders.

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tal, Paulding Kwik Mart

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Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Scott's Post Office

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

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Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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

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

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

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

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VANTAGE CELEBRATES WINTER SPORTS SPIRIT DAY



Vantage student athletes from all 13 school districts were recognized on Winter Sports Spirit Day. Athletes among the group participate in basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, swim team, pep band or even quiz bowl. Vantage students gain advanced skills and training, graduating with industry recognized credentials, while maintaining an active home school connection in sports and other extracurricular activities. Wishing all of our student athletes and associate school districts continued success in your winter sports season!

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES FORECLOSURE MORATORIUM AND MORTGAGE FORBEARANCE DEADLINE EXTENSION THAT WILL BRING RELIEF TO RURAL RESIDENTS

In one of his first acts in office, President Joe Biden requested federal agencies to extend eviction and foreclosure moratoriums for millions of Americans. In response, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced an extension of eviction and foreclosure moratoriums on USDA Single Family Housing Direct and Guaranteed loans (SFHDL and SFHGLP) through March 31, 2021. The actions announced will bring relief to residents in rural America who have housing loans through USDA.

USDA recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has triggered an almost unprecedented housing affordability crisis in the United States. 1 in 10 homeowners with a mortgage are behind on payments. In addition to the actions taken, the Biden Administration looks forward to working with Congress to take more robust and aggressive actions to bring additional relief to American families and individuals impacted by the pandemic.

Visit www.rd.usda.gov/coronavirus for additional information on USDA's Rural Development COVID-19 relief efforts application deadline extensions and more. USDA Rural Development will keep our customers, partners and stakeholders

continuously updated as additional actions are taken to bring relief and development to rural America.

Foreclosure Moratorium Extension:

The actions announced make it possible for the foreclosure and eviction moratorium announced by USDA, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program (SFHGLP) and the Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program (SFHGLP) on August 28, 2020, to be extended until March 31, 2021. The moratorium does not apply in cases where USDA or the servicing lender has documented the property is vacant or abandoned.

Forebearance Requirements:

Lenders should continue to provide impacted borrowers relief in accordance with the CARES Act by offering forbearance of the borrower guaranteed loan payment for up to 180 days. In addition, the initial forbearance period may be extended up to an additional 180 days at the borrower's request. Lenders should outline potential solutions that may be available at the end of the forbearance payment and explain to borrowers that a lump sum payment of the arrearage will not be required.

During the forbearance options outlined above, no accrual of fees, penalties or interest may be charged to the borrower beyond the amounts calculated as if the borrower had made all contractual payments in a timely fashion.

Lenders may approve the

initial 180-day COVID-19 Forbearance no later than the earlier of the termination date of the national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020 or March 31, 2021.

Post Forbearance Options:

Upon completion of the forbearance, the lender shall work with the borrower to determine if they can resume making regular payments and, if so, either offer an affordable repayment plan or term extension to defer any missed payments to the end of the loan. If the borrower is unable to resume making regular payments, the lender should evaluate the borrower for all available loss mitigation options outlined in HB-1-3555. The special relief measured that are outlined in Chapter 18 Section 5 "Assistance in Natural Disasters" will apply. These options include Term Extensions, Capitalization and Term Extensions, and a Mortgage Recovery Advance.

Questions regarding program policy and this announcement may be directed to the National Office Division at sfhgplServicing@usda.gov or (202) 720-1452.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

half both teams picked up their scoring with Wayne Trace scoring 15 points in the third stanza to 14 points for the Wildcats. Wayne Trace entered the fourth quarter holding a slim 31-27 advantage. Both teams played even in the final eight minutes of play with each squad scoring 19 points apiece to give the red, white, and blue the four point win 50-46.

The Raiders were led in scoring by Katrina Stoller, who scored nearly half her team's points, finishing with 24. Katrina connected on 8-13 of her two-point goals and 8-9 at the free throw line along with a solid job a defensively with five steals. Rachel Stoller finished with 11 points and led the team with six rebounds.

Also scoring for the victorious Raiders was Gracie Shepherd with seven points, Sydnee Sinn adding five and Christina Graham chipping in three.

Delphos Jefferson placed two in double-digits with Josie McGue leading the way with 14 and Aly Lindeman finishing with 11. Liv Lindeman added nine, Lauren French eight along with a game high 11 rebounds. Kaylee Buzard chipped in two points along with nine boards and Mallory Bridges two points.

ARCHERS DOMINATE IN WIN OVER PILOTS

DEFIANCE – Antwerp limited host Ayersville to only four points in the first quarter and the Archers cruised from there for a 54-28 victory for the Archers Friday night.

The Archers led 16-4 at the end of eight minutes of action and Antwerp took a 23-13 lead into the locker room at the halftime break.

Antwerp expanded the margin to 36-23 at the end of three periods before putting the game away with an 18-point fourth quarter.

Jagger Landers led a balanced Archer attack with 14 points while Austin Lichty and Luke Krouse also reached double digits with 12 and 10 markers, respectively.

Parker Moore chipped in six for the blue and white followed by Owen Sheedy (five), Kaden Recker (four) and Luke Brewer (three).

Ryan Clark topped Ayersville with 11 points and Jakob Trevino posted eight markers. Other scorers for the Pilots were Kallen Brown (four), Tyson Schlachter (three) and Weston McGuire (two).

PATRIOTS DROP PAIR TO TIGERS, BULLDOGS

BLUFFTON – Heritage came up on the short end of a pair of girls basketball games last week as the Lady Patriots fell to Bluffton and New Haven.

In league play at Bluffton, the host Tigers opened a four-point lead after one quarter and never looked back in recording a 51-44 victory over the Patriots.

Bluffton was on top 13-9 at the end of eight minutes of action before expanding the lead to 26-20 at the halfway point of the contest.

The Lady Tigers posted 16 third quarter points compared to Heritage's 15 as Bluffton took a 42-35 margin into the final period.

Each team then scored nine points in the fourth

quarter as the Lady Tigers settled on the 51-44 victory.

At New Haven, the Lady Bulldogs outscored Heritage in each of the four quarters as New Haven posted a 50-35 victory over the Patriots.

Ella Bickel led the way for Heritage with a dozen markers while Shelby Schane added eight and Claire Bickel chipped in six.

Kendall Zelt posted four points for the Lady Patriots with Abby Zelt and Raelyn Mullins bucketed two apiece.

Schane and Kendall Zelt both totaled six rebounds for Heritage with Abby Zelt and Ella Bickel each grabbing five boards. Lydia Schultz had a pair of assists and Claire Bickel picked up two steals for Heritage as well.

BUILDING BONDS THROUGH COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

ARCHBOLD, OHIO – Jim Drewes, Executive Vice President for Workforce Development at Northwest State Community College always says, "Collaboration is an easy thing to say, but difficult to do." In the case of Paulding County, that doesn't apply as Paulding High School, OhioMeansJobs-Defiance and Paulding County, Paulding County Economic Development, and Northwest State Community College have come together to offer a group of learners a welding course starting January 19.

The offering will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. utilizing the wonderful welding facilities at the high school. The instructor for the course is Paulding High School FFA Teacher Staci Miller. The class will run for 16-weeks, and will enable learners to gain valuable experience in topics like, welding specifications, symbols, blueprints, equipment and operations, and basic welding processes. Northwest State Community College is also supporting the initiative with textbooks, college curriculum, smocks, and welding helmets.

When asked about the goal for this course, Paulding High School Principal Chris

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681

Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
FIRST FINANCIAL BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.

PEGGY I. WOLFLE, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 20 034.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above-named County, on Thursday, the 25th day of February, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., the real estate located at:

202 South Coupland Street, Paulding
Parcel Number: 30-10S-001-00

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.

Said premises appraised at Thirty Thousand and No/100 (\$30,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 11th day of March, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued.

The successful bidder will have 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 30 days to file a written motion requesting the sale shall 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 90 days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers

Paulding County, Ohio

www.pauldingohsheriff.com

Benjamin N. Hoen, Attorney for Plaintiff

Real Estate Taxes Are Due
Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Mobile Home Tax are Due
Monday, March 1, 2021

Failure To Receive Tax Bill Will
Not Avoid Penalty or Interest Charges.

Due to the Covid19 pandemic, tax collection will be somewhat different for the first half collection this year. Our goal is to make collections as seamless and smooth as possible; and safe for you, the land owner as well as the staff in the Treasurer's Office. There is a new drop box along the sidewalk on the East side of the courthouse; we strongly encourage you to use this drop box.

If you would like to bring your payment into the office, there will be restrictions that will be necessary to follow:

- Your temperature will be checked at the door by the Security Deputy Sheriff
- We are "strongly recommending" that you wear some type of facial covering
- Please respect the Social Distancing, maintaining 6' between customers
- No more than 2 people will be allowed in the office at one time
- Please refrain from bringing children into the office
- If you need to visit another office while in the courthouse make sure you call ahead to set up an appointment
- OUR OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 4:00 PM, to clean & sanitize (notice the time please)

You still have the option of mailing your payment. We accept check and/or money order. If you require a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If this is not included, we will not mail you a receipt.

I would also like to share a new option for you to pay your taxes online. I have partnered with Point & Pay, an online payment system, this option does include fees to the landowner, but if you are interested please visit pauldingcountytreasurer.com for more information, go to the direct website at <https://client.pointandpay.net/web/PauldingCountyTreasurer>, or go directly to the web site at <https://client.pointandpay.net/web/PauldingCountyTreasurer>

Paulding County Treasurer • Lou Ann Wannemacher

Phone: 419-399-8280

Office Hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

Paulding High School, and the Economic Development office have provided a new welding class for students in our county." Tim is hopeful that this offering will lead to more communication with local businesses on their needs. "With success, we hope this will encourage businesses to identify even more skills that can also be taught within the county."

Northwest State Community College is an accredited two-year, state-assisted institution of higher education that has served northwest Ohio since 1969. Northwest State is committed to providing a quality, affordable education with personal attention and small class sizes. The College offers associate degrees with numerous transfer options, short-term certificate programs, and workforce training programs designed to meet the needs of local businesses and industries. For more information, visit NorthwestState.edu or call 419.267.5511.

REMOTE WORK MAY OFFER FINANCIAL BENEFITS

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have been forced to work from home. But once we've moved past the virus, many workers may continue working from home. More than one-third of companies with employees who started working from home now think that remote work will stay more common post-pandemic, according to a Harvard Business School study. This shift to at-home work can affect people's lives in many ways - and it may end up providing workers with some long-term financial advantages.

If you're one of those who will continue working remotely, either full time or at least a few days a week, how might you benefit? Here are a few possibilities:

Reduced transportation costs - Over time, you can spend a lot of money commuting to and from work. The average commuter spends \$2,000 to \$5,000 per year on transportation costs, including gas, car maintenance, public transportation and other expenses, depending on where they live, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. If you are going to work primarily from home, you should be able to greatly reduce these costs.

Potentially lower car insurance premiums - Your auto insurance premiums are partially based on how many miles you drive each year. So, if you were to significantly reduce these miles by working from home, you might qualify for lower rates.

Lower expenditures on lunches - If you typically eat lunch in restaurants or get takeout while at work, you could easily be spending \$50 or more per week - even more if you regularly get coffee drinks to go. By these figures,

you could end up spending around \$3,000 a year. Think how much you could reduce this bill by eating lunch at home during your remote workday.

Lower clothing costs - Despite the rise in "casual dress" days, plenty of workers still need to maintain appropriate office attire. By working from home, you can "dress down," reducing your clothing costs and dry-cleaning bills.

As you can see, it may be possible for you to save quite a bit of money by working from home. How can you use your savings to help meet your long-term financial goals, such as achieving a comfortable retirement?

For one thing, you could boost your investments. Let's suppose that you can save \$2,500 each year by working remotely. If you were to invest this amount in a tax-deferred account, such as an IRA or your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan and earned a hypothetical 6% annual return for 20 years, you'd accumulate more than \$97,000 - and if you kept going for an additional 10 years, you'd have nearly \$210,000. You'd eventually pay taxes on the amount you withdrew from these accounts (and withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty), but you'd still end up pretty far ahead of where you'd be otherwise.)

You also might use part of your savings generated by remote work to help build an emergency fund containing a few months' worth of living expenses. Without this fund, you might be forced to dip into your retirement accounts to pay for something like a major home repair.

Becoming an at-home worker will no doubt require some adjustments on your part - but, in strictly financial terms, it could lead to some positive results.

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

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

AVOID SCAMS RELATED TO COVID-19 WITH EASY-TO-REMEMBER TIPS

Paulding County - Public health in Paulding County are cautioning people to avoid potential fraud related to COVID-19.

During these times when we have a lot of outreach and information regarding COVID-19 vaccines, contact tracing, etc., there are some basic rules we want you to be aware of.

Paulding County Health Department representatives may reach out via phone as part of COVID-19 response activities such as vaccine distribution and scheduling, testing and contact tracing. They will leave a message if they're unable to reach someone.

Paulding County Health

Department may call and request some personal information as part of its response activities, including a person's birthdate, address, and contacts with other people, if they have COVID-19 or may have been in contact with someone who is positive. Health Department representatives will not ask for any sort of payment in order to register for a COVID-19 vaccine or be placed on a list to receive a vaccine. Some vaccine providers may request health insurance information.

Health Department representatives will not ask for your bank account, credit card number or Social Security number. If you have concerns that a call you receive is not legitimate, ask for the caller's name and phone number, hang up, and call Paulding County Health Department at 419-399-3921 to verify their identity.

You can also make sure that you access legitimate information online by directly visiting the websites for trusted sources, such as Paulding County Health Department (www.pauldingcountyhealth.com) the Ohio Department of Health (www.odh.ohio.gov) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov).

By taking a few simple steps to safeguard your information and relying on only trusted sources, you can give yourself the best chance to get access to vaccine quickly when you are eligible, as well as protecting yourself from being a victim of potential fraud.

For more information on avoiding consumer fraud and scams, go to the Ohio Attorney General's website at www.OhioProtects.org or call 1-800-282-0515.

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

MINUTES FOR THE WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 1/4/21

The meeting began at 7:00pm. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker as well as Councilmen Voirol, Martin, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. The meeting was held remote and monitored by Kaleb from Reliance.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.
Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: The mayor mentioned that the open full-time officer position has been offered to our current reserve officer, Officer Evans, who has accepted. The mayor then swore in Officer Evans in person at City Hall. The mayor mentioned that the clothing bank is looking for a new location and brought up a suggestion that was brought to him that perhaps, the clothing bank could use the old American Legion property, at least for the interim. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to proceed as proposed, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. Details on amounts to be charged for this space and the utilities within will be determined at a later date. The mayor discussed as to the desired outcome regarding the Crown Victoria PD squads and after discussion, it was determined that one is decommissioned now and that once the new squad is ready for street use, the second one will be decommissioned at which time both decommissioned vehicles will be taken to auction for sale. The mayor went over details regarding a proposal from A & Z involving the plotting of Bald Cypress Road.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the December 31st meeting. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to accept the minutes from the December 31st meeting as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor, except Councilman Gerig, who abstains. Warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Watts mentioned that there are several cars that are collecting in the alley next to a property on Main Street with which

the owner has been asked to avoid doing at this point. The mayor mentioned that the city will reach out to the owner for a mutual solution. Councilman Watts mentioned that the Edgerton/Carson ditch has cleanup work that has now begun.

Audience: Nothing to report.
Councilman Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

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

PC DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETING

The January meeting of the Paulding County Democratic Party was held on the 12th at 7pm. This was a joint in-person/ZOOM meeting with many members present.

- approved a few outstanding invoices related to the previous election and annual dues.

- created a new committee that was presented and created. The Traveling Bookfair Educational Committee is Chaired by Jack Daeger with Randy and Pam Daeger, Aden Baker, and Brandon Wobler assisting. The goal is to gather donated books on the subject of Civics and Government issues and have them distributed throughout the county. (Jack attends Paulding elementary)

- announced the position for Board of Elections member, term to begin in March 2021, will be determined at the February meeting. Interested people should contact Chairman Wobler.

- had an open discussion about the future of our county and communities. There is a need for people to speak up and to get involved with their local politics. Many Local positions will be up for election this year and the process only works when people are on the ballot.

FROST SEEDING COVER CROPS

By: James J. Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Services

Frost seeding is broadcasting cover crop seed over a frozen soil surface and letting the freezing and thawing incorporate the seed into the soil profile. For hard seed (seed that is difficult to germinate), the freezing and thawing may break down the seed coat and improve germination. Most small grain fields (wheat, oats, barley, spelt) can be frost seeded but also fields that either had a poor cover crop stand or were not planted in the fall can also be frost seeded. Generally, small grain fields that have less than ideal stands are the best candidates for frost seeding cover crops. When the small grain crop is thick and yields are high, there is little sunlight and the grain competes with cover crop establishment.

There are several benefits to frost seeding. Soil damage is minimized by driving on frozen ground with lighter vehicles. Small tractors and ATV's with broadcast spreaders can cover a lot of ground very efficiently, which saves fuel. The best time to frost seed is early morning, sometimes before or just as the sun rises. The frost seeding window can be short before the soil starts to smear. The freezing and thawing incorporates the seed naturally, giving good seed-to soil contact and minimizes the need for tillage. Damage to the grain crop is minimized because the leaves are frozen. Spreaders need to be calibrated and watch the spreader

width. Generally, spread seed when the wind is calm to get good coverage.

Weeds love bare soil, so an emerging, growing cover crop generally provides competition to weeds and reduces weed pressure. Usually there is not a lot of top growth biomass but more below ground biomass which stimulates microbial activity and increases nutrient availability. Other benefits include improved soil structure to relieve soil compaction, improved drainage, reduced soil erosion, improved water quality and it provides some wildlife food and shelter.

Spring planted cover crops (Mid-February through April) is a great time to plant cover crops early. Early spring planted cover crops can have 40-60 days of growth before another crop is planted (corn, soybeans) or 90-120 days of growth if inter-seeded into a grain crop (oats, wheat, barley). Frost seeded cover crops should be able to tolerate low and freezing spring temperatures (32oF to 42oF). The goal is plant cool season cover crops that germinate quickly in the spring at low soil temperatures and cover crops that can tolerate cold or freezing night time temperatures. The best time to frost seed is on top of snow or when there at least 4-5 expected frost/melting events remaining to allow adequate seed incorporation. Broadcasting on 2-3 inches of snow makes it easy to see the broadcast seed pattern but avoid deep snow (GT 8 inches) because seed may be lost during snow melt off. Clay and loamy soils can be effectively frost seeded but avoid sandy soils which may not have enough moisture for seed germination.

The best cover crops to consider are the clovers (red, crimson, balansa, berseem, sweet), peas, lentils, some brassicas (radish, kale, rape, turnips), and grasses (oats, barley, cereal rye) and flax. Oats and flax are highly mycorrhizal, promoting beneficial fungus in the soil. Oats

is a great nurse crop that makes manganese available and reduce many diseases.

The clovers, peas, and lentils can supply extra nitrogen if properly inoculated. Cover crops prime the soil for the next crop and add soil organic matter. Consult the Midwest Cover Crops Field guide for frost seeding rates. If you want to frost seed cover crops, plan to order or acquire seed now because it may take several weeks to acquire cover crop seed.

To increase germination on hard seed like clovers, double or triple bag the seed in burlap bags and tightly close the bag. Soaks the seeds in the burlap bags for three days in pond or stream water. Then spread the seed out to dry to remove excess moisture and then broadcast the seed within 3 days. The microbes in the pond water break down the seed coat and greatly improves germination.

Frost seeding can be risky. Successful stands depend on adequate moisture, good seed to soil contact, and good spring growth. In small grains, sometimes the cover crop may outgrow or compete with the main crop, reducing crop yields. Some cover crops may even try to go to seed. Adding a spring cover crop though generally adds soil diversity and improves soil health.

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phos Jefferson with 14 points and Trent Teman bucketed 11 for the Wildcats. Wannemacher also chipped in ten points for Delphos Jefferson.

Damon Wiltsie added seven markers for the Wildcats followed by Logan Gallmeier (three) and Andrew Miller (two).

Paulding was paced by Payton Beckman with 22 points while Hunter Kauser and Blake McGarvey both bucketed seven markers. Boston Pease (five), Nick Manz (three) and Christian Bauer (one) were the other Panther scorers.

PUBLIC NOTICE HOSPITAL BOARD APPLICATIONS

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

Heather Barnhouse, Clerk

by Order
Board of County Commissioners, Paulding County, Ohio
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PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL SENDS MORE VOLUNTEERS TO FOOD PANTRY



Paulding Middle School 8th grade boys' basketball team members volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry on Saturday, January 16th. Shown in the picture from left to right are Peyton Manz, Kane Jones, Coach Zach Ricker, Carter Evans, and Luke Beckman.

RAMS, RAIDERS ADVANCE TO TITLE GAME

HAVILAND - The Green Meadows Conference eighth grade girls basketball tournament semifinals took place at Wayne Trace High School on Saturday with Tinora and Wayne Trace advancing to the championship game.

The Rams and Raiders will meet in the championship game on Monday, January 18th.

In the first semifinal, the Lady Rams outscored Fairview in every quarter to post a 27-18 win over the Apaches.

Tinora led 6-3 at the end of one quarter and expanded the margin to 13-9 at the intermission. The green and white then pushed the margin to 20-12 at the end of three periods.

Nova Okuley topped the Tinora effort with 13 points and Aaliyah Dombroff chipped in seven markers. Julia Durfey and Emma Bailey completed the scoring with six points and one point, respectively. The Lady Rams improve to 14-3 on the season with the victory.

Kortney Grinnell paced Fairview with five points and Kayla Mavis added four. Jayci Schooley (three), Cheyenne Zeedyk (two), Summer Hiler (two) and Bethany Shininger (two) rounded out the scoring for the Lady Apaches, who close the year with a record of 13-4.

The second semifinal saw host Wayne Trace break open a third quarter tie to pull away and defeat Antwerp 20-13.

Wayne Trace held a slim 5-4 lead at the end of one period before the Raiders ex-

tended the margin to 10-6 at the half-way point.

The Lady Archers answered by scoring six of the eight third quarter points to knot the game at 12-12 entering the final stanza.

Quarter number four was dominated by the Raiders as Wayne Trace bucketed eight of the nine markers in the period to post the 20-13 victory.

Anna Meraz led the way for the red, white and blue with ten points and Tiana Sinn added five markers. Harper Myers chipped in three and Kathlyn Stoller recorded the remaining two points for the Raiders, who improve to 12-5.

Jessica Thornell bucketed seven points to lead Antwerp with Faith Clem adding four and Caroline Rohrs chipping in two. The Lady Archers finish the year with a record of 5-6.

MUSTANGS RALLY IN FOURTH FOR WIN OVER PANTHERS

LAFAYETTE - Trailing by four points heading into the final quarter, the Allen East Mustangs doubled up visiting Paulding to rally for a 67-58 win over the Panthers in Northwest Conference action Friday night.

The Panthers took a 20-12 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before extended the advantage to 31-21 at the midway point of the contest.

Allen East cut into the deficit in the third quarter, picking up 20 points in the period compared to Paulding's 14 as the Mustangs

trimmed the Panther lead to 45-41 entering the final quarter.

However, the Mustangs dominated the fourth period by outscoring Paulding 26-13 in the quarter to rally for the nine-point victory.

Garrett Newland led the way for Allen East with 18 points with Gabe Criblez adding 14 and Tyler Clum chipped in 11. Braden Crumrine posted eight markers for the Mustangs with Keaton Miller and Kaden Armstrong finished with six each. Jacob Hershberger scored the remaining four Allen East points.

The Mustangs are now 8-4 overall on the season and 1-2 in the Northwest Conference.

Blake McGarvey scored 16 points and Hunter Kauser added a dozen markers for the Panthers, who fall to 6-5 in all games and 2-2 in the league.

Payton Beckman chipped in nine markers for the maroon and white with Nick Manz posting eight. Christian Bauer and Boston Pease rounded out the Panther scorers with seven and six markers, respectively.

Paulding will have a pair of home games this weekend as the Panthers welcome in Delphos Jefferson for a Northwest Conference battle on Friday before welcoming in Montpelier in a non-league affair on Saturday.

PILOTS HOLD ON FOR WIN OVER PANTHERS

PAULDING - Ayersville used a big second quarter and the Pilots never looked back in posting a 48-43 win over host Paulding Saturday night in non-league boys basketball action.

The maroon and white jumped in front 13-9 at the end of one quarter before the Pilots answered with a 17-point second stanza to go on top 26-21.

Ayersville still held a 35-31 advantage at the end of three periods and went on to post the five-point victory.

Jakob Trevino topped the Pilots with 13 points and Kallen Brown added a dozen markers for Ayersville, which improved to 7-4 overall.

Ryan Clark chipped in ten points for the visiting Pilots followed by Ike Eiden (nine) and Tyson Schlachter (four).

Leading the way for the Panthers was Blake McGarvey with 11 points and Boston Pease finished with nine

markers. Other scorers for the maroon and white Christian Bauer (eight), Payton Beckman (seven), Nick Manz (five) and Hunter Kauser (three).

Paulding has a pair of home games on the docket this weekend.

Delphos Jefferson visits the Jungle on Friday in a Northwest Conference battle before the Panthers welcome in Montpelier for a Saturday night affair.

OHIO EPA ANNOUNCES FIRST-YEAR H2OHIO ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN OHIO

Ohio EPA Director Laurie A. Stevenson outlined the progress the Agency has made in the first year of Governor Mike DeWine's H2Ohio initiative, which has a goal to provide safe and clean water for Ohioans while ensuring the long-term health of our lakes and waterways.

Ohio EPA's H2Ohio approach has been to concentrate on five focus areas which will improve water quality, protect public health, and provide positive change to the lives of Ohioans. These five focus areas are: improving Ohio's water and wastewater infrastructure, replacing failed home sewage treatment systems, reducing lead exposure in daycare centers, building a stronger stream monitoring network, and researching promising technologies for water quality improvements.

"Governor DeWine's H2Ohio plan enabled Ohio EPA to extend available funding to help communities across the state address their water and wastewater needs, home sewage treatment systems, and lead service lines," said Ohio EPA Director Laurie A. Stevenson. "We have used H2Ohio funding to make a difference in the lives of Ohioans."

To help with infrastructure, Ohio EPA awarded a total of \$2 million in funding for drinking water infrastructure projects in Pike County, Coshocton, and New Waterford. An additional \$1.5 million in H2Ohio funding was awarded for wastewater projects in Pomeroy, West Milton, and Williams County. More than \$1.7 million was awarded to health departments in seven Northwest Ohio counties to address failing household sewage systems.

A total of \$1.225 million in H2Ohio funds are addressing removing and replacing lead service lines and lead-containing fixtures at childcare facilities in Cincinnati. Federal grant funds are used to conduct the testing, and H2Ohio funds are used to replace lead service lines and fixtures at childcare facilities.

Ohio EPA used its H2Ohio funds to leverage more than \$20 million in federal, state, and local funds.

In addition, Ohio EPA issued a request for technologies for the H2Ohio Technology Assessment Program (TAP) to identify technologies that may help address harmful algal blooms (HABs) in Lake Erie. Proposals will be accepted until Jan. 15, 2021.

In the future, Ohio EPA plans to continue to focus on improving Ohio's water and wastewater infrastructure, replacing failed home sewage

treatment systems, reducing lead exposure, and building a stronger stream monitoring network.

H2Ohio is a collaborative water quality effort to provide clean and safe water to Ohio. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and Ohio Lake Erie Commission each have a significant role in H2Ohio through the natural infrastructure of wetlands, the reduction in nutrient runoff, and increasing access to clean drinking water and quality sewer systems. To learn more, go to h2.ohio.gov.

The H2Ohio Year One Annual Report is available online at: <http://h2.ohio.gov/h2ohio-annual-report/>.

11 RAIDERS SCORE IN MILLER CITY THUMPING

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

MILLER CITY - After a somewhat slow first half scoring wise the Wayne Trace Raiders exploded for 49 second-half points to thump Miller City 76-42 in non-conference play. With the win the Raiders improve their overall mark at 12-3 while Miller City falls to 5-11. It was the Raiders fifth consecutive win and tenth of their last 11.

The Raiders held a 17-12 lead after the first quarter of play and with both teams playing even in the second frame, each scoring ten points, and the Raiders nursing a 27-22 advantage. However, the second half would be another story. The red, white, and blue stormed out of the gate in the third period with 27 markers while holding the Wildcats to just eight. Entering the fourth period the Raiders continued with their potent offense by putting up 22 points to 12 for Miller City.

The highlight of the contest was having several Raiders getting valuable playing time and 11 different players hitting the scoring column. Brooks Laukhuf tallied 15 points to lead the Raider attack followed by Cameron Sinn's 13 and Trevor Sinn adding 11. Laukhuf racked up six of his teams 20 assists while Cam Sinn recorded five assists.

Also scoring for the Raiders was Grayson McClure with nine, Cameron Graham adding eight, and Kyle Stoller finishing with seven along with seven rebounds. Rounding out the Raider's scoring was Garrett Williamson with five and Race Price, Hudson Myers, Cale Winans and Joe Munger each with two points.

The Raiders shot 29-48 from the field for a 59 percent clip. The Wildcats shot 14-38 for 37 percent. The Raiders won the battle of the boards

30-21 and committed just eight turnovers with Miller City recording 12 miscues.

LADY RAIDERS ROUT BULLDOGS TO REMAIN PERFECT IN GMC

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

EDGERTON - On the road at Edgerton, the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders used a first quarter offensive punch to separate themselves from the Bulldogs and never looked back. Scoring 24 first period points while holding Edgerton to just six the Raiders went on to post an easy 54-20 GMC win. With the lopsided victory the Raiders remain perfect in conference play at 4-0 and 11-4 overall. Edgerton falls to 1-12 overall while looking for their first GMC win at 0-4.

Wayne Trace shot a torrid 62 percent from two-point land connecting on 21-34. Edgerton managed just 5-22 from the same area.

Leading the Raider attack was Katrina Stoller with 13 points followed by Sydnee Sinn with 12 and Abby Moore chipping in 11. Katrina Stoller connected on 6-8 of her two-pointers along with six assists and six steals. Sydnee Sinn also had a solid shooting night hitting all three of her two-point attempts and 2-4 behind the arc to go with four rebounds. Moore finished the night hitting 4-7 of her two-point shots along with a three-pointer and four boards.

Rachel Stoller chipped in eight points and five steals with team mate Gracie Shepherd adding six markers, five rebounds and four steals. Rounding out the Raider scoring was Rylee Troth with four points.

Edgerton placed six players in the scoring column with Brianna Wickerham leading the way with five points.

RAIDERS POST SEMIFINAL WIN / ARCHERS FALL TO BULLDOGS

EDGERTON - Wayne Trace and Edgerton picked up opening round victories in the Edgerton seventh grade girls tournament on Tuesday.

Wayne Trace won the opening contest by defeating Hicksville 35-15.

Caren Winans and Caroline Winans each had eight points for the Lady Raiders with Lexi Moore and Caitlyn Mead each scoring six markers.

In the second game, the host Lady Bulldogs got past Antwerp 39-7.

Ella Hughes bucketed five points for the Lady Archers and Raeley Franklin posted a bucket as well.

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Copies of the Invitation to Bid, specifications, proposal and contract forms are available at the Village Fiscal Officer's office, 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

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PAULDING FFA HOLDS SECOND TRAPSHOOT



Pictured here is Paulding FFA members who participated in the second trapshoot. Mason Schlatter was the winner for the day.

By: Mason Schlatter, Assistant Reporter-Paulding FFA

On January 16th, 2021 10 members from the Paulding FFA chapter attended the annual trap shoot at The Fish and Game Club of Paulding for all their help and support of the Paulding FFA program.

The members were placed 16 yards away from the electric clay pigeon thrower. The first round was practice but the second round is what determined the winner of the day. The winner was Mason Schlatter with a total of 22

out of 25. Mason Schlatter received a plaque for his trapshooting skills. Kyle Harris placed 2nd and Nolan Johanns placed 3rd. We would like to thank the Fish and Game Club of Paulding for all their help and support of the Paulding FFA program.

WILLIAMS COUNTY CRASH INJURES DRIVER

Bryan - On January 23, 2021, at approximately 1035 hours the Defiance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol was notified of a single vehicle crash on State Route 2 at the intersection of County Road 15.75, just east of the City of Bryan, Ohio.

A 2002 Chevy pickup truck driven by Christopher S. Wiczorek, age 52, of Stryker, Ohio had been eastbound on State Route 2. Mr. Wiczorek reportedly at-

tempted to turn northbound on County Road 15.75 and went off of the roadway. Mr. Wiczorek's vehicle rolled onto its side and came to rest.

Mr. Wiczorek was transported to the Bryan Community Hospital and was later flown to St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo, Ohio. His condition was not available at the time of this release.

Mr. Wiczorek was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash. The crash remains under investigation. Assistance at the scene was provided by the Bryan Police Department and Bryan Fire and EMS.

NSCC NAMES TODD HERNANDEZ AS EIGHTH PRESIDENT IN COLLEGE'S HISTORY

ARCHBOLD, OHIO - On January 15, the Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees named Todd Hernandez as their next president, succeeding the tenure of President Michael Thomson. NSCC Board of Trustees Chair Joel Miller

noted the Board "confirmed Dr. Thomson's request to alter our contract with him to facilitate spending more time with his family. He has asked that he com-



plete his contract with us March 31, 2021, and we signed an agreement today honoring that request. With the full agreement of the Board, we signed a contract with (Executive Vice President) Todd Hernandez to become the eighth President of Northwest State Community College."

Regarding the transition and its timing, Dr. Thomson noted "As with many things related to our current public health situation, the pandemic reveals the need for change, and accelerates that very change. Life is precious,

and I desire to be with my family as soon as it is safe to do so. The Board and I had a contract timetable of December, 2021. We are starting a transition process now in anticipation of the time when we can travel more freely." The Board lauded Dr. Thomson for his service, and embraced the succession model for naming the College's new President.

Todd Hernandez is a veteran of the United States Navy, and brings considerable experience in advanced manufacturing and information technology from the private sector. Hernandez has served in a variety of capacities at NSCC over the past 11 years - most recently as EVP, where he was responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the College. He has also led the charge for the College's impressive workforce development branch, which includes Custom Training Solutions. Hernandez, who was one of two finalists in the Presidential search back in 2018, noted that Dr. Thomson has been a blessing for the College, the community, and for him on a personal level.

Reflecting on his time with Dr. Thomson, Hernandez said, "I would like to thank President Thomson for his leadership these past three years. He brought new

ideas and a strategic focus on mission to our campus. During his Presidency, we have seen marked improvements in organizational culture, community engagement, enrollment management, and fiscal sustainability. On a personal note, I truly appreciate the mentorship he has provided and I am grateful to call him friend.

As Hernandez begins to look forward, he noted "NSCC is on a good path. We are midway through year one of a very good three year strategic plan. The strategic plan will continue to transform NSCC into a more learner-centric institution while providing investments in academic excellence, workforce development, improved culture, and community engagement." A search for the new Executive Vice President will begin immediately.

Hernandez holds a Master of Information Systems Management degree from Keller Graduate School of Management, and a Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology from DeVry Institutes of Technology (Columbus). He is currently completing his Doctorate of Information Technology from Walden University. He is married and has two children.

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