

## CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY THANKFUL FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT



Carol Razo of the First Presbyterian Church of Paulding and Pantry volunteers from the Paulding Exempted Village Middle School volleyball team displaying reusable shopping bags made of T-shirts by the women of the church.

At Thanksgiving time, the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry and its Board wish to express gratitude for all of the gifts from the community.

The mission of the Pantry is to eliminate food insecurity in Paulding County. It does so by providing food and basic personal care items to the people who live here. But actually, acts of kindness and neighbors helping neighbors is what fuels the Pantry's operations.

"The number of clients we serve has been increasing over

the past few months," said Jodi Schneider, executive director of the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry. "We are going to hit our all-time, monthly high number of households served by the end of November. And during this time of increased demand, we have witnessed miraculous response from the people and businesses in our community through neighborly and divinely inspired donations of groceries and money."

In the past several months, the Pantry has received dona-

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## PC RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION HOST BREAKFAST

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will host a holiday breakfast on Tuesday, December 7 at 9:30 A.M. at the Vagabond Village located at 18187 U.S. 127, Cecil, Ohio. Retired administrators, teachers, aides, secretaries, food service employees, and bus drivers from all county schools are invited to attend. Meals will be ordered from the menu, and no reservations are necessary.

Donations for the local food pantries and for the Paulding County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship Fund will be appreciated.

## FLAT ROCK GAS, STEAM, ENGINE & TRACTOR CLUB MEMBERS

The club will be having a business meeting only (No Dinner) on December 10th, 2021 @ 7:00 PM at the John Paulding Historical Society.

For additional information, please contact flatrockcreekfestival@gmail.com

## HERITAGE LIONS OF HOAGLAND SET MEETING

The Heritage Lions will meet on Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hoagland Community Center. The Lions will be filling over 50 Christmas bags for local shut-ins. Meijer and Darlington donated goodies to go in the bags, and Thrivent Financial helped with a cash gift. Refreshments will be served.

## SANTA IS COMING TO THE LIBRARY



The Paulding County Carnegie Library Children's Room is excited to announce their upcoming program "Visit the North Pole", Santa will make his annual arrival on Thursday, December 9 from 5-7 pm. He is also bringing one of his real live reindeer for you to see.

Along with visiting Santa and his reindeer the Chil-

ren's Room will have treats, crafts, and a special surprise. Come to the Library on December 9 and while you are here check out our collection of Christmas books and DVD's.

For any further information call the library at 419-399-2032 we will be glad to answer any questions.

The speaker for the evening is Mariam Lomidze, an exchange student from the country of Georgia. She will speak on the culture of her country, including dances, language, traditions, history, and handwriting.

Heritage Lions have do-

ated well over \$120,000 to local organizations in the past 10 years. Recipients have included Monroeville Fire and EMS, Monroeville Park, Cornerstone, Hoagland Fire and EMS, Poe Fire and EMS, and the three local food banks.

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## Community Calendar

### MON & WED

- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p

### Nov 30 - Dec 2

- Santa's Secret Shop @ Antwerp VFW (Antwerp chamber), 5-8pm

### December 1

- PERI meeting @ PC Senior Center, 10am

- Breaking Free Group @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6-7:30pm

### December 2

- Ladies Ecumenical Christmas Potluck @ Divine Mercy, Paulding, 6pm

### December 4

- Lifeway Church Craft Bazaar & Cookie Walk 8:30-2:30p

- NH UMC Bazaar 9-3

- FV Athletic Boosters Craft Show @ FV Elem., 9a-3p

- Limitless Christmas @

- Limitless, Paulding; 9a-1p

### December 4-5

- Dance Dolls Christmas Show @ Huber

### December 5

- Nuts & Crackers - Dance Dolls at Huber 2:30p

- Prayer meeting @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

### December 8

- Breaking Free Group @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6-7:30pm

### December 9

- Visit the North Pole @ PC Library, 5-7pm

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**OBITUARIES**

**HAVILAND, OH:**

**Richard "Rick" Lynn Speakman**, age 71, passed away on Sunday, November 21, 2021 at his home in Haviland, OH.

Rick was born on January 23, 1950 to the late Harold and Almeda (Decker) Speakman in Van Wert, OH. On September 2, 1989, he married Sharon Farr, who survives. For 12 years, he worked as the Head of Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance for Marsh Foundation in Van Wert, OH. He also worked in Class A Truck Sales at Columbus Kenworth for 25 years. Rick was also a U.S. Army Veteran who proudly served during the Vietnam War.

Rick is also survived by his children: Richard Scott Speakman, Stacy (Greg) Dalton, Brandy Lynn Speakman; stepchildren: Lisa (Ernie) Ladd, Jim (Susan) Farr, Richard (Melanie) Farr; siblings: Shelly Ball, Vicki (Ron) Massey, John (Helen) Massey; 18 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Along with his parents, Rick is also preceded in death by his brothers, Terry and Kelly Speakman.

Funeral services were held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, November 29, 2021 at Den Herder Funeral Home. Private family entombment will be held at Concordia Cemetery, Fort Wayne, IN.

Visitation were 5:00 P.M. until time of services on Monday, November 29, 2021 at Den Herder Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made in Rick's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com).

**HICKSVILLE, OH**

**John William Phillips**, 74, of Hicksville, passed away Monday, November 22, 2021, at Conventy Meadows in Ft. Wayne.

John was born in Hicksville on October 17, 1947, a son of the late Ruth (Gloor) & Robert Phillips.

John worked for many years at Dietrich Industries. He was a proud Marine, bravely serving his country in the Vietnam war as a Sergeant. John enjoyed fishing and was always fond of this time spent on the water with his friends and family. He was also an avid Ohio State Buckeyes fan. Underneath his rough and tough Marine shell, John will be remembered for his big heart and the love he had for his children and grandchildren.

He will be sadly missed by his children, Angela (Brad) Peffley, Britt (Quinlan) Mendez, & Travis Phillips; Siblings, Gary Phillips, Jackie Zeedyk, Doug Phillips, Brenda Reinhart, & Kevin Phillips; daughter in law, Jimmie Phillips; 11 grandchildren & his dog, Bob, who lives with Angie.

John was also preceded in

death by his brother, Robert; Reinhart in law, Ronald Reinhart; & nephew, Christopher Chehi.

Viewing was Sunday, November 28, 2021 from 4-7 PM at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W River St, Antwerp, OH.

Service was Monday November 29, 2021 at 10:30 AM with a viewing one hour prior at the funeral home.

He was laid to rest with military honors at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation, 5800 Fairfield Ave #110, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Fond memories may be shared at [dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://dooleyfuneralhome.com).

**ANTWERP, OH**

**Afton Bates**, 84, of Antwerp, OH, passed away Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at his home. Arr by Dooley Funeral Homes Of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio,

**PAYNE, OH**

**Paul James Schmidt** of Payne passed away Wednesday, Nov 24, 2021 at his home. Arr by Dooley Funeral Homes Of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio,

**Rose Ann Hall**, 73, of Payne, passed away Thursday, November 25, 2021 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center. Arr by Dooley Funeral Homes Of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio,

**Ruth V. Kinnaley**, 80, of Payne, Ohio passed away Thursday, November 25, 2021, at Paulding County Hospital. Arr by Dooley Funeral Homes Of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio,

**PARSON TO PERSON**

**By: Dr. James Bachman**

*Dear Parson, Matthew 25:31-46 sounds like works salvation. Is it?*

No! Jesus here is giving the separation of the sheep and the goats. Notice in verse 32 that this is the judgment of the nations which takes place at the end of the tribulation and is not to be confused with The Great White Throne Judgment in Revelation 20.

The nations are considered as the Gentiles, and the brethren (verse 40) stands for the persecuted Jews during the Tribulation.

The sheep are those Gentiles who will care for the needs of the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick and imprisoned Jews during the Tribulation. The goats on the other hand, will not care for the needs of the persecuted.

The sheep and goats were not saved or lost by their works, but were identified by their work. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not by works, lest any man should boast." - Ephesians 2:8-9

**NH LIONS CLUB DONATES \$500 TO NEW HAVEN FOOD BANK**



At the November 8th meeting, NH Lions Club Pres. Pdg Don Cooper presented a check for \$500.00 to mr. Tom Kneller, director of the food bank.

Send questions and comments to: [jamesbachman@juno.com](mailto:jamesbachman@juno.com)

**"SOMEDAY" A WORD OF HOPE**

**By: Doris Applegate**

Perhaps there is not a person who doesn't say, or at least think of a future 'someday' when life gets easier, things get better, our ship gets less bumpy and our road gets less in, our dreams come true. Isn't it so? Life can be hard if we are not 'yoked up' with Jesus Christ. See Matthew 11:28-30 where Jesus says: Come to me, you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart and you will find rest unto your souls.

My yoke is easy and my burden is light. Jesus Christ bears the heavy load if we let him. This is the 'someday' many, many people want but don't realize that this is the answer. Come on! You don't have to hope any longer. Jesus is reaching out to you, even now and wanting to give you your 'someday'. Don't be stubborn and rebellious like a goat who won't yield but be humble and see the need for help. We don't have to "go it alone".

The 'price has been paid' The blood of Jesus Christ was freely given for all, but it has to be received. Why pass up a free gift? We want free things that the world offers so why pass up the best free gift that enable us to have eternal life and escape hell? Doesn't make sense to me.

The story is told of a little girl who lived in a 'shack' of a house. She said "See that hill over there? 'someday' my dad said when things get better we will build a nice beautiful house there." Perhaps that is the thought behind the song "I've got a mansion just over the hilltop, in that bright land where we'll never grow old, and someday yonder, we will never more wander, but walk on streets that are purest gold." Yes there is a better day coming for believers in Jesus Christ. Our someday can start today if we want.

God loves everyone, and that means you. It can't be said any plainer. "Whoever will may come and be saved (born again).

Choices are made everyday, some good (great) and some bad (terrible). How will you choose? If you choose good, someday we will meet in Heaven.

Amen

**OHIO'S ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE & RELATED DEMENTIAS TASK FORCE PREPARES ITS FINDINGS**

A panel of experts from around Ohio has determined that the state lacks a coordinated approach to the growing public health crisis of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

Now advocates around the state are waiting to find out what the recommendations are to fix it.

Ohio's Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Task Force is formulating steps the state should take to create Ohio's first state Alzheimer's Plan. The Task Force is evaluating seven core areas - from early detection and intervention to long-term services and support. With one out of every nine Ohioans aged 65 and older impacted by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, according to the Task Force's preliminary findings summary, the end result should have a wide impact.

Eric VanVlymen, Regional Leader for the Alzheimer's Association in Ohio, said, "As the state begins to take steps to fundamentally and holistically transform the services and systems that help Ohio's families impacted by Alzheimer's and dementia, our hope is that Ohio emerges as a leader in Alzheimer's early detection, education, support, and care delivery."

Dr. Robert Applebaum, Director of Gerontology and Director of the Ohio Long-Term Care Research Project at the Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University, said over the past 20 years, Ohio has dramatically improved its system of long-term services from going to about nine out of 10 people being in nursing homes to now more people being served with in-home community-based care, which includes services provided at assisted living facilities. But "just like many other states, there are substantial challenges, and these are the things we are going to have to deal with in the next 20 years because we are going to increase our population in disability pretty dramatically and we've got to respond to the challenges we currently face," Applebaum said.

Some of the challenges include:

- Growth of those 80-85 years old, an age group which experiences more dementia
- Assisted living options, particularly for people with memory care issues, not adequately supported by Medic-

**Scripture of the Week**

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.*

— Psalm 136:1,26

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And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit. —Ephesians 1:13

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• Not enough focus on early detection of dementia and helping people forestall cognitive decline

Medicare Part B covers a separate visit with a doctor or a specialist to do a full review of cognitive function. Yet according to the Task Force's preliminary findings summary, fewer than half of Ohioans age 65 and older receive regular cognitive assessments.

"We spend almost all of our money on people after the problem has occurred as opposed to trying to help the problem from occurring or getting worse," Applebaum said. "We would be very smart to at least put some level of resources into helping people forestall or delay or prevent the disability that is physical and cognitive because we know that there are things people can do on the cognitive side to delay declines," he said.

In terms of Medicaid, Applebaum said that the system in Ohio really uses Medicaid as the vehicle to deliver support for people with disabilities. "But the problem is that most older people are not eli-

gible for Medicaid - less than 10 percent of older people in Ohio are eligible for Medicaid," he said.

According to the Alzheimer's Association's Facts and Figures report, last year Ohio spent \$2.5 billion in Medicaid costs for caring for people with Alzheimer's.

"Ohio is a big state and we have the sixth largest elder population in America. We're going to have a lot of old people and we've got to be prepared and we are not," Applebaum said.

About the Alzheimer's Association\*

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's®. Visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or call our 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900.

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**THE NAME GAME**

**Penny For Your Thoughts**

**By: Nancy Whitaker**

As 2021 starts to wind down, I always like to look back and see what was popular and see lists of what things were in and what were on their way out.

One important and interesting list that appears each year is a list of the most popular baby names. The list never fails to make us wonder about some of the names that parents give their newborns.

We do know that in the past we have heard about monikers such as: Apple, North, Shiloh and Suri.

However, those aren't bad as some celebrities have bestowed names on their offspring such as: Jermajesty, Pilot Inspector, Sosie, Kal-El Coppel, Audio Science, Kyd, Fifi, Rebel, Racer, Rogue, Draco Verta and Buddy Bear.

According to a survey done by a magazine the top ten most popular names for girls in 2014 were: Sophia, Emma, Olivia, Ava, Isabella, Mia, Zoe, Lily, Emily and Madelyn. Top names for the boys included: Jackson, Aiden, Liam, Lucas, Noah, Mason, Ethan, Caden, Jacob and Logan.

Southern-style names are up as well. Tennessee is 61 percent more selected for boys this year and Macon is up 29 percent.

According to Ancestry.com some names were just too bad to stick on anyone, but through the years, it was done. Some parents loved eating so much, they named their kids after favorite meals, snacks and condiments. Some of these very uncommon names were: Lunch Magee, Dinner Ware, Bread White, Hero Brat, Mayo Head, Mus-



tard M. Mustard, Pickle Parker, Plum Sellers, Banana Bowdy and Cherry Grant.

A lot of us don't particularly like our name, but they could be a lot worse. Parents have named their children after diseases, saints and even sins. Do you want to know the worst name on record by a magazine happens to be?

It is "Harry Pitts." after hearing that name, others don't sound nearly as bad.

Do you like your name? If you could rename yourself what would you choose? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**



**By: Mark Holtsberry**

Paul Philander Gusler was born June 29, 1895 near Grover Hill, Ohio. He was the son of Simon Allen and Catherine Eunice (Gilbert) Gusler.

By 1900 Simon, Catherine along with 8 children, were living in Latty, Ohio. Simon was a farmer who made sure that Paul received an education. Paul was schooled in county schools of the community. Simon was still farming and Paul was attending Haviland School. Paul went on to receive college training at Tri State College, Angola, Indiana, he also went to the Col-



lege of Agriculture at the Ohio State University.

Paul enlisted in Company B. of the 2nd Ohio National Guard in Paulding, July of 1917. On June 5, 1918, in Latty, Ohio, Paul registered for the draft. Records state that he was single and medium build, medium height, dark brown hair, with dark brown eyes. On June 15, 1918, Paul was shipped out to be sent to France, from Hoboken, New Jersey on the ship "Leviathan". Once arriving in France, Paul was assigned to Company I. of the 145th Machine Gun Company, 37th Division, and given the rank of Sergeant.

After being stationed in the Vosges Mountain region, Paul wrote an article to the Paulding Republican newspaper talking about the scenery. "The view from the top of a hill with the sun brightening up the opposite slope of the valley is the finest kind of scene you can imagine". "No I haven't learned how to speak French yet, but I have picked up a few things in the couple of weeks we have been here." "No doubt there is a letter somewhere on the road for me. At least I hope so. From now on it will be pretty difficult to answer letters, as you can see."

Paul, along with his unit, took part in the Muese-Argonne Forest, as well as the Ypres- Lys Defensive sector. During the Flanders offensive, on October 31, 1918, in Belgium, the first day of the offensive along the Lys and Scheldt Rivers near Olsene, Paul was killed by a shell fragment in the throat. In

early December 1918, Paul's father, Simon, received a letter from a young man whom had served with Paul since the early army days in Paulding, that his son Paul had been killed. This man's letter was received before any government official could reach the family.

Paul was cited posthumously for Meritorious Service in Action by Major General Farnsworth, Commanding General of the 37th Division. Paul was buried in the American Military Cemetery, in Waergham, West Flanders, Belgium, in Block A., Row 2., Grave 18. During the 1920's, the Gold Star Mothers Association, lobbied for a Federally sponsored pilgrimage to Europe for mothers with sons buried overseas. In 1929, Congress enacted legislation that authorized the Secretary of War to arrange for the mothers to visit the graves of their sons in Europe. Mrs. Catherine Gusler, of Grover Hill, chose not to go. The villagers of West Flanders, to this day, still take care of this Cemetery!

**LOCAL ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER MISSION IS TO LET OTHER CAREGIVERS KNOW THEY ARE NOT ALONE**

Pamela Anderson has been a caregiver for a large part of her life. Her primary mission is to keep her mother, who is in the final stages of Alzheimer's, healthy, happy and safe. Another mission is to spread awareness and understanding of Alzheimer's disease and let other caregivers know they are not alone.

Anderson's program, You are Not Alone-Dementia Talk with Pamela, can be viewed Thursday at 7 p.m. EST on The Queen Silvy Now You Know Show on Facebook and YouTube, as well as on Anderson's Facebook group page.

Anderson shares her own caregiving journey through her recorded videos that began more than a decade ago when her father had a stroke. "My mom, who is a retired nurse, became his caregiver," said Anderson. "I would stop by for visits and began to notice changes in my mom's behavior."

Anderson said her mother would call and ask her to come by, then be out shopping and not remember calling her or even that she was supposed to be home caring for her husband. Her mother began to display agitation and defensiveness, something common among those living with Alzheimer's.

Eventually, Anderson's mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2012. As things progressed, and her mother needed full-time care. Anderson said, "that's when I retired after 35 years in sales and promotion in radio and print to become a full-time caregiver for my parents."

Anderson has an extensive family history with Alzheimer's. "There are several members in my mom's family who had/ have Alzheimer's, including my aunt, my great-aunt and her two daughters," Anderson said. "Now my mom and brother have this horrible disease. My brother is in a nursing home and my mom

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is progressing to the final stages, and I recently arranged home hospice care for her."

"I strive to stay aware, informed and encouraged," said Anderson. "That's why I do You are Not Alone-Dementia Talk with Pamela, to help others, to share the things I've learned and to spread awareness and knowledge. I want other caregivers to understand they are not alone in facing Alzheimer's."

Criticism from family and friends can be a challenge and discouraging to caregivers said Anderson. "Being a caregiver can be one of the most difficult roles you have in life, and it can be even more difficult when you are faced with caregiver criticism. You get all kinds of opinions and suggestions from all directions, but mostly from family and friends."

"You must learn to manage criticism and set some boundaries for yourself," she continued. "You don't have to act on every suggestion. Just do what you know is right for your loved one and keep them healthy, happy and safe."

A support system for practical tips, resources and education is important for all caregivers. "The Alzheimer's Association has been the best support system through my caregiving journey," stated Anderson. "They provide excellent resources and important information to caregivers, and continue to be one of my most valuable support systems."

"Locally, the Alzheimer's Association provides care and support services, as well as education programs, absolutely free of charge," said Julia Pechlivanos, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter.

"We have early-stage groups for individuals recently diagnosed, as well as support groups for caregivers, plus care consultations. Dementia touches the entire family as well as friends, and the Alzheimer's Association is here to help everyone impacted."

November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and National Family Caregivers Month. In

Ohio, there are 220,000 individuals living with the disease and 442,000 unpaid caregivers.

Support for caregivers includes in-person and virtual support groups, virtual and in-person education programs, family care consultations and a 24/7 Helpline that is staffed by trained clinicians to offer confidential support and information to people living with dementia, caregivers, families and the public. Call the 24/7 Helpline 800.272.3900, or visit www.alz.org/nwOhio to locate community programs and services.

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

The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion.

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Members of Emmanuel Baptist Church - Paulding, Ohio. Left to right: Shawn Matako, Hart Bryant, Martha Feeney and Amy McMaster.



Jodi Schneider, Pantry executive director, receiving donation from St. Paul Lutheran Church vacation bible school offerings.



Tim Baumle, Commander from the Payne American Legion Post 297, delivering donation to the Pantry.

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- American Legion post 297 in Payne, \$500
- Homemade treats from local bakers
- Many anonymous donors...individuals, families, groups, churches, companies and more

If you would like to donate to the Pantry, you can mail financial donations to P.O. Box 391, Paulding, OH 45879. You can deliver donations of food and personal care items to the Pantry when they are open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Or, you can coordinate donation drop offs at other times by calling (419) 399-2158.

In addition to donations that help sustain regular Pantry operations, the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry Board of Directors is raising money for a new building at 318 N. Walnut Street in Paulding. To donate to the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry Building Fund, send checks in care of the Paulding County Area Foundation at 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

CORRECTION



(This is a correction to Caroline Longardner's article published in WBN 11/23 issue)

John James Soule, direct descendant of George Soule, one of the original Pilgrims of the Mayflower and one of the signers of the Mayflower Compact. John James Soule is Caroline Longardner's grandfather.

STUDENTS FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY AND RECYCLING FOR 2021 SCIENCE SERIES

Students from the Lima City Schools will be at Ohio State Lima Monday, November 22, 2021, as part of Stardust 2021: The William A. Fowler Science Series. They will visit a variety of labs including chemistry, geology and biology. They will also spend some time with current Ohio State students. 100 students from Lima Senior High School and the South Science and Technology Magnet are expected to attend.

As part of the science series, Dr. Bart Elmore, associate professor of environmental history and core faculty member of the Sustainability Institute at The Ohio State University, will speak to the students at 11:15 a.m., in the Martha W. Farmer Theatre for the Performing Arts. The focus of seventh annual series keynote is the relationship between corporations and recycling. Elmore is the author of Citizen Coke: The Making of Coca-Cola Capital-

ism, a history of how Coke's thirst for natural resources shaped the company and reshaped the globe.

The public is welcome to attend Elmore's talk but seating priority will be given to students. Elmore began his teaching career as a high school history teacher and retains a soft spot for the age group.

"I love writing books, but spending time with young people is honestly a much better use of my time!" Elmore said. "I know that if the engineers, scientists, teachers, doctors, and businessmen of the next generation have a sound understanding of their connection to this amazing ecosystem we live in, they will be more thoughtful in their actions and more curious about how nature can be an ally rather than an enemy in helping us create profitable enterprises that enrich rather than degrade our natural environment."

Following his visit to campus, Elmore will connect digitally with the students to discuss career paths to the sciences and related fields.

In addition to the visit to the campus, students will be studying recycling and sustainability in class. Seventh and eighth graders will also be working with local artist Libbi Barhorst to create an art project from recycled materials to be displayed at South.

More about Bart Elmore  
Bart Elmore studies the past to understand how we can live more sustainably on this planet. A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Elmore is an associate professor of environmental history and a core member of the Sustainability Institute at The Ohio State University. He is the author of Citizen Coke: The Making of Coca-Cola Capitalism (W. W. Norton, 2015), a global ecological history of the world's biggest soft drink brand from his hometown. From 2016 to 2018 he was a Carnegie Fellow at the New America Foundation in Washington, DC, and he currently serves as the editor of the Histories of Capitalism and the Environment book series at West Virginia University Press. He finished his second book. Seed Money: Monsanto's Past and the Future of Food (W. W. Norton, 2021) in October and is currently completing a book tentatively titled Country Capitalism: The American South and Global Ecological Change with UNC Press.

More about Stardust: The William Fowler Science Series

Lima is the hometown of one of the world's most famous astrophysicists. William A. Fowler won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1983 for his efforts to show how all the natural elements in the Periodic Table are forged under extreme conditions across the course of a star's lifetime.

Stardust: The William Fowler Science Series honors Fowler's achievements and is a collaboration between the City of Lima, the Lima City Schools and The Ohio State University at Lima. The focus of the seventh annual series is recycling and sustainability. Previous topics include pandemics and public health, astrophysics, cancer

research, symbiotic relationships and animation.

"It is a wonderful fact that Dr. Fowler grew up in Lima, was educated in the Lima City Schools and at the Ohio State University," said Lima Mayor David Berger. "And working together — Ohio State, the Lima City Schools and the city — we have decided to showcase that fact in order to emphasize the incredible, literally mind-blowing, opportunities created by education."

Fowler grew up in Lima and attended Horace Mann Grade School and Lima Central High School. He went on to graduate from The Ohio State University before moving to the California Institute of Technology to continue his groundbreaking work in the new field of astrophysics. His theory of the formation of the chemical elements in the universe forms the basis of our knowledge in this field, according to the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in the original announcement of Fowler's Nobel Prize.

NW OHIO LAW ENFORCEMENT COLLABORATION 10th ANNUAL LIGHTS FOR LIVES

The 10th annual "Lights for Lives" was a successful operation, once again showing what can be accomplished by law enforcement working cooperatively in a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional effort. In the spirit of collaboration, the Ohio State Highway Patrol Findlay District partnered with law enforcement agencies across northwest Ohio to participate in the effort. Agencies from Williams, Fulton, Lucas, Defiance, Henry, Wood, Putnam, Paulding, Hancock, Van Wert, Allen, and Hardin counties participated.

"Lights for Lives" is an enforcement campaign focused on saving as many lives as possible. This is accomplished by officers activating their overhead lights and stopping as many vehicles as possible that have committed traffic violations. This is in attempt to educate and change motorists' behavior by officers being highly visible with their overhead lights going. The campaign began November 23 at 6 a.m. and ran through November 25 at 6 a.m., kicking off the holiday driving season.

During the 48-hour oper-

ation, officers stopped nearly 875 vehicles and issued 363 citations. There were 66 safety belt citations issued, and 18 impaired drivers were removed from northwest Ohio roadways. Furthermore, there were more than 20 criminal arrests, including two felony and misdemeanor arrests, with 18 involving drugs.

On behalf of all the law enforcement agencies who participated in "Lights for Lives," we encourage safe driving during the holiday season and throughout the year. We want to remind motorists to move over or slow down for flashing lights and to always buckle up, as it is the simplest task that could save their life. Additionally, we ask motorists to never drive impaired and have a plan in place before they go out.

BUSINESS FAIRNESS ACT WILL REPAIR PATH OF DESTRUCTION ACCORDING TO RENACCI

"DeWine's lockdowns are the only reason we need legislation like this in the first place."

The Business Fairness Act blocks the state from singling out small businesses for closure during public health emergencies, protecting them from what happened during Mike DeWine's shutdown last year, which devastated Ohio's economy and trafficked misery to every corner of the state.

Big retailers were deemed essential and allowed to stay open, while smaller retailers were forced to close. Jim Renacci says that would not have happened under his administration, which would have protected small business owners who are the backbone of Ohio's economy.

"Mike DeWine destroyed Ohio's economy when he prioritized big retailers like Walmart, and shut out local businesses, forcing some out of business. DeWine's Draconian lockdowns were unfair and put thousands of Ohioans out of work."

Renacci said the bill should include an apology from DeWine to small business owners and their employees.

"He should sign this bill along with an apology for destroying so many businesses and hurting so many Ohioans. It did not have to be this way."

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

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New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

America or not?  
I'm writing this after reading a news article over the weekend about a town that wasn't going to put up holiday lights because someone or some group was offended??? I have been expecting this with the anti everything going on but this was sooner than I expected.  
What is so offensive about putting up decorations and festive lights to try to brighten up a year made gloomy by an administration

that has gone to the dark side? Here it is, the most Holy day of the year, when we celebrate the birth of the greatest man to walk the earth, who came for we the people, but someone has to be offended by what?

Just wait till Christmas gets closer, I'm sure it will be "too white" or Santa Claus is "too white". I'm not a big Christmas person but this time of year with everything, the lights, the music...it can't help but to make you feel at ease and reflect on what we have. It's not about the presents or spending money, but doing things with and for friends.

What kind of people or groups are offended by lights and celebrating? Probably the same groups that are offended by statues and monuments to history and history itself. They are trying to remove everything that this country was founded and grew on. Wonder if they even teach history in school anymore, they sure seem to be teaching socialism more, brainwashing kids to turn against everything that happened. I'm sorry, history happened, the Civil War, slavery, wars to preserve our freedoms that our government is trying to take away. You can't change or remove history by their acts. It happened and we learned from it and grew stronger and more educated.

I'm offended by things too. Mainly BLM groups, Antifia groups who call their violence and illegal acts protesting. And the people who support these acts of destruction are no better than the actual groups. Protesting is one thing, burning, looting, destroying property and injuring people because you

don't like something is pure criminal and terrorism but is not being dealt with as such. Thank Obama for this as it started during his years and he let it continue instead of putting a stop to it. Even if the National Guard would have had to be called out with orders to give them X number of minutes to clear out before they started shooting. A bit extreme but these people excite violence and destruction they don't understand anything else.

I'm so sick of these two terrorist groups preying on our country and nothing is done, then they start on this "white privilege" crap and blame us for everything. Now starting on our holidays. I'm sure. Christmas is supposed to be a season of joy, happiness and remembering and giving thanks to be living in America and believing and worshipping as we want. These people in these groups should be loaded into airplanes and given a one way ticket to another country where they have no voice or freedom. Try North Korea or Red China. Let them pull their crap there and see what happens. Or burn, spit or step on that country's flag, they won't be around long. But yet they do that to our flag and call it freedom of speech. That's disrespecting every person who fought and died defending it and all we people who love to see it flying, it represents freedom.

America needs to wake up and take stands against what's going on, especially with our present administration who are pushing for a socialist society. If we don't, we are in bad trouble and it's going to get worse especially the gas prices and everything else. Biden is blaming everyone else and every other country for the prices when he is the one who did it.

So back to the Christmas season, fly your flags, put up your lights and decorations, listen to the holiday music and those who are offended that's too bad. Just ignore it as we intelligent people do when we don't agree with something. It's America people, we have the freedom to do this, at least now we do. And most of all, remember the reason for this special time of year. Not the presents, spending money or trying to keep up with your neighbors, but the man who came for us and gave up everything for us so long ago. Most of all don't be afraid to voice your opinions, by speaking, or in editorials. You have that right, you are

**SHARE YOUR PASSION DAY AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY**



Sharing their passion are former Oakwood Elementary/Paulding High School graduates Alex Arellano and Sadie Estle. Alex went on to play basketball and Sadie is currently a member of the volleyball team at Heidelberg University. Fourth grade students are enjoying the message they are receiving from Alex.

Americans, no matter what race or gender you are. Have a good holiday season.

—Gregg Gorman, Paulding Ohio

**ARCHERS CRUISE PAST BOMBERS FOR SEASON OPENING WIN**

Visiting Antwerp outscored host Edon in three of four quarters as the Lady Archers cruised to a 35-20 win over the Bombers Monday night in girls basketball action.

Antwerp opened a 13-8 advantage after one quarter of action and the Lady Archers expanded the margin to 22-13 at the intermission.

Following a third quarter that saw both squads bucket six points, Antwerp posted seven fourth quarter points and limited Edon to a pair in wrapping up the 35-20 victory.

Astianna Coppes led all scorers with 17 points for Antwerp while Hayleigh Jewell added six markers.

Other scorers for included Grace Schuette (five), Ali Reinhart (three), Aewyn McMichael (two), Lydia Brewer (one) and Kennadi Recker (one).

Edon was led by Allison Kaylor with eight points while Ashley Kaylor and Natalie Wofford bucketed four makers apiece. The Lady Bombers also picked up two points each from Olivia Mitchell and Breanna Heinze.



Jaci and Laurie Schlatter are shown with first grader, Preston Schlatter. The ladies brought in two cakes they decorated. One cake was left as a gift for a student to win. The winner was Isaiah Hopkins, a kindergartener who celebrated his birthday on November 24th.



Tyler Stork is shown with his first grade son Easton and another first grader, Alex Manz. He shared of his passion of working with metal and wood to make lovely signs for people to purchase.

Oakwood Elementary held a "Share Your Passion" Day on Monday, November 22nd. Many adults from the community came in to share their passion as the students have been learning about people who pursue a passion in their "7 Mindsets" lessons.

**READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

- OHIO LOCATIONS**
- Antwerp:** Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor Assisted Living, Antwerp Public Library, Genesis House, Antwerp G Mart
- Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
- Cecil:** 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village
- Charloe:** Charloe Store
- Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
- Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid, Split Endz Salon
- Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
- Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, Library
- Hicksville:** Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center
- Ney:** Marathon
- Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip
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- Sheriff's Office,** Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Paulding Kwik Mart, Library
- Payne:** Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library
- Sherwood:** Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
- Scott:** Scott Post Office
- Van Wert:** CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree
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# LADY WARRIORS FALL TO PATRIOTS



Dakota Krohn lights up the court early on with this 3 point basket from the cheap seats. Krohn led the Warriors in points but the girls fell short in this close match against their conference rival. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Woodlan Lady Warriors opened ACAC play on Friday evening where visiting Jay County outlasted the Warriors for a 46-43 victory.

Woodlan jumped in front 14-9 at the end of one quarter but the second stanza belonged to Jay County. The Lady Patriots totaled 18 points in the stanza while limiting the Warriors to eight in seizing a 27-22 halftime advantage.

Each team scored eight points in the third quarter to keep Jay County on top 35-30 entering the final period. Woodlan scored 13 markers in the final stanza but it wasn't enough as the Patriots bucketed 11 to wrap up the 46-43 win.

Dakota Krohn led the way for the Lady Warriors with 16 points while Avah Smith, Taylor Kneubuhler, Brianna Roney and Olivia

Baumert all bucketed six markers. Katlyn Crosby had the remaining three Woodlan points.

Smith was a force on the boards for Woodlan with 17 rebounds while dishing out two assists and picking up three steals. Krohn added four rebounds and Knuebuhler dished out five assists. Baumert had a pair of assists as well for the Lady Warriors, who fall to 4-2 overall and 0-1 in the ACAC.

## PANTHERS START SEASON WITH WIN OVER PIRATES

The high school boys basketball season opened up on Friday for the Paulding Panthers and the local squad started the year with a 53-43 win over Continental at the 'Jungle' in non-league play.

Zach Gorrell scored 15 points and Christian Bauer added 14 to lead the way for the Panthers, who outscored the Pirates 33-23 in the middle two periods.

Ethan Foltz added eight markers for the maroon and white with Peyton Adams chipping in six and Casey Agler posted four. Luke Zartman, Jacob Martinez and Isaac Reeb all had two points for Paulding.

Gavin Huff paced Continental with 15 points with Alex Sharrits recording a dozen markers. Wyatt Davis chipped in seven points followed by Konner Knipp-Williams (four), Rhenn Arme (three) and Andrew Hoeffel (two).

The two teams were tied at 13-13 at the end of eight minutes of action before the Panthers bucketed 18 second quarter points compared to ten for Continental, giving

Paulding a 31-23 halftime advantage.

Paulding expanded the margin to 46-36 at the end of three periods and both teams scored seven points in the fourth quarter to set up the 53-43 final.

## PANTHERS SUFFER FIRST LOSS

After defeating Continental on Friday night for its first win, the Paulding Panthers suffered their first loss of the season on Saturday night in falling to Bluffton 67-35.

The host Pirates took control in the opening stanza, scoring 20 points in the first quarter compared to eight for the Panthers. Bluffton added ten more points in the second stanza with Paulding scoring nine, giving the Allen County squad a 30-17 halftime advantage.

Bluffton ended any doubt in the outcome in quarter number three, adding 22 more markers while limiting Paulding to ten in expanding the margin to 52-27 entering the fourth quarter.

Four players scored 13 points each for Bluffton, including Trenton Donley, Tyler Kinn, Trey Boblitt and Nate Schaad. Carson Soper added ten markers for the Pirates with Marek Donaldson scoring three and Wade Ginther hit a pair of free throws.

Nick Manz topped the Paulding effort with ten points while Christian Bauer scored eight and Ethan Foltz chipped in seven. Zach Gorrell and Casey Agler each bucketed three points for the Panthers with Luke Zartman and Peyton Adams adding a basket apiece.

Paulding returns to action next weekend with a pair of road games. The Panthers visit Defiance on Friday before traveling to Pettisville on Saturday.

## FOURTH QUARTER IGNITES RAIDERS IN WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Trailing visiting Delphos St. John's by one heading into the fourth period the Lady Raiders salted away the win with a huge 13-3 burst to prevail 34-25. Played last Saturday morning at the Palace the Raiders improve their season mark at 3-0.

In the low scoring contest each team place four players in the scoring column. For the red, white and blue Christina Graham led all scorers with 13 along with four steals. Also, in double-digits was Abby Moore with 11 markers and seven boards, Rylee Troth totaled nine points with Rachel Stoller adding one. Stoller also had seven rebounds with team mate Elise Miller picking up a team-high five steals.

In the first period both teams battled to a 10-10 tie but the Raiders managed to outscore the Blue Jays in the second quarter to take a 17-13 advantage at the break. However, the Jays regained the momentum and the lead with nine points in the quarter to just four for the Lady Raiders.

Both squads struggled shooting the basketball. The home team Raiders managed just 12-40 for 30 percent from the field while Delphos St. Johns collected just seven field goals on 28 attempts for 25 percent shooting. At the foul line the visitors hit 9-16 while Wayne Trace was 4-8. The

# ARCHERS ROIL IN SEASON OPENER



Antwerp Senior Jagger Landers adds 2 points to the Archer win and his 26 point total as he dunked the ball in the fourth quarter. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp started its 2021-2022 boys high school basketball season Friday night and the Archers rolled to a 65-37 win over visiting Delphos St. John's in Paulding County.

The blue and white seized control in the opening stanza, scoring 26 points in the opening eight minutes to grab an early 26-5 lead. Both teams struggled to score in the second quarter as Antwerp posted a 31-12 advantage at the intermission before the Archers expanded the margin to 47-24 at the end of three periods.

Jagger Landers led the way for Antwerp with 29 points, including five three-pointers in the contest, while Landon Brewer added 16 markers and

hit a quartet of treys. Carson Altimus chipped in a dozen points, hitting two three-pointers, as the Archers totaled 11 treys in the contest overall.

Kaden Recker, Luke Krouse, Reid Lichty and Mason Steel all had two points for Antwerp.

Nolan Schwinnen led the way for Delphos St. John's with nine points with Landen Grothaus and Landon Elwer both chipping in six markers. Aaron Moenter and Ethan Druckemiller posted four markers each for the Blue Jays while Brady Kerner and Jack Gerker had three points apiece. Austin Moenter also had a basket for Delphos St. John's.

Raiders out-boarded their opponent 32-26 and in the turnover department the Jays recorded 24 miscues while the red, white and blue coughed the ball up 20 times.

Scoring for DSJ was Emma Will and Abby Kerner each with ten followed by Brooke Altenburger with three and Melanie Gendeman adding two.

The Raiders will be on the road for their next five ball games and will not return to the Palace until December 20.

## ARCHERS CRUISE PAST TIGERS

Antwerp made the trip to Henry County Saturday night in non-league boys basketball action and the Archers

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# WT VOLLEYBALL AWARD BANQUET



The Wayne Trace volleyball team held its awards banquet recently with several girls receiving special honors. Those receiving special awards included (L-R) Kaitlin Slade (defensive most valuable player), Gracie Shepherd (offensive most valuable player, second team GMC, first team District VII), Harper Myers (most improved varsity) and Abbie

Stoller (coaches award, captain). Other special award winners but absent from the picture were Christina Graham (captain), Raelyn Schweinsberg (most improved junior varsity), Tori Young (most improved freshman) and Rachel Stoller (captain, honorable mention GMC, honorable mention District VII).

coasted to a 62-19 win over host Holgate at the Tiger Cage. The blue and white took control in the first quarter, scoring 26 points in the stanza while limiting the Tigers to five markers. Antwerp added 15 more second stanza points compared to Holgate's seven as the Archers extended the margin to 41-12 at the halfway point.

topped all scorers with a dozen markers with Kobe Meyer adding nine points for the Patriots. Tanner Whitman and Dalton Wasson chipped in six points each for Heritage with Leroy Lepper bucketing four and Howie Kaiser scored three. Howie Kaiser also had two points for the Patriots.

Wasson brought down eight rebounds for Heritage with Whitman hauling in six boards. Saylor, Kaiser and Meyer all picked up four rebounds as well for the Patriots. Knapke dished out four assists and had two steals to top Heritage and Saylor finished with three assists and three steals. Meyer and Kaiser also posted two steals each.

In the third period, the blue and white bucketed 14 more markers with Holgate scoring five as Antwerp recorded a 55-17 advantage at the end of three quarters. Carson Altimus led a trio of Antwerp players in double figures with 13 points while Luke Krouse added a dozen markers and Jagger Landers chipped in ten. Landon Brewer also posted eight points for the Archers followed by Gaike McMichael (seven), Parker Moore (six), Kaden Recker (two), Kaden Phares (two) and Mason Steel (two).

Garrett was led by Tyler Gater and Luke Coffman with ten points each with Jaxson Fugate adding eight and Kyle Smith chipped in seven. Christian Hess and Jasen Bailey bucketed three markers apiece. Hess and Fugate each totaled seven rebounds for the Raiders with Bailey and Gater getting four each. Coffman dished out five assists and had two steals while Smith and Gater posted two assists each.

"We really had some great defensive energy coming out tonight after an emotional opening night on Friday," noted Archer head coach Doug Billman. "I thought we really had some guys step up and make some shots in the first half as Holgate looked to take Jagger away. It was great to see kids make some plays as that will help to build some confidence as we move forward in the early stages of the season."

In the junior varsity contest, the Patriots came up short in a 44-42 loss to Garrett.

### WARRIORS RALLY LATE FOR WIN OVER BULLDOGS

In a battle of East Allen County Schools to open the boys basketball season, it was visiting Woodlan who came

from behind to post a 67-65 victory over host New Haven Wednesday night.

It was a night that was dominated by Warrior senior Joe Reidy, who finished the evening with a game high 37 points and 17 rebounds to lead Woodlan to the victory.

Woodlan outpointed the Bulldogs to take a 16-14 lead after one quarter and led 33-31 at the intermission after each squad bucketed 17 second quarter markers. New Haven scored 20 points in the third quarter and limited the Warriors to 14, giving the Bulldogs a 51-47 advantage entering the final stanza.

After New Haven pushed the margin to as much as 59-47 early in the fourth quarter, the Warriors answered with a 20-point fourth quarter of their own in rallying for the 67-65 victory.

Reidy finished the contest hitting 16 of 17 free throw attempts, including 13 of 14 in the final period and added three assists, two steals and four blocked shots. Braden Smith chipped in nine points and two rebounds for Woodlan with Alex Miller recording eight markers, two rebounds and two assists.

DeJay Gerig posted six points and two steals while Dawson Lichty finished with five points and four rebounds. Trey Yoder also had two points for Woodlan.

Jakar Williams topped New Haven with 28 points, 11 rebounds, three steals and two blocks with Darrion Brooks recording 22 points, two rebounds and two steals. Jeremiah Cottrell also posted six points and five boards for the Bulldogs while Tylor Harding finished with five points, four rebounds and two assists. Myles Harris aided the New Haven cause with two points and three rebounds with JoJo Robertson adding two points and two assists.

### RAIDERS OPEN SEASON WITH THREE-POINT WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

In what would be a low scoring affair the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders eked out a 29-26 non-conference win over North Central. Poor shooting on both teams' part attributed to few points being scored. The winners canned 12 of their 42 attempts for a 29 percent clip while the visiting Eagles finished 10-29 for 34 percent.

In the first quarter North Central opened with a 5-0

# COOPER FARMS HOSTS 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TURKEY TROT 5K



The weather was chilly, but the people were excited to return in person for the 14th installment of the Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K this year. More than 200 runners and walkers came together to raise \$2,000 for Everheart Hospice.

said race coordinator and Cooper Farms team member, Hillary Stein. "We've partnered with them each year that we've done this race, and it's always an exciting time as we wait for the numbers to come back and find out what we're able to contribute to them."

mailed prizes to all winners afterward to avoid post-race congregating," she said. "We certainly wanted to be together again, but also wanted to do things as safely as possible. And our numbers were great. They were similar to our 2018 numbers, which were fantastic."

After taking a year off as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, hundreds of Cooper Farms team members and members of the surrounding communities came together on the morning of November 6 with a common goal.

Despite taking some extra precautions this year compared to years past, the attendance did not take a hit, according to Stein.

The top female at this year's event was 15-year-old Nicki Southerland of Muncie, Indiana. She clocked in with a chip time of 17:35, while the top overall male was Angel Martinez of St. Henry, checking in at 18:20.

"This is all done in the name of Everheart Hospice,"

and we

lead before the Raiders scored. Rylee Troth connected on a 3-pointer to help spark a 7-0 run to put the Raiders on top 7-5 after the initial quarter of play. In the second period, much like the start of the first, North Central canned the first six points to regain their lead 11-7. However, the Raiders would answer with Abby Moore and Elise Miller scoring back-to-back buckets to knot the score at 11 apiece. Wayne Trace continued their scoring streak with Moore connecting from long range to push the Raider advantage 14-11 at the break.

team a 29-22 lead. The Stoller bucket turned out to be the only fourth quarter points for the red, white and blue. North Central would manage just four points allowing the Raiders to prevail with the three-point win.

two. For North Central, Madison Brown was their go-to player with 14 points along with six boards and five steals. Also scoring for the 0-2 Eagles: Lauren Balser five; Kendal Bonney four and Isabelle Burnett.

Following intermission, the Raiders managed to add to their lead. Moore opened with a triple followed by a Rachel Stoller free throw and a two-point basket to give the red, white and blue a nine-point margin 23-14. The Eagles, however, would not go away -- chipping away at the Raider lead to move within five at 27-22 heading into the final eight minutes of play.

While shooting was a little off for both squads, the Raiders did shine defensively. The Eagles were guilty of 23 turnovers to just 13 for WT. Rachel Stoller led the Raiders with 12 points along with eight rebounds and four steals. Abby Moore just missed a double-double with eight points and a team high 10 rebounds. Rounding out the scoring for the Raiders: Elise Miller four; Rylee Troth three and Christina Graham

two-pointer to give the home



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### PATRIOTS HOLD ON FOR WIN OVER RAILROADERS

Heritage took a ten-point lead into the fourth quarter and needed every one of them in holding on for a 42-41 victory over Garrett in the boys basketball season opener Wednesday night.

The host Railroaders posted a slim 11-10 advantage after eight minutes of action but Heritage answered with a 16-point second quarter in grabbing a 26-18 halftime lead. The Patriots expanded the margin to 38-28 entering the final stanza where Garrett outscored Heritage 13-4 but came up just short. Heritage's Luke Saylor



*Merry Christmas!*

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— John 1:29

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**STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING DOUBLE FATAL CRASH ON STATE ROUTE 117**

Amanda Township - The Ohio State Highway Patrol's

Lima Post is investigating a double fatal head on crash that occurred November 28, 2021 at 06:46 AM, on State Route 117, near Mills Rd.

A 1991 Chevrolet Corsica, driven by Madyson Snyder,

age 17, of Spencerville, Ohio was traveling eastbound on State Route 117. A 2021 Honda CRV, driven by Bridget Hendricks, age 25, of Decatur, Indiana was westbound on SR 117. Miss Snyder went left of

center and struck the vehicle driven by Miss Hendricks. Madyson Snyder and Bridget Hendricks both suffered fatal injuries as a result of the crash and were pronounced deceased at the scene by the

Allen County Coroner's Office. Nathaniel Meade, age 18, was a passenger in the Chevrolet Corsica. Mr. Meade suffered life-threatening injuries and was transported to Mercy Health St. Rita's, Lima

by Spencerville EMS. The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted at the scene by Spencerville Fire, Spencerville EMS, the Allen County Coroner's Office, and Kenny's Towing.



# ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS

## Home of the Archers

### December 2021-January 2022



**SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE**

With November drawing to a close, we are looking forward with anticipation to the busy month of December. December is a wonderful time to visit the school and enjoy a concert, extracurricular activity or athletic event. The choirs and band have been busy preparing for holiday concerts and athletic teams are preparing for their competition seasons. Your support at these events is appreciated by the students, directors, coaches, and advisors. Clip and save the list of events in this newsletter for future reference.

Our winter home sporting events that take place in the main gym will be 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](http://www.my1027.org) to view the games.

Winter weather and safety of the students is always a concern during the next several months. Although decisions on whether to delay or cancel school are always made with the safety of students in mind, changes in the weather and road conditions can happen quickly. Delays and cancellations of school are sent to parents through our Instant Connect system and through our school App. If you have not done so already, you can download our new school App! Go to the App or Play Store, search "Antwerp Schools," and install the free Antwerp Local Schools App. The App has numerous features that will keep you updated on news, events, school delays and closings, and more. You can also choose what notifications and alerts you receive through the MY ALERTS title.

Friday, December 17 will be the final day of classes and the end of semester before the holiday break. There will be no school December 20-December 31. Classes and the beginning of the second semester resume Monday, January 3. I hope everyone has an opportunity to spend time with family and friends during this holiday season. A reminder that there will be no school Monday, January 17 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

January is School Board Recognition Month and a chance for all of us to say "thanks" to our school board members for the important work that they do for our school. The positive leadership of the board members and their concern for the well-being of the students in our district continue to make Antwerp a great place to work, a wonderful place to go to school, and a source of community pride. Our current Board of Education has 50+ years of experience leading our school district. Board member Bob Herber is completing his 20th year, Board member Anita Bok is completing her 16th year, Board member Dennis Recker is completing his 10th year, Board President Sara Schuette is completing her 6th year, and Board Vice President Jayme Landers has served on the Board for the past 4 1/2 years.

I am very thankful for the support from the community, students, staff, administration, and school board. I am surrounded by people who have a vested interest in making Antwerp Local Schools a great place for each child to reach his/her potential. Yours in Education, Dr. Martin Miller

**FREE/REDUCED MEALS PROGRAM**  
It's not too late to apply for the Free/Reduced Meals Program. Pick up a form from our school offices at any time during the school year.

**MR. LICHTY—HS/MS**

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize many groups and individuals for their recent academic and extracurricular accomplishments.

Job well-done on our **Veterans' Day** video goes out to junior, Lydia Krouse, sophomores, Aewyn McMichael and Connor Shiple, and Mrs. Bagley. Special thanks to the Wobler family for sharing your story.

The **Archer HS Marching Band** recently performed a great indoor concert to wrap up their season.

Great job **HS Choir** and **Show Choir** in your fall concert!

Congratulations to our **HS Students of the Quarter**. Each High School teacher chooses one student of the quarter in one of their classes. Emma Townley, Kennadi Recker, Gavin Clevinger, Layla Copsey, Braylen Moreno, Anna Meglich, Allison Carnes, MaKenna Lawson, Austin Zuber, Skyler Octaviano, Jaidis Getrost, Ilsa Zijlstra, Nayelly Esparza-Reyes, and Lydia Brewer.

Junior harrier, Avin Johnson, qualified for **District Cross Country** meet. Great season, Avin!

Congratulations to the 2021 **Archer Football** team on going 9-3 on the season and qualifying for the playoffs as well as hosting/winning their first round game. Many Archer players earned **All-District Honors: 1st Team**— Seniors Defensive End Jagger Landers, Defensive Back Kaden Recker, and Linebacker Hayden Wagner. **2nd Team**—Senior Offensive Lineman Mason Steel, Junior Defensive Tackle Kendrick Robinson, and Sophomore Quarterback Carson Altimus. **Honorable Mention**— Senior Defensive End Kaden Phares, Senior Offensive Lineman Brady Hatlevig, Sophomore Wide Receiver Landon Brewer, Sophomore Running Back Reid Lichty.

Congratulations to the **staff of The Archer** for being recognized by the National Scholastic Press Association: 8th place, Best of Show (entire staff), and Senior Kate Farr, Design in a Day.

December 17 marks the end of the first semester. Have a Merry Christmas with you and yours!

~ Mr. Travis Lichty, MS/HS Principal

**HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS**  
Juniors who took the PSAT should expect to get scores back mid-December. Visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10?navID=gh-pn> for more information on what your student's PSAT scores mean.

Any student in grades 6-12 wanting to change his/her schedule for the second semester should see Mrs. Hammer before Winter Break begins. All schedule changes must occur before January 15. Middle School schedule changes require a note/email from a parent or guardian.

Students were given information on the College Credit Plus Program for the 2022-2023 school year in November. Parents, please visit <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsguidance/college-credit-plus?authuser=0> and watch the video from Northwest State Community College to learn more about this program and find deadlines for participation. Contact Mrs. Hammer with questions.

Several local scholarships are currently available to Antwerp Seniors. Visit <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsguidance/scholarships?authuser=0> for the latest scholarship information.

**MRS. STOKES—ELEMENTARY**

**OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**—The following students were selected by their teachers as Students of the Month for October: KA-Madison Muir, Braxton Ashton; KB-Matias Rivera, Nash Zartman; KD-Stella Gaisford, Grayston Walton; 1A-Skyler Pierce, Ensley Hahn; 1B-Madilyn Hogans, Aria Feasby; 2A-Rylee Slattman, Brock Barker; 1B-June Zuber, Lauren Overman; 2C-Aria DeVault, Sebastian Yanez; 3A-Makenzie Muir, Jameson Malfait; 3B-Rilee Martin, Serenity Smith; 3C-Colt Lockhart, Braxton Fidler; 4A-Kyler Johnson, Hannah Bradbury; 4B-Kaylyn Bennett, Rylan Winslow; 4C-Domonic Bennett, Conner Fidler; 5A-Garrett Robbins, Brooklyn Lawson; 5B-Annabelle Mowery, Brennan Barker.

**CONCERTS**—We are excited to again host our winter concerts. The second and third graders will perform a concert on December 6 at 7:00. The Winter Instrumental Concert will be December 9 at 7:00 and the MS/HS Choral Concert will be December 13 at 7:30. Mrs. Mary Smith and Mrs. Andrea Newell have been working hard with the students to prepare them for their performances. We thank them for their dedication to the Antwerp Music program.  
~ Mrs. Tracey Stokes, Elementary Principal

**ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE**  
This month Mrs. Lichty and the kindergarten classes talked about tattling. Mrs. Lichty read *A Bad Case of Tattle Tongue*, and the students learned the difference between reporting and tattling.  
First grade learned about gratitude. They listened to a book called *The Gratitude Jar*, and then Mrs. Lichty showed the students the contents of her own gratitude jar. Then the students created their own gratitude jar.

Second grade talked about how their words have the power to harm or heal. They listened to the book *Words and Your Heart*. Then students made a compliment web, with each student giving another student a compliment, while connecting yarn.

Third through fifth grade discussed gratitude. They listened to the book, *Gratitude is my Super Power* and played a gratitude game. Then they were given a "gratitude stone," to use when they are mad or sad as a way to remember that there is always something to be grateful for. Students were also given a weekly gratitude journal to document something each day that they were grateful for.

**WHAT'S COOKING ?**  
**MENU—DECEMBER 1-8**  
Wed, Dec 1 Grilled Chicken on Bun, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk  
Thur, Dec 2 Hotdog on Bun, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk  
Fri, Dec 3 Cheese Pizza, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Milk  
Mon, Dec 6 Corndog, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk  
Tues, Dec 7 Chicken Strips, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk  
Wed, Dec 8 Fish on Bun, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk  
Thur, Dec 9 Chicken Nuggets, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk

*Our menus are subject to change without notice.*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Dec 6 2nd-3rd Grades Concert 7:00  
Dec 9 Winter Band Concert 7:00  
Dec 13 MS/HS Winter Choral Concert 7:30  
Dec 17 End of 1st Semester  
Dec 20-21 Girls Varsity Basketball Route 49  
Dec 20-31 Christmas/New Year Break  
Dec 27-28 Boys Varsity Basketball Route 49  
Jan 3 Classes Resume  
Jan 17 M.L.King Jr. Day—NO SCHOOL  
Jan 29 HS Solo & Ensemble Contest

**ATHLETIC CALENDAR**

**BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL**  
Dec 4 6:00 Home w/Pandora-Gilboa @ Ottoville  
Dec 7 6:00 @ Continental  
Dec 11 6:00 @ Edgerton  
Dec 17 6:00 @ Delphos Jefferson  
Dec 18 6:00 Route 49 @ Edon  
Dec 27 6:00 Route 49 @ Edon  
Dec 28 TBA Home w/Fairview  
Jan 7 6:00 Home w/North Central @ Wayne Trace  
Jan 8 6:00 Home w/Lincolnview  
Jan 14 6:00 Home w/Ayersville @ Hicksville  
Jan 21 6:00 Home w/Montpelier  
Jan 28 6:00  
Jan 29 6:00

**GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL**  
Dec 4 1:00 Home -Maumee Valley Cntry Day  
Dec 9 6:00 Home w/North Central @ Parkway  
Dec 11 1:00 Home w/Edgerton  
Dec 16 8:00 Route 49 @ Hicksville  
Dec 20 8:00 Route 49 @ Hicksville  
Dec 21 TBA @ Woodlan  
Jan 4 6:00 @ Fairview  
Jan 6 6:00 Home w/Lincolnview  
Jan 11 6:00 Home w/Wayne Trace @ Pettisville  
Jan 13 6:00 Home w/Continental @ Ayersville  
Jan 15 1:00 Home w/Crestview  
Jan 25 6:00 Home w/Hicksville  
Jan 27 6:00 Home w/Montpelier  
Jan 29 3:00

**BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL**  
Dec 6 5:00 Home w/Hicksville @ Ottoville  
Dec 7 4:45 @ Defiance  
Dec 13 5:30 Home w/Fairview @ Lincolnview  
Jan 7 4:30 @ Wayne Trace  
Jan 11 5:00 Home w/Ayersville @ Bryan  
Jan 14 5:00 @ Hicksville  
Jan 21 4:45 Home w/Ayersville @ Bryan  
Jan 28 4:45 Home w/Ayersville

**BOYS JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL**  
Dec 2 5:00 Home w/Delphos Jefferson @ Bryan  
Dec 7 5:00 @ Woodlan  
Dec 14 5:00 @ Parkway  
Dec 21 5:00 Home w/Fairview  
Jan 3 5:00 Home w/Tinora  
Jan 4 5:00 Home w/Edgerton  
Jan 11 5:00 Home w/Crestview @ Wayne Trace  
Jan 18 5:00 @ Paulding  
Jan 20 5:00 @ Liberty Center  
Jan 25 5:00 Home w/Ayersville

**GIRLS JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL**  
Dec 2 5:00 @ Wayne Trace  
Dec 6 5:00 Home w/Lincolnview  
Dec 7 5:00 Home w/Edon  
Dec 13 5:00 Home w/Parkway  
Dec 14 5:00 Home w/Woodlan @ Montpelier  
Dec 16 5:00 @ Bryan  
Jan 4 5:00 Home w/Wayne Trace @ Hicksville  
Jan 11 5:00 @ Crestview  
Jan 15 5:00 GMC 7 & 8 @ Paulding  
Jan 17 TBA GMC 7 & 8 @ Paulding  
Jan 22 TBA GMC 7 & 8 @ Paulding

**GIRLS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL**  
Dec 6 6:00 Home w/Hicksville  
Dec 13 5:00 Home w/Leipsic @ Hicksville  
Dec 21 4:30

**VARSITY WRESTLING**  
Dec 4 10:00 @ Montpelier  
Dec 11 9:00 @ Lincolnview  
Dec 28 12:00 @ Defiance  
Dec 29 9:30 @ Defiance  
Jan 15 9:00 @ Crestview  
Jan 22 9:00 @ Wapakoneta

**JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING**  
Dec 4 9:00 @ Wayne Trace  
Dec 18 9:00 @ Bryan  
Jan 8 9:30 Home-Antwerp Invitational  
Jan 15 9:00 @ Ayersville  
Jan 22 10:00 @ Wauseon



# VWCT: THE GREAT AMERICAN TRAILER PARK CHRISTMAS MUSICAL



Pictured from left to right are Nancy Shuffle, Jerry Zimmerman, Stacy Rife, Kara Place, and Tabitha Kline rehearsing for the upcoming VWCT musical comedy.

Van Wert Civic Theatre presents the musical comedy, *The Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical*, on December 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11 at 8 p.m. and Dec 5 and 12 at 2 p.m. With book by Betsy Kelso and music and lyrics by David Nehls, this show is a companion to the original *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* that VWCT produced in 2018.

It's holiday time, and Betty (Kara Place), Lin (Tabitha Kline), and Pickles (Stacie Rife) still reside in Armadillo Acres, North Florida's premier mobile-living community, where tacky decorations and poorly wired Christmas trees holding mudflap angels abound. This year's season will be merrier if they can win the Mobile Homes and Gardens contest for their holiday bling, but the Christmas curse looms over them. Dar-

lene (Nancy Shuffle), the designated Scrooge of the drunken tale, hopes every ornament winds up in the dumpster. Darlene encounters a shocking turn of events when she discovers her good-hearted redneck neighbor Rufus (Jerry Zimmerman) has been stealing her cable. The cat-fightin' and Keg Nog drinkin' heats up when Jackie (Travis Nihiser) shows up to find his woman eyeing another man. Directed and choreographed by Zimmerman with music direction by Dee Fisher, *The Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical* is guaranteed to get you laughing while being thankful for the wackiest relatives in your life. This musical is rated R for language and adult situations.

For more information call 419-238-9689 or visit [vwct.org](http://vwct.org).

## LADY ARCHERS MOVE TO 2-0

Antwerp hit the road to Henry County for a non-league girls basketball contest on Tuesday night with the Lady Archers bringing home a 39-24 victory over host Holgate.

Astianna Coppes paced the blue and white with a dozen markers while Hayleigh Jewell and Aewyn McMichael both recorded nine points.

Grace Schuette chipped in five points for the Lady Archers with Ali Reinhart and Kennadi Recker both getting two points.

The Lady Archers held an 8-3 advantage after one quarter but Holgate closed within 10-6 at the intermission. Antwerp then opened the contest up in the third period, outscoring the Tigers 15-6 for a 25-12 lead going into the final period.

Holgate was paced by Justine Eis with a dozen markers and Olivia Blaker bucketed five points.

Elizabeth Willett (three), Jordyn Altman (two) and Carissa Meyer (two) rounded out the Lady Tiger scoring.

## BIG FIRST QUARTER SENDS PANTHERS OVER PATRIOTS

Snider scored 26 first quarter points and the host Panthers cruised from there to a 67-35 win over Heritage in girls basketball action last week.

The Lady Panthers led 26-3 at the end of one period and expanded the margin to 42-12 at the intermission. Snider was on top 61-19 at the end of three quarters.

Shelby Schane had ten points to pace Heritage with Ella Bickel adding nine and Kendall Zelt bucketed six markers. Abby Zelt (five), Claire Bickel (two), Lydia Schultz (two) and Raelyn Mullins (one) also scored for the Lady Patriots.

Ella Bickel had eight rebounds with Schane grabbing four boards while dishing out two assists. Schultz also had four rebounds for Heritage with Claire Bickel and Abby Zelt both hauling in three boards. Kendall Zelt picked up two assists as well for the Lady Patriots.

Jyah Lovett topped Snider with 21 points and Destini Craig bucketed 19 for the black and gold. Jordyn Poole reached double figures as well with ten markers.

## LADY RAIDERS HOLD OFF BULLDOGS FOR SECOND WIN

The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders used a 16-5 run in the middle quarters to open a lead and then held off a late run by host Defiance for a 38-32 victory over the Bulldogs in girls basketball action at Defiance High School Tuesday night.

A three-pointer by Christina Graham opened the scoring for Wayne Trace, which jumped out to a quick 7-2 advantage.

Leading 12-7, the red, white and blue added an Abby Moore field goal along with two Rylee Troth free throws for a 16-7 advantage after one quarter of action.

The second quarter saw only four points scored, coming on buckets by Troth for the Raiders and Kinley Maynard for Defiance to put

the Lady Raiders on top 18-9 at the intermission.

Senior Rachel Stoller then scored all six Wayne Trace points in the third quarter while the Lady Raider defense held the Bulldogs to an Elizabeth Hoffman bucket, as the visitors seized a 24-11 lead entering the final period.

Stoller picked up another basket and hit a pair of free throws as the Lady Raiders expanded the margin to 28-12 early in the fourth quarter before Defiance made one final run.

Defiance scored a dozen consecutive points, capped by a pair of Mira Horvath free throws, to pull the Bulldogs within 28-24 before Wayne Trace answered.

A Moore bucket and two Stoller free throws pushed the Raiders in front 32-24 but the Bulldogs weren't done.

The hosts cut the deficit to four at 33-29, 35-31 and 36-32 but would not get any closer as Wayne Trace held on for the 38-32 win.

Rachel Stoller paced the red, white and blue with 16 points and five rebounds while Rylee Troth bucketed nine markers and picked up a pair of boards.

Christina Graham also added eight points to go along with four rebounds and two steals for Wayne Trace, which improves to 2-0 on the season.

Abby Moore contributed four points, three rebounds and two steals for Wayne Trace and Harper Myers totaled one point, six rebounds, one assist and one steal. Laryssa Whitman also had a pair of rebounds and Elise Miller chipped in one rebound and one assist. Tianna Sinn recorded two steals as well for the Lady Raiders.

Mira Horvath topped Defiance with ten points, five rebounds and an assist with Elizabeth Hoffman recording six points, four rebounds and an assist. Maddison Bloomfield posted five points and a rebound for the Lady Bulldogs, who fall to 0-2 overall.

Olivia Moats aided the Defiance cause with four points, three rebounds and three assists and Kinley Maynard finished with four points, four rebounds and two assists. Tierra Harrison also hit a three-point field goal for Defiance to go along with three boards.

The Lady Raider junior varsity also improved to 2-0 with a 24-23 win over the Bulldogs.

Wayne Trace was paced by Ava Zartman with ten points, seven rebounds and four steals with Harper Myers contributing five points. Brenna Parker, Laryssa Whitman, Tori Young and Katrina Stoller all had two points while Tianna Sinn had one marker. Stoller grabbed six rebounds with Allison Noggle hauling down five and Sinn picking up four.

Samantha Hohenberger posted ten points, three rebounds and six steals for Defiance while Alexa Garcia totaled five points, four rebounds and six steals. Madi Zapada chipped in four markers and Jaleysia Montez added three points for the Lady Bulldogs, who fall to 0-2. Eliza Ramirez had one point, three rebounds and three steals.

## The West Bend News

# Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

### NOTICE

Paulding County Auditor, Claudia Fickel, would like to inform all property owners in Paulding County of the upcoming 2022 Revaluation/Reappraisal for the county. The reappraisal company will be visiting properties over the next few months as part of the project.

All vehicles will be clearly marked and personnel will have proper identification.

Any resident with questions regarding the reappraisal project for the county may contact the Paulding County Auditor's Office/ Real Estate Department at 419-399-8241.

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### TO WOODBURN RESIDENTS:

Woodburn City Hall will be changing their hours of operation beginning the first week of 2022. The new hours will be Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays from 7am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm, and Thursdays from 7am - 1pm. The office will be closed on Fridays.

Any questions can be directed to City Hall at 260-632-5318.

### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:  
LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
BRENT J. MEEKER, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 21 030

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:  
318 North First Street, Oakwood Parcel Number: 10-09S-011-00

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

Total amount of judgment is Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty-seven and 74/100 (\$5,347.74) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:00 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 16th day of December, 2021, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 30th day of December, 2021 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

Payment in full is due at the time of the sale and the purchaser(s) 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX LIEN THAT MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE SALE, AND PURCHASERS OF ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY ARE URGED TO SEARCH THE FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX THAT IS KEPT BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TO DETERMINE IF NOTICE OF A FEDERAL TAX LIEN HAS BEEN FILED WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio  
[www.pauldingohsheriff.com](http://www.pauldingohsheriff.com)  
Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

### VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17 on November 23, 2021, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022." This Ordinance establishes the compensation and wage rates for various Village officials, employees, appointees, and volunteers effective January 1, 2022.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2021-19 on November 23, 2021, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP TO ENTER INTO A REVISED INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT FOR A HOUSING INSPECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 2016-17." This Ordinance authorizes the Village Administrator to make revisions to the Independent Contractor Agreement by and between the Village and Bruce Essex for him to be the housing inspector in accordance with Ordinance No. 2016-17, said revisions including an increase in the housing inspection fees to re-inspect dwellings or dwelling units.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2021-20 on November 23, 2021, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 112 OF THE OHIO BASIC CODE ENTITLED PEDDLERS, ITINERANT MERCHANTS, AND SOLICITORS TO ADD A NEW SECTION PROHIBITING PARKING ON PUBLIC STREETS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AND SIDEWALKS OF MOBILE UNITS." This Ordinance amends Chapters 112 of the Ohio Basic Code to prohibit the parking of mobile units on public streets, rights-of-way, and sidewalks, including designated parking spaces, in the Village by peddlers, itinerant merchants, and solicitors to conduct business or sell goods unless streets are closed for the purpose of allowing such vendors to set up mobile units to peddle goods or solicit business.

The publication of the Ordinances is by summary only. The complete text of the Ordinances may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO  
Case No. CI 21 147  
TIM MILLER, AKA TIMOTHY MILLER, ETAL PLAINTIFFS  
vs.  
VILLAGE OF HAMER, ETAL DEFENDANTS

To: The Village of Hamer and any Unknown Owners and/or heirs at law of any owners of Lots 13 through 20 and/or Lot 25 of the Village of Hamer.

Please take notice that a Complaint has been filed against you seeking to quiet title, free and clear of any and all claims by you, in favor of Plaintiff to the real property located in the Village of Hamer, part of which is more particularly described as follows:  
Lots 13 through 20, inclusive, and Lot 25 located in the Village of Hamer, Paulding County, Ohio.

Parcels Nos. 31-36A-032-00 Lot 17  
31-36A-028-00 Lot 13 31-36A-033-00 Lot 18  
31-36A-029-00 Lot 14 31-36A-034-00 Lot 19  
31-36A-030-00 Lot 15 31-36A-035-00 Lot 20  
31-36A-031-00 Lot 16 31-36A-036-00 Lot 25

You are required to answer the Complaint within 28 days after publication of this Notice, which will be published once a week for six (6) successive weeks, the date of the last publication will be on December 14, 2021, and the 28 days for Answer will commence on that date.

In case you fail to answer or otherwise respond as required by the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Jennifer L. Klausning, Esq. (#0078055)  
814 N. Locust St., Ste. 2, Ottawa, OH 45875  
(419)523-3322  
Attorney for Plaintiff

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## PAULDING FFA CHAPTER COMPETES AT DISTRICT JOB INTERVIEW CONTEST, MEMBER ADVANCES ONTO STATE CONTEST!



Pictured left to right are Paulding FFA members competing in the district job interview contest. Paige Jones, Jamy Hunt, Caydence Rue, Jalyn Klopfenstein and Carter Manz.

**By: Carter Manz, Paulding FFA Reporter**

Recently, 5 Paulding FFA members headed to Carey High School for the District Job Interview CDE. They were able to compete at the district level after placing 1st or 2nd in the sub-district job interview contest at Kalida. Paulding had the following members compete: Paige Jones, Carter Manz, Caydence Rue, Jamy Hunt, and Jalyn Klopfenstein. These members

prepared a formal cover letter, created their own resume and gathered references. The students picked out a job position in which they wanted to apply for. The students then had to fill out a job application and have a formal interview and completed the contest by writing a follow-up letter. This contest prepares students for future job interviews as well as improving on their public speaking skills. The members did a great job at this competi-

tion with Freshman, Jalyn Klopfenstein finishing in 4th place, Sophomore Jamy Hunt in 3rd place, Junior Carter Manz in 6th place, Division 5 member Caydence Rue placing 4th and finally senior Paige Jones placing FIRST in the Sr Division. Great job representing the Paulding FFA Chapter and good luck to Paige Jones as she competes at the State Job Interview Contest in Columbus on December 4th!

finances and costs

**Kaidin Smith**, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Lay Htoo**, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Count A dismissed

**Aishah Carry**, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/under influence, Guilty, Defendant appeared in open court without counsel, Pled guilty, Firearm shall be forfeited to arresting agency; Marked lanes, Guilty

**Nicole Bradbury**, Payne, OH; No valid operator license; Defendant appeared in open court without counsel; Pled guilty; Pay or collection 2/25/22

**Nate G. Reinhart**, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Alan R. Noneman**, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Robert P. Noneman**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Todd A. Coressel**, Antwerp, OH; Wrongful entrustment; Defendant appeared in open court; Pled guilty; Pay today

**Judy Par**, Indianapolis, IN; Receiving stolen property; Case dismissed

**George R. Clemens IV**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Defendant paid in full; Driving/texting, Guilty, Defendant paid

**Zachary T. Schlegel**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jay A. Shingledecker**, Holgate, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Thomas E. Adams**, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by the defendant

**Ethan W. Reust**, Payne, OH; Unauthorized use; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Jaime R. Matthews**, Cecil, OH; Domestic violence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Placed on standard probation; No contact with victim; Complete 20 hrs community service; Shall submit an evaluation; Risk assessment; Probation to determine on line classes

**Tracy Lynn Hoepner**, Payne, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Codie Lee Shirk**, Defiance, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

**David S. Carlisle**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Eugene E. Ankney**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court without counsel; Pled guilty; Pay or collections 3/25/22

**Alexa M. Campbell**, Grover Hill, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Norbert Balomona**, Fort Worth, TX; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Stephen J. Tomczyk**, Huron, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jan C. Chapman**, Paul-

## DEFIANCE COUNTY FAIR BENEFITS FROM NWECC HOT AIR BALLOON APPEARANCE



(L-R): NWECC's Andrew Overman presents Defiance County Agricultural Society President Jerry Sanders with the \$1,050 donation.

“Concern for Community” is one of the 7 Cooperative Principles, but North Western Electric Cooperative (NWECC) takes that commitment a step further. On August 7, NWECC sponsored the Touchstone Energy® hot air balloon at the United Way's Defiance County Hot Air Balloon Festival, a fundraising event for the Community Engagement Center.

In addition to the participation in the festival, NWECC also presented a \$1,050 donation to the Defiance County Agricultural Society as a result of the balloon's appearance, a sign of the co-op's commitment to community and desire to empower its members' quality of life.

The balloon was introduced in 2000 by Touchstone Energy® as a goodwill ambassador for Touchstone Energy Cooperatives across the country. The brand's identity and core values — integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community

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The Touchstone Energy balloon is designed to provide a highly visible means of demonstrating good corporate citizenship at local civic and philanthropic events. Every day that the balloon participates in an event on behalf of the local sponsoring Touchstone Energy cooperative, a monetary contribution is made to a local charity of their choice.

Touchstone Energy Cooperatives are a national alliance of local, consumer-owned electric utilities across the country committed to providing high standards of service to customers large and small. More than 750 Touchstone Energy Cooperatives in 46 states are delivering energy and energy solutions to about 32 million consumer-members every day.

ing, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jennifer L. McMillan**, Scott, OH; Driving under suspension; Case dismissed, without prejudice; Costs

waived  
**Bradley R. Hornish**, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Kyan B. Powell**, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive;

## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

### Criminal/Traffic

#### Disposition

**Brett W. Miller**, Latty, OH; Domestic violence; Defendant has been indicted; Case shall be bound over

**Ashley D. Perkins**, Piqua, OH; Receiving stolen property; Identification fraud (2 counts); Obstruction; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

**Chris A. Carlisle**, Cecil, OH; Weapons under disability; Aggravated menacing; Defendant has been indicted; Case shall be bound over

**Davon Harris**, Detroit, MI; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Driving under non FRA suspension, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Pay all

fines and costs by 12/16/22; Seat belt/drive, Pled guilty, Pay all fined and costs by 12/16/22; Headlights, Pled guilty, Pay fines by 12/16/22

**Antonio D. Wilson**, Lima, OH; Failure to reinstate; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/16/22; Warrant and warrant released

**Kevin M. Modd**, Findlay, OH; Seat belt/drive (2 counts), Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

**Tyler J. Levos**, Paulding, OH; Physical control; Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Seibel; Pled guilty; Pay fines and costs; ALS vacated; Standard probation; Evaluation at Westwood; Secure valid operator's license; 40 hours community service; Risk assessment; Online course; SCRAM removed on 12/01/21

**Caleb J. Neer**, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving on closed road; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Matthew M. Roehrig**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Brian E. Price**, Van Wert, OH; Distracted driving; Count B dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived

**Kianna E. Smith**, Roland, OK; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant took course

**Robert Garcia**, Scott, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**James Maag**, Caballo, NM; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Lawrence N. Maag Jr**, Las Cruces, NM; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Rhonda Downing**, Oakwood, OH; Failure to yield from private drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Nicole Schafer**, Defiance, OH; Confinement of dog; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all

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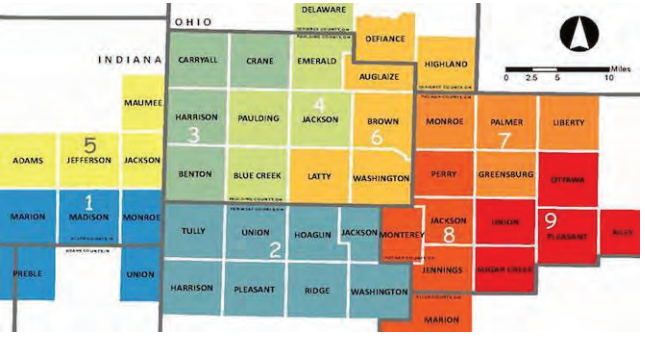
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**The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office**  
The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.  
There are two basic services the agency provides:  
1 – EMERGENCY 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.  
We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.  
Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments  
Any questions, please call 419-399-8285



# ELECTION PROCESS BEGINS FOR PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP



Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative is looking for professional individuals to run for the board of trustees and help shape the strategic direction of the co-op. Three seats are up for re-election within Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op (PPEC)'s territory. The upcoming 2022 election will be for districts 2, 4, and 5:

- District 2: Seat held by incumbent William Dowler, who is running for re-election – represents Van Wert County in Ohio
- \*District 4 (open seat with no incumbent): Seat being vacated by Jay Dangler, who is NOT running for re-election – represents Emerald, Jackson, Blue Creek, and Paulding Townships in Paulding County, Ohio; Delaware township in Defiance County, Ohio.
- District 5: Seat held by incumbent Steven McMichael, who is running for re-election – represents Maumee, Adams, Jefferson, and Jackson Townships in Allen County, Indiana

Each trustee serves a three-year term. The PPEC board of trustees consists of nine co-op members who each represent one district within the territory.

“The trustees have a great deal of responsibilities, and that is why it is important to

have highly qualified individuals run for the board,” said President and CEO George Carter. “The trustees are responsible for establishing, reviewing, and revising corporate policies and identifying strategic initiatives to ensure that service to the PPEC membership remains foremost in mind.”

If interested in running for a trustee seat, you must be a member of PPEC and must complete a petition form, which requires obtaining 20 signatures from members in the district from which you reside. Petition forms can be picked up using the drive-through window at PPEC's office located at 401 McDonald Pike, Paulding, Ohio, or can also be downloaded online at [www.PPEC.coop/run-board](http://www.PPEC.coop/run-board). Interested members can also call the office to have a petition packet mailed to them. Petitions must be returned to the co-op office no later than 4 pm on Monday, Dec. 20, 2021.

The official ballots will be mailed to members in districts 2, 4, and 5 in February. The winners of the election will be announced at the co-op's virtual annual meeting on Saturday, March 19, 2021. Please call PPEC at 800-686-2357 for more information.

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**46-48**

ing, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Foster L. Garwood,** Delphos, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11/1/21**

Woodburn City Council Meeting was on November 1st, 2021. The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Councilmen Martin, Thompson (via phone), Gerig, Watts, and Voiron. Chief Parker was not present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.  
 Superintendent's Report: The superintendent gave an update on the lagoon ponds.  
 Mayor's Report: Mayor Kelsey began the meeting with a moment of silence to honor the late retired Fire Chief of New Haven, John Bennett, and Barb Smith, who spent many years serving both Leo-Cederville and NewAllen Alliance. The mayor offers his condolences to the families on behalf of the community. State Road 101 is closed at the railroad tracks at Tile Mile Road for approximately 3 days, starting today. Bull Rapids is going to be closed for approximately 30 days between the new US24 and old US24. The mayor explained that he reached out to the Allen County Commissioners on October 18th via email asking for consideration in partially funding sewer upgrades that are needed outside of the city limits in rural Allen County and is still awaiting a reply.  
 Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the October 18th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Voiron moved to accept the minutes from the October 18th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voiron, all in favor. The clerk-treasurer explained that there is one home remaining that has not resolved their illegal sump pump connection. Fees are still accumulating to the owner of the property as described in the notice provided on April 1st which began to accrue on June 1st. The clerk-treasurer presented 3rd quarter financials for the board's consideration. This included, among other things, fund balances, revenue guidelines, and expenditure guidelines as of the end of the 3rd quarter. The clerk-treasurer was prepared to answer any questions accordingly. Summer meters have been returned and after calculation, approximately \$10,000 less was given back to customers in total this year as compared to the summer sewer discount method that was offered last year. This also considers the costs of purchasing the meters. The clerk-treasurer presented a quote from American Legal Publishing, the company that codifies the city's ordinances, for online hosting on their database. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to proceed as proposed, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor.  
 Councilmen's Report: Nothing to report.  
 Audience: A resident reminded elected officials to take the NewAllen Alliance survey if they have not already. Councilman Thompson mentioned that on Saturday November 13th, the Woodburn Clothing Bank will host a Chili Cook-Off from 4:00PM - 8:00PM at the Woodburn Community Center.  
 Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Voiron all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.  
 Go to [www.cityofwoodburn.org](http://www.cityofwoodburn.org) to see previously approved minutes and recent community news.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 10/4/21**

This 4th day of October, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry and Heather Barnhouse, Clerk

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:**  
 Warrants documented as 271847 through 271898 or County Bills were ap-

proved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on September 29, 2021, Warrants numbered 271845 through 271846 in the amount of \$17,934.50 and

WHEREAS, it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2021 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 081)**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2021 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the WMEA Grant (Fund 081), to-wit; 081-001-00002/WMEA/Travel-Gas AMOUNT: \$1,000.00; 081-001-00003/WMEA/Equipment AMOUNT: \$1,000.00; 081-001-00004/WMEA/Supplies AMOUNT: \$1,000.00; 081-001-00005/WMEA/Other AMOUNT: \$5,000.00; 081-001-00009/WMEA/Ads/PR AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

Meeting Notes of Appointments

- Tim Yenser, County Maintenance Director, reported to the Commissioners on maintenance operations and procedures for county buildings.
- Kent Purk, Beilharz Architects, Mr. Purk and the Commissioners reviewed final plans for McDonald Pike Office building. Mr. Purk informed the Commissioners that he will proceed with

State permitting and getting the bid documents prepared.

- Shannon Ruschell, WMEA Director, discussed program/office operations and procedures for Paulding County's WMEA program.
- Ed Bohn, EMA Director, informed the Commissioners that the State has given approval for the certification of the EMA Training Facility and that he has received word that the EMPG grant funding will be raised for the remainder of 2021 and for 2022.

## LATTA HOSTS HOME HEATING ROUNDTABLE IN PERRYSBURG



Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) hosted a roundtable with members of the propane and natural gas industry from Ohio for a discussion to examine the current challenges facing the home heating industry. The representatives from the natural gas and propane industries discussed with the Congressman topics that include labor, supply chains, supply and demand, government regulations, transportation, and the importance of Enbridge's Line 5 to the Midwest.

“Over the last several months, we have seen significant increases in the cost of natural gas and propane,” said Latta. “As cold winter months approach, I wanted to bring together individuals from our community so that we can discuss how increasing costs are impacting folks right here in the Fifth District as well as possible solu-

## Sudoku solution from page 9

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tions that would alleviate the burden on Ohioans. I'd like to thank everyone who participated in this morning's roundtable for their efforts to find ways for public and private officials to collaborate to make sure Ohioans stay warm this winter.”

Participants of the roundtable included Joe and Chris Buschur from McMahan's Bottle Gas, Gary Bozigar from Bergquist, Inc., Allen Dunlap from Marshall Excelsior Company, Joe Henry from Crestwood LP, Tyler Lawrence from National Propane Gas Association, Derek Dalling from Ohio Propane Gas Association, Jimmy Stewart from Ohio Gas Association, Cindy Reed from Ohio Gas Company, a representative from Dominion, and a representative from Columbia Gas.

**HAVE A WEDDING, ENGAGEMENT OR ANNIVERSARY?**

Let your friends and neighbors know for **FREE** in the **West Bend News.**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**HOSPITAL BOARD POSITION(S)**

Applications will be accepted at the Paulding County Commissioners' Office, 115 North Williams Street, Suite B-1, Courthouse, Paulding, Ohio, until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, for one or more positions, to complete six-year terms, as Paulding County Hospital Trustee expiring March, 2027.

Applications may be picked up in the Commissioners' Office for these positions 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 Commissioners, Paulding, Ohio  
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Resumes will be accepted at the Paulding County Commissioners' Office, 115 North Williams Street, Suite B-1, Courthouse, Paulding, Ohio, until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 for two positions, to complete four-year terms, as Board Members for the Paulding County Board of Development Disabilities. Resumes may be turned into the Commissioners' Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email to: [pccommissioners@pauldingcountyoh.com](mailto:pccommissioners@pauldingcountyoh.com) for these positions. *Previous applicants must reapply.*

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# PAULDING EMS MEMBER RECEIVES AWARD



Andrea Schadt, an EMT for Paulding EMS, was awarded the Sandy Cline Memorial Provider Award on Monday, November 22nd at the monthly EMS meeting. Presenting the award to Andrea was Charlene Phillips the Outreach Coordinator for Mercy Health Life Flight Network, Toledo, OH area. Andrea

was nominated for the award by EMT Kara Hart. Andrea has been battling cancer but still continues to run EMS which is something she thoroughly enjoys. Sandy Cline was a Paramedic in the Toledo area and passed away unexpectedly in 2016. Andrea is the third person to receive the award in memory of Sandy.

# RIEDEL & MANCHESTER ANNOUNCE DAM IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

State Representatives Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) and Susan Manchester (R-Waynesfield) announce dam improvement funding that will go to Grand Lake St. Marys in helping protect the Lake Erie watershed. The funding is part of a \$24 million state-owned dam rehabilitation and improvements appropriation approved by the Controlling Board last week.

“Protecting our lakes and watersheds is vital to our environment and economy,” Rep. Riedel said.

A portion of these funds will go toward the Grand Lake St. Marys Aquatic Nuisance Species Barrier Project. Modifications to the east dam spillway are required in order to prevent the migration of aquatic nuisance species between the Ohio River watershed and the Lake Erie watershed.

“Being proactive is more efficient and economical, and will lead to a better outcome,” Rep. Manchester

said. Grant Lake St. Marys was originally constructed as a feeder reservoir for the Miami-Erie Canal. Today, it is one of the region’s top recreational attractions, offering boating, camping and swimming opportunities.

# VISIT WITH SANTA CLAUS

**By: Erica Noggle**  
Paulding, OH: Santa Claus is coming to town on Tuesday, December 14th from 5:00-6:30pm. The Paulding Chamber of Commerce, Paulding County Area Foundation, Paulding County Economic Development, and the United Way of Paulding County have all worked together to arrange for Santa Claus to visit Downtown Paulding. Santa will be visiting the Paulding County Area Foundation building located at 101 E. Perry St. Stop in to visit with Santa, sit on his lap, have a heartfelt conversation, or wave at him through the window if you prefer. We would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season!

# PAULDING EAGLES LADY AUXILIARY DONATES TO PC OPPORTUNITY CENTER



Pictured are Cindy Kauser, Auxiliary Trustee, and Marsha Bennett, Auxiliary President, and Keith Rydell, Paulding County Opportunity Center Director.

The Paulding Eagles Ladies Auxiliary has donated \$1000 to the Paulding County Opportunity Center to put towards Christmas dinners and gifts for the students. The Ladies Auxiliary is focused on raising funds to help wherever they see a need in the community.

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